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DISPUTE OVER PRINCE ALBERT BALLOT

Both Candidates Have Completed Campaign and Await Result of Today's Vote.

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—Lack of space on the ballot paper was the only reason for the abbreviation of Premier King's christian name when the ballots for the Prince Albert by-election were printed. This is the explanation given by the acting returning officer in that riding, Robert Young to the chief electoral officer here, in reply to the questions which have been asked concerning the change which was made from the style of the nomination papers.

The matter came up in the House of Commons yesterday on a question. T. D. Agnew, agent for Premier King's opponent Captain D. L. Burgess protested against the form of the ballot. His candidate was nominated as "David Luther Burgess, M. C." But on the ballot paper the decoration was not mentioned. Premier King was nominated as "William Lyon Mackenzie King, P. C." and is decorated by the ballot as "Mr. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King." It was complained that this change was contrary to the Elections Act. Colonel O. M. Biggar, Chief Electoral Officer wired for an explanation.

Acting returning officer Young replied from Prince Albert as follows: "Space on ballot was too small for full name of Premier King. Section 50 and paragraph 43, make no mention of additions or decorations. My attention was never directed on behalf of Burgess to any provision of the act. Verbal question asked on nomination day by Agnew if "M. C." would appear on ballot and I replied that I knew of no provision for additions or letters of distinction appearing on ballot." Section 50 of the act provides that names of candidates must appear on the ballot exactly as they are given in the nomination papers. Paragraph 43 of the Chief Electoral Officers instructions give directions as to how addresses, etc. must be printed. There is, it is stated, no provision that decorations must be included. In the absence of Colonel Biggar this morning from the capital, it is not known to what extent the change in the form of Premier King's name on the ballot may affect the legality of the election. It is understood, however, that there is a saving clause in the statute which provides against the voiding of an election on the strength of a merely technical mistake when there is no suspicion of dishonest motive behind it.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Feb. 14.—Complaints heard in the House of Commons concerning the ballots printed for the Prince Albert by-election in which Premier King is opposed by David L. C. Burgess, M. C. Independent brought the first surprise in the campaign to the electors. The subject was one greatly discussed in political circles and it was announced that the Chief Electoral Officer for Canada had wired for a full report. An official complaint has been lodged with the electoral officer by Mr. Burgess.

With election day on Monday supporters of both candidates have made final plans for a whirlwind finish to the campaign. (Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 14.—The Prince Albert by-election and some incidents of it were brought up in the House of Commons today by Hon. R. B. Bennett. He directed attention to a telegram he had received from the agent of H. L. Burgess, candidate against Premier King. The telegram set forth that the designation of the two candidates on the nomination papers was Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, P. C. and Harry L. Burgess, M. C. On the ballot paper, however, the letters "P. C." were omitted after Mr. King's name and "M. C." after the name of Mr. Burgess.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice acknowledged that he had received a copy of the telegram. He declared, however, that the elections were not carried on under the government but were carried on under the jurisdiction of Col. O. M. Biggar, Chief Electoral Officer, who was responsible only to the speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Bennett also charged that Mr. Bennett was being loosely handled in the printing office and went on to say that both the instructions from the Chief Electoral Officer and the Election Act were very specific in providing that the designation of candidates on the ballot and proclamations must be identical with what appears on the nomination paper. Nothing was more necessary than to guard against the manipulation of ballots and to see that the will of the people is properly expressed in the ballots. To that end if necessary the service of the Mounted Police were available. He wished to know what steps were being taken.

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PROTESTS MORE NUMEROUS DEPUTY MINISTER ADMITS

Conditions in Montreal District Not Improved Since 1922, he Tells House Committee. — Activities of New Inspector not so Satisfactory as Those of Chief, Farrow Declares.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Complaints from business men regarding the conditions in the district of Montreal are decidedly on the increase, R. E. Farrow, Deputy Minister of Customs admitted this morning before the committee of the House of Commons which is investigating the administration of the Customs Department. These complaints regarding conditions in the Montreal area were serious, he said, answering questions of Hon. H. H. Stevens. Asked if conditions in Montreal were worse than they were before 1922, when Chief Inspector Bushy was "excluded" from that Port, Mr. Farrow replied: "Not any better." Mr. Farrow was again asked to give his opinion of the ability and conduct of R. P. Clark, present Inspector at Montreal. The Deputy Minister replied that he could not answer by comparison. Asked if Mr. Clark's activities as Inspector of the port had been satisfactory, Mr. Farrow replied "not so satisfactory as those of the chief inspector Bushy."

