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# CLOSE CALL OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

## MANITOBA FARMER GOVERNMENT SCANDAL DEVELOPING

## British Government Faced Bad Defeat in House of Commons; Premier Baldwin Saved Situation

Refusal to Further Compensate Irish Loyalists Meets RAILWAY FIRST With Strong Protest and Threats to With Strong Protest and Threats to Vote Against Party

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The government came near defeat in the house of commons through dissatisfaction of its own supporters over the question of compensation to loyalist supporters in the Irish Free State whose propererties had been destroyed or taken over.

Premier Baldwin was hurriedly summoned and he saved the situation by virtually throwing over Winston Churchill, chancellor of the ex- --- Says Provinces Do Not Welcome

chequer, and L. S. M. Amery, voting against the government as dominions' secretary. represented by the chancellor of Mr. Amery had submitted a pro- the exchequer and the dominions' osal for the reduction of an ap- secretary. This would have meant pensate loyalists. He said the summoned.

defend the treasury, came to Mr. | tion, they having it is understood, years for highway construction. Amery's aid, defending the reduc- only defended the position adopted Mr. Dunning drew attention to

Minister Thinks Keeping Up Canadian National Most Important

NOT OPPOSING HIGHWAY

Grants With Strings Attached

OTTAWA, Feb 21 .- The railpropriation earlier recommended a decisive defeat for the cabinet way terminals situation in Montby a special committee to com- and the premier was hurriedly real must be faced and faced in rather a large way in the very government had already paid eight Premier Baldwin said that hav- near future, Hon. Charles Dunmillion pounds and the Saorstat ing learned of the various opinions ning, minister of railways, ingovernment two million pounds. expressed he would ask the house formed the house of commons yes-Conservative membe's who had to give the government an oppor- terday when speaking during the long strongly supported the loyal- tunity to re-examine the entire debate on the resolution which ists warmly objected to the secre- question. This was agreed to, calls upon the government to contary's proposals.

Churchill and Amery, however, sider the making of a further Winston Churchill, anxious to were placed in an unpleasant posi- federal g, ant during the next five

ion on the ground of economy. by the entire cabinet. Churchill the fact that Canada was owner The objectors demanded pay- showed annoyance and there were of the largest railway transportament in full as a debt of honor, 'umors, as yet apparently entirely tion system and that its needs and declared their intention of speculative. that he may resign, must be considered when large expenditures from the federal treasury on highways was contemplated. He did not want himself placed on record as being opposed to the construction highway, but I do say that we must always have in regard over two billion providing for the development progressively over a period of possibilities of our railways earning their own way. He stressed the point that the provinces themselves prefer increased subsidies to grants which are ear-marked to highway construction. They were prosed to government grants with strings attached.

Maritoba Government Deal Which Caused Resignation of Ministers and Proposal to Adjourn House

Outline of Latest Manitoba Scandal in Which United Farmer Government Is Implicated and Which Is Now Being Probed

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20. - The proposal to adjourn the some specific purpose, such as Manitoba legislature for a month, following the resignation of two ministers of the Bracken cabinet and the carrying on of further investigations into the Seven Sisters Falls scandal, has set the whole country inquiring what it all means. The charges against the United Farmers gov-ORDER GIVEN ernment were brought by the Conservative leader, Colonel . G. Taylor, and a royal commission was at once appoint-

ed to inquire into them. It was as a result of evidence given beore the commission that the two ministers offered their resignations which have not yet been ac-

By the time the commission has completed its hearing and given its verdict, it will have been decided whether there is basis for Col. Taylor's charge that the Bracken government received from the Winnipeg Electric Company some "consideration" for the lease of the site which has Continued on page two.

KING GEORGE HAS FIRST WALK SINCE HIS LONG ILLNESS 4

BOGNOR, Sussex, Eng., Feb. 21:-King George had \* his first walk yesterday since \* his long illness when he walked around the room with the aid of a stick. His nurse hovered at his side but he negotiated a turn successMRS. MARY ELLEN SMITH



lature for Vancouver, who was of the boy. Liberal Association.

## LOCAL WOMAN

Mrs. Fred Stephens Required to Surrender Child at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Feb. 21:-When Mrs. Bernice Lucille Stephens, enroute from Prince Rupert to Seattle, arrived here this afternoon on the steamer Camosun she was confronted with an order of Chief justice Hunter requiring her to surrender to Magistrate H. Alexander, who is official guar- matters and is expecting to get dian, the custody of her son, results. He will be remaining at Frederick Herbert, aged two, who Ottawa for some time longer, in is travelling with her. The or- order to make sure that no opporreal estate and insurance agent spite of the fact that little was at Prince Rupert, and is effective done for the constituency last until a trial of an issue between vear. the parents to determine who Former member of the legis- should have permanent custody

guardianship of the child.'

