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Budget Debate at Fredericton Ends Without Amendment

FREE TRADE ALWAYS BALKAT PLAN

CHURCH BILL IS TAKEN UP IN HOUSE

Vote Soon on Much Disputed Legislation in Capital is Expected.

PROROGATION TALK

Some Prospect of Winding Up Business by Easter—Church Union.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., April 10.

The budget debate ended last night. Hon. W. E. Foster and several others were prepared to speak if the discussion were prolonged, but no amendment was moved and the House was rather glad to have the end come.

The Church Union bill was at once taken up and it is thought today that it will soon be brought to a vote. If it is got out of the way there will be some prospect of prorogation before Easter.

Hon. Mr. Michaud today tabled the report of a special committee on the claim of Thomas McLaughlin, of Cupid, Victoria county, for \$75,000, following the burning of his mill at Five Fingers, Restigouche county, in the spring of 1920.

Basis of Claim

The claim is against the Department of Lands and Mines and is made on the ground that he had a crew of men to protect his property and a fire warden, acting for the Department, took them away to fight a forest fire on crown lands. They saved a large tract of timber on the Upsalquitch River, but in the meantime McLaughlin's mill was burned.

At the last session of the House a special committee was appointed by the Speaker to investigate the claim. It was composed of Hon. M. Michaud, chairman, and Messrs. Bentley, R. B. Smith, Young and Warnock. They held several meetings during recess and also held an enquiry at St. Quentin, and found that there was no legal liability on the part of the department, but that there was an equitable claim. In compensation for the crown lands timber saved by McLaughlin's men they recommended that he be paid \$50,000 on equitable grounds only.

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LUMBERMEN ARE GIVEN HEARING

Falls Bridge and Hydro Also Matter Before Government at Fredericton.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., April 10.—The Provincial Government is hearing today a delegation of lumbermen relative to the Compensation Act, also one from St. John relative to proposed changes in the Hydro Electric Commission Act, and a third delegation headed by George S. Cushing, in regard to an appeal to the Privy Council in the matter of the C. P. R. bridge at the Reversing Falls.

The house will go into supply this afternoon. If good progress is made the Church Union Bill may be taken up for the evening session in hope of disposing of it today.

The corporations committee heard this morning a delegation supporting the proposed bond issue of \$150,000 for a vocational school in Fredericton and went into private session to consider it.

TWO ARE DROWNED

Boat With Young Men in it Swept Over Dam in Yarmaska.

Farnham, Que., April 10.—Lanslois, 18, and L. Laville, 18, were drowned in the Yarmaska River yesterday when their boat was caught in the strong current and swept over a dam. A companion, L. Pelletier, escaped by jumping and swimming ashore.

Escape as Slab Falls 16 Stories

New York, April 10.—A granite slab, said to weigh several tons, was dislodged from the sixteenth story coping of an addition being built to the Standard Oil building at Broadway and Beaver street, and crashed down on the streets of stout timbers erected over the sidewalk. Planes and beams were shattered, but the stone was stopped. George Nelson, fifteen years old, Long Island City, John Foster, a revenue agent of Brookline, Mass., and Frank Branch, a Roosevelt street, Concord, Staten Island, were walking beneath the scaffolding and were killed by the splintered beams. All of them were taken to Broad Street Hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain.

PROHIBITIONISTS OF MONCTON MEET

Demand That Power of Act Not Weakened—Secretaries Will Tour Province.

Moncton, N. B., April 10.—A large number of citizens interested in the retention and strict enforcement of the New Brunswick Prohibition Act gathered in the W. G. T. U. hall here last night to confer with Donald Fraser of Plaster Rock and W. J. Clarke and Rev. Thos. Marshall of Fredericton, members of the executive of the Provincial Temperance Alliance. The clergy were well represented.

Many speeches were made in which those present gave the assurance that they would brook no interference with the power and efficiency of the liquor law. The sentiment of the meeting gave evidence of the dissolution of political party allegiance should any attempt be made by the local government to trifle with the act.

A strong committee to reorganize the local branch of the alliance was appointed and included: Ex-Mayor Hanford Price, Ex-Mayor L. W. McAnn, Ex-Mayor and Mrs. J. E. Macdonald, Dr. H. H. and Mrs. Coleman, with power to add. The alliance will engage the services of an English and a French-speaking secretary to tour the province.

