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Will Launch New Car Ferry May 20

Lea Government Takes Authority To Levy Tax By Order In Council

Powers Of Legislature Usurped By Government In Bill Authorizing Increase On Gasoline Tax Without Consent Of Elected Representatives. Opposition Amendment Voted Down.

Screen Star



TO WED TENNIS STAR

Phyllis Konstam, British stage and screen star whose engagement to H. W. "Bunny" Austin, English tennis star, is to be publicly announced shortly.—Copyright by Acme News-photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

- Wiltshire Club leading live stock Thursday, 7th. 4421-5-5-11
- Hear Mr. J. Austin Trainor in Zion Hall May 5th. 4420-5-5-11
- Hear Robert Hyndman in song, Zion Hall, May 6th, 8 o'clock. 4420-5-5-11
- Borden Line Club leading visit, at Albany, Thursday, May 7. 4430-5-5-31
- Don't forget the King's Birthday Cake Sale on Tuesday, June 2nd at Holman's Ltd. 4422-5-5-11
- Laugh off your troubles with Regie and Annie in Zion Hall May 5th. 4420-5-5-11
- The Scotchfort Memorial Park Association Annual Meeting will take place Monday, May 11th. 4407-5-5-31.
- Mount Stewart Wednesday, May 5th. Special show. Dance following. Robert Weeks will play. Real good time. 4416-5-5-11.
- The Annual Meeting of the From People's Cemetery will be held in the vestry of the United Church on Thursday, May 7th, 1931 at 2:30 o'clock. Austin Cameron, Secretary. 4415-5-31.
- See "Dust of the Earth" presented by Auburn Dramatic Club in Webster's Corner Hall, Wednesday, May 6th, followed by dance. Ladies with pies free. 4427-5-5
- The Tracadio Cross Dramatic Club present their 3-act comedy-drama, "Only Sally Ann" in Tracadio Cross Hall, Friday, May 8th, at 8 P. M. 4398-5-4-31.
- Don't miss the three-act drama "The Hand of the Law," staged in Traveller's Rest Hall by Traveller's Rest Dramatic Society on Wednesday, May 6th. Specialties between acts. Admission, 25 and 25 cents. 4401-5-4-21
- The Annual Roll Call of the From Baptist Church will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening, May 6. A hot goose supper will be served from 5 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. 50 cents. 5355-5-2-stu-w31.
- Great Play in York Hall this Thursday night 8:15. Mrs. Arthur Cooper and City talent will present the comedy "Peggy Lou". Auspices Women's Institute. Admission 50c. First appearance since Prince Edward Theatre success. 4413-5-5-21.

Power to increase the gasoline tax at any time without authority of the Legislature is taken by the Lea Government in a bill which passed second reading yesterday.

A motion by Hon. J. D. Stewart to delete the clause vesting the taxing power in the Governor-in-Council was defeated on a straight party vote.

The clause appears in an Act to amend the Statute Law. The House was moved into committee by Hon. Mr. LePage, with Mr. Larabee in the chair.

Hon. Mr. LePage moved that the clause carry.

Hon. Mr. Stewart said that in other words it is proposed to give the Governor-in-Council power to change the tax on gasoline. He did not approve and he would feel it his duty to vote against the measure. The principle is bad; it takes the taxing power away from the Legislature and vests it in the Executive Council.

Premier Lea said the same principle had been adopted with regard to the registration of motor cars. Because of a fluctuation in gasoline prices it might be necessary to adjust the tax, in between the sessions of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "I think it would be very much more valuable to the people if an investigation into the price of gasoline and what causes the fluctuation were taken up, say by the Public Utilities Board. I have always had that impression. That this matter of the fluctuation in the price of gasoline should be investigated. If the underlying principles were controlled I do not think it would be necessary to change the tax in between the sessions."

Premier Lea: "That would have to be done in co-operation with the Provincial Treasurers of the other Maritime Provinces. I myself have always believed that there should not be such a spread between the price in the Maritime Provinces and in the Upper Provinces. If the other Maritime Provinces were getting it cheaper we would have a special claim, but apparently they are selling it on a uniform rate. If the Utilities Board could make an investigation I think it would be a good thing."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "I certainly would advise that. I have always had that in mind."

Premier Lea: "If we had a hearing at which the representatives of the Province could give evidence it would do a good service."

