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ROBB PREDICTS \$1,823,000 SURPLUS

TO REDUCTION BUDGET POINTS IN REVENUES

Receipts Expected to Be Down \$52,837,000 From Last Year.

EXPENSES LOWER

Minister, in Speech, Deals at Length With Financing Of the C. N. R.

By Canadian Press.

OTTAWA, March 24.—Before a crowded House today, Hon. J. A. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, presented his second budget.

It was a statement in which Mr. Robb told of a heavy reduction in public revenue, yet one which, he said, had finished up with a surplus of revenue over expenditures of \$1,823,000.

"A remarkable result," said Mr. Robb, "in which Canadians can feel a justifiable pride."

The reduced receipts Mr. Robb attributed largely to the government's policy of last year in reducing the burdens of taxation, and on tariff changes observed that "for the present, opportunity of unobstructed observation of the effect of the extensive tariff changes made last year—should be afforded."

POINTS IN SPEECH

Points from Mr. Robb's speech are: 1—Revenue down by \$52,837,000 as against the previous year.

2—Decrease in ordinary expenditures of \$5,100,000.

3—Surplus in revenues over expenditures of \$1,823,000, or of \$52,837,000 less \$51,014,000 received from Greece and Rumania is added.

4—Increase of Canada's favorable trade balance with the world to \$283,445,000.

5—Board of advisors, for which provision is made in main estimates, to inquire into the tariff and other trade problems.

RAILWAY FINANCE

Mr. Robb dealt at length with the question of railway financing, stating that the National Railway Commission had not yet been able to meet out of its earnings the arrears of interest accumulated on our loans.

"The total amount of these arrears of interest on March 31, 1924," said Mr. Robb, "was about \$181,000,000, but it is not treated in our public accounts as an asset; it is held in abeyance as an overdue account."

THE SPEECH

In making his budget statement, Mr. Robb said that in presenting today the annual statement of the financial affairs of our Dominion, may I express the sincere regret which you will share, that our hopes and wishes for a speedy recovery of the Minister of Finance, the Right Hon. Mr. Fielding, have not been fully realized.

LAST YEAR'S RECORD

The public accounts for the financial year 1924-25, were tabled in this House on the ninth of last month. The consolidated fund revenues or ordinary receipts are shown as \$396,837,882.22, being \$887,682.22 in excess of the estimate given to the House last session, and \$2,222,782.22 over the corresponding receipts for the previous year. Other receipts amounting to \$345,685.74, which brought the gross revenue to \$406,881,157.96.

DEBT DECREASED

The public debt was decreased by the amount of \$38,999,993.86. Since Confederation decreases of debt have occurred in only nine of the 57 years completed. \$38,999,993.86 is the largest decrease of any of those nine years, being \$10,375,788.85 greater than that for any previous year.

May 1, before dealing with the outcome of the year 1924-25, which ends on the 31st of this month, ask the indulgence of the House to refer for a moment to a contention advanced last session in this chamber that the reduction of debt by some \$30,000,000 was arrived at by a departure from the practice heretofore followed in dealing with loans to the C. N. R. (Continued on page 3.)

N. B. Loses Appeal on Case Over C. P. R. Bridge at Reversing Falls

Cafe Dispute Ends in Court

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, March 24.—A Chinese restaurant keeper with the unpronounceable name of Vic You appeared in the police court this morning in complaint in an assault case arising out of the refusal of a patron to pay for a meal. The accused told a different story and retained counsel to defend the case.

MAKES APPEAL FOR BATTENBURG'S WIFE

Executor of Late Marquis Asks Award For Naval Invention.

LONDON, March 24.—An echo of the early days of war and resignation as First Sea Lord of the British Navy by the German-born Prince Louis of Battenburg, who later changed his name to the Marquis of Milforddraven, was heard yesterday before a royal commission.

ANOTHER IN FOR FULL GRAIN CARGO

Steamship King David Takes 200,000 Bushels—C. P. R. Shipments.