KING'S PALACE MAY BE DARKENED

Strike of Engineers Threatens Return to Lamps and Candles Tomorrow.

(By HARRY N. MOORE.)

(British United Press.)

London, April 10.—Buckingham Palace, the residence of the King and Queen, and St. James Palace, where the Prince of Wales resides, may be forced back to candle light tomorrow. The same menace threatens the parliament buildings and all the Government offices in Whitehall. The electric light is provided by a special power station operated by 700 engineering attendants employed by the public works department. All these electricians have joined in a peremptory demand for an increase of 12 shillings weekly in wages, threatening if immediate concession is not granted to darken all the most important buildings of the British Government service tomorrow.

The royal court is now at Windsor Castle, which will not be affected but the strike if it comes will certainly cause great inconvenience and considerable loss.

Wire Briefs

Munich, Bavaria, April 10.—William Bayard Hale, U. S. newspaper man, is dead here. He was born in Richmond, Ind. in 1869.

Brussels, April 10.—(United Press.)—Premier Theunis of Belgium today entertained General Charles E. Dawes at luncheon.

Jerusalem, April 10.—The district of Metuliah, was formally incorporated yesterday into the territory of Palestine.

Ottawa, April 10.—The House of Commons yesterday debated Leon Leduc's proposal to create a fund to guarantee small depositors in Canadian banks. The debate was not finished.

Ottawa, April 10.—(Canadian Press.)—Sir Lomer Gouin will be in the House of Commons this afternoon when the budget is brought down.

Halifax, N. S., April 10.—It was announced at the local theatres last night that henceforth the government amusement tax, heretofore absorbed by the theatres would be added to the price of admission.

Nashua, N. H., April 10.—Six Nashua policemen, with two machine guns and side arms left today for Dover at the request of officials of that city, for aid in quelling rioting said to be in connection with a strike.

REDUCTION IN TARIFF IS LOOKED FOR

Hon. J. A. Robb Presents Budget Today to Keenly Interested Country.

CUT SALES TAX

That is Anticipated, as Well as Some Lightening of Income Tax Burden.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, April 10.—The budget speech being delivered by Hon. J. A. Robb, acting Minister of Finance, this afternoon is awaited with interest that has not been equalled since the luxury taxes were brought down. Presenting his maiden budget in the absence of the veteran of finance, Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mr. Robb is being looked upon as a challenge to the executive of the U. S. Congress in reducing income taxes to that country.

In finance Mr. Robb is expected to present the most hopeful statement which has been listened to by Parliament since before the war. The balancing of the budget is understood to be one of the features of this phase, and the latest figures available indicate that while this will be possible, it will not be achieved without some difficulty.

Figures for the complete year, ending with last month, have not yet been announced, but estimates based on the current year will just about balance, provided there are only small supplementary estimates.

The government at the present time is in a technical minority in the House. If Progressives and Conservatives were considered as a combined opposition, how far will the Government go to securing Progressive support? The question is a moot one. It is being asked on all hands.

SECOND PROBE IN ISLAND COLONY

Liquor Control and Other Departments of Newfoundland to be Investigated.

(By HARRY N. MOORE.)

(British United Press.)

St. John's, Nfld., April 10.—Premier Warren announced yesterday that the Newfoundland government has decided to request the British colonial office to select a commissioner to conduct a new investigation of government departments. When the government last year undertook an inquiry into charges against Sir Richard Squires, former premier, and other members of his administration, no Newfoundland jurist was found willing to preside and Thomas Hollis Walker, recorder of Derby, England, was appointed by the Colonial office at the request of this government. At the close of the new inquiry, which is supplementary to the previous investigation and concerns the liquor control department and other branches, criminal proceedings will be brought against persons indicted in both as guilty of misconduct, the premier announced yesterday. The immediate aim of the second inquiry, as announced, is to bring about reform of the public service.

In a proclamation issued yesterday the governor summoned the Legislature to meet on April 24.

Calls On Irish To Ignore Games

Dublin, April 10.—In a statement issued yesterday Patrick Rutledge, acting president of the "Irish Republic," calls upon the people of Ireland and every member of the Irish race to refuse to aid in the national games in Dublin in August.

The statement says it is proposed to hold the games "while the Republic is struggling for existence and President De Valera with Finance Minister Stack and 1200 soldiers of the Republic are being held captive in military prisons under inhuman conditions."

