

PROGRESSIVES HELD THE FORT ON OTTAWA HILL

Prairie Members Aired Their Views on Various and Sundry Questions.

ALL HAMMERED FIELDING'S BUDGET

Subjects Discussed Ranged from Grasshoppers to Well Diggers and Liquor.

Ottawa, Ont., June 9.—(By Canadian Press)—Progressive day in the House of Commons found the members from the western provinces in sole possession of the floor. With galleries practically deserted and with the House anxiously looking to the modifications to be introduced by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, on Monday or Tuesday, the Prairie members put their views before the country. The discussions turned chiefly upon the budget as it affects the West, with sideglances on the liquor traffic and on the effect of grasshoppers upon the Western wheat crops.

O. R. Gould, Progressive member for Assiniboia, declared that it was an injustice to the farmers to say that they were evading the income tax. Mr. Gould, who spoke during the late afternoon and early evening, turned to a discussion of the tariff to declare that the liquor situation in South-eastern Saskatchewan was regrettable. Apparently, nobody would accept any responsibility for the situation, which had become a veritable nuisance. Mr. Gould did not agree with the protests against the stamp tax on cheques. The tax might be graduated so that the wealthy people would pay a greater proportion.

James Steedman, (Progressive, Souris) was sorry that the Finance Minister had brought down a budget at this time. The tariff should have been reduced on farm implements in the same proportion as the others. The reduction of 2 1/2 per cent was not sufficient.

G. G. Coote, (Progressive, MacLeod) characterized the issue of tax free victory bonds as a national sin. The Government should make well drilling machinery for both oil and water wells free of tax.

Referring to the grasshopper plague, Mr. Coote declared that this was most serious. The Department of Agriculture urged the farmers to poison the grasshoppers, but the Government could afford to tax parts green which must be used for this purpose.

H. N. Campbell (Maclean, Sask.) referred to a speech by the prime minister in Yorkton, before the last election, in which Hon. Mr. King advocated doing away with the sales tax. The budget now proposed constituted a serious repudiation of election pledges.

LENINE'S DEATH HOURLY EXPECTED

Impossible to Determine What Effect His Passing May Have on Political Situation.

London, June 9.—From sources which cannot be doubted it is learned that Premier Lenin's condition, up to a few days ago, was regarded as hopeless, and probably hopeless, although there is no word as to what change the intervening days may have brought. These editors state that the one of cerebral paralysis. He had lost speech entirely on June 1 and was expected to die any day.

Those at Moscow closely conversant with the political situation say it is impossible to determine whether Trotsky would take control of the situation in the event of Lenin's passing, thus strengthening military communism, or whether there would be an increase in the prevailing movement towards the right or moderate wing.

ANOTHER WINTER OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Anticipated by Army and Navy Veterans Who Ask Action Now by Federal Government.

Ottawa, June 9.—(Canadian Press)—Indications of another winter of unemployment have resulted in Captain N. Colbourne, Dominion secretary of the Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, coming to Ottawa to make representations to the Federal Government in conjunction with other officers of the Dominion Veterans' Alliance, for immediate action in and relief of this situation. Captain Colbourne, in an interview, declared that "the urgency of the problem demands drastic action."

ENTERTAINED THE EDITORS FROM N. B.

Ottawa, June 9.—Senator MacDonnell, of New Brunswick, entertained the New Brunswick delegation of the Weekly Press Association at lunch today in the Senate Chamber. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Senator Ferris were also present. Covers were laid for six.

FRANCE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT HAGUE "PRELIMS"

Doubtful if They Take Part in Negotiations After Soviets Arrive.

Paris, June 9.—France, in all probability, will be represented in the preliminary conversations at The Hague, beginning June 15, it was said in official circles today. It remains to be determined, however, whether French experts will take part in the negotiations after the Russian Soviet delegates arrive on June 24.

COLLINS SEES TROUBLE FOR PARLIAMENT

Addresses Meeting in Support of Rural Candidates for New Deal.

