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# COLONIZATION IS UNDER FIRE

## EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATED TODAY BY CHILDREN

### McRae's Colonization Scheme Discussed in Parliament and Opposed by Hon. R. Forke

**Fear Expressed by Minister of Immigration That Country Might Be Flooded With Immigrants Which Could Not Be Absorbed**

OTTAWA, May 23.—The national development immigration scheme proposed by General A. D. McRae, Conservative of North Vancouver, is so vast and expensive that it should be carefully analyzed, declared the minister of immigration, Hon. Robert Forke, in the House of Commons last night, when he replied to the Vancouver member's want of confidence motion, which calls for immediate reorganization of the department of immigration and colonization.

So far as he himself is concerned, he had doubts as to the practicability of Mr. McRae's scheme, said Mr. Forke.

In calling for national development of immigration and colonization, Mr. McRae dealt particularly with the Peace River country, opening up of which should be undertaken as a sound national development, under which the government would be called upon to finance a sum of \$300,000,000 with the object of settling 2,000,000 immigrants in western Canada during a 10-year period. Mr. Forke did not believe that any scheme involving an expenditure of so many million dollars would be successful. He did not wish it to be said that he was opposed to immigration. Immigration of the right sort was essential. What he did object to was bringing to Canada a greater number of persons than could be absorbed in the industries of the nation at their rate of growth and expansion.

The department was continually criticized and blamed for paucity of British immigrants. Mr. Forke pointed out, but it was the duty of the officials to see that the influx of settlers was no greater than the country could really absorb. In order to alleviate a fear that Canada was becoming overrun with foreign population, Mr. Forke asserted that 76 per cent of the present Canadian population was Canadian born, 12 per cent British born, and only 10 per cent foreign of origin.

### Empire Day Celebrated Today by School Children Under Auspices of the I. O. D. E. of Prince Rupert

Hundreds of public school children assembled at 1:45 this afternoon in the Capitol Theatre, which was loaned for the occasion by the manager, Mayor S. P. McMordie, to participate in the annual Victoria Day patriotic demonstration of Municipal Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire. The usual parade of the children was held.

The feature of the program in the theatre was a patriotic address suitable to the occasion by G. G. Bushby. Mrs. Shelford Darton, regent of Municipal Chapter, presided, and also on the platform were Mrs. J. C. McLennan, Mrs. S. P. McMordie, Mrs. A. T. Parkin and Mrs. Robert Blance, past regents of Municipal Chapter; Mrs. J. G. Steen, regent of Queen Mary chapter; Mrs. John Manson, regent of Hill Sixty Chapter; Mrs. Murray, representing the regent of Adair

### QUEBEC WINNER ORATORY PRIZE

TORONTO, May 23.—Roche Pinard of Quebec last night won the oratory championship for secondary school pupils. Champions of seven provinces competed, including Herbert J. Manson of Victoria.

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**WOMEN VOTERS IN MAJORITY IN OLD COUNTRY**  
 LONDON, May 23.—Electoral returns show that women have a majority of 1,347,776 on the political registers in England and Wales. The totals are 11,867,380 men and 13,225,156 women. The women have a majority of 153,055 in Scotland, the totals being 1,413,602 men and 1,563,657 women.  
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### FRANCE POSTAL RATE REDUCED

New Convention Entered Into With Canada, Change Becoming Effective Today

PARIS, May 23.—A reduction in postal rates between France and Canada was brought into effect by the signing of a new postal convention between the two countries. Today the rates from Canada to France will be the same as those between Canada and Britain. From France to Canada the existing rate has been reduced 50 per cent.

### NEW PULP MILL FOR THE SOUTH

Mayor Wells Gray of New Westminster Makes Announcement

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 23.—With three million dollars capital assured for the establishment and operation of a pulp mill at Queensborough an early start will be made to incorporate a new concern and start construction. Mayor A. Wells Gray announced today on his return from the east. The plant will be on a 34-acre site of the British Timber Corporation, Limited, owned by Howard T. Cole of New York. The project is being promoted by C. D. Altick of Portland in association with Atterby Bros., of the United States. The pulp firm mill will have a daily output of 100 tons of pulp.

### STRONG PLEA BY BALDWIN

LEEDS, May 23.—A strong plea to put the welfare of the country ahead of all party aims was made by Premier Baldwin in an election address here on Wednesday. The prime minister deplored the statements by rival political leaders which, he said, tended to blacken the reputation of Great Britain in the eyes of foreigners.

