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## Rousing Conservative Conventions Held Yesterday

### Public Accounts Committee Refuse To Hear Evidence Disproving Insinuation Made by Auditor Before the Committee

Liberal Members Of Committee Block Efforts Of Conservative Members To Refute Charge Made By Provincial Auditor Against External Auditors. Accusation Of Hon. B. W. LePage, Made Repeatedly On Floor Of House, That External Audit Under Stewart Government Had Been Made Without Knowledge Of Provincial Auditor, Is Disproved By Admissions Of Mr. Anderson Under Examination By Mr. A. F. Arsenault.

At the request of Messrs. A. F. Arsenault and H. D. MacLean, Conservative members of the Public Accounts Committee, a special meeting of the Committee was held yesterday afternoon, Hon. B. W. LePage, chairman of the Committee, presiding, to inquire into certain statements made by the Provincial Auditor before the Committee and reported in the Patriot newspaper of April 23.

Liberal members present included Premier Lea, Hon. Mr. Cox and Mr. Allen. There were also present, Mr. John Anderson, Provincial Auditor, and Mr. C. M. Shannon.

Following is a verbatim report of the proceedings:

MR. ARSENAULT: Mr. John Anderson made a certain statement at the last meeting of the Public Accounts Committee in connection with the External Audits. It is reported as follows in the Patriot newspaper:

"A word about this External Audit idea. We have had a number of them from 1911 to 1929, and with the exception of the first in 1911, which was before my time in the office and of which I have no opinion to offer, and the work done by Mr. Blanchett, C. A., and

Mr. Hart, C. A., all the others were a useless waste of public money. Their statements were at first prepared by myself. We explained the figures in them, they then signed their precious names and received cheques in payment."

That was your statement, Mr. Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: Yes.  
MR. ARSENAULT: That is correct?

MR. ANDERSON: Yes.  
MR. ARSENAULT: We would like to know how External Audits have been conducted in the past, and I would ask Mr. Shannon to give us some information on this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: "I submit that we are considering the Accounts of this year and Mr. Shannon has not anything to do with the Accounts of this year, and I submit it is not the correct procedure to bring in a man for to make a statement into this Committee about what happened in other years. We don't want to open up any discussion. We have got the Public Accounts to consider."

MR. ARSENAULT: "We have a right to go over the Public Accounts not only of this year, but of other years."  
MR. ALLEN: "Last year the Public Accounts were submitted and they were approved. If you want to go into something Mr. Anderson has said or written you might ask him on the floor of the House. But the Public Accounts Committee have not that power and it is not going to be allowed."

PREMIER LEA: May I suggest that Mr. Arsenault be permitted to make a statement in explanation of what he said, just as appearing in that paper.

MR. ARSENAULT: We have asked on several occasions for an External Audit and we have been refused by this Government this year and every year on the ground that this was a useless expenditure of money. We are doubtful, as members of this committee, whether or not we should press for an External Audit and we want to hear from those who have prepared External Audits in the past. We want them to show how it is done and we have certainly a right to ask for that information.

THE CHAIRMAN: I submit that this is not the proper place to ask for an External Audit. We are a Public Accounts Committee.

MR. JOHN ANDERSON: I made a statement and it was just in a general way. It was hastily done, but I stand by it all the same. These External Audits began before I came here and of course it would be natural I was opposed to them all the time; but for more than one reason. What I meant by it first was in the first years. Mr. Newbery was the man they went to and they sat over there at his desk. He went around and got those figures. In the course of time his health failed and he turned the matter over to me and I was doing what he was doing. There was one time in the first months of the year that he was in bed and I was doing his work and my own. These accounts are furnished by us, as I said. We went around and got the figures. But then in tabulating them that system was followed by those men. We didn't put up the form for them, but the form was continued. In my time I did that and I knew that all that work was a

### NEW LOAN WILL BE LAUNCHED ABOUT MAY 15

Premier Bennett Now Engaged Upon Preparation of His Message Commending New Bonds To The Public.

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, May 5.—With a ringing applause Premier Bennett will launch the new Dominion conversion loan about the middle of May. The Prime Minister is presently engaged upon the preparation of his message commending the new bonds to the public and urging them to cooperate with the Government in financing the billion dollar maturities which fall due between the present time and November 1934. In reality no fresh money is required as the public will be asked to take new bonds in place of the old ones which they purchased so readily to finance Canada's part in the war.

