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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

Today Premier Bennett is leaving for the Imperial Conference in London to represent Canada with a new policy and a new personnel. Premier Scullin will also be a new premier who has never before visited England.

The conference will deal with the outstanding question of inter-imperial trade and while it is likely to be intensely interesting and rather spectacular it seems doubtful whether much will be done of a permanent nature. Great Britain is almost a free trade country while all the Dominions are protectionist.

There seems to be a trend in Britain also toward protection and it is likely that the present conference will help to influence that country in the same direction. When all countries of the world have their tariff walls so high that it is with difficulty they are scaled, then all may turn their attention to pulling them down or to arranging for reciprocity within groups such as the countries of the British Empire.

Mr. Bennett, as has been said, will go with a new policy. turn in coroner's fees. He will represent this country with dignity and with a good majority in Parliament at home will be in a position to speak with authority. That is better than having a government composed of several groups and the heads of the government not knowing whether Parliament will carry carry out the duties of coroner. sation with Mr. Gale in respect to out the policy he puts forward. Prior to the election there seemed a danger that this might have been the situation.

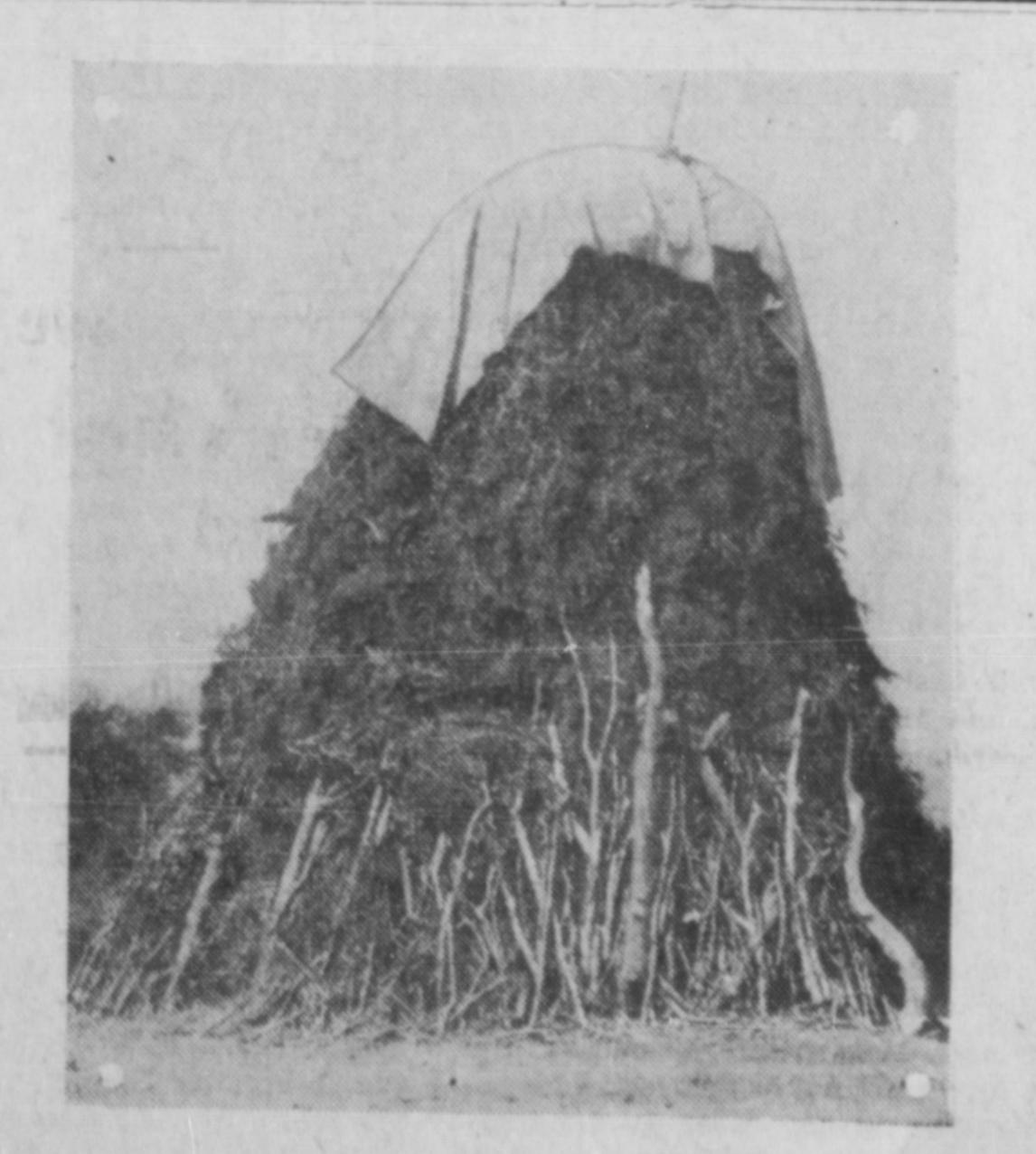
ELECTION IN BRITAIN

Exchanges from Great Britain all seem to look for an Mr. McNeill stated that he had nevearly election in that country. Conservatives are rallying er seen this form. Had he been fatheir forces, although somewhat divided over the question miliar with its contents, he most of protection and free trade. However, it seems likely that the protectionist group will eventually get control of the party.

The fate of Parliament still lies with the Liberals in the Lordship. House and they have generally supported the Labor Govbrought about a new alignment for the next election with called after the government evibathing girls being greeted by a ernment and kept them from defeat. Possibly there may be a witness then came up. Finally, it protectionists on one side and free traders on the other.

While Labor has so far supported free trade, it has Manson declined to have Mr. Watt them. brought forward in place of protection, a policy of bulk go on the stand until after all govpurchases of staple commodities which is something of a ernment witnesses had been heard. socialistic step but with a tendency toward protection.

Today there are two million unemployed in Britain, a million more than there was at the time of the election of the Labor Government. The cost of keeping these people is tremendous and it is very difficult to say what will be the opinion of the electors in regard to it. Should an elec- was the next witness. He stated tion come soon, the government will have the handicap of that he had received fees as corofighting a hard time election, much the same condition ner here and kept same, underthat defeated Mackenzie King in Canada.



