

## SIFT GRAIN BUSINESS TO HIT AGRARIANS IS MEIGHEN PLAN

Back-Benchers of Government Hint At Appointment of Commission To Investigate Western Grain Question in Hope of Breeding Dissension in Ranks of Crerar's Followers.

(Special To The Advertiser By H. E. M. Chisholm.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—From present indications a commission, whose ostensible purpose it is to investigate the Western grain trade, will be appointed by the Government within a week. The alleged subjects of investigation by the commission are as follows:

1. The grading and weighing of grain.
2. The receiving, handling and shipping of grain through country elevators and from country points.
3. The operation of grain exchanges by members thereof.
4. The work of grain exchanges.
5. The handling of grain at terminal points.
6. The holding of grain at terminal points.
7. The operation of public and private terminal elevator and eastern public elevators.
8. Operation of the Lake Shippers' Clearance Association.
9. Operation of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association.
10. The trimming of grain at the upper and lower lake ports and ocean ports.
11. Lake shipments.
12. The shipment of grain to Atlantic and Pacific ports.
13. The operation of Canadian flour and feed mills.

Not Altruistic. The program is a formidable one. On the face of it it would appear to be altruistic. But, judging from the speeches which have been delivered in the Commons hinting and forecasting the investigation, the real purpose is political in character. In fact the proposed investigation has been held up as a threat against the Progressive party, and was first heard of immediately after Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of that party, had made his speech in the Commons, declaring his intention of supporting the no-confidence amendment now before the House.

The Government believes that the best way to cope with the farmers' political organizations is through the commercial organizations upon which it is based. Distrust in the latter, it is contended, will breed dissension in the former. The Government further believes that the Grain Exchange "has no friends," and that any action taken to investigate its transactions will be popular with the community. Hence the proposed investigations, which is looked upon by the Western oppositionists with some cynicism, and not a little sarcastic laughter. The inclination is to welcome the proposed investigation, provided that it is serious and does not cost the country too much money. There is, however, a fairly strong opinion in favor of including the grain commission among the bodies to be investigated, so that it may be found whether there has been any dealings with private companies.

Government, tacticians (so-called), believe that the proposal is well timed. They point to the fact that there is before Parliament a proposal to revise the tariff on top of that comes a proposal to deal with the problem which in the West is almost as pressing as that of the tariff. If Hon. T. A. Crerar and his followers support the vote of lack of confidence proposed by Mackenzie King he will, they point out, place himself on record as being opposed both to tariff revision and to an investigation of a business, in which he and his associates are very much interested. The "tactics" are almost too obvious to require elucidation. They will, however, divert an Opposition member from following his own dictates in the matter of the vote, which will come some time during the middle of the week.

So far back-benchers have been allowed only to hint at the proposal. During the coming week a minister will break the ice in the person of Hon. J. A. Calder. Mr. Calder probably knows more of the details than the back-benchers, and the plan will probably be more clearly elucidated after he has spoken.

## BUDGET DEBATE WILL TAKE WEEK

Possible Division On Real Estate Transfer Taxation Arouses Interest.

(Special To The Advertiser.)

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—It will be the end of the week at least before Opposition leaders in the House of Commons wind up the budget debate. No very great progress was made on the budget last week because of upcroppings and unforeseen controversies. A discussion of O. T. A. appeal is promised for Tuesday.

The critical reception given Provincial Treasurer Smith's real estate transfer taxation scheme was the outstanding feature of the House proceedings last week. With the House equally divided as it is at present between Government and Opposition, a division on that or any other issue would be exceedingly interesting, according to Government supporters.

Premier Norris' statement of intention to appeal to Manitoba electors at the first effort of Oppositionists to embarrass the Government, can be taken as the unspoken or unwritten ultimatum of the Drury Government. Never was a party, numerically weak in the Legislature, more confident of results at the polls, while according to Government members election possibilities have not been discussed in caucus, there is a big group of farmer members who would welcome an appeal to the people. They are more than confident that they would emerge with a sweeping House majority.

## THOUGHT METHODIST MINISTER A RABBI

Montreal Judge Declares That Marriage Is Annulled.

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—Mr. Justice Bruneau this morning annulled the marriage of Bertha J. Spiegel, a Jewess, and N. A. Agalikin, performed by Rev. F. B. Sproule, a Methodist minister, on the ground that the bride had been misled by the groom into believing the ceremony was being performed by a rabbi, and also because she was a minor.