The S. S. King David is taking on a full cargo of grain at No. 1 berth, Sand Point. It is expected she will take away about 200,000 bushels, for Italy, S. S. Hollingbrooke, another steamer in port, is taking on 108,000 bushels.

Is Arrested In U. S. For Toronto Police

NOGALES, ARIZ., March 24.—Daniel H. Upp is held in jail here awaiting the arrival of officers from Toronto, where he is wanted on a charge of embezzlement of funds from the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

WANT BENCHES OUT

People Asking For Seats in Squares as Sun Gains Strength.

The warm sunshine of the last few days has resulted in many people getting into the open. The squares of the city are attracting young and old and there have been suggestions that benches would be greatly appreciated by women taking their children for an airing.

PILGRIMS RETURN

200 Visitors to Rome Back in Boston—Rest of Party Coming Later.

BOSTON, March 24.—A party of 200 pilgrims who accompanied Cardinal O'Connell to Rome on a Holy Year pilgrimage, returned on the steamship Omaha yesterday. The cardinal remained in Europe for a longer time. The remaining members of the original party of 500, will return later.

Elegance of Wife of Rector Starts Furore In N. Y. Church

United Press. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., March 24.—The 800 communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Assumption, the rector, at least 50 Ku Klux Klansmen, and many others, are in a pack of trouble because the rector's wife is such an elegant lady. Elvin H. Barie, church treasurer recently withheld Rector E. Parr's salary because the latter refused to tender his resignation at the request of representative members of the flock. The rector explained that the request was inspired by "jealousy of my wife's culture and refinement on the part of the wife of one of the church members." The rector announced Monday that 50 men in Klan regalia had attended his church Sunday to assure him of their support.

MORE THAN 1000 AT CONVENTION OF I. O. O. F. HERE

Grand Master of Maritimes Visits City Lodges

MEET IN AUGUST

Rev. G. W. Whitman Greeted At Joint Session Of Members

Saint John is to have a great convention of Oddfellows of the Maritimes in next August. It is expected that there will be upwards of 1000 delegates besides a good many more in attendance, but not as delegates. It will be the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland and the Admiral Beatty Hotel, which then will be operating will be the headquarters.

Speaks of Progress

Rev. Mr. Whitman was introduced to the members by C. L. Handing, district deputy grand master, who referred in appreciative terms of the interest which the grand master was taking in his address.

In his address the grand master referred to the progress of the order and spoke especially of the good which had been done by the Odd Fellows House at Pictou. The convention to be held here was given prominent mention in his address.

Already plans are under way for the large assembly expected. It is not yet determined in what building the business sessions will be held but a large hall will be needed. A committee from the Saint John lodges and the Rebekah assembly are making arrangements.

The grand master spent today in the city and was shown the principal points of interest. This evening he will visit Peerless Lodge and tomorrow will go to Fredericton.

PRICE OF WALES SPEEDS FAREWELLS

Prepares to Sail For South Africa on Saturday—To Visit Wembley.

LONDON, March 24.—This will be a very busy week for the Prince of Wales, who is leaving Saturday on a 6-months tour of South Africa and South America. The Prince is adding speed to his social whirl, and bidding as many friends farewell as possible, there being no public engagement on his schedule this week, as guest of honor at the South African luncheon club today. On Friday he will make a semi-official visit to Wembley exhibition, which will be re-opened to the public in May.

ORIENTAL GIRLS WAGE BITTER FEUD

Twenty Chinese Lassies Sought by Police After Attack on Jap Stenographer.

British United Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 24.—Young China and Young Japan waged miniature warfare Monday in San Francisco's Chinatown.