Fresh details of the new conversion loan were obtained today. It is expected that as a starter \$25,000,000 of the new bonds will be taken up by the investors following the Prime Minister's appeal, which will be published in newspapers through the Dominion. Particulars concerning the new loan may be summarized as follows: The first parcel contains \$52,000,000, 5 percent bonds due Oct. 1, 1931. Holders of these bonds will receive in exchange for them new bonds with one tax free coupon attached bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 percent, due Oct. 1, 1931. Thereafter the rate of interest will be 4 1/2 percent and the bond will be taxable. The next coupon will be for seven months interest at 4 1/2 percent from Oct. 1 to May 1, 1932. This is to bring them into harmony with other Government bond issues so that all will fall due on the same dates, namely May 1 and Nov. 1. These also will have a coupon attached bearing half of 1 percent for the purpose of equalizing the interest rate. The new bonds replacing the 1931 maturities will be due on May 1, 1936 callable on May 1, 1945 or upon any subsequent interest day at sixty days notice.

### France Will Add To Her Naval Strength

(Canadian Press)

PARIS, May 5.—France will continue during the coming year to pile up her strength, adding nearly 50,000 tons, including her first post-war battle cruiser, to the rejuvenated navy she has been building since 1922. Charles Dumont, Minister of the Navy, completed the 1931-32 building program and copies were distributed tonight to members of the navy committee of the Chamber of Deputies, to permit the project to be presented to the Chamber on Thursday. The project calls for the building of 48,538 tons at a cost of \$50,427,000.

### Que. Elections Next August

(Special to the Guardian)

QUEBEC, Que., May 5.—Official announcement will be made this week by Premier Taschereau, that the provincial general elections will not take place this spring. The present Legislature has authority to extend until Aug. 10, 1932 and has already had four sessions which is the average number

### Fly To Pole



TO GET PHOTOGRAPHS  
Jack Charleson of Ottawa who with Capt. F. N. Williams will fly as far north as the magnetic pole to photograph aurora borealis in colors. They plan to hop off July 20.—International.

### TWO BOYS SAVED FROM SURE DEATH

Dastardly Attempt of Unknown Fiend To Kill Children Frustrated In Nick of Time.

(Special to the Guardian)

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., May 5.—Charles Spoutz, 14, and his brother Edward, 13, were saved from death under the wheels of a Grand Trunk train last night when their young sister found them bound hand and foot and notified her mother. The lads had been picking clover for their rabbits near the railroad track when an unidentified man bound them with wire. He caught the elder lad and threatened to shoot Edward if he ran or moved. Having bound the two the man laid them one at a time across the track.

The mother, worried by the lads' long absence sent Dorothy, 12, in search of them. The girl screamed upon discovering her brothers and the man ran. By the time the mother arrived the boys had managed to roll partly off the track.

### Unreported

### Liberal Members Of Committee Block Efforts Of Conservative Members To Refute Charge Made By Provincial Auditor Against External Auditors.

### Standard Bearers Are Nominated For Contest In 2 Electoral Districts

Messrs. L. L. Jenkins, D. F. Bethune, J. Augustine MacDonald and M. W. Wood Nominated As Conservative Candidates for Second And Third Queens.

Two enthusiastic and largely attended Conservative conventions, one for the Second Electoral District, and one for the Third Electoral District of Queens were held yesterday in the Conservative Committee Rooms for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming provincial election.

For the Third District, Mr. M. W. Wood, Southport, was nominated for Councillor, and Mr. J. Augustine MacDonald for assemblyman.

For the Second District, Mr. L. L. Jenkins was nominated for Councillor, and Mr. D. F. Bethune as Assemblyman.

The nomination of Mr. M. W. Wood was moved by Mr. Frank Driscoll. That of Mr. J. Augustine MacDonald was moved by Mr. Walter Campbell and seconded by Mr. William Connick.

Mr. J. J. McDonald, Glenfinnan, was chairman of the meeting, and Mr. A. R. McDonald, secretary.

