

COMMONS DEBATES ELECTION APPEAL FROM PEACE RIVER

King Starts Discussion by
Effort to Knock Out
Petition

LEGALITY QUESTION
RAISED BY PREMIER

Meighen Says Serious Step
Will Be Taken if Plea
Isn't Received

OTTAWA, May 4.—It was
ten in the evening be-
fore the discussion ended
on the Peace River petition
and the Speaker reserved
his ruling.

OTTAWA, April 4.—Shortly
after the opening of the house
this afternoon, Premier W. L.
Mackenzie King raised a point
of order as to whether the pe-
tition of J. A. Collins, question-
ing the right of D. M. Kennedy,
Progressive, to retain his seat as
member for Peace River, Al-
berta, was properly before the
members of the House of Com-
mons.

This petition was presented
several days ago by Hon. R. B.
Dennett (Conservative, Calgary
West) on behalf of Mr. Collins,
who was Conservative candidate
in the Peace River riding at the
recent general election.

Premier King stated that the pe-
tition was presented under the Con-
traverted Elections Act. He pointed
out that this matter was already before
the courts. The purpose of this par-
ticular act, under which the petition
was filed, said the Prime Minister,
"was to remove from the jurisdiction
of parliament and to the courts mat-
ters relating to the election of mem-
bers."

CASES QUOTED.

The Act had been passed in 1874.
In 1874 a case had come before the
House of Commons when a petition
had been presented for the defeated
candidate in Gaspe, Speaker Anglin
at that time was of the opinion that
it was an election petition and ought
not to be received by the House.

Premier King cited other instances
of the speakers refusing to receive pe-
titions.

MEIGHEN SPEAKS.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen said:
"A most serious step is to be taken in
this petition is not to be received."

The precedents quoted by the Prime
Minister, said Mr. Meighen, did not
preclude the acceptance of Mr. Ben-
nett's petition. The real point at issue
was whether or not the House had the
right to examine the conduct of the
deputy returning officer, who was a
servant of parliament.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald thought that
the whole question was whether or not
the matter contained in the petition
came within the purview of the elec-
tions committee.

CAHAN URGES ITS RECEIPT.

C. H. Cahan (Conservative, St. Law-
rence-St. George) said the arguments
of the prime minister and the minister
of national defence clearly proved that
the petition should be received in order
that the house might become cognizant
of its contents so as to be in a position
to render a decision.

BENNETT READS PETITION.

Hon. R. B. Bennett (Conservative,
Calgary West) stated that the question
raised was whether a "free citizen has
the right to petition parliament or not."
It had been argued, he stated, that a
"free citizen" could not petition par-
liament because there was already be-
fore the courts another suit under the
contraverted elections act. Mr. Ben-
nett then read the petition presented
by him on behalf of J. A. Collins. The
petition, among other allegations, stated
that at the recent Mr. Kennedy had
been declared elected with a majority
of 171, but at Brule Mines, Poll
No. 4, although the vote had been
shown as 12 for Kennedy, 125 for Ray
(liberal candidate) and 21 for Collins,
that at least 111 electors at Brule Mines
Poll No. 4, had voted for Collins.

DEPUTY CONVICTED

The petition further declared that
the deputy returning officer at Brule
Mines, poll No. 4, F. A. Robb, had
been charged before the Supreme Court
of Alberta with "fraudulently destroy-
ing" a number of ballot papers at that
poll, "fraudulently putting into the bal-
lot boxes papers other than those au-
thorized by law" and "wrongfully" put-
ting his initials on certain papers. Robb,
the petition declared, had been found
guilty of these charges and sentenced
to five years in the penitentiary. The
petition further declared that Mr. Col-
lins had received the majority of bal-
lots cast at the election in Peace River.

If this petition, stated Mr. Bennett,
alleging malfeasance on the part of one
of parliament's officers, were not heard,
it would be placing a "premium on re-
cally."

BOIVINS STAND.

Hon. H. G. Boivin, Minister of Customs
and Excise, declared that under
section B of the House of Commons
Act, Mr. Kennedy could not resign even
if he desired to do so.

"While he could not resign, it is
equally clear that he should not partici-
pate," interjected Mr. Bennett.

Continuing Mr. Boivin said that Mr.
Cahan had advanced the argument
that the House of Commons could not
decide upon this matter until the peti-
tion had been read. This point had
been easily remedied, however, by the
reading of the petition by Mr. Bennett
in the course of his argument.

Ice Out of Nashwaak.

STANLEY, May 4.—The high water
of Friday, May 1, took the ice from
the Nashwaak River above the Stanley
dam.

"FIRST" FLAPPER OF MEXICO



"A regular flapper" is how Miss Ernestina Calles, daughter of the President of Mexico, describes herself, and who says there are a lot more maidens in Mexico just like her. Miss Calles is in this country to study English at Columbia University.

