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Stewart Government Reduces Taxation All Round

PROCEEDINGS CHANG GETS IN THE FEDERAL WARNING FROM PARLIAMENT JAPANESE

Hon. Hugh Guthrie Points Out Dangers to the Dominion of Some of the Recommendations Contained in the Imperial Conference Report.

Drastic Action Will be taken if Southerners Engage in Further Aggression or Fire on Japanese Steamers.

(Canadian Press)

SHANGHAI, China, March 30.—General Chang Kai Shek, Cantonese commander, sent his chief of staff and secretary aboard the Japanese flagship here this morning to convey his regrets to the admiral for the Nanking affair.

The Japanese admiral's representative warned Chang's emissaries that the Japanese navy apart from the Tokyo government's attitude would hereafter act drastically if the southern troops engaged in further aggression or fired without cause on Japanese steamers.

He expressed surprise at the conduct of the Cantonese troops in whose discipline the Japanese had trusted despite certain unlawful acts directed against Japanese steamers for which the Japanese navy had never retaliated.

Judging from the Nanking affair however, he added, it seemed that the southern commanders were unable to exercise their full authority over their men.

Then again as to treaties. It was all right in matters affecting commerce that we should absolutely negotiate them for ourselves, but there were others arising out of war exigencies or possibilities, or which as in the case of China or Japan affecting interests of British Columbia or with the United States that might prejudice interests of Ontario. In such cases provinces would be helpless.

As stated by himself in summing up:—"I protest in the first place that this parliament should not in any sense ratify this report without amendment. I protest in the second place that no constitutional changes should be permitted under this report or otherwise unless they have first been approved by the provinces of the dominion of Canada. I do not express an adverse opinion in regard to any of it (the report) more than to say that I fear it will leave the door open in the future for complications which we little estimate today."

He then moved as follows:—"That it is not desirable that his house should be demanded tacitly to have acquiesced in the declarations and recommendations contained in the report of the proceedings of the Imperial Conference, 1926."

"That in the opinion of this house, the proceedings of the recent Imperial Conference and the declarations and recommendations contained in the report of the Imperial Conference committee on inter-imperial relations should not be binding upon the parliament of Canada until approved by a former resolution of this house, and that until such approval is obtained

this government, shall not be deemed to be authorized to take any steps to carry into effect the recommendations contained in said report.

"That it is also the opinion of this house that no amendment should be procured to the British North America Act to give effect to said report otherwise, which would affect the rights, powers or privileges of all or any of the provinces of Canada as they exist under the terms of the said act unless the same are first approved by the legislature of each of the provinces of Canada."

"Bourassa took the floor and spoke for three hours. He succeeded in largely emptying the house, and in largely covering the universe. It is impossible even to indicate the nature of his arguments, much less his conclusions. He aired some of his obsessions about Canada's relations with Great Britain and Canadian independence, but paid respect to all shades of opinion in the House. Mr. Bourassa fancied himself, and the impression left was that this was his last opportunity in parliament to exceed the forty minute limit.

Lapointe, Minister of Justice, who moved the adjournment last evening took the floor this afternoon. He spoke at considerable length and interpreted literally, throughout a maze of constitutional resolutions very cleverly argued, that nothing in the report of the Imperial Conference had altered our constitution, and nothing could, without the consent of the provinces. The only change was the status of the Governor General who was now the vice regent, the representative of the King.

Mr. Cahon took the floor shortly before six and will continue the debate.

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PREMIER STEWART MAKES BRILLIANT BUDGET SPEECH BEFORE CROWDED AUDIENCE

The Premier Shows the Progress of Government Finances Since Confederation and Compares the Efficiency and Economy of Present Government With That of Bell Government. Outlines Big Forward Policy for Agriculture, and Announces Tax Reductions. All Pre-Election Pledges Now Fulfilled.

Last night was a memorable one in the annals of the Provincial Legislature. The Stewart Government after four strenuous years' exertions was able to show not only it had a surplus, not only that it had been economical and efficient, not only that it had reduced the liabilities at the rate of over \$20,000 per annum, not only that it had abolished the abnoxious Poll Tax, but that as the result of its improved finances brought about by the resistless exertions of Premier Stewart, it is able to make considerable reductions in taxes immediately with the prospect of further reductions this time next year.

