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## CUSTOMS PROBE IS OPENED AT HALIFAX

### COLLECTOR IS FIRST WITNESS THIS MORNING

### W. C. Acker Gives Evidence of Smuggling

### SHORT SESSION

### A. J. Doucet to be Examined When Commission Resumes This Afternoon

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 25.—In the historic legislative council chamber of Nova Scotia, with paintings of long dead monarchs of Great Britain adorning the walls, Sir Francois Lemieux this morning opened the investigation into the department of customs and excise. Proceedings were brief, but one witness being examined this morning. R. L. Calder, K. C., associate counsel with W. F. O'Connor, K. C., for the commission, intimated, however, that tomorrow there would be plenty for the commission to do.

Witness, A. J. Doucet, former Conservative member of Parliament for Kent, N. B., will be examined when the commission resumes this afternoon. "I hope this commission will be held as a national commission to serve the ends of the people and the interests of the country at large," said Sir Francois Lemieux.

Proceedings were formal in their nature, commissioner, counsel and registrar being attired in black gowns. There was not a large attendance at the opening sitting.

W. C. Acker, collector of customs for Halifax, was the first witness. He was appointed collector in January, 1920, after being in the service since 1887. Mr. Acker said that the personnel under him was about 100 men, with 28 speaking men. His inside staff numbered 91. There were no preventive officers under his district. The customs under the control of W. F. Wilson, chief preventive officer at Ottawa.

### LIQUOR PLACED FIRST

"What is the chief form smuggling takes in this province?" asked Mr. Calder of Mr. Acker. "Liquor," was the reply. He informed the commission that the customs department at Ottawa had ruled that Canadian vessels must not be seized or searched outside the three-mile limit.

"A most extraordinary decision" interjected W. F. O'Connor, K. C., counsel. Mr. Calder referred to this ruling as a "staggering conclusion to those of us who are familiar with constitutional law."

Who is in charge of taking bonds from vessels clearing with liquor? asked Mr. Calder. Mr. Acker replied that he was. He had always carried out instructions to the effect that clearance for a foreign port should not be granted to such vessels as were not in full condition for the voyage.

### PREVENTION DIFFICULT

Mr. Acker said that prevention of liquor smuggling in Nova Scotia was not easy. The long and much indented coastline and foggy weather made landing of liquor a simple matter. He suggested distribution of detachments of Mounted Police along the coast to watch landing places, and also a material reduction in duties on liquor. This would make the smuggling business much less profitable.

### MAKES SUGGESTION

Mr. Acker said that it would be helpful in suppressing smuggling of the right of search outside the three mile limit was granted. He told of a seizure made in Cape Breton some time ago within the three mile limit. The smuggler was arrested, but a bench of judges had not ruled on the case on the ground that smuggling must mean the actual landing of goods in Canada. Mr. Calder drew the attention of the commissioner to the case.

Mr. Calder asked if smugglers caught in the act were arrested at the time of offence, as well as a seizure being made.

### DELAY IN STARTING

There was considerable delay in getting the hearing under way, and it was well after eleven o'clock when Sir Francois Lemieux emerged from the adjoining room and took his seat at the table.

R. L. Calder, K. C., and W. F. O'Connor, K. C., joint counsel for the commission, were both on hand, as well as R. P. Sparks, president of the Commercial Protective Association, acting in an advisory capacity.

## Many Provincial Appointments Are Gazetted At Fredericton

### What Will The Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King Say Tonight?

ON JULY 23 last the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, addressed a great audience from the platform of the Imperial Theatre.

This evening the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, former Premier of Canada, will speak to a great assemblage from the same platform.

A few hours prior to the Meighen meeting The Evening Times-Star presented certain definite questions of compelling public interest, suggesting that it would be well if Mr. Meighen took his audience frankly into his confidence with respect to the issues so set forth, and suggesting further that Mr. King, when it came his turn to speak here, should do likewise, in order that the people, not only of this constituency but of the Maritime Provinces and of Canada at large, might know most clearly to what statesmanlike and national remedies for Maritime disabilities both of the political leaders were prepared to commit themselves and their parties.

For the benefit of a discerning public the words addressed both to Hon. Mr. Meighen and to Hon. Mr. King on the earlier occasion are here reproduced:

### WHAT WILL THEY DO?

(From The Evening Times-Star, July 23, 1926)

THE Premier of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaks tonight in the Imperial Theatre. He will have a great, an expectant, a vigilant audience.

What will he say, definitely and concretely, to meet the expectations, the hopes, the anxieties of Saint John, of New Brunswick, of the Maritimes at large?

