

REVISIONS IN CUSTOMS DUTIES SEEN

(P. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
TITAWA, Dec. 17.—Revisions of a customs duties on woollens and boots and shoes may figure in the budget brought into the House Commons by Minister of Finance N. R. Hicks.

Many Changes
Many changes have been made in tariffs as a result of similar action taken by the United Kingdom.

Cover Some Ground
By accident the Mass Buying Commission and the tariff board have been covering somewhat similar ground.

Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest but advertising at a special rate may be inserted at a word strictly payable in advance.

FUR BUYER — Mr. M. Maurice just arrived from Montreal is located with P. R. I. Fur Traders, 182 Queen St. buying Silver Fox Pelts and other furs. L-2883-12-18-31

CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC — The Borden train arrived in Charlottetown at 7.30 last night, over an hour late, due to the heavy Christmas trade which has been rapidly increasing during the past few days.

AT ROTARY — Rotarian Walter Grant presided at the Rotarian luncheon yesterday and Rev. Canon Malone was the guest. Considerable discussion took place as to how the radio auction could be made more successful next year.

DEATH OF MR. LEGGE, TORONTO — Word was received here yesterday by Mr. David L. Stewart, of the death in Toronto of Mr. W. L. Legge, Vice-president and general manager of the Watrous Paving Company.

AUCTION FORTY FIVES — The series of card parties, auction forty fives, for the season of 1934 was brought to a close last evening in the Holy Name Club.

PERSONALS
Mr. S. FAVANT, Charlottetown, left yesterday for Montreal where he will reside.

The many friends of Rev. Theodore Gallant, who is stationed at St. Catharines, will be very sorry to hear of his illness.

GIVES VIEWS ON RUSSIA

Former Metropolitan Vickers Engineer Describes Trial As Farce.

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—Trial of himself and his colleagues for sabotage and wrecking Soviet property in Russia was characterized as "just a stage play of the secret police" by Allan Monkhouse, British engineer whose arrest in Moscow was one of last year's sensations.

"When the Russian government realized what a mistake had been made, they interfered and attempted to put a stop to the trial," the Metropolitan Vickers engineer said.

"Russia is making every effort to progress but to get the programmes through they find themselves far removed from Communism as originally planned," he continued.

"The Russian government is stable and industry is being well maintained but the agricultural situation is bad," he said.

LARKSPUR FOR LOCUSTS
CANBERRA, Dec. 15.—(CP)—The Australian department of research has been asked to promote cultivation of the "common garden larkspur" to combat the locust plague.

ADD CONTRAST
Tuxedos are good for evening gowns as well as for daytime costumes—satin preferred, with cloth of gold and silver next.

NEWSPAPER RACK
A rack that will hold the morning paper, while you're eating breakfast, has a set motif of a rooster crowing. Another newspaper rack has the word "News" in large open letters for the design.

Too Late To Claspify
LOST—FUR THREE MONTHS OLD answers to name of Fel, resembles police breed. Phone 1889 or 11107.

N. S. SUSPECT

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to give themselves up voluntarily, he said, eight of them never having been in Montreal before. The bail asked, he said, was tantamount to ordering the men to be kept in jail because "there is not \$25,000 to be had."

The Nova Scotians, Mr. Forsyth continued, had been given to understand they would be able to be home for Christmas but if the judge agreed to the demands of the prosecution they would languish in jail instead.

Defence counsel also challenged the jurisdiction of the court on the grounds the accused should have been arraigned before the Nova Scotia courts. Chief Judge Verbalis dismissed this plea as irrelevant.

Finally, after Mr. Forsyth personally held himself as responsible "as I can" for the appearance of accused, Mr. Penverne agreed to their being released on parole for Friday when they must produce bail or go to jail.

Preliminary Hearing Friday
Preliminary hearing in the case of the 18 was set tentatively for Friday. This, in view of the preferred indictment on its way, will be a mere formality, lawyers stated.

Another group of "excursionists" from the Maritimes is expected in court tomorrow. It was Mr. Forsyth who thus described them. In it is included the only woman involved in the case, Mrs. Evelyn Carline, formerly of Halifax, and latterly of Montreal.

The lengthy triple-barrelled indictment was read to accused. It charges them to have conspired between Jan. 1, 1926, and Nov. 30, 1934, with conspiracy to smuggle liquor, conspiracy to defraud the customs and the actual "harboring, concealing or possession" of illegal alcohol on which duties of more than \$5,000,000 owing to the Dominion and Quebec governments were evaded.

