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FREE FLOW OF FREIGHT FOR HALIFAX ASKED

CORNELL URGES EFFORT MADE TO EQUIP PORT

Halifax Session of Maritime Probe Due to End Today

H. R. SILVER HEARD

Molasses Co. President Blames Freight Rates for Drop in Business

Halifax, N. S., July 30.—H. R. Silver, president of the Dominion Molasses Company, Limited, and a former president of the Halifax Board of Trade, this morning told the Royal Commission, investigating the ills of the Maritime Provinces, how his business had been adversely affected by increased freight rates and contended under cross examination by the chairman that in order to properly implement the confederation pact the basic industries of Nova Scotia should be assisted to the extent that their products could be laid down in the markets of Central Canada in fair competition with the products of similar industries located in other provinces of the Dominion.

It is anticipated the commission will adjourn today to meet at Saint John Monday morning. From Saint John the commission will proceed to Charlottetown, returning to Halifax at a later date.

CORNELL ENDS EVIDENCE

This morning F. C. Cornell, freight rate expert, completed his presentation of the case for the Halifax Board of Trade, with the contention that an effort should be made to improve the port of Halifax with an even flow of tonnage, inward and outward, twelve months in the year.

He was followed by Mr. Silver, who testified that the plant of the Dominion Molasses Company was operated on a part time, employing from seven to ten men, whereas under normal conditions it would be employing from 35 to 40 men, largely on account of the increased freight rates. Under examination by the chairman he explained that it cost fifty per cent. more to land molasses in Halifax today, than in 1914. This he ascribed to conditions in the main over which the Halifax merchant had no control. Similarly it cost 50 per cent. more to land molasses in Sherbrooke, Que., than in 1914, the added six per cent. being due to increased freight rates.

OTHER PORTS COMPARED

The witness further contended that ships of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, a subsidiary of the Canadian National Railways, were carrying molasses to the ports of Montreal and Quebec at non-paying rates, and so further enabling the merchants of Central Canada to compete unfairly with the merchants of Nova Scotia. There were certain basic employment, he proceeded, under examination by the chairman, fundamental to the life of the Maritime Provinces. These had existed at the time of Confederation, and were known to the framers of Confederation. It was clearly never intended that transportation facilities should be so developed as to impede the growth of these employments.

RY. AGENTS CRITICIZED

George W. Hensley, manager of Pickford and Black, steamship agents, complained that railway traveling traffic agents in Canada, did not use their efforts in the interests of Canadian ports to the degree they should. He believed they should seek business for Canadian ports and advise steamship agents of the location of possible traffic so that the steamship agents would be able to seek it for themselves. He should direct the traffic to Canadian ports as the Canadian Government Merchant Marine was concerned. They should let all the steamship companies go after it in competition. He believed, he declared, that the Canadian Pacific Railway should be granted running rights over the Canadian National Railways into Halifax. He had no complaint to make against the Canadian Government and believed that business was gradually improving.

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Indictment of 90 Breaks Up Biggest Rum Ring In Prohibition History

E. A. Schofield Suggests Plan For Monthly Payment of City Taxes

E. A. SCHOFIELD, former Mayor and continuously in the forefront of constructive citizenship, is an out-and-out supporter of a new method for collecting civic taxes. His scheme—which, by the way, he urged upon the financial department of the city when he was in the Mayor's chair—is a monthly installment plan, same as is employed by the New Brunswick Power Co., the New Brunswick Telephone Co., large mercantile houses, landlords and others, in issuing their bills. The city has a list of about 17,000 taxpayers, but this is not a much greater number, perhaps, than some of the concerns just mentioned, and even if it is, that is no argument against the scheme.

IN MR. SCHOFIELD'S discussion of this vexed tax question, he said: "If a change is to be made, why not get right down to present day business methods, and have monthly bills and collections. The days of one bill a year on credit account, half yearly or quarter yearly, are all gone by, and practically every one who has credit nowadays makes a settlement once a month. This enables most people to keep up with their debts, as every one has some income at least every month. This debt the citizen owes the city is no different from any other account—he owes it from January 1 every month throughout the year. If most of us got an account once a year from any grocer, butcher or dry goods merchant, for each month's purchases, it would be a good many of us up, whereas, with an account each month, one could figure on liquidating the same."

THAT DISCOUNT SCHEME

"The question of putting a discount on in order to give some one 5 per cent. off is, in my opinion, only fooling ourselves in the question of taxes. All that should be allowed is the bank value of the money. To put this plan into effect, let us assume the council is to live within its appropriation for this year. The council then makes up its budget from November 1 to 30 for 1927. They pass this to the assessors on December 1, and on January 1 the assessor strikes the rate, and by January 30 he sends out the tax bills."