ADVISES ALL TO ACT CAUTIOUSLY

Declared Certain Influences Were Playing Into the Hands of the Enemy.

Dublin, June 9.—A meeting was held at Mansion House this evening in support of the panel candidates for Parliament chosen by the Free Sisters and the Republicans. Eamon De Valera presided.

Michael Collins, in a speech, said he could foresee for the new Parliament great possible difficulties. Ireland had passed from the stage of violent revolution to a stage of lesser revolution, but was out of the revolutionary state.

"An aspect of the situation is the general nature of certain classes of property—agricultural property," he said. Referring to the six counties, Mr. Collins said certain influences were definitely playing into the enemy's hands. If that were continued, the enemy would win.

Most Advances Cautiously. "This is no time," Mr. Collins added, "to take on war with North-east Ireland and with the British Empire. We have seen the artificial situation created on the Fermanagh-Donegal border in the last few days, and the British troops called to aid the Northern Government."

"We must meet the trouble at its seat and not give others the advantage of meeting trouble where there should be none. Otherwise, the whole of Ireland will be over-run and an artificial trench made around the six counties. The Northern leaders are planning for this, and if we do not act wisely the trench will make partition permanent."

CONDEMNED MURDERER DECLARED INSANE

Dr. Anglin Gives Verdict That Saves Benny Swin from Hangman's Noose.

Fredericton, N. B., June 9.—Benny Swin, condemned to be hanged July 15 for the murder, on March 27, at Benton, N. B., of Harvey Trenholm and Olive Trenholm, the latter's wife, has been declared insane by Dr. J. V. Anglin, superintendent of the Provincial Hospital at Fairville, an authority on insanity. Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney-General of New Brunswick, gave out this information today.

Dr. Anglin's report was forwarded to Hon. H. A. McKeown, Chief Justice of the King's Bench division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, and by him to Ottawa, where it is now under consideration by the Department of Justice. Olive Trenholm was 18 years old and a cousin and former sweetheart of Swin's. She had been married to Trenholm a fortnight before she and he were found dead in their home.

GENERAL ROSS DECLARED ELECTED

Ottawa, June 9.—(By Canadian Press)—In the House this afternoon the Speaker presented the report of Justice Middleton and Lennox, of the Ontario Supreme Court, who heard and dismissed the petition and cross-petition in the Kings-ton election. Brig-General A. E. Ross, (Conservative) was declared duly elected and the petition of William Woodruff (Liberal) dismissed. The cross-petition of General Ross was also dismissed in each case to pay to respondent his costs of petition.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Halifax, June 9.—Fifteen girls were rescued with difficulty at Jellison on the North West Arm of Halifax harbor this afternoon, when a boat on which they crowded upset and many were in danger of being drowned.

RUM RUNNERS IN SKIRMISH WITH OFFICERS OF LAW

Pistol Firing Indulged In and Provincial Officer Clubbed by Gang.

TROUBLE FOLLOWED RAID ON BOOZE JOINT

Kitchener Gang Make Sensational Come Back, Taking Liquors from the Officers.

Kitchener, Ont., June 9.—A sensational skirmish between officers of the law and alleged rum runners took place in the early hours this morning at David Sheeh's farm house, immediately west of Waterloo. The amazing and daring part of the whole episode was the sensational comeback of some of the gang to hold up two officers at the muzzle of two revolvers and take away from them the greater part of the liquor.

Firing was indulged in by the rum-runners and provincial officer Watson was clubbed by the gang, it is alleged. Five of the bunch were rounded up by the officers and taken to the Kitchener jail, where they spent the remainder of the night. This morning the five men D. L. Coplan, Windstar, Abe Kraus, Kitchener, Dave Ross, London; L. Raymond O'Leary, Kitchener, and Alfred Such, of the township of Waterloo, were in the police court here charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling. None of the quantities pleaded. They were all remanded, bail of \$1,000 each being demanded by the magistrate.