Mr. Stevens also took exception to Mr. Bolvin entering into discussions with the committee. Mr. Donaghy and J. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex, took the Minister's part and finally Mr. Bolvin got the floor. He had merely wanted to suggest that the staff records of men whose conduct was under examination should be in the hands of the committee. Copies might be made. After a long discussion which became at times acrimonious, Mr. Stevens had made one statement "to get something in the press." Mr. Stevens invited Mr. Elliott to exclude the press. Mr. Elliott replied: "We will exclude you."

SEVEN DROWNED BY CLOUDBURST

(Canadian Press) PIKEVILLE, Feb. 14.—Seven people were drowned at Coaldale, near here early today when a cloud burst flooded the valley in which the town was situated.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Warrant for the arrest of the Earl of Craven was requested by telegraph today by Henry H. Curran, Commissioner of Immigration from the Department of Labor. The Earl admitted to immigration inspectors that prior to his entry into the country he had committed adultery with the Countess of Cathcart who is now held at Ellis Island on a similar charge.

U. S. Senate Passes Tax Reduction Bill

(Special to the Guardian) WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Senate tonight passed the tax reduction bill providing a saving of \$456,000,000 in taxes this year to federal tax payers and sent it to conference for adjustment of differences with the House. The vote was 58 to 9. Thirty-four Republicans and twenty-four Democrats voted for the measure while six Republicans, two Democrats and the one Farmer-Labor member opposed it. Mr. Lapointe had no doubt that the Chief Electoral Officer had the right to see what the Chief Electoral Officer had done in the circumstances and this right was provided for in the Election Act. Mr. Lapointe suggested that Biggar, Chief Electoral Officer, who was responsible only to the speaker of the House of Commons.

AROUSSED OVER EXCLUSION OF COUNTESS

N. Y. Women Publish Letter of Protest to Secretary Davis.

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Women of New York are aroused over the exclusion of the Countess of Cathcart by the immigration authorities while the Earl of Craven the partner in her alleged misconduct which resulted in her being excluded was permitted to enter the country. "This is not a reading circle," he said. Hon. G. H. Bolvin rose to make a suggestion. Mr. Bennett said that "this business of the Minister bobbing up every few minutes is getting tiresome." It was an impertinence for the Minister to tell the committee what it should do. Where was the counsel for the Customs Department? Mr. Bolvin said he was absent for the moment, and there was a standing order that the Minister be allowed to speak for his department in the absence of counsel. Mr. Bennett said that counsel (Alme Geoffroy, K.C.) was not far away. His cigar was still alight on his table. Mr. Stevens also took exception to Mr. Bolvin entering into discussions with the committee. Mr. Donaghy and J. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex, took the Minister's part and finally Mr. Bolvin got the floor. He had merely wanted to suggest that the staff records of men whose conduct was under examination should be in the hands of the committee. Copies might be made. After a long discussion which became at times acrimonious, Mr. Stevens had made one statement "to get something in the press." Mr. Stevens invited Mr. Elliott to exclude the press. Mr. Elliott replied: "We will exclude you."

Move to Abolish State Government

(Special to the Guardian) MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 14.—Some local governing bodies of New South Wales are supporting a movement to petition Premier Bruce for a referendum throughout Australia on the question of the abolition of state government. It is pointed out that Australia thus would become one united nation under a single set of laws.

Sing Song Service At The "Y"

Last evening in the Y. M. C. A. the regular Sing Song Service was the outstanding event of the season, over 400 people gathered in the Y. Gymnasium to greet Mr. L. Buckley, National Boys Work Secretary for Canada who is on a two day visit to Charlottetown.