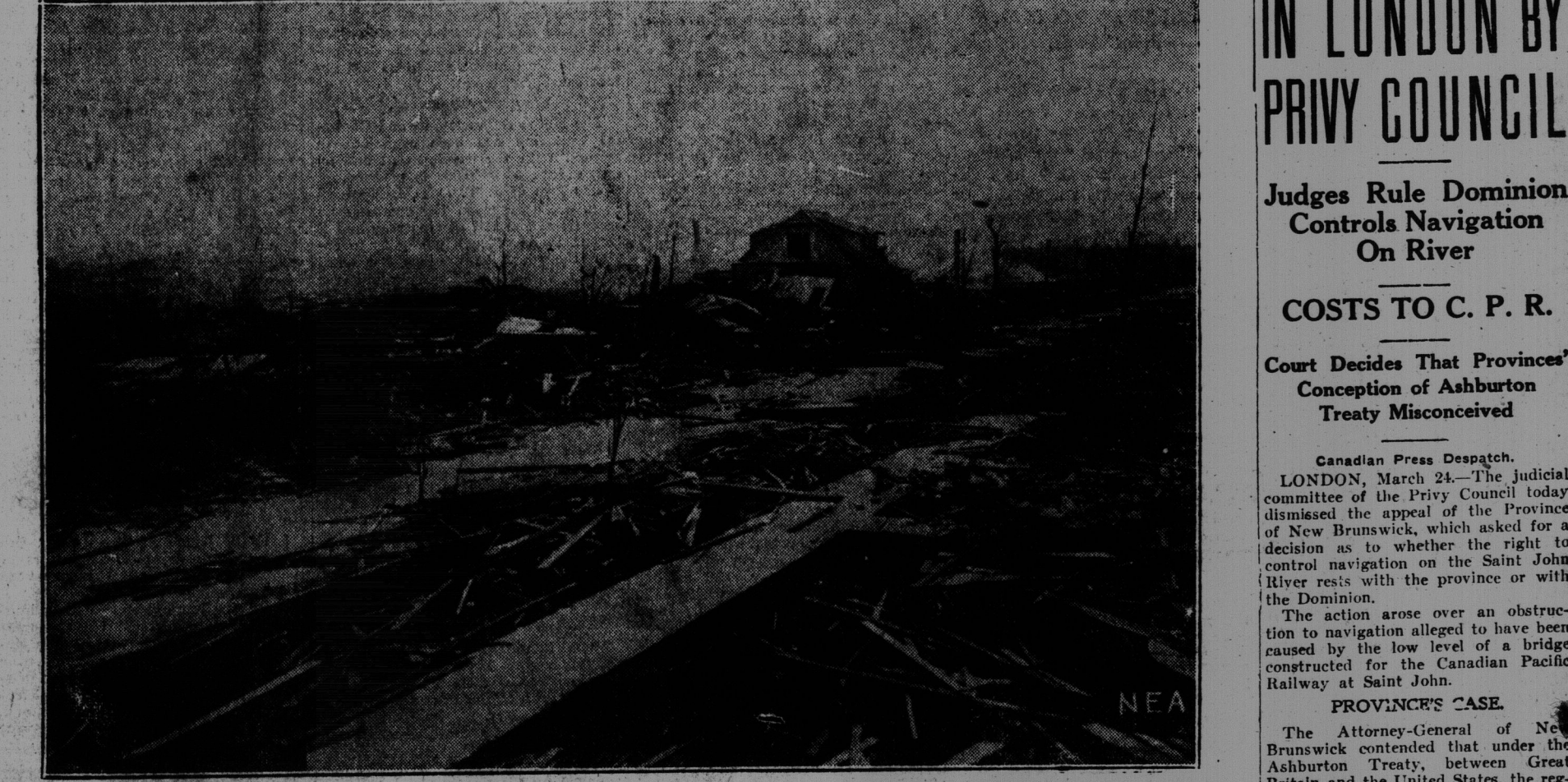
The physical victory fell to the former through weight of numbers, but the legal supremacy may rest with a lone representative of Japan.

Twenty Chinese girls, all in their teens, attacked Rose Yonezu, Japanese stenographer employed in a Chinese restaurant.

Sizzling Battle.

Fists flew, clothing was ripped and shiny shen bobbed here and there during the encounter, according to Miss Yonezu, who while admitting defeat said she did her best. She had been threatened with bodily harm since she accepted employment in Chinatown several months ago, the Japanese girl said.