ANNUAL MEET OF VICTORIAN NURSES ORDER

All Forms of Activities of the Organization Have Been Vastly Increased.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT ENCOURAGING

Great Advances Made in Pre-natal Child Welfare Work and School Nursing.

Ottawa, June 9.—"Our work is on the very human side and we walk the humble ways of life," said Mrs. K. Charlotte Hamington, the Chief Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, during the presentation of her report at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Board of Governors, before the opening session here this morning.

Charles Magrath, the President of the Board of Governors, was chairman and there were presented reports by the honorary secretary, W. D. Herdige, by one of the child honorary treasurers, Col. C. A. Elliot, the other treasurer being Sir George Burr, and by Mrs. Hamington.

"Amongst others who spoke at the meeting was C. G. Mackay, of Truro, N. S."

Organization work in the order will be expanded, a resolution for a forward movement being unanimously adopted.

FREDERICTON MAN HELD FOR ASSAULT

A. E. Hanson, Land Surveyor, in Court Charged With Assault on Officer.

Fredericton, June 9.—A. E. Hanson, land surveyor, was this morning committed to jail before the York County court on Sept. 28, by police magistrate Limerick, after two witnesses had been heard at the preliminary hearing of the charge of assaulting a peace officer in the discharge of his duty.

ITALIAN STEAMER REFOATED HERSELF

Enroute to Montreal, Went Ashore at Anticosti Island Yesterday.

Montreal, June 9.—The Italian steamer Salina, bound for Montreal from Barry, Wales, which went ashore at Anticosti Island, today, has refueled there without assistance and is now on her way to Quebec, it is reported here tonight.

CAIRO RECEIVES PRINCE OF WALES

Given Tremendous Reception by the Populace—Received by High Commissioners.

London, June 9.—The Prince of Wales has arrived at Cairo, where he was given a tremendous reception. He was received by the Premier, the High Commissioner of Egypt and Crown representatives.

THREE DEAD FROM EXCESSIVE HEAT IN NEW YORK CITY

Thermometer Reached 85 and Humidity Hovered Around the 80 Mark.

New York, June 9.—Three deaths and eight recorded prostrations today were attributed to the heat.

It was the summer's hottest day with the temperature going to 85 and the humidity hovering around the 60 mark.

BILL TO AMEND TEMPERANCE ACT OF CANADA

Measure Meeting Views of Authorities in Various Provinces Given First Reading.

HAS NO EFFECT ON NEW BRUNSWICK

Is Designed Largely to Meet Conditions in Quebec, Ontario and B. C.

Ottawa, June 9.—A new bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act was given a first reading in the House of Commons tonight. This bill takes the place of one which was introduced earlier in the session and which was discharged from the order paper to make room for its successor. The original bill dealt only with a request from British Columbia; the new measure meets the wishes of the authorities in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

The provision requested by British Columbia provides that the provincial government shall be the sole importer of spirituous liquors in that province. The provision is varied as regards Quebec to give the commission which has control of the liquor trade in that Province, similar authority to that given to the Provincial Government in British Columbia.

For Nova Scotia and Ontario the bill enacts that certain classes of the Doherty Act shall be read as being included in part four of the Canada Temperance Act; this is the part of the Act under which plebeians were held in these Provinces for Scotch whisky. It is enacted that no person shall have the power to export spirituous liquors, this provision coming into force on the passing of a provincial ordinance to that effect.

"What effect will this legislation have in New Brunswick?" asked T. W. Caldwell, Progressive representative of Victoria-Carleton, N. B. "None at all, so far as I can see," replied Hon. D. D. McKenzie, who fathered the bill.

GRACEFULLY ACCEPT LOAN RESTRICTIONS

Amendments to Loan Companies Act Hit Investment Companies Hard.

Ottawa, June 9.—(Canadian Press)—"We are trying to accept the restrictions gracefully," this was the reply of E. G. Long, of the Dominion Mortgage and Investment Company, when asked regarding amendments to the Loan Companies Act and the Trust Companies Act in the Banking and Commerce Committee this morning.