"ONE-TWELFTH is due February 1st for January account. If one wishes to pay the total for the year at once, he may be allowed to do so, and the discount be fixed at whatever rate the money is worth to the city through the bank, the same thing to apply to the man who pays his pro-rata month before the 10th of the following, and so on throughout each month. At the end of the second month, if the first month is not paid, the bill is turned over to the tax collector, just as it is now at the end of the year, and with the carrying charges added, there should be a good chance of his collecting this."

WOULD GIVE STEADY INCOME

"This should give the city a steady income month by month, and without any overdraft with interest at 5 1/2 or 6 per cent. It might require an extra clerk or two to write receipts daily, but it would be worth that. As it is now, the most of the tax money is rushed in at a certain date—this year July 22—and the bank account is in credit at 4 per cent. till about the end of the year, though of course the credit gradually is getting smaller, and as a rule, soon after the new year, an overdraft is started and gradually rises to from \$500,000 to \$800,000 with interest at 5 1/2 per cent. Why not save this?"

MAYOR EXPERIMENTS

"The former mayor, who has a penchant for practical experiments, says that during his occupancy of the mayoralty chair he was called upon by a householder for some relief in his tax bill. The man had a family of six children and a straight-forward story. Just to check up this man's report, the Mayor had a constable make an investigation of it, and the officer's reply proved the taxpayer to be telling the truth in every particular. The Mayor then asked the taxpayer if he could pay his bill in monthly installments. He said he thought he could. So His Worship handed out to his personal cash and paid the stranger's tax bill, asking the man to report to him each month with the installment. The man fulfilled his obligations promptly and cheerfully. Mr. Schofield said he considered this case a fair sample of what might be done in hundreds of others."

WABANA IRON MINE CLOSED BY BESCO

Lack of Business Due to Depreciation at Franc Given as Cause

SYDNEY, N. S., July 30.—Number three mine at Wabana, Belle Island, has been closed for the present, because of lack of business, Vice-president J. E. McLurg, of British Empire Steel Corporation, stated on his arrival here from Newfoundland last night. The number of iron miners laid off is approximately 280, while between 1,100 and 1,200 are still working in mines number one and two. "The depreciation of the French franc is primarily responsible for the present layoff," said Mr. McLurg. The franc has fallen so low that European steel manufacturers now find it more profitable to use iron ore from Lorraine than the Belle Island products."

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CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION UP IN BRITISH HOUSE

Self-Government of Dominions Generally Accepted

AMERY SATISFIED

Byng's Action Likely to be Discussed at Imperial Conference

LONDON, July 30.—Lieutenant Colonel Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, is very well satisfied with yesterday's debate in the House of Commons on the Canadian constitutional question, British United Press is authoritatively informed today. He believes that as a result, the idea that Downing Street interferes in any question of this character will vanish.

A NEW MILESTONE

The reassertion of this principle, the complete independence of the Dominion Governments—general from Downing Street direction, and its acceptance by all parties, are the best purchase stone in the development of Imperial relations. It is recognized, however, that the question of the right of a Governor-general to refuse or grant dissolution under certain conditions will undoubtedly be brought up at the Imperial Conference in October but it is believed that no change will be made in the present system as it is difficult to lay down any general rule which will meet every possible case.

OPINION DIVIDED

British opinion with regard to the general tendency is to let the whole affair drop and last night's debate was regarded as winding up the question so far as Britain is concerned, the necessary opportunity having been given to ventilate political ideas which the Governor should have held the advice of Premier King. The general tendency is to let the whole affair drop and last night's debate was regarded as winding up the question so far as Britain is concerned, the necessary opportunity having been given to ventilate political ideas which the Governor should have held the advice of Premier King.

ANNEXATION MATTER

Mr. Thomas, during the debate, alluded to suggestions which he understood, had been made in some quarters in the United States that Canada might be handed over to the United States in exchange for cancellation of the British debt to that country. He declared that he would be sorry to think that this represented any present American view, but that it seemed to show how difficult it was for some people to understand the British mentality.

MEXICO ADDRESSES ON LIQUOR BARRED

Ottawa Refuses Clearance For Shipments Sent by Detroit Exporters

WINDSOR, Ont., July 30.—The use of fictitious addresses in Mexico to cover up liquor shipments to Detroit, a common ruse of exporters in the past, no longer will be tolerated on the Canadian side of the Detroit river, it is announced. "Instructions have been received from Ottawa to refuse clearance of shipments where railway bills of lading are made out for points in Mexico, and the customs department's vouchers bear Detroit addresses," A. H. Dalziel, Collector of Customs for the port of Windsor, said.

