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PARLIAMENT ADOPTS ADDRESS AND SPEEDS UP WORK OF SESSION

Adequate Storage Provisions at Saint John Also
Suggested By Ernst of Queens-
Lunenburg

MARITIME MOVE HELD VINDICATED

Premier King's Election Promises Cited in Request That He Bring
Down Legislation to Give Effect to Duncan
Report's Recommendations

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was carried shortly before midnight tonight in the House of Commons without division.

The debate ended abruptly after having been continued for two days. During the day a number of Conservative, Progressive and Independent members spoke on the address but no Liberals took part. T. L. Church, Conservative of Toronto Northwest, was the last speaker. W. G. Ernst, of Queens-Lunenburg, spoke of the Duncan report. He suggested adequate grain loading and storage facilities at Saint John.

The House went into supply immediately after the speech had carried. Before midnight the House had accepted a blanket resolution covering all the estimates unveiled from last session. The Supply Bill was given first and second readings and stands for committee stage first thing Wednesday afternoon. The remaining business of the present sitting of parliament should be complete before the House rises tomorrow and it will not meet again until Feb. 8.

TO CONSTITUTE RECORD.
Only once before, according to some officials here, have the amendments and reply to the Speech from the Throne been disposed of in two days and the voting of the considerable sum for public services will constitute a record 3-day procedure in Ottawa.

The House will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, an hour earlier than usual.
W. G. Ernst, Conservative, Queens-Lunenburg, beginning his maiden speech in the House, said that his impression of the Imperial Conference was that it consisted of representatives from one sovereign state and six Dominions.
If the contention was true that all participating countries were exactly equal, Great Britain must have de-

scended to the level of a dominion or the dominions must have assumed sovereign status. The first assumption was absurd. If the second was correct, he would invite Premier Mackenzie King to test the sovereignty of Canada by claiming the right to legislate for Canadians at home or abroad. The quickest way to test his right to do this would be to bring in a law giving Canada the right to search and seize ships beyond the 3-mile limit. He would thereby give an earnest explanation of his expressed desire to stamp out smuggling. Those entrusted with the enforcement of anti-smuggling laws had stated that their chief difficulty was their inability to deal with shipping outside of Canadian waters.

MARITIME REPORT.
Mr. Ernst made only this passing reference to the Imperial Conference and then plunged into a discussion of the Maritime claim report. The fight for Maritime rights was begun in the House of Commons, he said, by Hon. A. B. Black, of Halifax, in 1920. Maritime Liberals then belittled his efforts and later on Premier Mackenzie King went so far as to ask "What are Maritime rights?" They had all got their



This map, reproduced from the New York Sunday Times, shows at a glance the territories held more or less securely by the three principal leaders. The two portions marked "Chiang" including the Peking area, is held by General Chang Tso-lin, leader of the Manchurian forces; on the northeast is the district under sway of General Feng Yu-hsiang, "the Christian General" across the middle of the country lies a wide belt of disputed territory; and to the south is the district under control of General Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Cantonese forces. The latter are believed to be financed and assisted by the Russian Communists.

answer, said Mr. Ernst, first from the electors of the eastern provinces and now in concrete terms from the commission which investigated Maritime rights and claims.

DUNCAN REPORT.
He took up the recommendations of the Andrew Rae Duncan commission, analyzed them one by one, and then warned the prime minister that the people of Nova Scotia took the latter's election promises as a pledge which could only be carried out now by the bringing down of legislation to give effect to the spirit as well as the letter of the commission's recommendations. The people of the Maritimes, he said, would not be satisfied with "parts and portions thereof," but only with the full measure of relief recommended in this report.

The Maritime Provinces, said Mr. Ernst, had been "feeling faint" for a long time, and Premier King had been trying to restore them with smelling salts. That would not work any longer, he said. Conservative members from the Maritimes were not threatening secession, as he claimed some Lib-

Lawrence-St. George), resumed the debate on the address and expressed his concurrence in the utterances of welcome to Canada's new Governor-General.

He did not think that the duties of His Excellency would be increased or decreased as a consequence of the report of the recent Imperial conference. As a representative of the King, Canada's Governor-General was not the agent of the British government or any department. "I think the status of His Excellency is the status set out in the British North America Act," remarked Mr. Cahan.