Mr. J. Augustine McDonald, who first addressed the meeting, expressed his pleasure at seeing many former co-workers who had assisted him in the last two campaigns. Although they had worked hard in the last campaign, the candidates with many others had gone down to defeat. During the last four years in which the Liberals were in power, affairs have been going from bad to worse. It has been a story of violated promises, particularly in relation to prohibition enforcement. The government has not even made an honest effort to enforce the law. Landlords have been allowed to retain tenants who have violated the Prohibition Act. Offenders found guilty have not served their sentences or paid their fines in many cases. There are a large number in jail at present, whose votes might help to win an election. To liberate these a ticket-of-leave Act has been invented, the first Act of such a kind ever passed in Canada.

In their platform in 1927, the Liberals promised to abolish statute labor, they did so, and now are reviving it again. They have passed every possible piece of legislation that would catch votes. The Liberals are now bringing up federal issues, because they are afraid to face the issues which they themselves have created. Given time the Bennett Government will fulfill all promises. Every Liberal speaker in the local House is half on federal politics.

In closing, Mr. McDonald stressed the necessity of co-operation in every poll.

Mr. M. W. Wood thanked the delegates for the nomination, and stated that he felt assured of co-operation throughout the district.

Hon. J. D. Stewart, Provincial Conservative leader addressed the meeting briefly. Such a gathering as the convention does not need any conversion, he stated. He congratulated the convention on the splendid attendance, and upon the choice of standard bearers made. Mr. McDonald gave his province and his district the best service possible, while Mr. Wood is a neighbor of most of the electors and a friend to all.

Mr. Stewart urged the delegates to strain every effort toward getting the provincial government in line with the Federal.

Many recent pieces of legislation Mr. Stewart stated, have been political gestures. In closing, Mr. Stewart urged the electors to a united effort during the coming campaign.

2ND DISTRICT CONVENTION  
The Conservative convention for the Second District of Queens met at 2 o'clock with Mr. George McDonald in the chair.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins was nominated as Councillor and Mr. D. F. Bethune as Assemblyman. The nomination of the former was moved by Mr. Douglas McPherson, and seconded by Mr. Michael Coady, while the latter was moved by Mr. James McDonald, and seconded by Mr. Neil McQuarrie.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins thanked the delegates for the honour accorded him in nominating him as councillor. He asked for the co-operation of all Conservative electors in the coming election.

Mr. Bethune in a brief speech of thanks, stressed the necessity of co-operation and organization.

Hon. J. D. Stewart congratulated the nominees, stating that he believed the convention had named excellent candidates.

LIBSON, May 5.—Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, war correspondent who had been through more campaigns and uprisings than any other newspaperman living, died here yesterday of peritonitis. He was 50 years old and had been taking treatment at a sanatorium here for some time. Shortly after the Great War, through which he served as a correspondent for the London press, he had two years as a member of the British House of Commons.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 5.—Bert Hinkler, Australian flyer who left Toronto this afternoon supposedly for North Beach, Long Island, was unreported when darkness fell tonight. North Beach was generally understood to be the first stopping point of the aviator, who later will set out on a major flight of unannounced destination. It is believed however, that the flight will carry him across the Atlantic, perhaps to Africa.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 5.—A puss moth plane piloted by H. J. L. Hinkler arrived at the Buffalo airport from Toronto, Ont., at 2 p. m. today. The plane checked in at the Customs and was placed in a hangar for the night. Hinkler was not located at leading hotels tonight.

CANTON, China, May 5.—Ten persons were killed and scores injured in a mysterious explosion at the Yuchu fortress near here today. The arsenal attached to the fort blew up and all the fortress buildings were destroyed. Of those injured, eight were in a serious condition.

### Society Girl



Miss Priscilla Higginbotham, society girl and member of pioneer Chicago family, is enrolled with veteran police officers in Northwestern University's school of scientific crime detection, being the only woman ever to take course. She believes she'll make a good detective, for she is a crack revolver shot.

### Alberta's New Gov. Sworn In

(Canadian Press)

EDMONTON, Alta., May 5.—With historic pomp, the ceremonies which placed Hon. W. L. Walsh in office as Alberta's fourth Lieutenant-Governor were held at the Parliament Buildings at four p. m. today. Flashing of military uniforms, dignified dress of legislators and general brilliance of the assembly made the function highly impressive. Hon. Mr. Walsh took the oath of office, which was administered by Hon. Horace Harvey, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alberta. With the function over, he proceeded to Government House, where he will reside for the next five years which is the period of the appointment. The new Lieutenant-Governor accompanied by his bride whom he married recently in Vancouver, arrived by train shortly before the ceremony.