Prayers For Mexico Urged In England

LONDON, July 30.—The Tablet, official organ of the Catholic Church in England, will in Saturday's issue say editorially regarding the situation in Mexico: "A letter to his clergy from the Cardinal-Archbishop of Westminster reminds us once more that tomorrow (Sunday) is the day of intercession for our persecuted brethren in Mexico. It is also the day on which the Mexican laws, imitating Bismarck's Kulturkampf and Emil Combe's oppression of the French Catholics, will come into force. "At first the brute force of the government may score successes against the Catholics, but prayer is stronger than the strongest brute, and the Church will win if prayers abound."

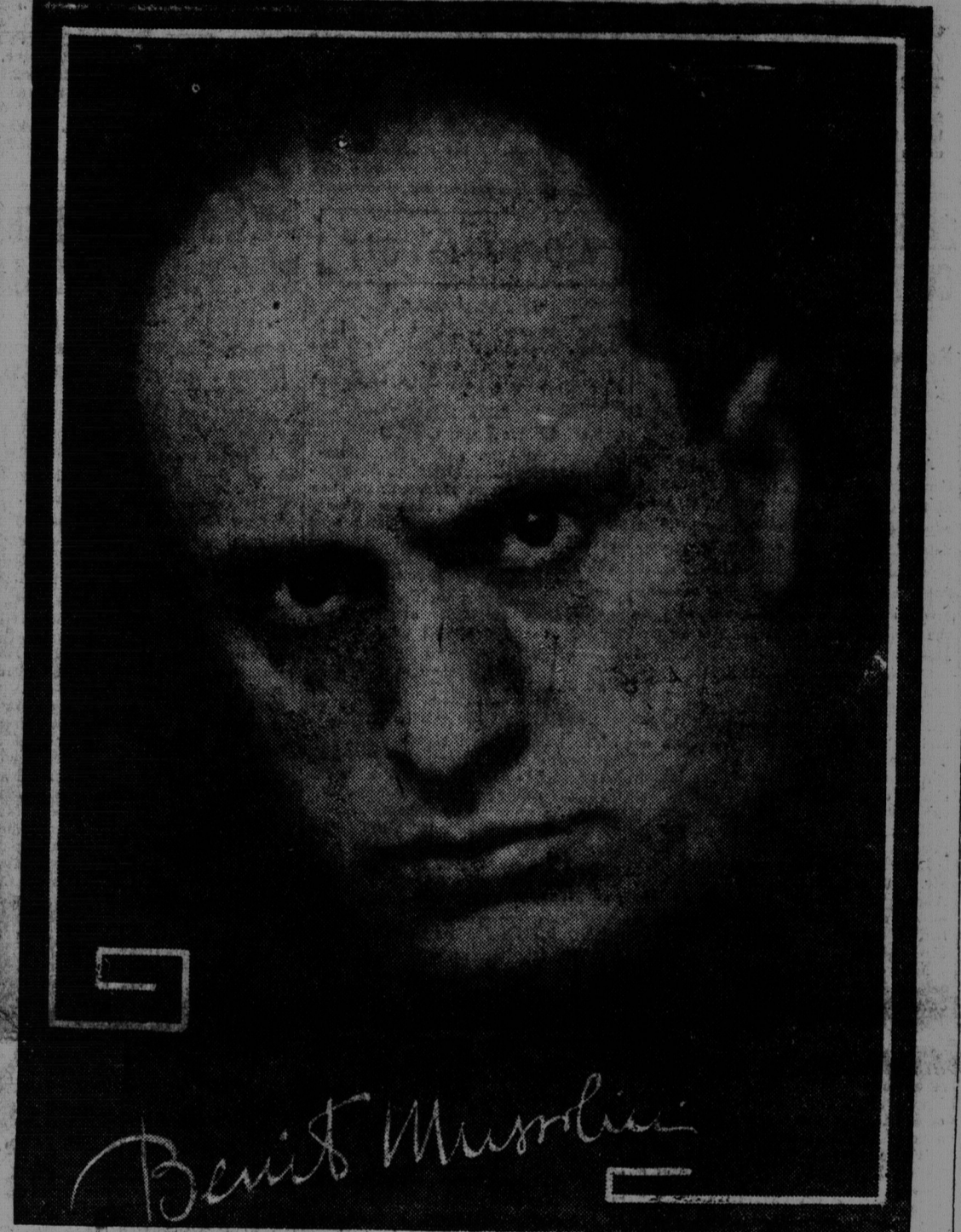
Bandits' Threat Gets Them \$7,000 In Cash

NEW YORK, July 30.—"If you make any noise we'll kill you." Three bandits recited this oft-repeated line to Joe Lowenthal as he was entering the Jandous Electrical Equipment Company plant with a \$7,000 payroll. They showed no revolvers, but Lowenthal was so frightened that the bandits had wrested the money bag before he could resist.

