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MINISTER OF LANDS IS UNDER FIRE

OTTAWA SITTING ABOUT TO COMMENCE

Spirited Debates Are Expected as Federal Parliament Convenes

Session Opens Tomorrow, Probably Last Before Election Radio and Pensions Bills to Provide Contention

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 19:—(By R. K. Carnegie, Canadian Press Staff Writer)—Members will assemble tomorrow for the fourth session of Canada's Sixteenth Parliament. Will it be the last session before a general election? Back in the minds of most of the Parliamentarians that question is nestling. As far as can be ascertaned the rank and file of the Liberal members have no more definite information than have the Conservatives as to whether the government will go to the country this year. It is probable the inner circles of government, which will make the decision, will await early sessional developments before fixing an approximate date for appealing to the electors.

The session will doubtless be full of fight—more so than last year and much of the material for the hustings will be developed. A great deal of solid and some highly contentious legislation will be brought on. The radio commission's report will be implemented in a bill to be submitted to the house. Another bill will be brought down to provide more generous treatment of returned soldiers in respect to the pensions. The question of refusal of clearances of shipments of liquor destined to the United States in whatever form it comes before parliament is almost certain to bring on a battle. Both the Radio and the Pensions Bills will be referred to special house coomittees.

The agreements between the Dominion and Manitoba and Alberta for the return to those provinces of their natural resources will be up for ratification, and the return of the crown lands to British Columbia. The situation with respect to Saskatchewan will also cause considerable debate. The St. Lawrence deep waterways will be brought into the discussion on waterpowers generally.

Should the Canadian National Railways and the department of railways and canals be ready to proceed with the legislation for writing down the capitalization of the railways and consolidating into one financial structure the many companies which now make up the C.N.R., an involved and highly technical discussion will result. Much speculation has been written as to what these proposals will be. One surmise is the capitalization will be fixed to cover all the securities in the hands of the public and all monies advanced by the government of Canada, but not back interest charges on the money. Another suggestion is the capitalization would be made equal to the actual cost of construction of the various lines when they were built and a third, the capitalization should be equal to the replacement value of the system.

Dunning's First Budget

Hon. C. A. Dunning will have his first session as minister of finance, succeeding Hon. J. A. Robb who died last fall. The budget he will bring down will be awaited with a

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Halifax Booklet Very Interesting

Publication of Board of Harbor Commissioners Gives Much Information and is Profusely Illustrated

An interesting booklet published by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of the Port of Halifax and describing and picturing the facilities of that port as well as to some extent explaining present and future plans for the development of the Atlantic Coast always-open port has reached the office of the Daily News. It has been prepared in a neat and effective manner and is featured by profuse illustrations as well as historical, geographical, industrial and statistical information.

Solloway, Mills Company Loses Out In Two Rounds of Supreme Court Proceedings in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19:—Holding that the $44,400 claim of William MacKee against Solloway, Mills & Co. Ltd. was good foundation for attachment proceedings, Mr. Justice Denis Murphy in Supreme Court dismissed with costs the defendant company's application to have set aside a garnishee order summons under which $38,589 of its funds was paid into court by the Royal Bank of Canada. Solloway, Mills Co. was also unsuccessful in an application heard by Mr. Justice Murphy to compel Mrs. Eulalie Blygh of the Court House reporting staff in Vancouver to give particulars of her claim before officers of the defendant company have been examined for discovery. She issued a writ last year claiming $7,750 in respect of stock transactions of the defendant company.

HOCKEY SCORES

National Hockey League scores last night were:

New York Americans, 6; Chicago 4.

Montreal, 2; Boston, 3.

Toronto, 5; New York Rangers, 1

Candiens, 2; Detroit. nil.

Pittsburg 2; Ottawa 3.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19— Hugh Chester Bell, a youthful chemist, mistook a glass of poison for water, drank it, and died immediately.

PROTESTS NEW FISH PROPOSALS

Howe Regulations Are Unfair and Will Lead to Monopoly, Todd Company Says

VICTORIA, Feb. 19:—Suggestion for consideration by a committee and criticism of the fishing proposals of Hon. S. L. Howe, provincial commissioner of fisheries, were voiced by C. F. Todd of J. H. Todd & Sons before the fisheries committee of the legislature yesterday. He considered it unfair that idle canneries should be given net ratings. One company on the Skeena River had seven licences and operated but three canneries, he said. The proposed regulations would lead to a monopoly.