WINS LEGAL FIGHT TO HAVE HAIR BOBBED

Bayonne, N. J., April 10.—Mrs. Stephen Iskre applied to Recorder William J. Cain for permission to bob her hair. Mrs. Iskre, who is 22 years old, told her 25-year-old husband she intended to have her hair bobbed. She told the court he had threatened to sue her for not doing so again if she persisted in going to a beauty parlor. So she came to the court to have legal sanction for her hair-cut.

"Every woman, married or single, has a right to have her hair bobbed," said the Recorder. "It is the same right that a man has to grow a beard or let his hair grow long without asking permission of his wife."

Following Mrs. Iskre's legal rights he warned her husband not to interfere.

HUGO STINNES IS FIGHTING FOR LIFE

German Money Master, Dying, Reported Raving of Gigantic Financial Transactions.

(United Press.)

Berlin, April 10.—Hugo Stinnes, fighting for life, survived the night. The German money master, who is believed dying after successive gall stone operations, was delirious a good bit of the time. He babbed of gigantic financial transactions, while the markets in Germany were in a panic state on account of his illness.

Stinnes' son reported that his father's condition was "slightly improved," but the industrialist is still in danger. His fever is high. Two physicians are in constant attendance and one or more members of the family always at the bedside.

Berlin, April 10.—(Canadian Press.)—The condition of Hugo Stinnes was viewed this afternoon as hopeless as a result of an added complication in the nature of double pneumonia. He is conscious and said to be resigned to his fate. The and his wife are being repatriated and all else as a topic of discussion is the outcome of three major surgical operations. For months he has shown the effects of business cares, which he has constantly augmented by pure fresh industrial and financial contacts.

COX MAY NOMINATE CALVIN COOLIDGE

Massachusetts Governor Said to Be Likely to Be Accorded Honor.

(British United Press.)

Dublin, April 10.—The honor of placing the name of Calvin Coolidge in nomination at the Cleveland convention may go to Governor Charles H. Cox, New England will be the one to nominate its favorite son prominently in the various convention places and honors, in deference to the political "hobby" that the rest of the country is jealous of New England supremacy. But time-honored custom decrees that the state from which the candidate hails shall be the one to nominate its favorite son. The nomination of President Coolidge for vice-president in 1920 by a delegate from Oregon was a King riddle as long as a prominent figure and it has been taken for granted that he would be the one this year to make the nomination speech for the party. The nomination is broken any lack of cordiality between any two, however, if Senator Lodge steps aside and Governor Cox is given the place of honor. The Republican organization will seek to avoid creating too much Senate atmosphere in the convention.

PARIS WELCOMES BALKAN RULERS

Ferdinand and Marie of Rumania Arrive For Three Day Visit.

Paris, April 10.—Wearing a natty French blue toque and a handsome coat, Queen Marie of Rumania, Europe's youngest royal grandmother, arrived with King Ferdinand this morning for a three days' visit of state. She was the object of an enthusiastic ovation as she rode down the Champs-Elysees beside Milefand, wife of the French President.

A bevy of Rumanian girls presented bouquets to the sovereigns at the station, their brilliant peasant costumes giving a near Oriental touch amidst the brilliance of full dress military and diplomatic uniforms. The King, dressed as a Rumanian Field Marshal, had an ultra-Balkan air, but Marie looked a Parisienne to her fingers-tips.

General Gouraud, military governor of Paris, turned out practically the entire garrison, double-lining the entire route from the station to the foreign office. There was even an array of the new model tanks in the Place de la Concorde.

HAVE FIST FIGHT IN COMMONS

Former First Lord and Clydeside Laborite Get Battered Faces.

OTHERS WERE EAGER

Lieut. Col. Amery's Remark Resented and Buchanan and He Clash.

(Canadian Press.)

London, April 10.—There was a lively punching bout on the floor of the House of Commons last night and Lieut. Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, former First Lord of the Admiralty, and George Buchanan, a Glasgow Laborite, went home with battered faces. Near midnight, just before the House adjourned, the burning topic of evicted unemployed tenants was being discussed when Lieut. Col. Amery referred contemptuously to the Laborites' arguments as "soo stuff," thereby extremely angering the Clydeside.

James Maxton of the Glasgow Laborite delegation shouted: "You dog, while Buchanan ejaculated: 'Never mind that swine; he is only a little gutter snipe.'"