Mr. Cahan thought that Canada's delegates had probably acquitted themselves very creditably at the Conference.

SUGGESTION TO PREMIER.
Mr. Cahan then referred to Premier King's comment that the administration of the Meighen government during the past year was not regular. If the Prime Minister really thought that, why did he not let it out one item in the estimates for the current year and submit a reference to the higher courts to ascertain the courts' opinion of Premier Meighen's right to administer.

Steamer Wrecked And All Drowned

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A Lloyd's despatch from Reykjavik, Iceland, says the Norwegian steamer Balholm has been totally wrecked at Akraf, Faxa Bay, and the crew and passengers drowned. No details are given.

The steamer Balholm whose home port is Bergen, Norway, is of 1,934 gross tons, 214 feet long and was built in 1917.

Faxe Bay is a large fjord on the western coast of Iceland. Reykjavik, capital of Iceland, lies on the south-eastern shore of the fjord.

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MISS M'PHAIL GIVES FARMERS' PROGRAM

They Seek Cabinet From
Committee of House,
She Says

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—"We do not want power, but we want to elect a group of United Farmers who will represent us—not engage in the discussion of one single subject," said Miss Agnes MacPhail, M. P. for Grey South-east, addressing the United Farm Women of Ontario today.

"We want a cabinet selected from a committee of the legislature and responsible to the legislature. We want to have issues debated on their merits. We want the single transferable vote and proportional representation." Canada's only woman member of parliament concluded. "Queen's Park is hopeless today, but we had to be defeated on this liquor question in order to wake us up."

Premier Silent On Pan-American Bid

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—"I have nothing to say at present," remarked Premier Mackenzie King today when he was shown a despatch from New York on the opening of the Pan-American Commercial conference.

John Barrett, its chairman, suggested that Canada might now join the Pan-American union. Premier King evinced great interest in the report of the proceedings, but said that he could not make any decision off hand in such a matter.

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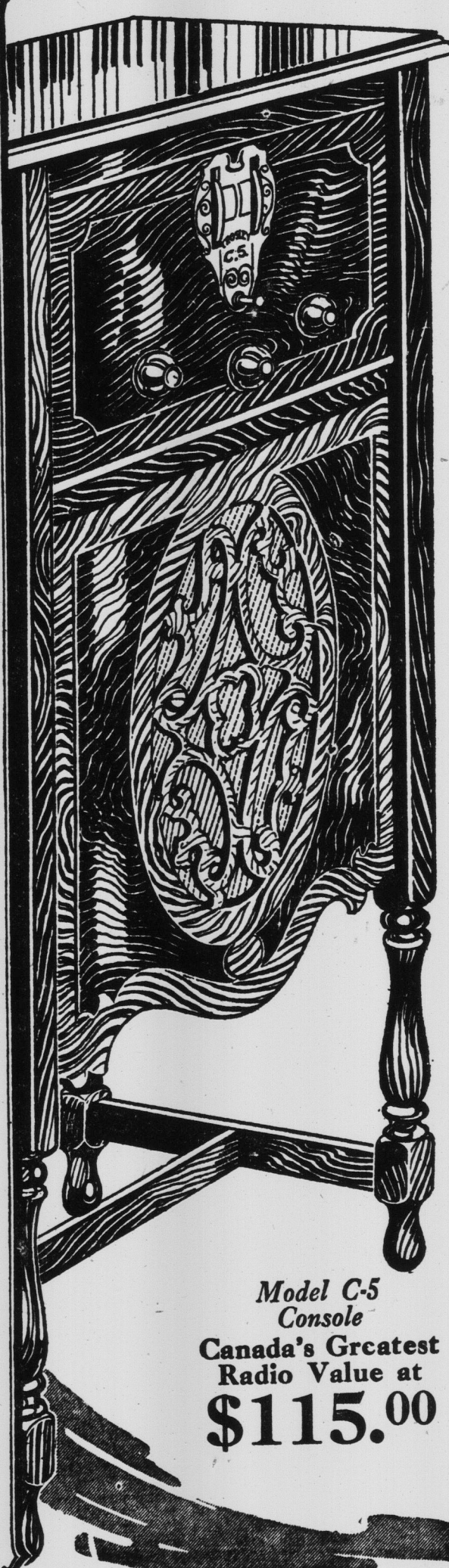
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