

## LETTER CARRIERS TO DISCUSS BONUS

Convention in Montreal —  
Entertainment at Frontenac  
Brewery One Feature.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The reduction of the war time bonus by the government will be most important matter up for discussion at the annual convention of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers which opened here today and will continue for three days. Two years ago married men received a bonus of \$42, while single men received \$100. Last year the bonus was reduced to \$315 and \$112.50.

Mayor Martin welcomed the delegates. President C. M. McDonald replied. On Friday afternoon the delegates will be entertained at a reception by the Frontenac Brewery, when Senator Beaudin will welcome them and they will be shown around the buildings.

The fourth session will be on Saturday morning, while the afternoon will be a field day, when a programme of sports will bring the convention to a close.

## AT ANNAPOLIS

Big Evening Meeting Followed Unveiling of Tablets Yesterday.

At Annapolis Royal yesterday at the tercentenary celebration Hon. Justice William Chisholm read letters of congratulation from the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain and Chief Justice William Howard Taft of the United States. Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works, was present to receive the tablets on behalf of the federal government.

Justice William Chisholm, president of the Historical Society on Nova Scotia,

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presided and Mayor Hardwick of Annapolis Royal welcomed the visitors. Chief Justice Harris spoke on behalf of the bench of Nova Scotia and W. J. O'Hearn, president of the Bar Association of Nova Scotia spoke briefly before the tablet was unveiled by Lieutenant-Governor McCallum Grant. F. C. Whitman on behalf of the Annapolis Historical Society also spoke briefly. On receiving the tablets on behalf of the federal government Hon. F. B. McCurdy dwelt on the historical prominence of the province and on its wealth of traditions. Premier Murray and Sir James Aikens delivered eloquent addresses.

The romantic tale of Nova Scotia from the times of redskin domination to the present, occupied the attention of an audience that filled the Bijou Theatre last evening.

A paper on the "Royal Charter of Sir William Alexander," written by Col. Alexander Fraser and read in his absence by Douglas MacGillivray of Halifax, a paper on "The Relations of the British Dominion of Virginia with the Dominion of Canada" written by Dr. Murray Clark, K. C. of Toronto, and read by Angus MacMurphy of Toronto, and a paper on the "Courts and the Commonwealth" read by Dr. Charles Morse of Ottawa, were followed with interest.

The purpose of the paper read by Dr. Morse was to point out, he said, that there is a complete relation between the English system of judicature as established in the early days of English constitutional history and the judicature of the British colonies. There is no effectual break in the chain of constitutional ideas. Rather than finding a purely antiquarian interest in the establishment of a British court of common law at Fort Anne in 1721, he chose to discover in the event proof of the persistence of racial mentality. There were two things he wished to place before his audience. First, that a system of government inherited from the nation builders of the past shall not be made the sport of fadists and joy riders to Utopia, and second, that Canada must not be backward in taking up the duty of deepening the sense of kinship between the nations which share the new world heritage of English order and liberty.

Angus MacMurphy of Toronto, expressed the greetings of the Canadian Bar Association to the audience.

## RECORD CROWD GATHERS TO HEAR LIBERAL LEADER

Seaford, Ont., Sept. 1.—With an attendance that has yet to be equalled at any open air meeting in Western Ontario this summer, Huron County at a Liberal rally yesterday afternoon, welcomed Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King and Hon. Dr. H. S. Bland.

## FAMINE STRICKEN IN REBELLION

London, Sept. 1.—The famished people in the Russian government of Tambov, Voronezh and Orel are rebelling, says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen, quoting Helsinki news. The despatch adds that troops sent to quell the disturbances have refused to fire on the people.

## SLASHES THROAT OF POLICE CHIEF

Indian Under Arrest at London Narrowly Misses Jugular Vein.

London, Ont., Sept. 1.—While assisting in the arrest of a couple of Indians who had grown boisterous at Springburn, Park last night, Chas. McConnell, Chief of the Military Police at Byron Sanatorium, was attacked by one of the men, Thomas Kescheys, and narrowly escaped death when the rascal slashed at his throat with a razor, the weapon missing his windpipe by a fraction of an inch. Kescheys and another Indian named Herbert Cady were acting in a disorderly manner when Park Constable Dawson attempted to place them under arrest. McConnell went to his assistance, and when the Indians were being placed in an auto which was to convey them to London, Kescheys suddenly drew the razor, and almost scored a murder. As it was, McConnell's necktie and collar were cut clean through, and he suffered a wound in the neck very close to the jugular vein. At Byron Sanatorium, where he was rushed, it required eight stitches to close the gash, but it is stated that he will recover. Both Indians are now in London jail.