The speaker rebuked the members for their remarks and the House almost immediately adjourned. While the members were dispersing there was angry talk on the floor between the Laborites and Lieut. Col. Amery, and in a moment Amery and Buchanan were punching at one another's faces. Other Laborites tried to reach the former minister but their colleagues held them back and further violence was prevented by peace-makers, who persuaded the principals to leave.

It was the first personal encounter in the House for nearly a year.

IRELAND WILL BE REPRESENTED IN U.S.

Appointment to Washington Soon, is Expectation—Liquor Treaty Wording Objected to.

(British United Press.)

Dublin, April 10.—"I hope that the Irish Free State will soon have an accredited representative at Washington," declared Desmond Fitzgerald, minister of foreign affairs in the Free State cabinet, in addressing the Dail here.

The Dail on Wednesday resumed debate on the question of ratification of the Anglo-American 12-mile ship liquor treaty, which the republican group opposes on the ground that the treaty speaks of "the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland," thereby suggesting that Ireland is under King George.

Deputies again protested that the wording does not properly express Ireland's independence. After some discussion the debate was adjourned.

SUPPORT CASS IN MAKING ALIBI

Five Witnesses Say He Was on Shore at Time Schooner Raid Made.

(United Press.)

Boston, April 10.—Five witnesses called yesterday in a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Wheeler on the petition of the Nova Scotia government for the extradition of Ray Cass of Somerville, on a piracy charge, presented testimony in corroboration of Cass' assertion that he was in Boston at the time of the alleged crime. Cass is charged by the Canadian government with having led an attack on August 26, last, off Cape Ann, on the rum-running British schooner J. Scott Hankinson, in which the captain and cook were shot and dangerously wounded. The attack was said to have occurred at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Cass, who concluded a day and a half on the witness stand yesterday, offered to subject himself to physical examination to prove that he bore no bullet wounds. Both seemed ready to meet the end and meet it they did without a faltering step.

Bar Girls From Chinese Laundries

Windsor, Ont., April 10.—Steps to eliminate the employment of white girls in Chinese laundries in Canada will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society here next month.

Adding Joy to Travel



The London & North Eastern Railway has added a movie car to the Scotland Express—the fastest train between London and Glasgow. Comfortable chairs, all facing one way, have been fitted into a darkened car. At one end is a screen big enough to carry the latest film successes. First-class passengers can buy a ticket and take in the show.

Henry Does Not Believe In Letting The Grass Grow Under His Feet

Henry Babin is an opportunist. He believes in getting in on the ground floor—in hitting while the metal is hot. Henry is a bell-boy in the Touraine Hotel at Chatham, and he finds an opportunity now and then to put his ear to the ground. This time he got an earful.

The word went broadcast that St. John was to have a new hotel. Henry heard it and started to dream. He saw himself in the snappy uniform of a real high class hostelry, with bright shiny buttons and jaunty cap, gold lettered with the name, "Admiral Beatty."

So Henry took his pen in hand and the other day a letter addressed "Admiral Beatty Hotel, St. John, N. B." was delivered at the office of Thomas, Armstrong & Bell. Here it is in its original, unabridged form: "Dear Sir:—I am sending you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hoping you the same. I see on the telegraph journal that you have a hotel and I want to know if I can get a job as a bell boy. Send me a word if you know please. This will be all. HENRY BABIN, Chatham, N. B., Touraine Hotel. That is the address sir."

FOR SYDNEY MINES

Twenty Men Arrive From Old Country to Go to Cape Breton.

Halifax, N. S., April 10.—The White Star liner Canopic, Captain Kearney, en route to New York from Danzig and Hamburg, via Southampton and Cherbourg, landed 40 cabin and 608 third class passengers here yesterday. They included several farm parties for Ontario and the west and 20 miners for the Dominion Coal Company at Sydney. The French Line steamer La Bourdonnais, from Bordeaux to New York, landed nine second and 19 third class passengers.

TWO MEN PAY FOR CRIME WITH LIFE

Murrell and Topping Die on Scaffold in London, Ontario, Today.