P. E. I. Lobster Catch Shows Falling Off

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., July 30.—A comparative statement of the lobster catch for the early season of 1925 and 1926 is: 1925, 33,719 cases, value \$841,882; 1926, 29,105 cases, value \$862,454; decrease of 4,614 cases, valued at \$78,928.

Mussolini's Powerful Face



HERE is Benito Mussolini's favorite picture of himself, autographed specially for NEA Service and The Evening Times-Star. In the expression of the eyes, the tilt of the jaw and the set of the mouth the fierce will to power and unhesitating decision that have made him dictator of Italy are plainly evidenced.

Australian Labor Man Calls Granting of Titles A Scandal

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 30.—Granting of British titles is becoming an "absolute scandal, a question of trading, where the best purchase wins," Laborite Representative McGrath charged in the Lower House of Parliament. McGrath said that he had no doubt some Australian principals were expecting to receive titles when the Duke of York, King George's second son, visits Australia in 1927. He ended by offering a resolution pointing out that the granting of titles is contrary to the sentiment of Australians, but the House adjourned without voting on it.

Dr. M'Allister, Nominated, Sells Racer

FREDERICTON, July 30.—"When politics interferes with horse racing, quit horse racing," seems to be the motto adopted by Dr. D. H. McAllister of Sussex. Yesterday about noon Dr. McAllister, who was here for the Maine and New Brunswick harness racing circuit races on Wednesday, left for Sussex, where he was nominated yesterday afternoon as the Liberal candidate in Royal.

Edison Sues Radio

NEW YORK, July 30.—Thomas A. Edison has brought suit in Federal Court to prevent the further use of his name by the Edison Radio Corporation. His petition states he has never had any connection with the Radio Company. In addition to an injunction, the inventor wants compensation for whatever benefit the company may have derived from his name.

Plot To Kill Hedjaz King Discovered

BASRA, Iraq, July 30.—A plot to kill Ibn Saud, king of the Hedjaz, has been discovered by the authorities. The plotters, among them certain persons described as "near relatives" have all been executed.

LONG WALK FOR A PIE

NEW YORK, July 30.—A woman here wearing a pedometer discovered that while making a lemon pie she walked a quarter of a mile.

8 CANADIANS ARE INCLUDED IN JURY EDICT

Disclosures Eclipse Interest in Bad Liquor Fatalities

SPIRITS FOUND

Search Continues for Alleged Wholesaler and Two Chief Aides

TORONTO, July 30.—This morning police closed in this case on Canadians who were indicted yesterday at Jamestown, N. Y., on charges of violating the prohibition law, who are suspected of being connected with the poison liquor trade which has caused the death of 18 persons in Canada and a larger number on the American side. Toronto police took into custody Max Wurtzman and Henry Goldstein, while the Hamilton officers arrested Ben Kerr. Niagara Falls police took from their beds James Sacco, 25, single; John H. McRae, 53, contractor, and Wm. Herbert, 32, salesman. All six men are held on charges of manufacturing without bail.

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HON. CHAS. STEWART NAMED IN EDMONTON

Former Minister of Interior Sees Bright Prospect as Liberal Victory

EDMONTON, Alta., July 30.—Hon. Charles Stewart, former Minister of Interior, was unanimously nominated as the Liberal candidate for West Edmonton at a convention here last night. In accepting the nomination, Hon. Mr. Stewart declared that there were bright prospects on all sides for a decisive Liberal victory. He pointed to the excellent records of the King government, which had passed important measures that would be of benefit to the west.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure continues high from the Great Lakes eastward and over the western half of the United States, and relatively low over the Mississippi Valley and Southern States. The tropical storm appears to be dissipating. Showers have occurred in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair.

TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, etc.

FORECASTS

MARITIME—Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably a few scattered showers.

NEW ENGLAND

MOSTLY cloudy tonight; Saturday probably fair, little change in temperature; moderate shifting winds, becoming northerly.

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