Hon. Mr. Stewart: "I have no doubt that that matter could be arranged between the Provinces."

Premier Lea: "I will suggest that to the Utilities Commission, to see if they cannot take this matter up."

Dr. MacMillan: "Has the Government any intention of changing the tax on gasoline this year?"

Premier Lea: "It might do so."

Dr. MacMillan: "Don't you think this Legislature is entitled to know?"

Premier Lea: "If it really was decided, yes; but that has not been done."

Dr. MacMillan: "Then I submit that this action had better be left out."

Premier Lea: "Why?"

Dr. MacMillan: "This is the old idea of legislation by Order-in-Council."

Premier Lea: "It is carrying out the same idea as we had in regard to the registering of cars."

Dr. MacMillan: "If there was a mistake made in the Legislature under the Bell Government in regard to the registering of cars, there is no reason why we should propagate another mistake."

Premier Lea: "We shall have to

Judgeship



HON. J. B. M. BAXTER
Premier of New Brunswick, who will soon resign from N. B. Government.

SNOWDEN HITS DIRECTLY AT LAND BARONS

Introduces a Measure Asserting The Right of the Community To Ownership of Land.

(British United Press)
LONDON, May 4.—A direct challenge to the private ownership of land was given the rich nobility and other landed proprietors today by Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Snowden's challenge came during his presentation of a resolution in the House of Commons designed to make the capital land tax proposed in his 1931-32 budget effective and payable at the end of the fiscal year closing March 31, 1934.

"We have set our hands to this task," Snowden said. "We intend to see it through. By this measure, we are asserting the right of the community to ownership of land. If individuals continue to possess a nominal claim, they must rent to the community for the enjoyment of the privilege. To restrict the use of land by the arbitrary will of its owner and enhance its price, raises rents prevents municipal development and the enhancement of social amenities. Rent enters into the price of every article produced and into every public service." Snowden made it clear, however, that the Government did not contemplate nationalization of land. The plan is merely to levy a tax of one penny in the pound sterling, a levy of less than half of one per cent.

Snowden hit directly at the wealthy "land barons" when he said: "We are asking the landowners to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. The taxation on lands values is rent paid to the community. The great land owners cannot be permitted to enjoy privileges to the detriment of the welfare of the community. Land was given by the Creator not for use by Dukes, but for the equal use of all his children. Restriction of the use of land is restriction upon human liberty." The Chancellor announced that the proposed land tax would not apply to agricultural land, "as long as it is of no higher value than its cultivation value." He added that his interpretation also applied to allotments for market gardens which are numerous around large cities.

Agricultural land will be taxed only on its value above its value as a farm produce tract, he further explained. Snowden estimated that the bill would involve valuing between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 separate pieces of property at a cost of \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

Sir Austen Chamberlain Conservative assailed Snowden's explanation as vague and declared the tax would be open to innumerable legal objections. It was, he said, inequitable and unjust, and hit hardest at the persons who already are paying more than their full share of the National taxation.

RETIREMENT OF CAN. NAT. EXECUTIVE

W. D. Robb, Vice-Pres. C. N. R. Will Resign June 1st.

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Que., May 4.—The retirement of W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways in charge of telegraphs, colonization, natural resources, radio and insurance, was announced today at headquarters of the railway company to take effect June 1 upon completion of 60 years of active service. The Vice-Presidency occupied by Mr. Robb will be abolished, and the duties of that post distributed among other executive heads, it was officially announced.

Will Go On Trial For His Life May 13

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Que., May 4.—Facing a charge of murder, Jack Edgett, 21, will go on trial for his life on May 13 before the Court of Kings Bench here.

Jack Edgett and William Wilkinson are both accused of the same crime, that of shooting to death Marcel Dupre, Montreal restaurant keeper, in a hold-up. The two were held under separate indictments of murder, but it is expected that they will be tried jointly. It is probable that Wilkinson will be submitted to a mental examination before his trial comes up.

TERRITORIAL PRIVILEGES ABOLISHED

Mandate Issued By Foreign Minister In The National Government at Nanking Yesterday.

(British United Press)
NANKING, China, May 4.—The special extra territorial privileges which foreigners traditionally have enjoyed in China, were summarily declared abolished by a mandate issued by the Foreign Minister in the National Government at Nanking today. The mandate declared that the new regulations governing the exercise of jurisdiction over foreign Nationals in China would become effective January 1.