Profits Of "Old 97" To Composer

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
DETROIT, Dec. 17.—"Old 97" roared out a joyful message to an elated family here tonight. Davis Graves George, who more than 30 years ago composed the song "The Wreck of the Old 97" after the crash Southern Railway mail train had carried 14 persons to death in a wreck near Danville, Va., was not here.

But in his humble home the children of his family of 14 and his wife, Marie, realized that "Davis" applied to the United States Supreme Court had brought them the wealth of accumulated royalties from the sale of the song after the Victor Talking Machine Company must turn over to George the profits received from the records made from the once-popular ballad.

George's family is expecting him to arrive momentarily by plane from Montreal. He told them he would leave for Detroit as soon as the court announced a decision.

Will Probe Mobbing Of Brit. Officer
(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
SAARBRUCKEN, Saar Basin Territory, Dec. 17.—The tense situation growing out of the mobbing of a British police captain and the wounding of a Seftie may wind up in the law courts.

The incident brought angry outbursts from Germany today and vastly increased local resentment against nationalist forces. The Saar Commission authorities were requested to determine whether any charges will grow out of the violent attack by a Nazi disciplinary band upon Captain James Justice, and his companion, the Earl of Aylesford.

MAP OF P. E. ISLAND IS LARGEST ENGRAVING YET MADE
SAINT JOHN, Dec. 15.—The largest engraving ever turned out in New Brunswick, and believed to be the largest ever made in the Maritimes, has been completed for the Canadian Civic Map Service of Halifax. On the one engraving measuring 38 inches by 26 inches, are maps of Prince Edward Island and its principal town, with the main industrial plants, hotels, churches and public buildings, pictured in miniature.

BRISK CATTLE TRADE
(GALBY, Dec. 15.—Government purchases of cattle in drought areas of southern Alberta totalled 175 cars of approximately 3200 head during the period opened for purchases. A great majority of the stock was sent in by farmers and stock raisers.

Queen Square School Concert

The Queen Square School Concert was presented last night to a packed house. The program throughout was good, but the Old Time Reel, which concluded the program, brought down the house, and the audience went away feeling well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

- PROGRAM
1—O Canada
2—Chorus, "When Mother Sang to Me."
3—Greetings, Pupils of Grade II.
4—Toys, Pupils of Grade I.
5—Susie's Lesson, Gregory Macdonald and Russell Peppin.
6—The Builders, Pupils of Grade II & III.
7—Violin Selection, Elmer Gallant.
8—The Whistling Boy, Pupils of Grades I & II.
9—Chorus, Christmas Carols.
10—Flauto Duet, Earle Doyle & Francis Macdonald.
11—Caltheaters, Boys of Grades VIII & IX.
12—Rainy Daisies, Boys of Grade V.
13—Old Time Reel, Boys of Grade IX.
God Save the King.
Pianist—Mr. Alfred Doucette.
Announcer—Ernest McCarry.

Doug. Ralston Will Lead Acadia Ruggers

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
WOLFVILLE, N. S., Dec. 16.—Members of Acadia University rugby team, Halifax City League champions, yesterday elected Doug Ralston of Saint John, popular all round athlete to captain the 1935 team, seriously wounded her husband, and started police on an unsuccessful manhunt that extended from British Columbia to California.

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New "Purge" Against Vice In Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Six hundred Germans, it was revealed tonight, have been taken into custody by secret police in raids on public baths and Berlin bars in a new "purge" of immoral elements, chiefly directed at the storm troops.

Eastern Locals

"OFFICIAL RECEIVER, farmer-Creditors Arrangements Act. Will be at Pool's Hotel, Souris, Dec. 21st, Strathcona Hotel, Charlottetown, Dec. 28th and 29th and my home Summerside, Jan. 3rd and 4th to meet farmers and persons interested. J. D. MacLeod. L-2878

SCHOOL PROBLEM SOLVED
(GALBY, Dec. 17.—Problem of providing school text books for needy children has been solved here with the voluntary subscription of \$380 which provided all the texts necessary.

SUPPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
(GALBY, Dec. 17.—Enthusiastically supporting the idea of a symphony orchestra for Galby, students of the Institute of Art and Technology have subscribed for a block of 100 seats for the first concert of the season.

MOUNTIE WRITES "FORCE THEME SONG"
REGINA, Dec. 17.—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police now have their own theme song, and at its premiere here it was well received. "Canada's Mounted Police" is its title, written and composed by Sergeant B. G. Meyrick, of Regina detachment.