The amendments, under discussion, related to the margin of security on loans made by a Trust Company or by a Loan Company out of its own funds. It permits loans on stocks, "provided that the market value of the security on which the loan is made shall exceed the amount of the loan by at least twenty per cent of the par value, or twenty per cent of the par value, whichever is less."

It was explained that when the market value of a stock was above par, the margin to be given out at seven o'clock this evening. At that hour, however, it was announced that the Irish deputation had hoped the negotiations would have reached a point where it would be possible to make a statement, but that this point had not yet been reached. It was added that the conversation with the British, which were proceeding without a hitch, would be resumed tomorrow.

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BANKERS' DIGNITY FOR THREE MONTHS

They Will Then Resume Consideration of a Loan for Germany.

Paris, June 9.—The international bankers, at a session held tonight, decided to adjourn for three months and then resume consideration of a proposed loan to Germany.

Although the Bankers' Committee will meet again tomorrow to complete its survey of \$5,546 over the previous year and a total of 1,883,237 during the last five years.

SERG'T McDOWELL HELD FOR MURDER

One of Two Who Killed Farmer and Wounded His Nephew Near Clough Mills

Belfast, June 9.—Sergeant Thomas McDowell was remanded here tonight in connection with the charge of murdering Archibald McCann, a farmer, near Cloughmills, County Antrim, yesterday. A witness declared he recognized the prisoner one of the trio of men in civilian clothes who killed McCann and seriously wounded his nephew John. The witness said the prisoner himself fired none of the shots.

G. T. R. EARNINGS Montreal, June 9.—Grand Trunk Railway system traffic earnings for week ending June 7 were \$2,000,000 against \$1,829,251 for the same week last June.

DELEGATION FROM IRELAND TO VISIT SWITZERLAND

Will Study and Report Upon Workings of Swiss Federal Constitution.

Geneva, June 9.—An official delegation from Ireland will visit Switzerland this summer to study and report upon the workings of the constitution of the Swiss Federal and Cantonal Governments, it was learned today. The investigation will be with the view, it is said, to the adoption of similar laws and regulations with the necessary modification for the future Irish Government.

NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING AGREEABLY

Main Difficulties Over Proposed Irish Constitution Are Believed Eliminated.

EXPERTS STUDYING TECHNICAL DETAILS

Irish Deputation Were Unable to Make Their Promised Public Statement.

London, June 9.—The main difficulties of the signatories of the Anglo-Irish treaty over the proposed Irish constitution are believed to have been eliminated, in consequence of the conference in London in which Premiers Lloyd George and Arthur Griffith, President of the Dail Eireann, have taken part. It is expected that a joint meeting of the signatories will be held early next week.

A communication, issued this evening by the Colonial Office, asserts that substantial progress was made at today's meeting between Colonial Secretary Churchill, War Secretary Worthington-Evans and Mr. Griffith. The experts continued to investigate a mass of technical and legal details connected with the constitution.

Unable to Keep Promise. During the day, Mr. Griffith notified the newspapers that a statement would be given out at seven o'clock this evening. At that hour, however, it was announced that the Irish deputation had hoped the negotiations would have reached a point where it would be possible to make a statement, but that this point had not yet been reached. It was added that the conversation with the British, which were proceeding without a hitch, would be resumed tomorrow.

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PROGRESSIVES PEEVED AT THEIR CRITICS

Resent Statement That They Were Prolonging Debate on Budget.

Ottawa, June 9.—Resentment of statements that the Progressives had declined to cut down their list of speakers in the budget debate, and had refused to sit late at night, was expressed in the Commons this afternoon by J. F. Johnston, Progressive whip. "The Progressives," said Mr. Johnston, had only filled one hundred and thirty-two pages of Hansard as compared with the one hundred and seventy-three pages devoted to Government speakers, and the one hundred and fifty-three pages filled with the efforts of the official opposition. The Progressives had twenty-six speakers, as compared with the twenty-one Conservatives and twenty-six Government. On this evidence, Mr. Johnston did not think that the criticism was at all fair.

