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Maritime Union A Dead Issue

Maritime Premiers Unanimous In Opinion That Discussion Of Subject Is Unprofitable.

768 HEAD OF CATTLE FOR OVERSEAS

First Double Shipment Of The Year For Export Arrives At Montreal.

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—The first double shipment of the year of cattle for export via Maritime ports arrived at the Montreal stockyards today. A total of 768 head were in the yards with several cars enroute here. The cattle will leave at the end of the week for Saint John, N. B., and Halifax to sail aboard the S. S. Althira and S. S. Sularia next Monday.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Inspector Gilbert Smith, Ottawa, and Inspector E. R. Jackson, of the Dominion penitentiaries branch, are being retired on reorganization of the branch, it was learned tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

"Notice to Box-holders on Kingston Telephone Lines for 1933. Assessment is \$2.00 payable February 1st, after that date, \$3.00. Shareholders without Boxes 1933 Assessment \$1.00 payable February 1st, after that date \$1.50. George Beer, Treasurer. 7708-1-18-11.

"Salvation Army Annual Rummage Sale January 26th. Gifts of clothing, furniture, dishes, etc., are solicited. The Army is a medium between the poor and needy and the benevolent public. Canvassers will call on you, but if you are missed phone 623 and your donation will be called for. 7615-1-18-11.

"All School Taxes Arrears and Judgments in Stanley School District not paid by January 25th, 1933 will be handed over to a Solicitor for collection. By order of Trustees, R. J. Anderson, Secretary. 7690-1-17-21.

"Unloading car screened Springhill coal at Milton Tuesday and Wednesday. A supply best quality coal on hand at all times. B. C. Webster Milton. 7695-1-17-21

"Poultry—Special price of 17 cents per pound on heavy, good quality fowls, dressed, undrawn, empty crops, dry plucked. S. R. Fenelon, Kensington. 7678-1-18-31

"The Annual Meeting of the Orwell Dairy Co. will be held in the Orwell Core Hall, on Saturday, January 21st, at 2 P. M. Reginald MacLean, Secretary. 7713-1-18-21.

"Come to the lecture and entertainment in the Millview Hall on Thursday, January 19th, 7.30 p. m. If stormy on following Monday. 7707-1-18-11.

"The regular midweek attraction, B. L. S. social evening, Auction, modern and old time dancing. Special prizes. Island's leading orchestra and vaudeville. 7625-11.

"Hockey at Victoria Rink, Wednesday, January 18th. Bedeque vs. Victoria Unions. Game starts 8.30. Admission 25c. 7692-1-17-21.

"Hockey game between Jimmy's Heart Breakers and Mt. Stewart at Heart Rink Thursday night. Mt. Stewart Rink Thursday night. 1 1/2 hours' skate. 7621-1-18-21

"Come everybody. Dance in Bradbane Hall, Friday, January 20th. Music by Todd's Orchestra. The best time yet. 7614-1-18-11.

"Wheatley River Stars vs. Milton Hornets at Milton Rink Wednesday night. League game. 7624-11.

"Hockey—Silver Sides vs. Imperials at New Glasgow tonight. 7626-11

"Come to the Whist in Millview Hall, Friday, January 20th. 7712-1-18-21.

(By George C. Murray, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

HALIFAX, Jan. 17.—As often as the bewhiskered proposal of merging Canada and Newfoundland is discussed the suggestion of uniting the Maritime Provinces is revived. Despatches from St. John's tell of rumors about grouping the Island Dominion and the three provinces in one large province of Canada. Leaving Newfoundland out, because of Prime Minister F. C. Alderdice's declaration today that Canada's recent loan has not added to the likelihood of confederation, even the possibility of uniting Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island seems remote.

At least, that view is held by the three Maritime premiers. "The question of Maritime union has been considered so many times that the subject is almost threadbare," said Premier Gordon S. Harrington of Nova Scotia. "Upon analysis it always has been shown as doubtful if there would be any saving in governmental expenditures should such a union be made.

