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## ANTI-UNION AGREEMENT IS OPPOSED

### UNIONISTS SAY QUESTIONS ULTRA VIRES

### Action Is Deferred By Corporations Committee

### MUCH ARGUMENT

### Opponents Believe Committee's Stand Indicates Bill Will Not Reach House

By D. LEO DOLAN  
Special to The Times-Star.  
FREDERICTON, April 7.—Legal aspects of Church Union today had the centre of the stage when a bill, being promoted by the Anti-Unionists, requesting certain amendments to the existing legislation was before the Corporations Committee of the House.

Today's session of the committee was a great contrast to the sitting of the committee a year ago when the Church Union legislation was before the New Brunswick House. The impassioned addresses, the accompanying fireworks and the numerous bits of forensic eloquence was missing today.

Law members of the committee found themselves up against purely legal arguments and only the lawyer members of the committee seemed able to follow the various arguments presented by the legal counsel arranged on both sides of the question.

### BILL IS PRESENTED.

The anti-Unionists presented their amended bill which in effect requests that a vote on the question of Church Union be taken in New Brunswick on or before June 10, 1925, and that only those members of the Anti-Union church who are on the roll of such churches on July 10, 1924, be entitled to vote in the election.

The Unionists opposed these amendments and P. J. Hughes, K. C., counsel for the opposition, said that the New Brunswick Legislature had no power to grant the request; in brief that the amendments were ultra vires. Mr. Hughes declared that the provisions of the New Brunswick Act affecting the limiting time of the vote in this province, as well as providing for the qualifications of those entitled to vote had been embodied in the Federal Act, and therefore the New Brunswick Legislature had no right to change existing Federal law.

Ernest Mackay, of Fredericton, one of the legal counsel supporting the amended bill, took issue with Mr. Hughes' contention.

Mr. Mackay claimed the Federal Act provided for a ballot while the New Brunswick Act made no provision for such a vote. He argued further that should the date of voting go beyond June 10, there might be a possibility of two votes being taken in New Brunswick, one under the Federal Act and the other under the Provincial Act. Mr. Mackay also declared that after June 10, the church members would vote as Unionists since the Federal Act for all purposes came into effect on that date.

### NO LAUGHING MATTER

Later Mr. Mackay said "We don't want to vote as Unionists" and there was some laughing. "This is no laughing matter with us," replied Mr. Mackay with some heat.

Mr. Hughes pointed out that any change in extending legislation which would interfere with Federal legislation on the question would be long drawn out litigation, which he declared, should be avoided. The Unionists believe the present legislation should be allowed to stand, even though there might be some defects in it, on the ground that any changes now would create additional trouble.

### K. J. MACRAE

K. J. Macrae pointed out that one amendment being requested that all ministers who do not go into the United Church should retain their right to solemnize marriages. Premier Veniot interjected that this amendment should be made to the Marriage Act.

Mr. Macrae argued further that the Dominion Legislature accepted the non-concurrence principle after the bill had at first been presented to the Federal Parliament, making it necessary for non-concurring congregations to enter the Union and then vote themselves out. Today the congregations, under the Federal Act are given the right to self-declare themselves against Union, but in New Brunswick the coercive principle is still embodied in the provincial Act and the Anti-Unionists desire a change.

"There may be no sentiment in business or law but there is considerable sentiment behind this measure" said Mr. Macrae. He also took issue with Mr. Hughes' contention that the amendments are ultra vires.

It was suggested at this stage that the bill be submitted to the law committee of the legislature to decide this point which seemed to be the most important issue at stake. Mr. Macrae suggested that should the committee decide the proposed amendments ultra vires that action of the Federal statute, which provides for a vote being taken prior to June 10, be embodied in the New Brunswick Act. All the anti-unionists are in favor of this.

## Fire Destroys Two Eastmount Homes and Endangers Whole District

### OTTAWA BOOMED FOR NEXT IMPERIAL MEET

### London Recalls Wartime Days

### TO RAISE STATUS OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT

### Academy Near Halifax to be University—Saint John Has Alumnae Society.

Mount Saint Vincent Academy, at Rockingham, near Halifax, was raised to the status of a university yesterday by the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, under legislation introduced in the House of Assembly at Halifax last night.

