

ASSAIL BILL TO HALT APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Benchers of Ottawa Law Society Doubt Power to Restrict Subjects' Rights.

FEAR ATTACK ON EMPIRE

Premier Drury Promises to Consider Representations of Society.

TORONTO, March 8.—Benchers of the Ontario Law Society met Premier Drury and Attorney-General Raney this afternoon strongly protesting against the bill which has been introduced in the Legislature to prevent litigants appealing direct from the Ontario courts to the privy council—the foot of the throne.

Sir Alan Aylesworth was the chief speaker and he urged that there was doubt of the power of the province to restrict the right of the British subject to appeal to the king, and that this right gave the subject the greatest court in the world in which to present a grievance.

He argued that the bill would be an attack on the imperial relations and would be hailed with delight by persons wishing Canada to break away from the empire, "such men as Lindsay Crawford," he particularly named.

The bill in question does not of course prevent appeals to the privy council from the supreme court at Ottawa, but it prevents any short cuts. The argument of Sir Alan was that the short cut should be provided as it caused unnecessary expense in important cases to go to Ottawa and then to Westminster. Consideration was promised to the representations of the law society's representatives.

Have Appeal Right.

Sir Alan took the position that every British subject was born with the right to appeal to the king if he had been wronged, and the responsibility to see that justice was done his subjects was one of the most important duties of the throne. The bill would abolish the right of a subject to go direct from the Ontario courts to the privy council which was first given in imperial legislation in 1849 and a bill supplementing it was passed in the parliament of Upper and Lower Canada.

This bill also affected the external relations of Canada and for this reason he doubted very much if the provincial government had the power to do this, especially as on different occasions during the Laurier regime and subsequently, the Dominion governments had gone on record, speaking for the people of Canada, as favoring wider opportunities for appealing to the judicial committee of the privy council.

Then there was the question of the effect the passing of the bill would have outside the province. He expressed the conviction that it would be viewed in the United Kingdom as an indication that Ontario, the province noted for its loyalty, had through its legislature expressed itself as desiring to have as little as possible to do with Britain. He said it would give encouragement to such men as Lindsay Crawford and others advocating separation of Canada from the empire—"people few in numbers but loud in their efforts to attract attention."

Would Weaken Ties.

Sir Alan viewed this bill as one that would weaken the ties that bound the empire together. The right to appeal to the king and the right of the British government to name the governor-general of Canada were the only two visible ties, and neither one should be weakened. In this connection he thought that the appointment of a Canadian as governor-general with one-half the population claiming he was not fitted for the job and another portion over-enthusiastic for him would be an unfortunate position for the occupant of that high office.

Premier Drury objected to any interpretation that the bill had been brought in at the request of opponents of the unity of the empire. He thought the reason the empire had held together was the absence of these "visible ties," and he expressed the belief that "imperial federation as some advocates would break up the British Empire."

Replying to the claim that the carrying of appeals from Canada to the foot of the throne was an act of subordination, Sir Alan pointed out that there were three Canadians on the judicial committee of the Privy Council—Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Sir Louis Davies and Supreme Court Judge Duff, and that committee represented the best legal brains of the empire.

"I think this committee is the very strongest, the greatest court in the world," Sir Alan affirmed. "People of the United States may think the supreme court at Washington is; I do not think so."

Cites Progress.

He said that 50 years ago judicial committee was not of the same high standard it is today. He emphasized that this was not a question for lawyers alone but for all citizens, but from a lawyer's view a judge was a much better judge when there was a sense of appeal from his decisions. Judge sitting in division court in which there is no appeal is more arbitrary than when, the judge is sitting in county court, which there is an appeal.

Judge who is cock-sure he is right and anyone who disputes with him is wrong will favor the judge who is not so sure of himself.

Speakers were Hon. W. D. Drury, I. S. Fairly and E. D. Drury. These suggested either that the government submit a stated case to the courts to see whether the province had the power to pass this bill, or that the bill go before a special

Revenue Officers Seize Stills on Sprague Road Near Town of Paris

PARIS, March 8.—Two stills in many days is the record of Chief of Police Green and Collector of Customs Whitbread. Tuesday Frank Flack was arrested charged with having an illicit still on the Sprague road near the Galt road, not far from Paris. When the officers, along with Special Deputies Fraser and Brockbank made the raid, they found crude apparatus, consisting of a copper boiler and

rubber coils. Flack pleaded guilty in court today and was ordered remanded until Thursday.

William Arnold and John Anderson were arrested while in the act of operating a still on the Galt road, police claim. The apparatus which the police allege is a still is more modern than that captured in the previous raid. Sixty gallons of mash and four gallons of corn whiskey were seized.