"On the other hand, it is not at all an unwise principle especially in these days to have a certain amount of decentralization of authority and government. "At the present time I would say that Maritime union is one of the least profitable or practical matters to the consideration of which public men might direct their attention."

Premier C. D. Richards of New Brunswick expressed himself as strongly in accord with the idea of Maritime co-operation and joint action, where possible, upon all matters of particular interest to the three provinces. He was not, however, in favor of a political union of the Maritime Provinces under one government.

"Some small monetary gain might be expected, but that would be offset by the disturbance of dislocation that would be produced in many other directions," he continued.

"Establishment of business, political, educational and social customs and organizations of 150 years cannot be lightly or easily destroyed and others substituted therefore. "The present disturbed economic conditions, which must surely be of only temporary duration, and the pressing need for economy, great as it may be, should not be made a basis or excuse for action that would not be taken under normal conditions."

Premier J. D. Stewart of Prince Edward Island considered the possibility of uniting the three provinces so remote that he declined further comment.

Moncton B. Of T. Elects Officers

MONCTON, Jan. 17.—(C.P.)—R. P. Dickson was re-elected president of the Moncton Board of Trade at the annual meeting here tonight as well as the other officers and members of the council.

According to a motion which was unanimously passed by the meeting, the Board will forward a resolution to the Premier of the Province, opposing the increased assessment of ten per cent by the workman's compensation board. No action was taken in connection with communication from F. McLure Sclanders, secretary of the Maritime Board of Trade. The local board will give this matter further consideration before taking action.

Officers of the board for the coming year in addition to President Dickson, are J. A. Blanchard, Vice-President, and B. A. Taylor, S. J. McLeod, Sen. C. W. Robinson, T. J. Leger, A. H. Grainger, A. H. Jones and J. L. MacDonald.

"Cornwall—C. C. vs. Lindy's at Cornwall tonight 7.15. 7619-1-18-11.

PRODUCE BUSINESS ON UPGRADE

Delegates At Toronto Convention Optimistic Over Outlook—James Leightizer Local Representative In Attendance.

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Jan. 17.—From coast to coast, Canada's produce business is on the upgrade, according to delegates to the convention of the Canadian Produce Association, meeting here today. While admitting 1932 was far from a good year for business, all felt markets were becoming steadier and domestic and export business increasing. Prices had become firmer and the outlook was brighter, said W. A. Landreth, Winnipeg, and James Leightizer, Charlottetown, P. E. I. T. H. Ashton, Belleville, Ont., who recently made a survey of conditions in the British Isles, declared "everyone is talking in favor of Empire products and none are more favorably inclined towards Empire produce than the British housewife."

BELIEVED DOWN IN THE SAHARA

Lady Mary Bailey British Aviatrix Long Overdue On Second Leg Of Long Flight.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(C.P. Cable)—Two British fliers, both women, were rescued today from the wild country near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, Africa, but two others remained unreported, one in North Africa and one in Switzerland. No word had come to French authorities in Algeria concerning the fate of Lady Mary Bailey, who left Oran on the south coast of the Mediterranean Sunday night on the second leg of a speed flight to Cape Town, South Africa. Lady Bailey, who was suffering from a slight attack of influenza when she took off, carried in her plane only enough gasoline for a 17-hour flight. She had been missing more than 48 hours and was believed down somewhere in the Sahara desert, possibly among friendly natives, with no means of communication with the outside world.

Search For Hinkler

Capt. W. L. Hoop continued his search of the Swiss Alps for Bert Hinkler, trans-Atlantic flier, missing more than a week on a flight to Australia. Hinkler was believed to have crashed in the neighborhood of Simlipon Pass.

Insurance Scheme Mooted For Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Insurance of not less than \$10 weekly for every worker of 16 years or over, with at least \$2 in addition for every dependent, was the central theme of a programme laid before the provincial government today by a delegation from the Halifax council of the unemployed.