THE TAX REDUCTIONS

The Tax reductions announced were as follows:
Land Tax reduced from 50c to 40c per \$100
Income Tax married men exempt to \$1,000
Income Tax single men exempt to \$750
All higher incomes allowed exemptions of \$1,000 and \$750 respectively.

Auto Registration Fee reduced from \$5 to \$2.50
The announcements were received with applause by a crowded house, every available inch of space being occupied by enthusiastic electors of both sexes.

The speaker Hon. L. L. Jenkins took the chair shortly after half past eight, and immediately after, Premier Stewart amidst loud applause rose to address the House. In the first place the Premier gave an historical sketch of the increase of the cost of government since Confederation, and showed that in spite of the fact that we have to bear the expenditures which in other Provinces and parts of the Empire are carried by the municipalities, and that the cost of Government in a small area is proportionately heavier per capita than a large one, nevertheless our per capita cost of Government compares favourably with other parts of the Empire. (Applause.)

Criticism Answered

Proceeding to discuss the criticism of the Government, the Premier said the charges might be classified under two heads, extravagance and inefficiency. He compared the three clear years of the Bell Government with the three clear years of the present Government, and showed that in every controllable department of the public service, the present Government's controllable expenditures in these three years was less than in the same departments under the Bell regime. (Applause.) An examination of the Provincial Auditor's Reports over the two four year periods will show that during the four years of the Bell Government the liabilities of the Province were increased by \$516,031, while during the present Government's three year period to the end of 1926, it increased the liabilities only \$325,511. In other words the Bell Governments yearly increase was roughly \$20,000 per annum more than the present Government's. (Applause.) The Premier also showed the Liberals increased the ordinary liabilities, apart from the highways to the amount of \$166,031, while the present Government decreased the liabilities apart from highway expenditures by \$14,489, and that too after taking off the Poll Tax. (Loud applause.)

During the Bell Government they claimed to have surpluses every year, yet the Provincial Auditor's report showed they had increased the liabilities as above. The Present Government had deficits, which it admitted, yet it reduced the liabilities over \$14,000. This certainly went to show there are different kinds of surpluses. (Applause.)

Proceeding to discuss the Gasoline Tax the Premier pointed out the Poll Tax was a tax that contributed directly to the general revenue and if the Gasoline Tax were to take its place it also would have to go into the general revenue. The facts are, however, the Gasoline Tax never went into the general revenue, but was used to provide for a new expenditure namely Road Patrol. Another difference was the Poll Tax was borne by all classes but bore with special weight upon the poor. The Gasoline Tax is paid only by those wealthy enough to afford a motor car. (Applause.)

The Premier next reviewed the public accounts for 1926 as already published in the Guardian. In dealing with the receipts the Premier said the \$80,000 for railway taxation was a new receipt, but it had already been dealt with in the House. He had not at any time intended to elaborate upon that item, as he felt that the House and the people were already in possession of the facts, but at the very opening of the session, and although the matter had not been mentioned in the speech, he had been bitterly attacked by the Leader of the Opposition, on the ground that he (the Premier) had done nothing to obtain that additional revenue. He was forced in reply to make certain explanations and to submit certain evidence to the House, and it was not necessary for him to say anything further at this time. The Leader of the Opposition will no doubt remain unconvinced and will continue to complain that everyone under the canopy of Heaven is entitled to some credit except himself (the Premier) for this. (Laughter.)

What interested him more than anything the Leader of the Opposition would say, apart from the matter of personal credit, was that this Province has received that important addition to its revenues. (Applause.)

The Premier also referred to the revenue received from succession duties, and showed that practically all that amount, though much larger than that received from that source previously, was collected under the provisions of the act of 1896.

The Premier refuted the statement of the Leader of the Opposition that the Government had increased the Land Tax, and showed that was absolutely incorrect.

Proceeding to discuss the receipts from the Prohibition Commission, which showed an increase over last year, the Premier said that did not necessarily mean an increase in the quantity of liquor sold, but was rather due to better business management and more careful

and better supervision. The Premier next explained the expenditures of the past year, and proceeded to review the platform upon which the Government came into power in 1923, showing that everyone of the pledges had been implemented.