Mr. Todd suggested that every encouragement be given to white fishermen by providing them with nets at a cheap price and on easy payments.

Heavy catches of herring endangered the salmon run, he said.

Col. F. H. Cunningham told the committee that Mr. Howe's fisheries policy was unworkable and that control of the industry should be left in the hands of the Dominion Government. Col Cunningham was formerly federal fisheries inspector for British Columbia and is now managing director of Chatham Sound Packing Co. He insisted that his company's investment in the Porcher Island cannery was jeapordized and would probably be lost if the proposed regulations were put into effect.

LEGISLATURE TALKS LAND

Spent Yesterday Discussing Amendments to Act; Lawyers' Accounts Changed

VICTORIA, Feb. 19:—The legislature yesterday devoted the session's discussion to proposed amendments to the Land Settlement Act under which the purchase of well boring equipment for lease to the farmers by the government is authorized and the purchase of improved livestock for resale to settlers is also sanctioned

The advance of $65,000 to the Lister waterworks system was also approved.

A bill authorizing lawyers to submit blanket accounts instead of itemized statements was approved on second reading.

City Council Of Vancouver Gets Boost in Wages

VICTORIA, Feb. 19.—The private bills committee of the legislature, yesterday authorized the Vancouver city council to give the mayor a $5000 raise in salary if it so chooses. An increase in aldermanic salaries from $1200 to $2000 per year was also endorsed. .

T. W. Brown of the legal firm of Williams, Manson & Gonzales returned to the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from a brief trip to Vancouver.

General Currie Had Great Hatred For Loss of Lives In War, Memoirs Declare

LONDON, Feb. 19:—General Sir Arthur Currie had an almost fanatical hatred for unnecessary casualties, comments Major General J. E. B. Seely, commander of the Canadian cavalry brigade in the Great War, in his life story, written by himself, of the commander-in-chief of the Canadian Corps in France. Seely adds: "Of all the men I knew during four years on the Western Front, I think Currie was the man who took the most care of the lives of his troops. Moreover, again and again, he nearly brought his career to an end by bluntly refusing to do things he was certain would result in great loss of life without sufficient compensating advantages."

President Beatty Assures Peace River Publisher That Outlet Is Receiving Serious Attention

In a special despatch to the Peace River papers from Montreal after an interview with President Beatty of the C.P.R., Charles W. Frederick, Peace River publisher, reports Mr. Beatty as having said:

"First and foremost, the provision of a coast outlet when it is built, must be with a view to the greatest possible benefit of the Peace River country itself, and not with regard to the aspirations of any particular ocean port.

"The Pacific ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert both have aspirations in this regard for which both are to be commended, but it is essentially for the benefit of the Peace River country that the outlet will ultimately be provided. Where the terminus will be it is not possible now to say.

"I am as firmly of belief in the necessity of a coast outlet for the Peace River country as are the people of Peace River, but it will be impossible for any announcement of such an outlet to be made until we have had an opportunity for checking up information on routes available for this purpose. Our best engineers are going into the Peace River country early this summer to determine definitely what is necessary in that regard."

During the interview Mr. Beatty assured Mr. Frederick that a big program is contemplated in rehabilating the Northern Alberta Railways and the extension of branch lines for the complete desideratum of the country.

"We hope to keep always a little ahead of actual requirements," he said, "but we cannoto undertake to rush too far ahead with lines that might not pay more than a small proportion of fixed charges for many years to come. .

"Shoulld conditions arise which

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PRESIDENT BEATTY

Head of C.P.R. makes statement in regard to Peace River Outlet.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT POOL IS PLANNED

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA, Feb. 19—Proposals for an Australian wheat pool were laid by the federal government before representatives of the state governments and wheat growers' organizations at a great conference which convened yesterday to discuss schemes for the stabilization of the Australian wheat growing industry.

LOW LEVEL FOR WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19— Reacting violently to suggestions in special news despatches from London that Canadian Wheat Pool officials are returning from London disappointed men after failure to reach an agreement with British government heads, wheat slumped to bottom levels for the year today. A few minutes before the close of the market was off 6¼c a bushel.

IS NOTED SCIENTIST

In the course of a tour of the west, Dr. A. G. Huntsman of Toronto, one of Canada's best known scientists and biologists, is a visitor in Prince Rupert. He arrived yesterday afternoon from the east.