Tornado Leaves Trail of Death and Destruction In Its Wake



Above is shown one of the first pictures of the devastating tornado which swept through five of the Middle Western states of the United States last week, destroying the greater part of several towns, killing nearly 1,000 people and injuring upwards of 2,000 more. The picture shown above is typical of the damage wrought in several places by the death-dealing twister. Other photographs of the damage done by the tornado are shown on page eight of this issue.

LUMBERMEN SAY BOSTON CUSTOMS ACTION ON CANADIAN STEAMER MUST BE A MISTAKE

CALGARY WORKLESS SENT BACK HOME

Were in Court on Charge of Riding on Train Without Paying Fares.

EDMONTON, Alta., March 24.—The 110 odd Calgary unemployed who invaded this city Sunday night, by riding on a C. P. R. train without paying fares, and who were charged with a breach of the Railway Act in police court yesterday morning, will be returned to Calgary at the expense of the Provincial Government.

Manitoba Labor Members Appeal For Aid For Destitute Families.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 24.—William Ivens and John Queen, Labor members of the Provincial Legislature discussed the Nova Scotia coal mine situation in the house last night, and appealed for public aid for the destitute miners and their families.

Vendor Fined In Liquor Case

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, March 24.—Representatives of the N. B. Temperance Alliance were present in the police court this morning when judgment was given in the two cases preferred against a local liquor vendor. Conviction was made by Magistrate Limerick, who imposed a penalty of \$200 fine or six months in jail. The defence, which had contested the case, expressed the intention of appealing.

AS A RESULT of the Evening Times-Star's recent suggestion that the spelling of Saint John in full become general, many letters endorsing the proposal have been received. The following extract from a letter written by one of Saint John's leading merchants offers a suggestion which, if acted upon, would go far in doing away altogether with the abbreviated form of spelling Saint:

"We note your propaganda regarding the spelling of the Saint John in Saint John, N. B., in full. This is a good idea and we think you should circulate all the job printers in the city, asking them to follow out this idea in all their printing and suggest it to their customers. So that the business houses throughout this community will fall in line."

Scott at Idea of Marking Every Shingle and Lath Shipped From Canada to United States—Would Kill Trade

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Treasury Department has made no final ruling as to the marking of shingles, laths, hardwood flooring and the like, which are brought in from Canada. A recent decision of the customs appraisers growing out of handling of an unmarked shipment at St. Albans, Vermont, not only held the marking "Made in Canada" to be a proper requirement but indicated that the individual article such as the individual shingle, ought to be so marked.

The customs division of the Treasury Department is not inclined to go that far. It is disposed to adhere to the practice it has followed for some time, that of requiring that each bundle of shingles, laths, hardwood flooring and similar small lumber material be marked and to view the marking of each individual article in bundles as unnecessary.

Confusion Rife.

Meantime there is confusion among collectors of customs as to just what course to take and many inquiries are reaching the treasury as to whether cargoes or shipments not marked as to each article should be held up.

The steamer Canadian Winner, with cargo of lumber, has been held up at Boston because of the complications arising from this confusion. At the office of the Chief of Customs it was stated that the Boston case has not reached the department, but it was one of a number of cases growing out of the confusion as to the practice. The treasury will soon decide what course to take, and probably will adhere substantially to its old practice, simply requiring "Made in Canada" to be on bundles or packages of shingles and lumber products.

EMIR IS ARRESTED

Deported From United States—Reaches Liverpool on Liner Celtic.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—The self-styled Emir of Kurdistan, Prince Zurecheno Mohammed Zaid, deported from the U. S., was arrested upon his arrival here on the liner Celtic, today, and held pending instructions from the Home Secretary. Immigration authorities say the "Emir's" title is a bogus one.

WILL SELL VESSEL

BALTIMORE, March 24.—The Schooner Thomaston, seized by customs officials several weeks ago, on charges of transporting smuggled liquors will be sold at public auction by the United States marshal. An order of confiscation was signed yesterday. The boat is owned in Philadelphia.

TAKES DETECTIVE FOR TAXI-DRIVER

MONTREAL Man and Woman Walk Into Hands of Police Officer.