To what definite lines of betterment for these provinces, to what measure of real justice, to what extension of courage and remedies for the Maritime situation will he commit himself and the party for which he speaks, so that we all may know what this general election holds for us in case Mr. Meighen and his supporters are in control of the next House of Commons?

These are questions to which tonight's meeting will furnish the answer. There is no disguising the fact that unless that answer is reasonably definite and satisfactory any party appeal for support, any analysis and arguments dealing with the Canadian political situation as a whole, will leave this constituency cold.

Whatever Hon. Mr. Meighen may say tonight, the city and province—and the whole Maritime division—will compare his utterances with those to be made in this territory at a later date by the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, and the comparison will be exacting. For the people of the Maritime Provinces are asking today one question chiefly, and it is: "What Does This General Election Mean So Far As These Provinces Are Concerned?"

The people hereabouts know that the statements concerning the Maritimes made thus far in the campaign by both leaders have been vague and couched in generalities which by no means meet the case, and which are not marked by a true appreciation of the Maritime situation or by any real recognition of the Dominion-wide sentiment, so frequently and powerfully expressed, demanding that justice for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island which will give them the full fruits of partnership.

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### FASCISTI HELP GUARD REMAINS OF VALENTINO

### 50,000 Block Broadway in Rush to View Body

### SCORES INJURED

### Funeral Services to be Held Monday; Mussolini Sends Wreath

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The body of Rudolph Valentino, great lover of the screen, today was guarded by police and black-shirted Fascists, because of the unprecedented and uncontrollable mobs that have thronged to view it, resulting in scores of injuries.

Ten men wearing the black shirts of the Italian Fascist party, and two of them went on guard, the others arranging to relieve them at intervals. A huge wreath also arrived, labelled "from Benito Mussolini."

### COMPARED WITH ELIOT

Valentino is receiving more newspaper space than Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, and often referred to as "the first citizen" of the United States, who is being buried at Cambridge, Mass., today.

Financial returns from the sale of Dr. Eliot's "five-foot shelf of books" have totalled \$200,000, representing salary and part of the profits of production. Some 125,000 people viewed one picture alone.

### THOUSANDS SEE BODY

Police estimated that 50,000 persons, mostly women and children, blocked Broadway before the undertaking establishment where Valentino lies in state and that more than 100 were injured in yesterday's crush. One hundred and forty-five policemen, ten of them mounted, were required to keep order until the establishment closed at midnight last night. The body will be on view again today and tomorrow.

"The crowd had the true mob spirit," said Police Captain Hammill. "I never saw anything like it in 20 years on the force. So many of them were morbidly curious they wouldn't go home."

The casket containing the body has been placed on the second floorway, to force spectators to pass single file by climbing a stairway. All portable objects have been removed from the reach of souvenir hunters. The line passed the coffin at the rate of 75 a minute.

### FUNERAL MONDAY

Funeral services will be held Monday, but the place of burial will not be decided until the arrival of "Valentino's brother, Alberto Guglielmi," who sailed from France today. Miss Negri, who announced some time ago that she expected to marry Valentino, and George Hillman, Valentino's manager, will urge that he be buried in Hollywood, "where he spent his happiest hours."

Miss Negri will leave Hollywood today in the hope of reaching New York in time for the funeral services.

Among the honorary pall-bearers on Monday will be Mayor Walker, Will Hays, Adolph Zukor, Marcus Loew and Hiram Abrams. Services will be at St. Malachi's Catholic Church.

### Safety Device For Airplanes Proves Success

ENGLEWOOD, Calif., Aug. 25.—A new era of safety for airplanes was hailed by aviation experts following a successful experiment here Tuesday with a parachute device invented by Harry G. Doucet, of the United States Navy.

A naval plane and its pilot, R. C. Oelsen, were landed gracefully after Oelsen had shut off his motor and abandoned all controls while flying at a height of 2500 feet. The pilot merely pulled an emergency lever which released a large parachute folded on the top of the plane. As the plane fell the parachute opened, checking the plane's descent and allowing it to settle to earth so gently that the only part damaged was the propeller.

### IDENTITY OF BANK BOMBER UNKNOWN

### BUILDING DAMAGE PLACED AT \$150,000

### Six of 24 Hurt in Pittsburg Explosion in Scrouts Condition

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 25.—The fanatic who brought death to himself and a policeman, and injury to a score of other persons, when he exploded a bomb in the Farmers' Deposit Savings Bank, carried the secret of his identity into the grave, so far as police could learn today.

The bomber, a man of foreign appearance, dressed in working clothes, entered the bank yesterday and presented a demand for \$2,000. "I'll blow up the bank," when George C. O'Rourke, a special bank policeman, approached to arrest him, he placed a black sack upon the floor and gave it a kick. A violent explosion followed.