Under this it would have the authority to confer degrees in arts and other faculties. The bill was introduced by Hon. W. J. O'Hearn, Attorney-General.

The news of the raised status of their Alma Mater is received with much gratification by many Saint John graduates, former pupils. They have alumnae with a present membership of 28 in Saint John. Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin is president; Mrs. Edmund W. Lunney, vice president; Miss Mary Owens, secretary and Miss Winifred Ritchie, treasurer. Miss McLaughlin is going next Tuesday to attend the Alumnae dance, to be held at the auditorium of Mount Saint Vincent.

The teaching staff is composed wholly of Sisters of Charity. The principal of the faculty is Mother Burchans. The founders of the institution was the late Mother Elizabeth Seaton.

### SELECT CANDIDATES IN GLOUCESTER CO.

### Provincial Opposition Holds Convention at Caraquet and Names Ticket.

CARAQUET, April 7.—At a convention of the Provincial Opposition held yesterday candidates for the coming election were chosen. There was no expression of the Veniot Administration expressed by the meeting, and no platform was adopted for the present.

Candidates for the coming provincial elections on the Conservative ticket were named as follows: J. L. Ryan, of Bathurst; Jerry Muzzerole, of Inverness; Hector C. Porior, of Bathurst; and Martin J. Robichaud, of Shippegan.

F. B. Young and Charles Porior were also named but withdrew.

### Daughter of Moncton Man Dies in U. S.

MONCTON, April 7.—Word reached Moncton yesterday of the death of Marjorie Louise MacGowan, aged 18, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacGowan, formerly of this city but now residing in Carbondale, Pa. The body will be brought here for burial. Mrs. MacGowan is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacGowan of this city. Previous to going to Carbondale he was C. N. R. superintendent at Edmunston. He removed to Carbondale about three years ago.

### OFFICERS' CLUB AT CAPITAL

FREDERICTON, April 7.—The first step toward the organization of a Garrison Officers' Club here was taken at a meeting held Monday night. Another meeting is called for Friday evening.

## Premier King's Visits To U. S. Criticized by Former Minister

MONTRÉAL, April 7.—The frequency of the Prime Minister's visits to the United States was referred to in an address by Senator Gideon Robertson, late Minister of Labor in the Meighen government, in an address to the Liberal-Conservative Association here last night.

"Through Canada," said Senator Robertson, "many people are thinking that the policy of the Prime Minister is not pro-Canadian."

## Desert Sheikh Is Unmasked

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United Press.  
NEW YORK, April 7.—The sheik of the desert is far different from the sheik of the movies. In a radio address Mrs. Marguerite Harrison, writer and traveler, stripped the sheik of all his glamor and romance.

"Sheiks usually have several wives and a large family of children," she said, "and live in the same tent with goats and sheep. They like women who are pale and fat, and have no use for slim women or blondes."

### HEAR GRAND FALLS CASE ON MAY 15

Washington Meeting Decides to Hold Hearing at Montreal Next Month.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The International Joint Waterways Commission today fixed May 15 at Montreal, as the time and place for the general hearing of the New Brunswick application to develop power at Grand Falls.

### UNION FUNDS LEFT IN CAPE BRETON

### House of Commons Hears That 85 Per Cent. of Fees Remain at Home.

OTTAWA, April 7.—Of the \$247,000 paid into union funds by Cape Breton miners last year, 85 per cent. remained in Nova Scotia, Angus McDonald, of Teniskaming, told the House of Commons last night. Mr. MacDonald read a statement from John L. Lewis, president of the International, to the effect that of the money contributed by the organization in Cape Breton only 15 per cent. actually went out of Canada. Of the remainder, \$100,000 had gone to pay bills due merchants in Cape Breton for goods supplied to the workers and the rest to the funds of the locals in Nova Scotia.

## UNIONISTS LEAD

### Hold 32 Seats in New Ulster Parliament—Socialists Celebrate Triple Victory.

BELFAST, April 7.—With red flags flying, a triumphal procession swept through the heart of the city yesterday, celebrating the victory of the 32 Socialist candidates for the Ulster parliament. With only Tyrone to be heard from, the new Ulster House will consist of 32 Unionists, 10 Nationalists, 2 Republicans, 4 Independents, 3 Labor and one member from Tenant party.