London, April 10.—Sidney Ernest Murrell, 26, Melbourne bank bandit, slayer of Russell Campbell, a garage man of that village; and Clarence Topping, 23, formerly of Strathroy, who shot to death Geraldine Durston, 18, his sweetheart, here last November, paid the supreme penalty of the law this morning in the yard of the Middlesex county jail. Hangman Arthur Ellis shot the trap that sent both men to their deaths. Rev. Quinton Warner, spiritual adviser, was with the two men nearly all night and administered the last rites of the church.

"My time has come to part with this world. Good luck and God bless you." These were the last words of Murrell. Topping said not a word, but a smile lit up his face.

Both prisoners spent the night slinging hymns. Rev. Mr. Warner had been with them from midnight and prayers were offered for the repose of their souls. Both seemed ready to meet the end and meet it they did without a faltering step.

Weather Report

Toronto, April 10.—A moderate depression is centered this morning near Bay, and pressure is high over the western and southern portions of the continent. The weather has been rather cool over the Dominion, with light snow in northern Ontario and showers in southern Ontario and Quebec.

Forecasts: Partly Cloudy. Maritime—Moderate winds; partly cloudy today and Friday; not much change in temperature. North Shore—Fair today; scattered showers on Friday. Northern New England—Unsettled and continued cool tonight and Friday; possibly rain on the south coast; gale variable winds, becoming moderate northeast. Toronto, April 10.—Temperatures:—

	Lowest	Highest
Victoria	44	54
Kamloops	46	54
Calgary	24	46
Edmonton	24	36
Winnipeg	14	26
Montreal	38	44
St. John	38	46
Halifax	42	50
New York	42	48

BRITISH FOR DAWES PROGRAMME

No Decision Till June, Because of Necessary Negotiations.

THE OBJECTIONS

Germany Calls for Reduction in Demands All Along the Line.

BY WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Cor.)

Paris, April 10.—While the Reparations Commission studies the experts' reports, France keeps pace with Germany in objecting to the proposals. The old familiar game of European politics already is being played with this effort of international business men.

The Dawes plan was based upon co-operation and restored confidence. The principal French objections voiced by the press today were that:

1. Moral guarantees were valueless so far as Germany was concerned.
2. The Germans couldn't be trusted to carry out the experts' recommendations even if they formally accepted them.

"With their Swiss and Dutch colleagues," said the Petit Parisien, referring to the mixed boards of control proposed, "the Germans soon would be masters of the situation." The French expect international negotiation lasting several months.

German Oppose

(By CARL D. GROUT.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, April 10.—Germany is busy today giving reasons why Dawes report should not be accepted.

Three main objections voiced by the German circles were:

- 1.—A definite total reparations amount should be fixed, so that the Dawes plan would have a mark to shoot at.
- 2.—France and Belgium should be required to take their troops out of the Ruhr.
- 3.—Practically all the reparations demands should be reduced.

Berlin, April 10.—(Canadian Press.)—The bulk of the editorial comment published in the Berlin newspapers today inclines to the opinion that the report of the expert reparations committee constitutes a basis for negotiations.

KLANSMEN HELD

Judge Refuses Habeas Corpus Application on Behalf of 25 Men.

(British United Press.)

London, April 10.—The Russian delegation which is to negotiate with Britain on outstanding questions following recognition of Russia by the Laborite regime, arrived here Wednesday. An Anglo-Russian treaty will be drawn up in the forthcoming negotiations.

Lithuania, April 10.—Denying an application for a writ of habeas corpus, Judge John A. Evans last night ordered 25 men, said to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, held without bail for the June term of criminal court upon charges of murder and riot in connection with fatal disorders at Lilly on Saturday, between townspeople and visiting Klansmen.

MUCH GOLD IN THE FRENCH STOCKING

Pesant and Small Shopkeepers, Thrifty, Add to Country's Financial Problem.

Paris, April 10.—A noteworthy factor in considering France's financial problem is the wealth hidden in the French peasant's store between 1916 and 1922. The gold stored in the peasant's store is estimated to be worth thirty millions of francs. Of these thirty millions, a million have been withdrawn or have, doubtless, been proportion of this hidden treasure. The Bank of France has doubtless held by treasury and small shops amongst the thrifty world. The Bank of France has doubtless held by treasury and small shops amongst the thrifty world. The Bank of France has doubtless held by treasury and small shops amongst the thrifty world.

BUILD UP YOUR CITY

One good way is to buy in St. John's shops and patronize its industries. By doing so you will not only get good value but you will be setting your money to work for everybody in the home community. Build up St. John.