Saskatchewan Wants Territory



If the Federal Government regards Premier Gardiner (inset) of Saskatchewan's application favorably, an immense territory in the Far North will become part of the province. Under this new proposal the western boundary of the Province of Saskatchewan would be extended, as indicated by the broken line on the map, to Coronation Gulf on the Arctic Ocean. The new northern and eastern boundaries would follow the coast lines of the ocean and Hudson Bay. The whole territory which would be annexed to Saskatdollars investment on railways in chewan is indicated by the shaded portion of the above map.

### years of the form of transporta- President of Liberals Gets Telegram from Hanson Regard to Estimates for the District

H. F. Glassy, president of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association, received a telegram this morning from Olof day. Hanson at Ottawa saying that he had just returned to the capital after a brief absence and was glad to find that during his absence announcement had been made through Hon. W. C. Shelly Brings Down he tabling of the estimates that an amount had been placed in the estimates for fishermen's floats and other purposes throughout the district.

Mr. Hanson says that prior to leaving Ottawa, he had

taken the matters up with the minfrom them that they would be WILL CONSULT granted, but he was not empowered to make an official announcement prior to the public announcement through the minister of

The Liberal candidate for Skeena also says in the wire that he has taken up a number of other

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leconomics relations.

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Chamberlain told the house that capita, being twice the amount der was made in the Supreme tunity is lost in pressing home the he government had no intention spent by any other province and Court on application of the child's needs of Prince Rupert. He finds of issuing invitations to a new seven times that of Quebec. Edufather Frederick H. Stephens, the ministers very cordial, in conference on naval disarmament, cation and hospitals and pensions MRS. MARY ELLEN He reaffilmed his previous an- and charities totalled 35 per cent nouncement that all questions con- the province, the minister pointed cerning British relations with the out. United States and the naval con- The gross debt of the province, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, of + ditions of the two countries are the finance minister stated, now . Vancouver stated yesterday . defeated by Hon. R. H. Pooley Stanley W. Taylor made ap- LONDON, Feb. 21:—The Em- under consideration of the British stood at \$105,761,131 and the net + that she had been urged to + in the last election in Esquimalt, plication for Stephens, who al- pire Marketing Board has made a government. "Our examination is debt at \$84,231,345, British Co- run for the federal seat in says she may contest a seat in leges that his wife broke an ag- grant to the London School of being diligently prosecuted and as lumbia's per capita purchasing the next election and she the next Federal election. She reement whereby they became re- Economics to enable the estab- soon as it is concluded the first power during 1928 of \$926 being was seriously thinking of it. Provincial conciled and undertook the joint lishment of a chair of Imperial step will be to communicate with the highest in Canada. Mr. Shelthe dominions," he said.

## British Mines Being Re-opened as Demand for Coal Increases

Miners Federations to Make Proposal to Government at Meeting Arranged for March 5 With Premier Baldwin

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Premier Baldwin will meet the full executive of the Miners Federation to discuss the coal fields situation on March 5. A. J. Cook, secretary of the federation, says it will submit practical proposals for adding the economic problem.

Some cold fields correspondents express the opinion hat the spurt of prosperity now being experienced may be partly due to the cold weather, although an increased demand for coal from abroad is also visible.

In the house of commons alst night, it was stated that since January 78 mines, employing 11,000 miners, had been reopened.

The lord mayor's relief fund has reached a total of \$3,475,000, not including the government's pond for pound contribution.

journ Legislature for Month Until Charges Cleared Up

WINNIPEG, Feb. 21.-Followin connection with the recent lease that they were dealing in stock of the interested company at the time the lease was being negotiat-Butler.

add it is proposed to adjourn the E. H. Rosenberg, best known house yesterday.

Premier Bracken Proposes to Ad- Former Prosecutor and Former Corporation Promoter Each Get Sentenced

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21. the bringing of charges Former District Prosecutor Asa against the Bracken government Keyes, who came prominently to public notice in connection with the prosecution of Aimee Macof the Seven Sisters power site Pherson of Angelus Temple, and and the resignation of Hon. W. R. also in the Hickman murder case, Chubb and Hon. W. J. Major was yesterday convicted on a from the cabinet, it being shown charge of conspiracy to give and receive bribes and was sentenced to from one to 14 years in San Quentin prison by Superior Judge

legislature for a month after to- for his work in connection with morrow's session. A motion to the Julian Petroleum Corporation, that effect was placed before the in which thousands of people lost their hard-earned cash, was convicted on the same charge as The legislature is meeting to- Keyes and given a similar sen-

## First Budget in B.C. Legislature; Criticizes Liberal Financing

VICTORIA, Feb. 21.—Bringing down the first budget of the Tolmie administration today, Hon. W. C. Shelly, minister of finance, pointed out that expenditure on hospitals, charities and pensions had increased from \$1.75 per capita in 1916 to \$4.75 in 1927. In 1927 and 1928 it had been one hundred per cent greater than in the next highest LONDON, Feb. 20.—In reply- province and 1050 per cent more than in Quebec on a per ing to a question, Sir Austen capita basis. Education cost the government \$7.20 per

of the total gross expenditure of

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SMITH MAY RUN FOR FEDERAL SEAT 4

MONTREAL, Feb. 21:- 4