"But you are not through yet," one of the Liberal members called across the floor.

"Be sure and not do it again," another humorist added.

PEACE RULES ALONG FERMANAGH BORDER

Belfast, June 9.—With the British occupation of Belleek, peace ruled along the Fermanagh border this afternoon. The main body of the troops engaged in the operation passed through Enniskillen and returned to headquarters today. Refugees were also returning to Belleek.

DIED AT 62 YEARS

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 9.—Mrs. John Donovan, a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital for the past four years, died there today aged 62. She was born in Ireland, June 12, 1820. Her eyesight, hearing and memory were good.

PRESBYTERIANS SPLITTING OVER CHURCH UNION

Antis Threaten to Break Away if Church Union is Consummated.

FRANK STATEMENTS FROM BOTH FACTIONS

Both Agree to Explore the Legal Possibilities of the Situation.

Winnipeg, June 9.—The Church Union Committee of the Presbyterian Assembly was investigating at this afternoon's sederunt to investigate, during the coming year, the legal requirements of the union question, and present a draft of the executive bills to the next assembly, so that the Commissioners may be able to study them and see how far the church could legally proceed in the division of church property. This met the objection of Dr. Ephraim Scott, D.D. of Montreal, the strong anti-union leader, who had moved an amendment, urging that the whole matter of union be dropped, or rather referendum taken. The Assembly agreed to incorporate the following in the church union report which, together with the report, was unanimously adopted tonight.

"That those opposing union state plainly that the moment action is taken looking toward consummation of union, they will be bound in all conscience to break with those supporting union, but that they believe it is advisable to make any break until the time for action comes."

Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, Toronto, had previously explained that the report of the committee on church union and co-operation had agreed simply to investigate the legal requirements. "Unionists did this with the one object, frankly, and the anti-union members did this with the opposite object frankly," he said.

Frank Statements. Both parties simply agreed to explore the legal possibilities of the situation. Those opposing said candidly that the moment action was taken, looking to consummation of union, they would be bound in honor to break with the unionists. They felt, however, that it was not desirable to make any break until that time.

After Mr. Scott's amendment had been withdrawn, another amendment to the report, submitted by Rev. J. Lennox, Markdale, Ont., and seconded by Dr. Banks Nelson, of Hamilton, was overwhelmingly defeated. The amendment asked for the discontinuance for the next five years of any investigation of a legal character as to church property, and that the whole question of union should be left in abeyance for that length of time. Presbyterians would be instructed to continue the work of co-operation.

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STOLE BOOZE WHILE POLICE LOOKED ON

Officers Thought Employees of Warehouse Were Shipping Liquor at Charlotte-town.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 9.—Thinking they were bona fide employees, a policeman and watchman looked on while three men removed Jamaica rum, valued at \$2,000 and weighing more than a ton, from a customs bonded warehouse here, and hauled it away early Thursday morning. The robbers became known, and were remanded in court today to appear next Monday.

RILEY ISSUES AN ULTIMATUM

5,000 Veterans Must Show Up for Next Hike or Nothing Doing.

Toronto, June 9.—Whether there will be a second "hike" to Ottawa or not will be decided at the mass meeting of the unemployed veterans in Queen's Park at 2 p.m. tomorrow. If their objective of 5,000 recruits is not reached Riley said, today, the march would not take place. He would not sacrifice the 200 originals of the movement for the sake of other ex-service men if they would not co-operate. He will resign if not backed by an answer to his appeal for recruits to the extent of 5,000.

RECEIVED SENTENCE, DRANK PARIS GREEN

Kentville, N. S., June 9.—Sentenced in Supreme Court here today to two years in Dorchester Penitentiary for "indecent assault," Charles A. Taylor drank Paris green in the local jail and is in a critical condition. A note of farewell to his wife was found on Taylor.