The burning of pudding in flaming spirit is a custom that has come out of the traditions of ancient times when people were

Havana Fortified As New Revolt Threatens

(By Edmund A. Chester, Associated Press Foreign Staff)
HAVANA, Dec. 17.—Twenty bombs exploded in Havana between midnight and nine o'clock tonight while the city buzzed with talk of imminent revolution. At least two persons were wounded in the explosions, which put the city in a high state of excitement.

Street Trade Conditions Criticized

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—Conditions among those engaged in street trades in Halifax, especially as regards children selling newspapers, were termed "the worst in Canada" by George E. Murphy of London, Ont., in speaking before the News-vendors' Union.

Vatican Adopts Hands Off Policy Re Saar

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 16.—The Vatican has decided to keep "hands off" but eyes open" in connection with the forthcoming Saar Basin plebiscite, at which that former German area will choose its future national allegiance.

Pilot Makes 500 Mile Mercy Flight

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—How pilot Ronald George, formerly of Saskatoon, N. B., of Canadian Airways made a 500-mile round trip flight in poor flying weather to bring a sick woman to hospital was told here today, pieced together from brief radio dispatches from the north.

LEADS FIELD

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 17.—Al Watrous, Birmingham, Mich., professional, turned in a par-breaking 68 today to lead the field preceding the 6,000 British Colonial open golf tournament starting tomorrow. His 30-35 clipped three strokes from perfect figures of 68.

OLD TRADITIONS

There's an old tradition that if you take nine holly leaves, tie them with nine knots into a handkerchief, and tuck them under your pillow, you will surely dream of your future wife before Christmas. Another superstition which still exists is that any girl who isn't kissed under the mistletoe will not be married for a year.

INCREASE OIL PRODUCTION

(Canadian Press)
CALGARY, Dec. 17.—Alberta oil production for the first 10 months of 1934 totalled 1,051,497 barrels, more than was produced in 1933 and 1932, according to figures released by the Alberta department of lands and mines.

BAN MEDICAL TERMS

(CALGARY, Dec. 17.—(CP)—Doctors reports embracing assorted medical terms do not constitute common English, it was ruled in a resolution passed by the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts. Doctors and hospitals were requested to explain diagnoses in common

Executioner Has Heart Attack

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Henry Meyer, Louisiana's official executioner, lay dangerously ill tonight at the prison where in recent years he had presided at the hangings of more than 90 criminals.

U. S. National Policy Aims

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The National Resources Board today outlined an encyclopedic long-range plan for the use of the land, water and mineral resources of the United States, which is destined to stir wide discussion.

Reduced Wages

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Hourly Wage Rate

Giaccio told the commission the cotton industry was classified among those paying low wages. From his investigation of the average hourly rate for the 30 Canadian mills was 26.64 cents. This included men and women, young boys and girls and the average week consisted of 47 1/2 hours.

EXPECT SESSION LATE BUT FEET IN OLD ONTARIO

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Ontario's new and 19th Legislative Assembly with its 66 Liberal members, 17 and seven of other groups, will be convened about the end of February, beginning of March, in the unofficial opinion of various officials at Queen's Park. This would be shortly after Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn's return from his present holiday in the West Indies.

Weathered Depression

It was apparent from the auditor's report on the cotton industry that weathered the depression successfully. The three largest companies which dominate the Canadian industry, had a trading profit of 8.7 percent in 1934, the same as in 1929. At the same time, wages stood at the lowest percentage, 24.5, in the period.

Police Make Seizure Of Beaver Skins

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Police today announced they had seized 53 beaver skins at the waterside premises of J. L. Roberts, a general dealer in furs.

RUSHED BY PLANE TO HOSPITAL

(A. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)
BOSTON, Dec. 17.—United States coast guard plane 161 from Gloucester this evening alerted in a choppy sea and removed the wireless operator of the fishing trawler Dorchester and rushed him to the Chelsea Naval Hospital.

PROBE INTO COTTON MILLS CONTINUES

Ontario Mill Owners Alleged To Be Discriminating Against Maritime Workers.
(OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Ontario owners of cotton mills in the Maritime Provinces, J. L. Isley, (Liberal House-leader) suggested, were discriminating against Maritime workers to the benefit of their home employees.

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While generally favoring private operation of mineral industries under government supervision if necessary, the board said it might be advisable to extend the public ownership idea to bituminous coal to the extent of giving serious consideration to purchasing a selected acreage of coal land as a means of controlling output.

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