Hon. Fred Burden Now Storm Centre of Grit Attack in Legislature

Valuable Stewart Waterfront Land Was Sold to Stevens For $10 an Acre—Creston Waterworks Scandal

(Special to Daily News)

VICTORIA, Feb. 19:—Hon. F. P. Burden, minister of lands, replaced Hon. W. C. Shelly, minister of finance, as the storm centre of the legislature yesterday. To H. F. Kergin, M.L.A. for Atlin, he admitted that 15 acres of the best waterfront land in Stewart had been sold to W. H. Stevens for $10 an acre.. The reserve put on this land at request of the citizens of Stewart in 1910 was lifted on Nov. 8, 1928, he said. This was just a few days before H. H. Stevens M.P. began to advertise his application for the Canadian Northwestern Railway charter. Mr. Burden said he had no information whether W. H. Stevens was related to H. H. Stevens. It is a matter of general knowledge, however, that the Vancouver federal member has a brother of that name. Mr. Burden said the land was sold for industrial purposes.

After two days prodding in the house, T. D. Pattullo, elicited from Mr. Burden that the $65,000 loaned by the land settlement board to the Lister waterworks district was paid to A. H. Green, Mr. Burden's former partner, on a cost plus contract.. Mr. Burden admitted that he was acting minister of agriculture when the transaction went through but said the contract was let by the waterworks district trustee board, not by the government. He said the work cost half what it would have done on the unit price tender system. The admission was made by Mr. Burden in the course of debate on a bill to validate the loan of the $65,000 which was admittedly made without legal authority. The facts only came out when Mr. Pattullo grilled Hon. W. A. Atkinson, minister of agriculture, for asking the house to validate an illegal loan used on a contract about which Mr. Atkinson said he had no information. Finally, Mr. Burden said he knew and the details were obtained. Mr. Pattullo said the people of Creston regarded the contract as a scandal. Col. Fred Lister, Conservative member for Creston, is chairman of the Lister waterworks trustee board that borrowed the money and let the contract.

WOULD BUY MORE GRAIN

Great Britain is Anxious to Increase Its Purchases of Canadian Wheat

LONDON, Feb. 19:—The Association of Millers of Great Britain at a final meeting yesterday between officials of the Canadian Wheat Pool and Rt.Hon. J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal, made itclear that they would be glad to increase their purchases of Canadian wheat. Increased allotments of Canadian wheat made it possible to use a higher made it clear they would be as against grains from outside the Empire in the milling of flour and they had already made a recommendation to their members which would have this result, the association said.

It was emphasized, however, that the amount of Canadian wheat purchased by the English millers would depend upon its price in relation to the price of wheat from other sources.

WHEAT DOWN AGAIN

VANCOUVER, Feb. 19— Wheat was quoted on the local exchange today at $1.12 5-8.

WARNING OF TARIFF WAR

British Government Feels Pressure For Protection and May Be Forced to Yield

GENEVA, Feb. 19:—Rt. Hon. William Graham, president of the British Board of Trade, warned the League of Nations tariff truce conference yesterday that failure to reach an agreement to halt rising tariff walls might induce free trade countries to enter international competition in protective tariffs.

This pronouncement was interpreted in some quarters as meaning that the British government was feeling strong pressure in Great Britain for the creation of further protective duties and might be forced to yield unless the present conference is able to accomplish a collective agreement to hold customs duties at their present levels.

INDIAN WAR AT MERRITT

Bad Blood On Reservation Was Inflamed By Liquor

MERRITT, Feb. 19:—Eight Indians and one white man are in jail here and a quarterbreed is out on $300 bail following a veritable Indian war at the Quilchena Reserve early yesterday morning which resulted when bad blood between members of the tribe was inflamed by liquor. Two victims had knife wounds in their scalps.

Northland Sails For North After Repairing Here

A speedy job was done at the local dry dock in repairing the propeller shaft of the American motorship Northland yesterday and the vessel, which went on the pontoons about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was off again at 8 p.m. At 10:30 last night she left the Canadian National dock for Ketchikan to resume an interrupted voyage from Seattle to Petersburg and Juneau.

Fred Kergin Is Recovering From Serious Illness

Word has been received from Toronto of the serious illiness of Fred Kergin, from complications following scarlet fever. He underwent an operation yesterday and his condition is reported to be satisfactory.