No Reduction Moncton Rates For Lighting, Recommendation Of Mildram to Utilities Board

MONCTON, May 4.—The N. B. Public Utilities Commission held an all day session here today, hearing the case of the City of Moncton asking for a reduction in the electric lighting rates charged by the Moncton Tramways Electricity and Gas Co. The report of the Utilities Commission expert, S. H. Mildram, was presented to the Commission and it recommended that no reduction be made for at least another year on account of the present schedule of rates not, as yet, producing any substantial amount in excess of an eight per cent. return upon the fair value of the property used in rendering the services, and in view of the fact that the company, under the terms of the original lease, is obliged, beginning this year, to meet in its operating expenses considerable additional amounts in the way of royalty payments to the city.

It was suggested by the expert that the present rate schedule be allowed to stand for at least another year, and at the same time that everything possible be done to relieve the situation brought about by the company being compelled to continue to operate the street railway at a loss.

OPPOSING COUNCIL.

The Commission convened at 10 o'clock with the chairman, J. McMillan, Freeman, presiding, and Commissioners T. C. Burpee and F. X. LeBlanc present.

The city was represented by Dr. F. B. Taylor, K.C., A. A. Allen, S. Gordon, Kribs and M. A. Hutton; while H. A. Powell, K.C., S. M. Wherry, C. I. Gripp and E. A. Cummings acted for the corporation.

S. H. Mildram, expert for the Public Utilities Commission was also present during the entire day, and when the commission adjourned about 3 o'clock it had been fixed at \$10,000 for city purposes, and that for county and school taxes it was \$300,000, whereas it was placed at \$1,621,000 by their own figures.

The replacement value of the Moncton plant, which Mr. Taylor said had been instructed was \$200,000, was under consideration when the meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock for luncheon.

GAS EARNINGS LAID BARE.

An important phase of the argument was the agreement of the chairman of the commission, J. McMillan, Freeman, to admit questions regarding the earnings from the gas department of the Tramways Company, to which strong objection was raised by H. A. Powell. Mr. Taylor's contention was that since Mr. Mildram in his report had dwelt at some length on the losses incurred by the tramways department and had connected those up with the electric power department and rates fixed by the company, it was a consideration of a department in which the company was making considerable net revenue in order to get the proper perspective of the company's position.

FACTS DISCLOSED.

During the cross-questioning of Mr. Mildram, the following facts were disclosed: That there had been an actual cash investment of \$366,229.77, including an issue of bonds for all but \$10,000 of that amount, and that the Moncton Tramways, Electricity and Gas Com-
pany had taken out of that investment \$1,300,000, in addition to building up a considerable reserve.

The matter of increased operating expenses since 1923 came in for some sharp criticism, Mr. Taylor asking how it was that the company had increased

these expenses 60 per cent. since that time. Mr. Mildram said that there had been a revaluation of the accounts in some cases, and that one large item, \$8,000, was for the extraordinary expenses incurred in the taking over of the company by the new stockholders.

QUESTION OF PROFITS.

Dealing with the gas department, Mr. Taylor tried to obtain admission that the profits had been from \$100,000 to \$150,000 on gas for the last year or two. Mr. Mildram said they did not amount to that, as 40 per cent. of the receipts, \$300,000, went to the N. B. Gas and Oil Fields Company. Mr. Taylor then said that \$90,000 in dividends had been paid for several years, and that a considerable sum had also been laid aside, \$100,000 of which had been invested in other companies and was earning considerable interest.

The question of the value of the company's property for taxation purposes was then taken up. Mr. Taylor said that it had been fixed at \$10,000 for city purposes, and that for county and school taxes it was \$300,000, whereas it was placed at \$1,621,000 by their own figures.

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PEER URGES REPEAL OF 1906 LABOR LAW

LONDON, May 4.—Speaking in the House of Lords today, Lord Banbury, Conservative peer, urged the government to introduce a bill repealing the Trades Disputes Act of 1906, which legalized peaceful picketing and rendered trade union funds immune from seizure.

Lord Banbury said that if the government did not introduce the bill, he would.

WOMAN DETAINED IN MONCTON JAIL

Went to Lay Charge But Objected to Questioning By Police

Special to The Times-Star
MONCTON, N. B., May 5.—A woman, appeared at local police headquarters yesterday to enter a charge against a city resident, but on being questioned by the police officers, she

flew in a tantrum and commenced to throw things about. As she was not at all particular what she threw, she was placed under arrest and locked in the women's guardroom. Even there she was not amenable to reason, but continued her plan of warfare and it was found necessary to place her in one of the steel cells. After a brief period of confinement, she quieted

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POLICE MAY ENTER SUSPECTED PLACES

LONDON, May 4.—One typical wartime measure, which abolishes for the time being the proud boast that an Englishman's home is his castle, became effective today when an order-in-council upon the Emergency Powers Act was issued.

In effect the order permits any police constable to enter any premises or place suspected of being used for the production of documents, which are likely to cause mutiny, sedition or disaffection among the King's forces.

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