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## INCREASE FREIGHT CHARGES ON LIQUOR

Railway Commission Grants Permission—Ontario Native Wines Excepted.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—(Canadian Press.) Freight rates on liquor in Canada will be increased shortly.

The Board of Railway Commissioners today granted permission to the Canadian Freight Association to double the classification of liquor to double first class in less than carload quantities and to third class in carload lots.

The liquor dealers are expected to bear the increased cost. No increase is allowed on native Ontario wine. The board's order, which is signed by the chief commissioner, Hon. F. B. Carvell, sets forth the reasons for granting the increase and adds: "As the liquor business will in the future be handled very largely by the provinces, some of whom are already making very handsome profits out of the business and the remainder of whom probably expect to do so, I am of the opinion that some further protection can be given the transportation companies without increasing the cost to consumers and yet leave a very handsome profit to the public bodies who are handling the traffic."

"For these reasons I think the application should be granted, with the reservation, however, that there shall be no increase on native Ontario wine and owner's risk of breakage shall be eliminated."

## COMBER LAD AGAIN WINS COUNTY CUP

Keen Competition in Stock Judging Contest Held At Essex.

ESSEX, Feb. 22.—The annual live stock judging competition for Essex County was conducted here today, fourteen boys from the different townships competing. The new county cup, secured last year, and won for the first time by Wm. Buchanan of Comber, was again captured by him. Mr. Buchanan scored the high total of 435 points out of a total of 500 points.

The successful competitors in order of standing were: Glen Rogers, Kingsville; Chas. Halford, Malden; Thos. Buchanan, Amherstburg; Forest Halkis, Essex; Irvine Johnson, Kingsville; Harold Sweet, Essex; Garnet Hyland, Essex; Harry Newman, Cootam. Five classes of live stock were given the young men to judge, composed of yearling shorthorn bulls, supplied by Gordon Smith, Woodville; a class of Holstein cows, supplied by Wm. Thompson and John Rose, Essex; a class of Clydesdale fillies from the farms of Ralph Pinkerton, Essex; a class of Poland China hogs from George Gould, Edgars, and a class of Leicester ewes from Fred Howson, Gesto.

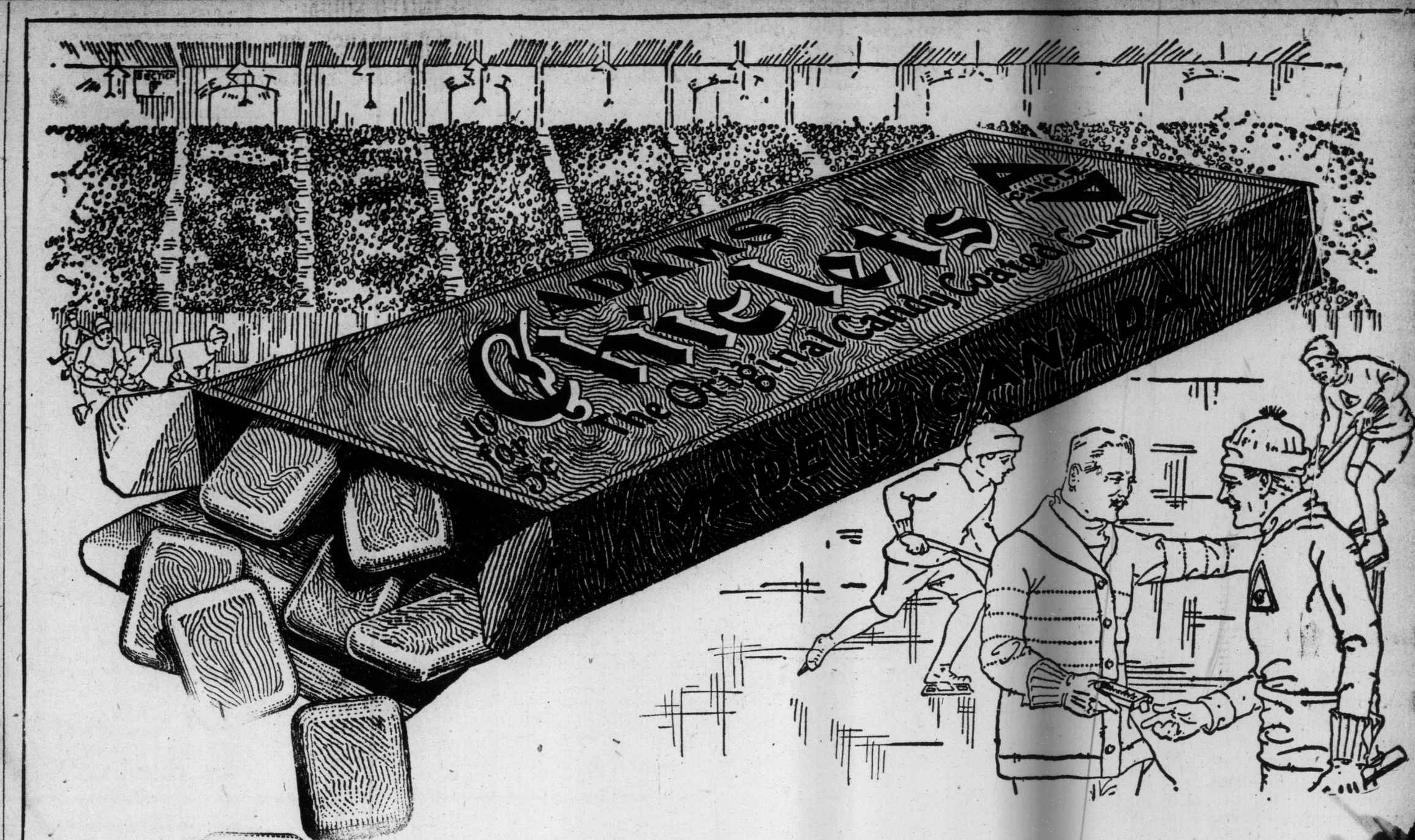
The animals loaned by the farmers were good specimens of the breed, and their generosity was greatly appreciated by the department of agriculture and by the competitors. The boys gave both written and oral reasons to Mr. Donnan of Orangeville, and Mr. Stevenson of Ancaster. The competition was conducted by the local branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