Hon. J. Fred Fraser, provincial secretary, presided at the meeting, and other members of the government present were, Hon. O. P. Coucher, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Dr. G. H. Murphy, Minister of Health and Education, and Hon. Albert Parsons, Minister without portfolio.

Will Visit Canada



STRATOSPHERE EXPLORER ARRIVES IN U. S.

Prof. Auguste Piccard (left), European scientist famed for his flights into the stratosphere in a specially constructed metal sphere, and who is contemplating another record flight from Hudson's Bay to study cosmic rays, is met by his brother, Jean Piccard of Marshallton, Del., as he reaches New York on the S. S. Champlain to make a lecture tour of United States, telling Americans of his thrilling experiences. With the proceeds from his lectures, he plans to make further expeditions to the higher-up.

Russia Made No Offer To Buy Cattle

There is Nothing Now Standing in the Way of Such a Deal if it were Genuinely Made

In the current issue of Saturday Night Mr. E. C. Buchanan pricks the bladder of the so called Russian offer for the barter of cattle for Russian oil.

The writer states emphatically that the Soviet Government has made no such offer and that the whole affair is propaganda engineered by one or more western men of the Government, and being used by critics who see in this propaganda munition to injure the high standing the Bennett Government has attained not only in the Dominion but throughout the Empire. He says:

The futile kind of sniping these critics engage in might well be taken as evidence of a severe shortage of ammunition, and proceeds: The latest stunt is being staged around the alleged proposal for a barter in cattle and oil between Canada and Soviet Russia. Professional enemies of the administration are exerting themselves to stir the countryside into indignation over what is represented as its refusal to sanction a large and profitable trade with Moscow, which refusal is attributed to Russophobia on the part of Mr. Bennett. While in England the Prime Minister is being accused by Free Traders of treating the Conference agreement as a scrap of paper and sanctioning negotiations for this trading with the Soviet, the political Free Traders of Canada are telling the farmers that his anti-Soviet mania is depriving them of a market for all the surplus cattle in their barns and on their ranges. Farmer organizations are being urged to pass resolutions demanding that Ottawa sanction this opportunity for much needed trade.

A DICKER, NOT A DEAL

And all the storm is about nothing. The fusillades against the Prime Minister both in England and in Canada are based on misrepresentation. The Ottawa government is not blocking any deal with the Soviet, for there is no deal to block.

Some western gentlemen apparently conceived the idea that a deal might be made for the sale of cattle to Russia, payment to be taken in petroleum products. They had some negotiations with persons in Moscow. News of this dickering got out, and the western gentlemen have been in the position of having to make a showing.

Now, if they had secured any bargain with the Soviet for the exchange of cattle and oil, all they would have required from Ottawa would have been an understanding that the existing situation regarding the importation of foreign oil into Canada would not be altered during the currency of the arrangement in a manner to prejudice it. There is nothing now standing in the way of such a transaction, and the only interference on the part of Ottawa against which assurance was needed was something in the way of future restriction on the entry of oil from Russia.

But that wasn't what the western gentlemen asked of Ottawa. In the first place, they were not content with the entry of oil, on which there are no restrictions applying to Russia, but they wanted the embargo on Russian coal removed.

After that they wanted the government to finance the transaction, advancing credit for the purchase of the cattle for export to Russia. Critics of the government would have it appear that in falling to accede to this proposition it is improperly allowing its prejudice against the Soviet to stand in the way of trade.

But as far as Ottawa knows, there is no assurance that trade even on these terms was to be secured. The western promoters have not seen fit to produce any evidence of a bargain with Moscow, and both Amberg in New York and Colonel Mackie in Ottawa, both recognized spokesmen for the Soviet, confess to scepticism about the deal. In short, then, there is nothing before the government for its approval or disapproval, as far as is known, and no basis for all the foam and fuss. And the manner in which the business has been politically exploited has caused some people to wonder if it was not originally devised as a booby for the purpose of just exploitation.