## DRAWING ON 700 IN SAINT JOHN CITY

### Tourist President, in City Today, Wants 3,000 N. B. Members.

The big drive for an increased membership for the N. B. Tourist and Resources Association is now on and the prospects look bright for success, said C. C. Avar, Sackville, president, who is in the city today. In Saint John alone more than 700 baby drafts of \$1 each for a year's membership have been sent out. The objective for the province this year is 3,000 members. Last year 1,700 subscribers had.

## AWAY TOMORROW

### Minnesota's Last Trip of Season From Here—"Mounties" Go to Wembley.

The Canadian Pacific steamer Minnesota will leave here tomorrow for Cherbourg, Southampton and Antwerp on her last trip from this port for the season. She is to take away approximately 75 cabin and 100 third-class passengers.

Ten members of the North West Mounted Police will be on board, going to the Wembley Empire Exhibition.

## Communists Rioting In Germany

### WID GARRIES FIERY BRANDS TO HOUSES NEAR

### Arthur Clayton and William Robertson Burned Out

### NEIGHBORS RALLY

### Good Work Done Preventing Spread—Grass Fire Endangers North End Section

The chill breeze of this forenoon greatly menaced the safety of the Eastmount section of Marsh Road residences two and a half miles from the city, when the homes of Arthur Clayton and William Robertson were destroyed and flying embers set fire to the grass of the fields and to several buildings within a radius of 400 yards. Also this forenoon, back of the Shamrock Grounds, in the wide space towards Millidgeville, grass fires fanned the wind menaced property. It was a lively morning for city-centre and North End firemen.

The Eastmount fire broke out soon after 11 o'clock, in the home of Arthur Clayton, returned soldier, a pretty little residence adjoining D. J. Britt's house. It was situated in off the road about 100 feet immediately beside the Robertson property, which it carried over with it in flames. Mrs. Clayton said she left the house to use the Britt telephone to notify a city physician about her husband's condition of health when neighbors looked out the window and saw smoke coming through the roof. In a few moments the residence was in flames.

### SICK MAN IN DANGER.

Herself quite ill, Mrs. Clayton tried to locate her husband when she left the house. The doctor, who was called, said the condition of the sick husband was such that he would probably die. He said he felt certain a faulty chimney caused the blaze and says it is the earthquake shock of a few weeks ago, which was distinctly felt in that locality. As the masonry was exposed to view by the ravages of the flames, it had a distinct crack in it, as if broken and disintegrated. It soon fell.

In a very few minutes a large number of neighbors assembled and carried as much of the household furniture, etc., as possible into the fields, but then again it had to be moved from place to place to avoid a shower of blazing embers. There was no water service available and the Robertson house next door was also in flames in a short time. Mr. Robertson, who conducts a blacksmith shop at Cooper's Corner, was summoned and brought helpers with him. Neither he nor the Clayton household saved much of their chattels or house fittings.

### OTHERS ENDANGERED.

The wind whirled became a menace that called for strenuous work on the part of the fast accumulating crowd. The homes of Amos Phinney, Mrs. Margaret Smith and Andrew Strain, located side by side in the court or "place" opposite the burning houses, were being literally peppered with fiery flakes. Crews of men and boys sent over-handled pails of water to the roofs and wet blankets, carpets, etc., were employed. The splendid double

## Youngster Smiles All Through Trying Surgical Operation

### 20,000 Miners Lose Employment in Year

### JUDGMENT AGAINST SHIP IN CABLE SUIT

### Freighter Loses Case Over Dam- age to Lines Of San Francisco.

VANCOUVER, April 7.—Judgment against the freighter Prince Albert, in the \$195,000 damage suit brought in Admiralty court by the Commercial Cable Company, has been entered by Mr. Justice Hardin. The amount of damages is not specified. The suit arose through damage to the Pacific cable in October, 1923, and January, 1924, of San Francisco.