### The Weather, Etc.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL'S VOICE DOES N'T ALWAYS RING TRUE!



TORONTO, May 6.—Moderate westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

Temperatures  
Maximum . . . . . 55  
Minimum . . . . . 43  
High tide this afternoon at 12.54 and tomorrow morning at 2.45.  
Sun sets this evening at 7.07 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.45.  
Last quarter moon Saturday, May 9, 8.48 a. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

### Aviator



Captain Albin Ahrenberg, Swedish aviator, who will assist Capt. Ralph H. Raper, British army, in aerial search for Augustine Couraud, survivor of Arctic air route expedition, believed lost in Greenland.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

Club Meeting in Cornwall Rink, Monday, May 11th. 4438-5-6-11.

St. James Church Cake Sale Saturday, May 16th. 4408-5-6-21.

Borden Line Club leading hogs, calves, at Albany, Thursday, May 7. Hours 12 to 3. 4430-5-6-31.

Come to Cardigan Hall Thursday, May 7th. Big dance. 4418-5-6-11.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a cake sale on Saturday, May 23rd. 4404-5-6.

Just arrived car of Lime, casks and barrels. Car of shingles. A. B. Cuthill, Hunter River. 4430-5-6-31.

New Annapolis Speedway, G. Blonfin Thomas, trainer of race horses. Public stable opens May 8th. 4427-5-6-31.

Buying live Hogs Tuesday forenoon, May 12th, Hunter River. Everett Haslam, Emerald, Aldon Moose, Kensington, buying same date. 4438-5-6-31.

Come and see "Cranberry Corners" by South Melville Dramatic Club in Hampton Hall, Friday, May 8th at 8 o'clock. Specialties between acts. 5c and 25c. 4421-5-6-21.

The Annual Meeting of the Trvon Peoples Cemetery will be held in the vestry of the United Church on Thursday, May 7th, 1931 at 2.30 o'clock. Austin Cameron, Secretary. 4415-5-6-31.

Great Play in York Hall this Thursday night 8.15. Mrs. Arthur Roper and City talent will present the comedy "Peggy Lou". Auspices Women's Institute. Admission 50c. First appearance since Prince Edward Theatre success. 4413-5-6-21.

See the play entitled "The Spinner's Convention" in Mt. Stewart Hall, Thursday evening, May 7th, under the auspices of the "Cable Head and Dramatic Club. If not fine, first fine night following. Dance after show. 4416-5-6-31.

The Annual Roll Call of the Trvon 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. Price 50 cents. 5358-5-2-stuw31.

### Family Of Six Asphyxiated

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Que., May 5.—An entire family of six people were killed by poisonous fumes from a gas heater connected to a washing machine in their flat in Verdun, a suburb, today. A neighbor smelled the gas and found the mother, father and four children lying unconscious in the gas filled house. All attempts to resuscitate the victims failed. The dead are: Hector Hayeur, 39, insurance agent, Mr. Della Hayeur, 39, his wife, Gilbert Hayeur, 15, a daughter, Lucille Hayeur, 14, another daughter; Lionel Hayeur, 9, a son, another daughter, name unknown as yet, five years old.

### Chinese Will Pay Income Tax In B. C.

(Special to the Guardian)

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 5.—Hundreds of Chinese living in British Columbia have claimed exemption from the new provincial one percent income tax because they are supporting wives in China. Hon. J. W. Jones, Minister of Finance and author of the levy, says these wives will not be recognized for taxation purposes unless they live in British Columbia and no allowance will be made for the Chinese wives in China. This is the first tax with which the Government has been able to reach the casual oriental worker, who in the past has paid virtually nothing into the Provincial Treasury.

The Scotchfort Memorial Park Association Annual Meeting will take place Monday, May 11th. 4407-5-6-31.

The Tracadie Cross Dramatic Club present their 3-act comedy-drama, "Only Sally Ann" in Tracadie Cross Hall, Friday, May 8th, at 8 P. M. 4438-5-6-31.

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