In any case, Moscow's interest clearly was not confined to the securing of cattle and the marketing of oil, for it insisted that an insignificant quantity of coal should be included in the payment for the cattle. Not enough coal to count for anything in Russia's export trade, but any quantity, however small, to necessitate the revision of the Canadian embargo on certain commodities in which the Soviet engages in unfair competition.

It was not a bona fide deal, as far as it went, on Moscow's part, and there is a large question as to its genuineness at the Canadian end.

Maritime Ass'n. Of Architects Meet In Moncton

(Special to the Guardian)
MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 17.—Incoming Canadian National trains

brought architects from the Maritimes to Moncton to attend the annual meeting of the Maritime Association of Architects which took place today. The entire slate of officers was re-elected, they are, President, S. P. Dumarey, Halifax; Vice-President, W. W. Alward, St. John, N. B.; Honorary Secretary, H. C. Mott, St. John,

THE DOMINION-PROV. CONFERENCE OPENS

Relief Administration Dominated Discussions At Parley Which Opened Yesterday—All Provinces Represented.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Relief administration dominated discussions at the Dominion-Provincial conference today. Towards the close of the afternoon sitting, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett introduced the subject of unemployment and social insurance as a prelude to its consideration tomorrow morning.

Discussion on relief brought forth a sweeping survey of the situation in each province. On many phases of the problem, suggestions were advanced:

- (1) Closer checking of eligibility for relief.
- (2) Encouragement of farm settlement.
- (3) Uniformity of the standard of relief in all the provinces.
- (4) Development of existing schemes to provide work in camps for the single unemployed.
- (5) Public works where conditions necessitate.

These matters will go under advisement. Out of the general discussion, it was agreed by all delegates that administration of relief since the conference in April last had been carried out with reasonable efficiency.

Relative jurisdiction of the Dominion and provinces surrounds the subject of unemployment and social insurance. Sketched lightly

by Premier Bennett this evening, the matter will occupy the whole of tomorrow morning's sitting at least.

The Dominion view is pretty well known. The plan—and a contributory one only—must be "actuarially sound" with the provinces transferring their present power over such matters to the Dominion. Only then would the Dominion be in a position to carry out a national scheme and collect the percentages of contributions from employers and workers.

Six Provinces Agree

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are understood to be prepared to give authority over to the Dominion. Of the remaining three provinces, Ontario and Quebec are said to be adverse. Some degree of support may be given by British Columbia to the Central Provinces.

With Prime Minister R. B. Bennett presiding, the parley opened at 10.30 o'clock this morning in the railway committee room of the Parliament Buildings. All nine provinces were represented. Morning and afternoon sittings were marked by a desire to co-operate towards a common understanding.

BENNETT MEETS UNEMPLOYED DELEGATION

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—Premier R. B. Bennett took time off from the inter-provincial conference today to meet a delegation of 20 persons representing the National Committee of unemployed councils while 75 more unemployed, many of whom had come from other cities, waited outside the Parliament buildings.

To proposals of a system of non-contributory unemployment insurance, advanced by the visitors, the Premier returned an emphatic "no." So long as his government was in power, he said, non-contributory insurance would not be introduced nor would any steps be taken towards remodeling the government of Canada along Soviet lines.

The conference between the Dominion and the provinces, Mr. Bennett said, has before it an unemployment insurance scheme of a different character, involving contributions by the workers.

The delegation presented a lengthy memorial bearing 139,456 signatures. Besides non-contributory insurance it urged the extension of credit to permit of the exchange of Canadian cattle for products from Russia, cessation of all payments of principal and interest on public debt of Canada to governments and banks, a reduction of all government salaries to a maximum of \$2,500 a year and drastic taxation of all private incomes in excess of \$5,000 a year.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Justice, and Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Labor, sat in with Mr. Bennett during the interview.

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—Earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the week ended Jan. 14 were: 1933, \$1,551,000; 1932, \$2,049,000; decrease, \$498,000, according to an official statement.