Proceeding to take up the budget of 1927, the outstanding features of which were increased expenditures in the Department of Agriculture for exhibitions, improvement of live stock, school fairs etc., also for Agricultural and Technical education, details of which will appear in the extended report of the speech. Also increases to the grants to the Hospitals of \$1,500 each, bringing the grant up to \$2,000 for each hospital and also increases to the grants of the Orphanages of \$750 bringing the total up to \$1,250 for each Orphanage. He especially drew attention to the expansion of the course at Prince of Wales College, and the short courses, and the intention

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LIVES OF FOREIGNERS ENDANGERED IN YANGTSE VALLEY

Situation May Get Out of Control at Any Moment—Missionaries and Others Continue to Leave for Shanghai Where the Foreign Defence Forces are Taking Every Precaution to Assure Their Protection.

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, March 30.—Messages received in authoritative quarters today say it is indicated that the situation in the Upper Yangtse valley may get out of control at any moment and that it is felt the lives of the foreigners there may be endangered. Trade in that region is at a standstill.

The messages add that General Chang Kai Shek, the Cantonese generalissimo, who is at Shanghai, has postponed his interview with the United States naval commander Rear Admiral G. S. Williams.

SHANGHAI, March 30.—Many missionaries are refusing to leave their posts in the Yangtse valley notwithstanding the advice of the foreign authorities and in the face of a situation that is fraught with dangerous possibilities. The remainder of the missionaries are either enroute to or will shortly leave for Shanghai where the international settlement is affording a haven from the fury of riotous mobs in the ports and inland towns along the Yangtse.

The destroyer (United States) Hubert called at Nanking today and took off 47 British and American missionaries who will go to Kiukiang to await the first merchant steamer. The members of the Spanish mission and Dr. Ernest H. Laylor of the China Inland Mission with his wife and family have refused to come out.

The United States chamber of commerce at Hankow has asked for more protection but it is understood that official notification was sent that United States nationalists there should leave instead of expecting protection.

In response to a consular call for protection the United States destroyer William B. Preston has gone to Chefoo, in Shanghai. Late reports from Shanghai have indicated that the anti-foreign agitation is creeping into that province and that missionaries in the eastern section are making their way either to Tsingtao or to Chefoo where a Japanese cruiser arrived Sunday.

As the United States destroyer John D. Ford was on the way to Nanking yesterday it was fired on by nationalist troops and repelled with its four inch guns and machine guns.

As the refugees continue to stream into the international settlement here, those in command of the foreign defence forces are leaving nothing undone to assure their protection. The barrier separating the settlement from the native city are constantly inspected and protected and any signs of encroachment are quickly investigated.

There is close collaboration between various commanders. Major General Duncan of the British defence force last night discussed the

general defense situation with Captain Uymeton, commander of the Japanese marine force.

SHANGHAI, March 30.—The general labor union in Shanghai has decided to order another general strike the date to be fixed later. Twenty thousand miscellaneous workers are still idle from the last strike. Thousands of rickshaw coolies are reported to have been forcibly enrolled in the union.

The international defence authorities here are erecting a barbed wire barrier along the entire length of the Avenue Edward VII between the French concession and the international settlement. The Suffolk regiment is guarding the offices of the cable companies situated on the Avenue.

HONGKONG, March 30.—The British government will give full protection to the colony of Hongkong and the leased territories on the mainland during the civil warfare in China, the district watchmen committee was assured today by the local secretary of state.

The secretary's communication said the government has no intention of surrendering Hongkong or abandoning or diminishing in any way British rights or authority in any part of the territories under its administration.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The United States Catholic mission at Fuchow is reported located in a despatch reaching Shanghai. Admiral G. S. Williams, commander of the United States Asiatic Squadron, today advised the navy department that the fathers are said to have fled to Kowchow, the admiral's message added.

Conditions in Hankow

LONDON, March 30.—A delayed reuter despatch from Hankow under date of March 28 says that there and that conditions for foreigners especially British, is intolerable. The few Englishmen remaining have found it necessary to take refuge near the water front so as to be in a position to leave quickly.

Moderate Kuomintang (nationalist) elements the despatch adds, have been surprised and even Eugene Chen, the Cantonese foreign Minister, appears to be powerless but believed he will be retained in his official capacity on account of his success in dealing with representatives of foreign powers.

All foreign banks have been closed owing to impossible difficulties have been placed in the way of doing business. The nationalist political bureau has caused the closing down of one British and one United States owned newspaper by securing the withdrawal of the employees.