Glamis Beacon, the burning of which recently announced to the countryside the birth of a baby princess to the Duchess of York in Glamis Castle. Huge pile is here seen covered with protective tarpaulin waiting for news that will send it into a roaring flame

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police ofifcers' witness fees pointed | 1924." out that three officers had received | Mr. McNeill, recalled to the out that it was in contravention of of coroner's fees was impending. the Civil Service Act for any salar- City Treasurer D: J. Matheson ied employee to receive and keep went back in the stand. He tenderany fees arising out of his duties ed as exhibits checks that had been other than his salary. Another cir- paid to Col. McMullin and Mr. Gale cular of September, 1925 gave instructions that payrolls should be more fully endorsed with regard to absence from duty. Another circular of March, 1926 had to do with coroner's expenses.

Generally speaking, the witness knew of no member of the civil service who was receiving and keeping fees arising out of his position over identified certain papers and corand above his salary except under respondence with respect to his apspecial terms of appointment or by pointment as government agent, order-in-council. He did not knew coroner and collector. He gave the whether or not the coroner at Oum- details as to when inquests were berland was receiving and keeping held. He told of other fees of varcoroner's fees.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1930 Manson askêd Mr. McNeill in cross- had always been his belief that he examination, had any demand been was entitled to retain the coroner's made of any coroner to account for fees. He told of a conversation with his fees? Mr. McNeill replied that, Mr. Gale in which the latter had as far as he knew, no such demand told him that he was entitled to had been made of any one.

> various auditors, Mr. McNeill told the inquiry that in 1925 the books of the local government agency had been "found to be very neatly and correctly kept." In 1927, "the records were in very good order and the books correct and well kept." In 1928, the books had been found correct and, on the whole, in very good order." Two or three months after Mr. Watt's dismissal in 1929, the auditor had reported: "The revenue was correctly accounted for and the books were found to be in good order."

correct in believing that Prince Ru- administrator. Each year he had pert was the only place of its size made an allowance in his income in the province where the govern- tax return for free rent. He gave ment agent was called upon to further particulars as to the conver-

"It looks like neglect in distribut- coroner's fees. ing the patronage properly," remarked His Lordship faceticusly. "That is very seldom overlooked."

It was at this point that Mr. Manson introduced the matter of the statutory commission for coroners. certainly would have referred to man who said her husband was lost for a ruling. The printed form of commission was examined by His

The matter of calling Mr. Watt as ada by means of television. dence had been completed. Mr. reply to," he explained.