BERLIN DEPOSITS SIXTH PAYMENT

PARIS, March 8.—The German government today notified the allied reparations commission that it had placed on deposit Germany's sixth 10-day reparations payment, amounting to 31,000,000 gold marks.

BRANTFORD ELECTORS TO CHOOSE MAYOR MARCH 24

City Clerk Leonard Sets St. Patrick's Day as Nomination Date.

BRANTFORD, March 8.—Election day, when the ratepayers will return a new mayor, has been set by City Clerk Leonard after consultation with the city solicitor, for March 24.

Nomination day will be on March 17.

Rumor is busy with the names of several citizens and men already in the council as likely candidates.

The names of the following were mentioned at the city hall this morning: Ald. F. W. Billo, C. J. Parker, A. M. Harley, W. Ballantyne and W. H. Freeborn, and Messrs. W. J. Verity and G. K. Wedlake, the latter the son of the late mayor.

All of these men have friends who are urging them to come forward,

though definite statements from the men themselves are difficult to secure. M. M. MacBride, M.P.P., is also mentioned. A petition is being circulated by supporters asking him to enter the mayoralty field again.

Ald. C. J. Parker admitted that he had been waited upon by some of the aldermen, and many friends and asked to run, and that he had made up his mind to accept the wishes of these. He declared himself to be in the field when interviewed today.

Ald. A. M. Harley, who had also been mentioned, stated that while he appreciated the kindness of his friends, he felt that he could not at this time be a candidate.

AWAIT GENOA PARLEY.

LONDON, March 8.—Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, told the House of Commons today that decision on the question of recognition of the present Soviet government of Russia must await the results of the coming Genoa conference.

HOLD ROLFE INQUEST IN GLENCOE ON THURSDAY

Authorities Subpoena Parents of War Veteran to Attend.

WOODSTOCK, March 8.—The Glencoe chief of police was in the city this afternoon and served Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe with subpoenas to appear at Glencoe tomorrow afternoon as witnesses at the inquest on the body of their son, Charles F. Rolfe, found dead in an auto at Wardsville on Tuesday morning.

It was expected that the body would arrive here tonight, but from remarks dropped by the Glencoe official, the body will not likely be released until Friday morning. The funeral will likely be held on that date, and will be of a semi-military nature. The pallbearers will likely be members of the first contingent, that went overseas with "Happy."

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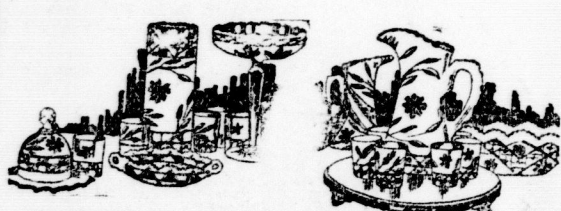
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Blue and White Preserving Kettle, 10-Quart, 80c

Nickel Teapot, 3-Pint, \$1.59

Blue and White Lipped Saucepan, 2-Quart, 49c

Large Sized Galvanized Garbage Pails, \$1.00

Blue and White Water Pails, 12-Quart, 85c

Sheet Iron Double Roasters, Round, 69c

Blue and White Double Boiler 1 Quart, \$1.05

Blue and White Straight Saucepan, 3-Quart, 89c

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Large household size. The kind you have been paying \$1.45 for. Special,

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Cut Glass Berry Bowl, 35c

\$2.50

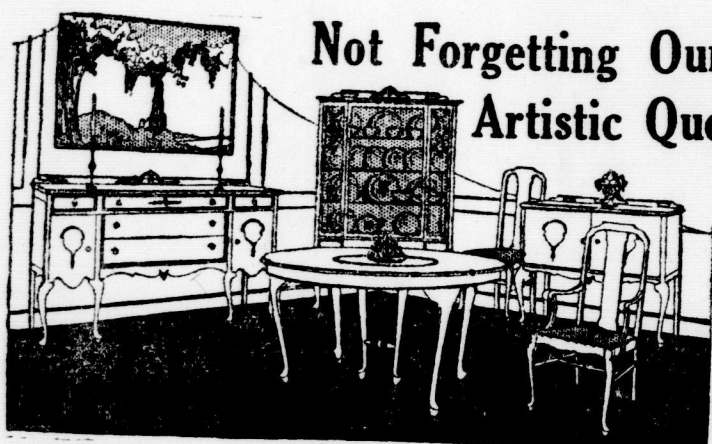
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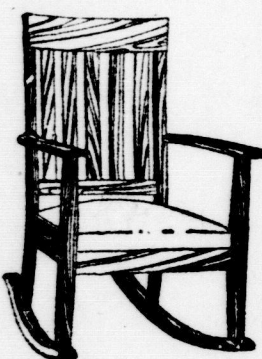
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