## DIES OF INJURIES

### Port Hawkesbury Boy Succumbs After C. N. R. Accident at Port Hastings.

MONCTON, April 7.—Martin Carr, aged eight, died yesterday morning at Port Hawkesbury as the result of injuries sustained when two passenger cars on the Inverness branch of the C. N. R. jumped the rails near Port Hastings Friday morning. Other passengers were severely shaken up. Railway authorities state that while the cause of the run-off is not definitely known, it is attributed to a broken rail.

## Losers Money And Shoes To Bob-Haired Bandit

BRIDGEPORT, Ohio, April 7.—A mother and a child were burned to death, and another child was burned probably fatally, when the home of Arthur Kirchbaum, eight miles west of Powhatan, was destroyed late last night.

Temperatures  
TORONTO, April 7.—  
8 a.m. Highest during  
Yesterday 42  
Victoria 42 32 49  
Calgary 42 28 49  
Edmonton 42 28 44  
Winnipeg 38 28 32  
Toronto 42 34 59  
Montreal 40 34 58  
Saint John 46 38 54  
Halifax 44 34 52  
New York 42 34 58

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HALIFAX, April 7.—Three seats in the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia will at once become vacant on the enactment of legislation contained in a bill introduced last night, Premier S. H. Armstrong, placing an age limit on legislative councillors holding office and amending the voting powers of the Upper House by amendments in conformity with similar amendments in the British Parliament some years ago.

### THREE AFFECTED

Hon. George A. Cox, Shelburne, Hon. Wm. H. Owen, Lunenburg, and Hon. James M. Mack, Queens, president of the council are the three members who will be affected by the clause which provides that all members at present sitting who have attained the age of 75 will immediately vacate their seats. The clause provides that "every member of the council hereinafter appointed shall hold his seat in the council for the term of 10 years from the date of his appointment, but shall be eligible for reappointment; providing that the latest to cease operation shall be before the date of the passing of this act, attained, or subsequently thereto does attain, the age of 75 years his seat in the council shall ipso facto be and become vacant."

### REJECTED BILLS

The bill provides that in the event of any public bill other than a money bill, is passed by the assembly in three successive sessions, whether of the same legislature or not, and having been sent up to the council at least one month before the end of the session, it is rejected by the council in each of these sessions, it shall nevertheless become law on the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor.

## MRS. EDW. PARKER PROGRESSING WELL

### Woman, Whose Throat was Slashed by Husband, Likely to Recover.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 7.—The condition of Mrs. Edward Parker, attacked yesterday by her demented husband at Hillisvale, N. S., who slashed her throat with his pen knife, and then committed suicide by throwing himself in the Meander River, was reported to be satisfactory, and the attending physician announced that she would recover. The external jugular vein, at first thought to have been severed, is merely grazed.

## ATTACKED IN TAXI

### Stenographer, With Both Cheeks Slashed, is Thrown to Street.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Catherine Moran, 23 year old stenographer, called a taxicab early today to take her home. At a deserted street corner the chauffeur stopped his car, opened the door, seized her, slashed her on both cheeks with a knife, flung her to the street and drove away. Weak from loss of blood, the girl struggled to a telephone and notified the police.

## PAY RECORD PRICE

### Philadelphia Company Spends £1,750 For Robert Burns' Kilmarnock Edition.

LONDON, April 7.—The Rosenbach Company of Philadelphia has paid the record price of £1,750 for one of the finest existing copies of the Kilmarnock edition of poems, chiefly in the Scottish dialect, by Robert Burns. The whole of this edition brought the post only £20.

## EARLY COPY, PLEASE

### NEXT Friday being Good Friday and a legal holiday, The Evening Times-Star will not be published. Advertis- ers who contemplate using space in Thursday's issue will kindly submit their copy as early as possible.

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The Weather  
SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high to the south of the Great Lakes and over Manitoba, and relatively low over the southwest states. The weather has been fine throughout the Dominion, rather cool in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and comparatively mild in Ontario and the western provinces.  
Fair and Mild.  
FORECASTS:  
MARITIME—Moderate southwest winds, fair and mild. Wednesday, moderate westerly winds, fair, stationary or a little lower temperature.  
NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight and tomorrow; somewhat warmer tonight. Cooler north portion tomorrow; moderate to fresh southwest and west winds.  
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