The Editors complained to Chen that the

HENRY FORD 500 MINERS VICTIM OF ENTOMBED BY AUTO ACCIDENT EXPLOSION

Billionaire and \$500 Brick Building In Vicinity Wrecked by Terrific Blast—Little Hope Held Out For Rescue of Entombed Men.

(Special to The Guardian) DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—Henry Ford, the richest man in the world, is in his own hospital here, the victim of an automobile accident.

The accident occurred Sunday night when the man who could buy countless automobiles of the most expensive make and hire chauffeurs to drive them for him, was chugging along, driving his own Ford coupe, a machine that he retails at his factory here for \$500.

Only his wife and the keeper of his garage knew he was out of his home. He had been at his Dearborn laboratory, where one watchman was on duty. Returning, at Michigan boulevard, near the River Rouge bridge, and not far from his estate, an auto driven by some one whose name, if it is known has thus far been withheld, crowded the billionaire and his \$500.00 car over an embankment. The car toppled and rolled and slid some 20 feet, until it struck a tree.

News of the accident was withheld until last night. It was found necessary to remove him in an ambulance to the hospital.

"There has been a minor operation, a formal statement said. Mr. Ford strongly deprecates the suggestion that the accident was the result of intent on anyone's part," his associates insisted.

Law Amended

(Canadian Press) QUEBEC, Que., March 30.—Members appointed members of the provincial cabinet will, in future, not have to be reelected on appointment according to Hon. L. A. Taschereau's bill amending the law respecting the independence of the legislature which has passed third reading in the lower house.

without avail. Editions were published on mimeographed sheets, but these were suspended because strike pickets arrested messengers sent out to get them from the newspaper offices.

The despatch says that all printed news and opinions except those of a communistic nature are being suppressed.

LATER

EBRANFIELD, Pa., March 30.—Only four men lost their lives when a terrific explosion swept through mine No. 3 of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation here this afternoon. Some 300 men escaped unhurt.

The Weather, Etc.

ABOUT ALL SOME FELLERS GET OUT O' COLLEGE IS A SLICKER WITH PICTURES ON IT



TORONTO, March 30.—Morning, fresh southerly winds, mild and showery.
Toronto cloudy 44-52
Montreal cloudy 44-52
Quebec cloudy 40-52
Charlottetown clear 45-51
Halifax fair 40-52
St. John fair 42-51
Boston cloudy 52-58
New York cloudy 52-58
High tide this morning at 9:43 and tonight at 9:26.
Sun sets this evening at 6:28, and rises tomorrow morning at 5:28 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:39.
New moon Friday, April 1st, 11:59 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Will Represent United States at Geneva Conference

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—President Coolidge cleared the way for United States participation in the world economic conference at Geneva, May 4th, by appointing today the five members of the American delegation. The United States is to be represented by Henry M. Robinson of Pasadena and Los Angeles, Norman H. Davis, former assistant secretary of the treasury and under Secretary of State, Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor of Stamford University, California, John W. O'Leary, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Julius Klein, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Announcements, Meetings, Etc.

- **Horse Races on St. Peter's race track, July 20th. 4614-3-29, 31.
- **Play at North Wiltshire. Little Miss Jack April 5th. Admission 35 cents. 4663-3-31 51
- **The Central Royalty Dramatic Club will present the four act comedy drama "Cranberry Corner" in York Hall on April 6th. 4626-3-29-31
- **Coming—stupendous show—"Shamrock Handicap" thrilling race track drama also last chapter serial—Best yet. 4660.
- **All Roads lead to Harrington Hall Friday night, April 1st to hear Wheatley River Dramatic Club. Admission 25 cents. 4661-3-30, 31.
- **Inquire Re Chronic Diseases 112 Prince Street, Dr. Cliff, M. D., D. D., most done, don't delay. "Suaviter in Mayo, fortiter in Barton." 4255-3-18-3mos.
- **Meeting in the interest of the Swine and Poultry industries, at Pownal on Thursday, March 31st at 7:30 P. M. Messrs. Lightner and Peterson will speak. All interested farmers are invited to attend. 4642-3-30-31.
- **A special meeting of the Directors and Shareholders only of the Kingston and Clyde River Telephone Co. will be held in the Kingston Hall Wednesday afternoon April 6th, at the hour of two o'clock by order. 4661