The declaration followed China's refusal to accept the most recent demand by the foreign powers that foreign jurisdiction over their Nationals be continued in Shanghai, Canton, Tientsin, Peking and Hankow. The Government's action came on the heels of the breakdown of negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, and Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister. Lampson went to the Foreign Office this morning to continue the parleys. Subsequently it was announced that they had failed to reach an agreement on these privileges. The Foreign Office Communiqué said negotiations with Great Britain, the United States, France and Japan were deadlocked. The mandate followed these anti-negotiations. It had been anticipated that Dr. Wang would issue it prior to the proposed people's convention, scheduled to convene in the Capital tomorrow.

An uprising against General Chiang Kai-Shek, however, caused a de-

Mrs. Dalton Invited To Act As Sponsor At Launching Of New Ship

New Car Ferry "Charlottetown" To Be Launched At Lauzon, Quebec, On May 20. Lieutenant Governor Dalton And Mrs. Dalton Will Attend Ceremony On Special Invitation Of Sir Henry Thornton.

PREM. BAXTER WILL BE MADE JUDGE SOON

His Appointment To Bench Will Round Off Political Career Which Began in 1911.

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Que., May 4.—The Star today publishes the following despatch from Ottawa:

"The appointment of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier of New Brunswick to the Supreme Court Bench of New Brunswick appeal side is to be made shortly."

Mr. Baxter will succeed Mr. Justice White, who died last winter and he, in turn, will be succeeded as Premier by Hon. C. D. Richards, Mr. Baxter's appointment to the Bench will round off a political career which began in 1911.

First Shipment Of Steel From Mother Country

(Special to the Guardian)
TORONTO, Ont., May 4.—Arrival of 1,000 tons of steel plate, the raw material for steel construction work at the Toronto terminal warehouse today marks the first step in trade negotiations between Canada and England, whereby the mother country may secure fully one half of Toronto's raw steel market.

The steel is consigned to the Toronto iron works and another shipment of 1,000 tons is expected later this month. Alex Dawson, manager of the Toronto Iron Works states that British steel is both cheaper and better than steel from other sources, but a large quantity of raw steel will still have to be bought in the United States, since some customers of local construction companies require work done too quickly to permit of the raw material being shipped from England. About 50 percent of the contracts, however, allow sufficient time for the steel to be bought in England.

Duty Fixed On Importations Of Radishes

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Ont., May 4.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Customs Act, the Minister of National Revenue today fixed the value for duty purposes on importations of radishes at 10 cents a pound, the weight of the package to be included in computing the weight for duty values. This was announced today in a departmental bulletin which at the same time, carried a notice to appraisers cancelling that portion of the Order-in-Council of April 22 which fixed a duty value of six cents a pound on potatoes.

Today's order says that radishes shipped on consignment without sale prior to shipment so as to evade payment of special duty, will be subject to the same special duty as if the goods had been sold prior to shipment. The order does not apply to radishes purchased bonafide on or before today and in transit to Canada on or before May 15.

PATHETIC ENDING TO TRAGEDY

Three Children Burn to Death, While Mother, Overcome By Shock, Goes Blind.

(Special to the Guardian)
TWEED, Ont., May 4.—"Half a minute dad and I'll get the kids." With these words, 14 year old Geo. Rashotte threw away his chance for life and plunged into a blazing barn to die with his two small brothers today. The brothers, William, aged eight, Benjamin, five and George were sleeping in their playhouse on the second floor of the barn when fire broke out.

Their frantic father Felix Rashotte, saw George at the loft door and yelled to him to jump. George refused. Later his body was found. His arm was around little Ben. Mrs. Rashotte overcome by shock was struck blind and is reported in a critical condition.

Jesuit



WIFE BECOMES NUN

Alfredo Oswald, a Brazilian pianist, who attended the ceremony recently, whereby his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Oswald, was invested with the habit of a Carmelite nun. Mr. Oswald was made a Jesuit lay brother a few weeks ago. This is believed to have but few precedents.

The Weather, Etc.

SOME FOLKS WILL TAKE ANYTHING EXCEPT A JOKE!



TORONTO, May 5.—Moderate westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Temperatures

Maximum	50
Minimum	40
High tide this afternoon at 12:14 and tomorrow morning at 1:55.	
Sun sets this evening at 7:06 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:47.	
Last quarter moon, Saturday, May 9th, 8:48 a. m.	