MONTREAL, March 24.—Mistaking a detective in an automobile for a taxi driver, Robert C. Stewart, 39, hailed the officer and directed him to the rear of a house on Holt avenue.

The detective, who had been watching Stewart for some time because of his suspicious manner, proceeded with his "fare" to the designated spot. Stewart entered the house by the back door and emerged with a trunk. He was accompanied by a woman. Asked what it was all about Stewart explained that he was "aiding the girl, Florence James, a domestic, to leave the house. The taxi driver" drove them to headquarters where both pleaded guilty. They will be sentenced at the end of the week, the girl to "desertion of service" and Stewart to aiding her.

LUMBER ORDER FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sika Spruce to be Secured For Manufacture of Air-planes.

VANCOUVER, B. C. March 24.—(United Press)—England's renewed activity in building airplanes has resulted in the placing of the largest order for Sika spruce from British Columbia for the construction of planes since the war, it was announced here. The contract placed by Vickers, Ltd., English airplane manufacturer, with a local lumber company, calls for the delivery of 2,000,000 feet of spruce during 1925.

DECISION GIVEN IN LONDON BY PRIVY COUNCIL

Judges Rule Dominion Controls Navigation On River

COSTS TO C. P. R.

Courts Decide That Provinces' Conception of Ashburton Treaty Misconceived

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, March 24.—The Judicial committee of the Privy Council today dismissed the appeal of the Province of New Brunswick, which asked for a decision as to whether the right to control navigation on the Saint John River rests with the province or with the Dominion.

PROVINCE'S CASE

The Attorney-General of New Brunswick contended that under the Ashburton Treaty, between Great Britain and the United States, the regulation of navigation on the Saint John River lay with the province. This measure stipulates that the navigation shall be free and open to both parties and shall in no way be obstructed by either.

Their Lordships were of the opinion that the argument for the appellants concerning the provisions of the Ashburton Treaty was misconceived. It might be admitted that the treaty proceeded upon the assumption that the New Brunswick Government had, at the date of the treaty, the power to regulate navigation on the Saint John River, but there was no understanding to guarantee either the United States or New Brunswick that this power should remain unaltered.

DOMINION POWER

Their Lordships were at a loss to understand how any provision for the protection of existing provincial powers could have created an obligation on the British government to maintain those powers unaltered for all time.

The true and natural construction was that the power to control navigation was vested in the Privy Council by the British North America Act, which involved no violation of the Ashburton Treaty but was wholly consistent with it.

COSTS TO C. P. R.

The appeal of the Province of New Brunswick was therefore dismissed, the appellant to pay the respondent, the Canadian Pacific Railway, costs.

The province was granted leave to appeal against the C. P. R. by the judicial committee of the Privy Council last November, Lord Haldane at that time remarking that maintenance of considerable constitutional importance, and the Dominion Minister of Justice was appointed intervener. The judgment was received on February 24 last, without the respondents being called upon.

The judgment handed down today therefore is that the control of navigation is vested in the Dominion and the province has not the right to require the raising of the levels of the two railway bridges over which the action arose.

The Weather

Fair and Milder. MARITIME—Moderate northerly winds, fine and cool. Wednesday, moderate west and south winds; fair and milder.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday unsettled; warmer in south and east portions; fresh east shifting to south winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, March 24.—Lowest 8 a.m. yesterday night

Victoria ... 42 48 42  
Calgary ... 39 45 39  
Edmonton ... 32 40 24  
Winnipeg ... 32 40 30  
Toronto ... 37 46 31  
Montreal ... 30 32 26  
Saint John ... 30 38 22  
Halifax ... 30 35 28  
New York ... 40 50 38

Ireland Has One Public House To Every 230 Inhabitants

DUBLIN, March 24.—There are 18,000 premises licensed to sell intoxicants in Free State, according to a written statement given by Minister of Justice O'Higgins to the Liqueur Commission announced 1. the Free State Govern-

ment to establish whether the number of liquor licenses is in excess of requirements. This total provides a public house for every 230 people in the Free State, the proportion in England is one to 400 and in Scotland one to 695.