N. B.; Assistant Secretary Treasurer, A. E. Priest, Halifax. Additional members on the Executive Council, Nova Scotia, W. M. Brown, M. W. Gates, A. R. Cobb, all of Halifax, N. S.; New Brunswick, J. L. Feeney, H. S. Brennan, G. W. Wilson, all of St. John. H. C. Mott and A. R. Cobb were named representatives of the Association to the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Expect Victory For Nationalists

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Jan. 17.—(C. P. Cable)—Friends of the Nationalist party tonight saw hope of victory at the polls Jan. 24 in the optimistic trend of the stock market. Belief that former President William T. Cosgrave's forces would be returned to power, they said, was inspiration for a mild advance.

They were cheered also by rising prices on country markets, an indication, in their view, that the rural population and produce traders feel a change of government will bring an end to economic war with the United Kingdom and result in restoration of markets in that country lost through high tariffs.

Offices May Amalgamate

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Ont., Jan. 17.—Joint conference between officials of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways here today may result in amalgamation of two local city ticket offices next March. H. C. Bourlier, general passenger agent of the C. N. R., and William Fulton, Toronto, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., were in consultation with J. F. Gordon, city ticket agent of the C. N. R. for some time today. Also present were the heads of the local C. P. R. ticket office.

JAPAN MAY QUIT L. OF N.

TOKYO, Jan. 17.—(A.P.)—Cable despatches attributing a renewed anti-Japanese atmosphere at Geneva to American influence were prominently displayed by Japanese newspapers today. The despatches mentioned in this connection the activities of the United States Embassies in London and Paris. Japanese officials said news from Geneva indicated that the League of Nations, considering efforts to conciliate Japan and China to be futile, would proceed to frame a report in accordance with paragraph 4, article 15, of the League covenant. The nature of this report, they asserted, will determine whether Japan will quit the League. The paragraph in question provides for recommendations of League action.

UNEASY OVER SINO-JAP SITUATION

Washington Official Circles Perturbed Over New Development In China.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(A.P.)—The possibility that fighting between Japan and China in the Jehol region may spread south of the great wall of China and involve extensive foreign interests is causing increasing uneasiness in Washington official circles.

The administration is standing on its announced policy, to which President-elect Roosevelt said today he would adhere, of upholding the sanctity of all treaties, and no new approaches to the troubles in Manchuria are likely at the present time. But a spread of the hostilities into the Tientsin and Peiping areas would bring new worries and military developments in the Orient are being watched with more concern than the Japanese occupation of Jehol.

Below the great wall in this territory lie great British coal and railway interests, and any military movements into the sector almost certainly would involve Tientsin, the only important port in North China.

Halifax Captain Must Stand Trial

(Canadian Press)
BOSTON, Jan. 17.—A Federal grand jury today returned indictments against Captain William Trenholm of Halifax, N. S., and ten members of the crew of the British motorship Amactia, seized November 1 in New Bedford Harbor. No bills were found against William Rogell, Detroit baseball player, and fourteen other occupants of two small boats, found in the vicinity when the Amactia was seized.

The Weather, Etc

MAN LIVES LONGER NOW THAN HE DID IN 1800 HE HAS TO GET HIS TAXES PAID!



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Jan. 16.—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

Dawson	4B
Aklavik	10B
Edmonton	2S
Banff	1B
Calgary	10B
Saskatoon	2B
Regina	24B
Winnipeg	16B
London	38
Toronto	42
Kingston	42
Saint John	28
Halifax	27
Charlottetown	28

FORECASTS
Maritime Provinces—Fresh 14 strong winds, shifting to northwest and becoming somewhat colder with some snow.
High tide this afternoon at 3.04 and tomorrow morning at 3.39.
Sun rises this morning at 7.31 and sets this afternoon at 4.48.
New moon Wednesday January 26 11.30 p. m.
Summer time this afternoon 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
CAR FERRY SCHEDULE
Week days—Leaves: Boston daily 9.15 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10.30 a. m. and 2.55 p. m.