## FARMERS WELCOME HEAVY SNOWFALL

Say It Will Make Wheat and Other Things Grow.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 22.—The blizzard which raged here over the week-end is regarded by the farmers all through this district as the best possible thing that could have happened for the crops. It will, they say, be of immense value in promoting the growth of wheat and other things.

The annual church parade of the two Sons of England lodges, Imperial No. 115, and Duke of Connaught Juvenile,



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## SAYS GRAND TRUNK HAS LOTS OF TIES

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—By the Canadian Press.—W. D. Robb, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway, was today under cross-examination by Pierce Butler, K.C., for the government, before the Grand Trunk arbitration commission which is sitting to ascertain the physical value of the system prior to its acquisition by the Dominion Government. Robb, vice-president of the Grand Trunk, was then examined, and described the road as in first-class condition, and a well-seasoned road in every respect. It was better supplied with ties than any road in Canada, he said. In regard to bridges, he said the present structures were designed to stand four times the strain imposed by engines and trains in the war of weight, impact and speed. The board will sit tomorrow until 1 o'clock.

## ALL COMPANIES WILL NOW BE TAXED ALIKE

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—The decision handed down by the privy council in London yesterday, that Dominion chartered companies are not precluded from conducting business in provinces because they have not been licensed or registered under provincial acts, will not make any material difference in the Province of Ontario, according to the authorities at the Ontario provincial buildings. What will actually happen will be that the Ontario Government will now amend the extra provincial corporations' act so that all companies, Dominion and provincial alike, operating in Ontario will be taxed equally. In real fact, there already is a decision that no company in Ontario can hold land without a provincial license, and this has caused nearly all the stand four times the strain imposed by engines and trains in the war of

## PERMIT AMBASSADOR OF RUSSIA TO RETURN

New York, Feb. 22.—The department of labor has canceled its warrant of arrest and order of deportation against Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, recently deported "ambassador" of the Russian soviet government, his counsel, Charles Recht, announced today. This gives Martens a "clean slate," and makes him free to return immediately to the United States, he asserted.

## SECRETARY ALSO CLEARED

New York, Feb. 22.—Gregory Weinstein, Martens' deported secretary, also was cleared, according to Mr. Recht, who said he received a telegram yesterday from the department of labor announcing that the two men, "having been deported, and having arrived in Russia, the warrant of arrest and deportation ordered against them has been canceled."

## WIFE OF LONDONER TO RECEIVE ALIMONY

TORONTO, Feb. 22.—"I don't want

## "When you eat let it be the Best"



anything, but I want my husband to come back to me and my children," said Rachel Hirschorn, a native of Poland, who sued her husband, Selig Hirschorn, for \$50 a week alimony. Her statement that she wanted her husband in London, Ont. He is