## INDIAN POLICY IS TO REMAIN OPEN

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Aug. 31.—Reuters has been officially informed that there is no foundation for the report that the secretary of state for the colonies has made important decisions affecting the enfranchisement and other questions connected with the policy regarding the natives of India who are now inhabitants of the Kenya colony of Eastern Africa. It is now understood that the general question of Indian policy will remain open till Major-General Sir Edward Northey, the governor-general of the Kenya colony, has returned from Kenya.

The status of the Indians in Kenya colony, as well as that of their fellow-countrymen in British Columbia and other parts of the British dominions, was one of the thorniest problems discussed at the recent conference of premiers of the empire.

It has now reached a stage which seriously affects imperial politics.

## VACUUM SYSTEM FOR AIRCRAFT

New Principle Revolutionized in Aerial Transport Discovered.

Paris, Sept. 1.—An absolutely new principle in aircraft construction, designed to revolutionize the whole matter of aerial transportation and making possible a trans-Atlantic flight in fourteen hours at a tenth of the present cost of steamship travel, has been discovered at Naples, Italy.

Practical construction has already begun there.

The principle of the new airliner has been invented by Alexandre Vaegean, an engineer. It consists of abolishing the use of helium gas and of substituting a partial vacuum based on rarified air, leaving enough within the balloon to assure a counter-pressure.

First experiments showed that a complete vacuum is impracticable owing to the enormous pressure of the outer atmosphere, against which it is impossible to build a sufficiently strong envelope.

Under a variable vacuum system the difficulty was overcome, according to the inventor.

What is considered the most important in the new discovery is that it will guarantee for the first time an absolutely fireproof ship of steel construction. This is due to the complete absence of inflammable hydrogen gases. There is also no need of a hanger, as the construction of the ship supplies its own protection wherever moored. The new ship will also take-off and land itself with no other aid than that of its own crew, thus doing away with the requirements of an expensive personnel.

There is practically no limit to its possible altitude, and a normal speed of 218 miles per hour is assured. A single motor of 739 horse-power is all that is required. The ship when completed will not resemble an ordinary dirigible. It will look more like a trans-Atlantic liner, surmounted by a cigar-shaped dome of steel.

The possibilities in time of war are keenly realized by European governments, who have commissions at Naples studying every detail of construction. The first trial flights will be made next year.

## PARAGUAY MECCA FOR MENNONITES

Bill to Grant Many Concessions Before the Chamber of Deputies.

Asuncion, July 11.—(By mail.)—Paraguay will become the Mecca and home of Mennonites from the United States and other parts of the world, if a bill sent to the Chamber of Deputies by President Gondra becomes a law.

Delegates of the sect who arrived here some time ago from the United States have negotiated for the purchase of about 5,000 square miles of land in the great Paraguayan "Chaco" for purposes of colonization, conditional upon the Paraguayan government granting privileges which will permit them to conduct the colony in conformity with the tenets of their religion and their system of common administration of their properties, called "Walsenhurst."

The president says that the establishment of the colony would be a beginning of the solution of the problem of populating the republic and augmenting its productive capacity, there being vast stretches of uninhabited territory of great productive value. He accompanied his recommendations with a history of the Mennonites, reciting their qualities of industry, self-discipline and "collective virtue."

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the United States, Canada and Russia are prepared to emigrate to Paraguay.

## THEATRE MANAGERS AND THE STAGE HANDS

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—A temporary understanding has been reached between the theatre managers of the city and the stage employees. It had been announced

that open shop would be declared after the expiration of the present agreement, which was ended yesterday. Steps had already been taken to operate under non-union conditions in some theatres but so far as the stage employees are concerned it has been agreed that they continue work pending a further discussion.

It was reported that the moving picture operators had also reached a similar understanding but representatives of the managers say that this is not so.

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