### ORDER FOR CENOTAPH

Memorial for War Dead Here to Be Made by Vancouver Company

At a meeting last night in Canadian Legion quarters, the cenotaph committee decided to place with the Art Monument Co. of Vancouver the order for the cenotaph, which will be unveiled here on Armistice Day next in memory of the glorious dead of this city and district who laid down their lives in the great war. The location for the cenotaph will be on the court house grounds and the nature of the stone has already been described. The cost will be \$3500, of which about \$1000 remains to be raised in a renewed drive which will be inaugurated at once. S. A. Bird presided at the meeting of the cenotaph committee.

### CANADIAN NATIONAL TERMINAL, MONTREAL

Bill Providing For \$50,000,000 Expenditure Approved at Ottawa

OTTAWA, May 23.—A bill to provide \$50,000,000 for the construction of the Canadian National terminal in Montreal was passed by the house committee today.

### EXPLOSION IN JAM FACTORY

Score of People Injured in Plant at Hamilton Today

HAMILTON, May 23.—More than a score of employees of Wagstaffe, Ltd., jam manufacturers, were burned or overcome by fumes today when the cylinder head of a compressor in the cold storage plant blew off. Two of the victims are being given oxygen at the hospital. All are expected to recover.

### Controversy Between Labor and Capital Over Tariff Occupies Limelight in Election Battle

LONDON, May 23.—Controversy between Sir Herbert Austin, head of a great automobile concern at Birmingham, and Labor party leaders occupies the centre of interest in the election campaign today. It began when Sir Herbert made public a letter saying that, if the McKenna duties were removed after a change of government, his plant might have to close down.

### Robert Dennison, Labor Candidate in King's Norton

riding, in which the Austin works are situated, replied by declaring that, if the Austin or any other works closed down because of the advent to power of the Labor party, the government would take over control. Last night in a speech at Birmingham, Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Labor leader, declared a Labor government would tolerate no threats or intimidation from capitalists in connection with the repeal of the McKenna duties, but would carry out the policy it thought best for the country. Phillip Snowden, first lieutenant of the Labor party, called attention to the Emergency Powers Act by which the government could deal drastically with any one conspiring to interfere with trade. Sir Herbert, in making a reply today, said that he held it his duty to warn the electors and especially his own workers of the possible consequences of the removal of safeguarding on automobiles.

### R-100 Soon to be Completed for Atlantic Flight



Above, the R-100, Britain's new giant dirigible, as it will appear when it is completed and ready to fly to Canada this summer. This will accommodate 100 passengers in perfect comfort in its luxurious cabins. The photo below shows a gondola of the monster being fastened to its side during the course of construction. Robert T. Pollock, inset, is the representative of the builders and designers of this ship on this side of the Atlantic, and he will be a passenger on the craft when it makes the first flight.

### British Statesmen Support Policy of the Liberal Party

Baldwin Declares For "Safety First" in British Election Campaign Now in Progress in Britain

LONDON, May 23.—Lord Reading, former viceroy of India and a former Liberal attorney-general, in a eulogy before the National Liberal Club of the Liberal scheme for the solving of unemployment by means of gigantic road construction and improvement schemes, said nobody had suggested that unemployment could be completely removed within a year. All that had been said was that the problem within a year could be reduced to one of normal proportions.

Sir John Simon, chairman of the Indian statutory commission, in an address said: "I would have nothing to do with this scheme if it were a mere electioneering stunt; I support it because, like Lord Grey, I am convinced the policy is right and ought to be vigorously pursued."

### Baldwin Attitude

Safety first has ceased to be merely a Conservative slogan. It has become an election issue. Liberals and Laborites scoff at it as typical of what they term "The Tory type of mind." Premier Baldwin's retort is to compare the slogan to the same slogan at railway crossings. Safety first, he says, has saved many lives, but it has never hampered the progress of the railways.

### INQUIRY INTO THE UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

VICTORIA, May 23.—A. N. Daykin of Vancouver has been appointed commissioner for the purpose of inquiring into the operation and management of the university of endowment of lands in Vancouver.

### PROSPEROUS MAN WAS ARRESTED ON ANCIENT CHARGE

CHICAGO, May 23.—Robert Elliott Burns, ex-convict and magazine writer, was arrested yesterday and was arraigned on a charge of jail breaking. Years ago he escaped in the east when doing time and coming to Chicago got a job in the stockyards. He made good and is now publishing a magazine "Greater Chicago."

### VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, May 23.—Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at \$1.11 1/4.