### TWO DEAD, 24 HURT

The bomber was instantly killed, and O'Rourke so badly injured he died soon after he was taken to hospital. Six of the 24 hurt severely enough to require hospital treatment, were reported in a serious condition.

Bank officials, after an investigation, estimated the damage to the storey building at upwards of \$150,000.

### WALTER BELL GOES TO HIGHER COURT

### Theft Charge in Connection With Money Stated Won on Baseball

Walter Bell was this morning sent up for trial by Sitting Magistrate Ervin Williams on a charge laid by Benjamin Williams of stealing \$416.67. Evidence was given by several witnesses. The prosecution was conducted by William R. Scott and the defence by Burton L. Gerow.

Benjamin Williams said he and Bell had agreed to divide any winnings that might accrue from six baseball lottery tickets that had secured through a punch board. One of the tickets won \$888.33 and Bell, he said, went to Montreal and secured the money, but refused to divide.

Herman Menzetti testified that he had heard Bell say he and "Benny" were in on the ticket together. Joseph Gallant also told of hearing Bell make practically the same statement. George Lasky also testified.

Mr. Gerow contended that the whole proposition was illegal and no recovery was possible. Mr. Scott contended that Bell and Williams had held the ticket jointly and that Williams was entitled to his share.

### Loses \$100,000 By Wedding

### DR. PRATT NAMED AS HOSPITAL COMMISSIONER

### 2 Saint John Residents New Justices of the Peace

### NEW INSPECTORS

### Donald L. Slipp Replaces Arthur L. Slipp as Probates Registrar in York

### FREDERICTON, Aug. 25.—

Provincial appointments are gazetted as follows: Charles U. Pratt, M. D., of the General Public Hospital, Saint John, in place of E. J. Ryan, M. D., resigned.

### CITY AND COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN.—

John J. Chandler, of the City of Saint John, and Ronald J. Herrington, to be justices of the peace.

Hon. Robert J. Ritchie and Mrs. J. H. Doody are re-appointed members of the governing board of the Boys' Industrial Home, John J. Wood is appointed a member of the governing board of the Boys' Industrial home in place of James Myles, whose term of office has expired.

### IN OTHER COUNTRIES

CARLETON.—William A. Kennedy, of Woodstock, to be a justice of the peace.

CHARLOTTE.—John McKay, of Leonardville, Dec. Island, of Wexford, of Campbell, Essex; Lambert, of Long's Cove, Deer Island, H. W. Welch, of Leonardville, Dec. Island, A. Lefroy, of Ingle, of Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, George E. Daiseil, of Castalia, Grand Manan, John E. Moore, of Whitehead, Grand Manan, and W. F. Smail, of North Head, Grand Manan, to be justices of the peace.

GLOUCESTER.—Nicholas Grant, of Petit Rocher, to be a justice of the peace.

QUEEN'S.—Grover Dykeman, of Upper Jemseg, and John Kupke, of Windsor, to be justices of the peace. Hebert Adams, of Folhurst, Leslie Adams, of Welsford, and B. L. Sloum, of Lower Jemseg, to be justices of the peace.

VICTORIA.—Manly H. Crabb, to be a justice of the peace.

WESTMORELAND.—Josef Peters, of Port Elgin, to be an issuer of marriage licenses; Stanislas F. LeBlanc, of President, to be a justice of the peace; George McPherson, of Indian Mountain, to be a provincial constable; Camille De Cormier, to be chairman of the Board of School Trustees of the town of Shediac in place of Alexander W. McQueen, whose term of office will expire June 30 1926; N. W. Gladwyn to be a member of the board of school trustees for the town of Shediac, in place of Camille D. Cormier, who has been appointed chairman of the board.

YORK.—Donald L. Slipp, of Fredericton, to be registrar of probate for the County of York, in place of Arthur L. Slipp, resigned.

Fred DeLong, of Kingsley; Allison L. Reynolds, of Lower Hainesville, and Robert McEwain, of Durham Bridge, to be justices of the peace.

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### Kent Opens Match With Australians

CANTERBURY, Eng., Aug. 25.—The Australians began a three day cricket match with the County of Kent today. The county batted first, and at lunch time had scored 90 for the loss of one wicket.

### PAYS LAST PENALTY

### Procier, Slayer of Common-Law Wife, Hanged at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 25.—Attended by a priest of the Ukrainian church, Dan Procier, who murdered his common-law wife, Annie Cardno, in their little cottage in the North End of the city, early last spring, today walked quietly to the gallows and paid the penalty for the crime.

In the presence of court officials, police, newspapermen and witnesses, the condemned man was hanged by Arthur Ellis, and at 7:45 a.m., was pronounced dead by the coroner's physician.

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