Walter Gale

Walter Gale, sub-inspector of provincial police, Victoria, and former court registrar and coroner here, standing that he was entitled to do so. Before he (Mr. Gale) had left; rince Rupert, a government auditor, A. S. Tyrer, had informed him that he would be the last coroner to retain inquest fees in Prince Rupert as there was to be a change in the procedure. It was some time after this that witness had instructed Mr. Watt in his duties as coroner. Having the knowledge he had, he could hardly conceive having told Mr. Watt that he was entitled to retain coroner's fees.

It might have been a year prior to his leaving Prince Rupert that he had had the conversation with Mr. Tyrer regarding coroner's fees, Mr. Gale admitted under crossexamination by Mr. Manson. Up to the time he had left Prince Ru- for a moment." pert, there had been no change in the matter of retaining coroner's Who was the woman?" fees, Mr. Gale stated. Mr. Gale could "My wife." not recall a conversation with Mr. Watt in the course of which he had informed him that the coroner might retain the fees. Witness said . The Daily News can be purthat Col. McMullin had advised + chased athim that he had retained the fees . Post Office News Stand, 325 + and that he (witness) might con- & Granville St., Vancouver. tinue to do so. This practice was + Karl Anderson, Prince + known all over the office. No secret . George, B.C. was made of it. Conducting inquests + Smithers Drug Store, Smithoften meant that routine office + ers, B.C. work got behind and it might be & R. W. Riley, Terrace, B.C. necessary to go back to the office . nights to clean it up The work of a . . .

GOVERNMENT AGENT WAS EN- coroner was very tedious and un-TITLED TO CORONER'S FEES, desirable. No demand had ever been made of witness to return coroner's fees which he had retained. Witness had received his commission as coroner in November, 1922 and had stables. The letter in regard to the left Prince Rupert in November,

witness fees but had been ordered stand, testified that no auditor had to remit same. This was dated July, ever been authorized to state that 1924. A circular of May 1922 pointed a change in procedure as to disposal .

> for coroner's services. Correspondence between Mr. Matheson and Oscar Bass, deputy attorney general, last October in regard to coroner's fees was ruled inadmissable, being irrelevant.

Mr. Watt On Stand

Mr. Watt, on taking the stand, ious kinds that he had collected and Since the Watt incident. Mr. turned over to the government. It keep these fees. "I am absolutely Reading from reports of the immovable on that statement," declared Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt then gave particulars as to his income. In 1925 he had made an income tax return of \$3,200 including \$2,100 salary, \$500 for official administrator's fees and \$600 in lieu of free rent. The coroner's fees were not part of his regular salary and it had never dawned upon him to include them in his income tax return.

Sometimes he had placed these coroner's fees in his bank account and sometimes had cashed them for incidental expenditure. Mr. Watt said in reply to a question by His

Mr. McNeill agreed that the audi- He had received roughly \$35 a tors had made no complaint or year for coroner's fees, Mr. Watt Committees For comment on Mr. Watt's failure to said in reply to a question by his own counsel, Mr. Manson. He had Mr. Manson inquired if he was received \$500 each years as official

Man in the Moon

Did you ever hear about the wothe attorney general's department at sea? A bathing beauty got him.

> Hans across the sea: A Dutchman claims to have seen his son in Can-

heavy swell. Doubtless he kissed

Prince Rupert is in great danger. "Then we will know what we have to It looks as if the city is likely to be infected by the miniature golf bug.

> Farmer (to druggist): "Now be sure an' write plain on them bottles which is for the Jersey cow and which is for my wife, I don't want nothin' to 'appen to that Jersey

Black bugs in my garden patch, And speckled bugs and red: A funny little striped bug

With whiskers on his head: And green bugs, purple bugs, And bugs of salmon hue. And all of them seem happy, For none of them are blue.

Magistrate—And you were having words with your wife? Defendant-Not with 'er, your honor, from 'er.

"Only yesterday," said Jones, who was discussing philanthropy. "I refused a woman a small sum of money, and in consequence I passed a sleepless night. The tone of her reproachful voice never left me

"Dear me, indeed a kind heart!

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General Committee - George Dance-George Woodland.

as general secretary.

Prizes and Drawings-Harold De Jumble Sale-The Tea Room Com-Wolf, George Bryant, Glen Gulick, mittee. John Dybhavn and Jim Thompson. | Sale of Tickets-All Rotarians

Games and Attractions-Jack and Rotariennes. appointed committees to handle the Nicholls, Home Alexander, Weldon held at the Exhibition Hall October Raffles and Stunts-Jim Lee,

Muhro (chairman), President Syd; Hot Dogs, Coffee, Soft Drinks, and George Rorie, the latter to act Candy and Cigarettes-Alick Mc-

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