Mr. Buckley's address, was mainly for the students but was more than enjoyed by everyone present. It would be difficult to give even a summary that would do justice to Mr. Buckley's talk, he held his hearers spellbound for twenty-five minutes giving descriptions of three boys lives which meant so much to himself and others during student days at Mount Allison. The message Mr. Buckley passed on to the students will be long remembered by them and the three boys whom he spoke about will indeed be great incentives to the students who heard Mr. Buckley's message. A creed which belonged to a girl student and which had swayed the lives of many students was quoted by Mr. Buckley as follows: I would be true, for there are those who trust me I would be pure, for there are those who care I would be strong for there is much to suffer I would be brave for there is much to dare. I would be a friend to all, the foe, the friendless I would be giving and forget the gift. I would be humble for I know my weakness I would look up and laugh and love and lift.

In closing, Mr. Buckley gave a few glimpses of student life in Europe and Asia which he was privileged to see two years ago at the Boys World Conference in Porte Chaulke, Austria, where the students are so poor that after paying for their school books, tuition and lodging they had only money enough left to buy one meal a day, and yet these Christian students are making their lives count for the advancement of the Old World. Mr. Buckley was tendered the hearty thanks of all present by the chairman. The musical program consisted of two pleasing solos by Mrs. J. J. McKinnon, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lillian Earle, a solo by Mr. Roy Whitehead and also a solo by Miss Constance Whear, both accompanied by Miss Marion Whear. Mr. Walter MacNutt accompanied for the song service. Most hearty thanks were tendered to those who took part and gave so freely of their time and talent.

THE PAST WEEK YOUNG BOY DROWNED IN THE OTTAWA HOUSE

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—The past week in parliament has demonstrated how little 244 good men and true can do in a given time. It has not been noisy, has been described as the eternal triangle, of which the corners are the whistle of the intercolonial locomotive, the bellows of the Western cow and the cackle of the Ontario hen.

The conversation was supposed to be on the Australian treaty and the Ontario and Western orators gave our dairy products occasional mention but Maritime eloquence has predominated. It gave ground to a suspicion that Besco had quit turning out steel and given his attention to the production of figures. The multiplication table has been working overtime, and if there is anything in the land of Evengeline it is by pure oversight. Hansard is loaded to the gills with Maritime ill expressed in terms of mathematics and the unloading must do the down east provinces good. With the land thus cleared there should be some room for vegetation. OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Last week has been a very monotonous one in parliament. Discussion has centered upon the Sutherland amendment and has been confined mostly to the back benches. The Conservatives who are altogether opposed to any adjournment of the House are attempting to cut down the said adjournment to the limits of political utility. A vote on Mr. Sutherland's amendment is being arranged for Tuesday night, and after that, Mr. C. H. Cahan is to move another want of confidence motion which will probably take all the rest of the week. Then there may be one or two other amendments to keep the talk going. Intimation from the Liberals side is that, however long it takes they will finish the address and adopt it before anything else is taken up. Moreover they say they have no intention of invoking closure. The Australian treaty has been the subject of the discussion during the last week. The conservatives maintain that the importation of Australian and New Zealand butter is bound to injuriously affect the dairy interests of Canada and they have advanced a number of arguments in support of that contention. Another feature of the week has been the committee investigating the customs administration. There has been yet no sensational disclosures. The first proceedings were only a process of laying the ground but the witnesses who have been summoned for this week will be most interesting. No severe blows have been yet struck and

Canadian Naturalist Passes Away

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Feb. 14.—Charles W. Nash, one of Canada's best known naturalists died at his daughter's home here yesterday aged 77. He had occupied the position of biologist for the Provincial Museum here for the past 23 years. On the whole the proceedings have been amicable. At the last sitting of the House Friday last the whole time was taken up in discussion of the Sutherland amendment. Mr. Black, Conservative of Halifax, speaking with considerable intensity dealt with Maritime issues and emphasized the earnestness of the people down there over the subject. He resented any suggestion that the United States any land that may be found

ST. DUNSTAN'S CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND STATEMENT

Table with columns for EXPENDITURES, RECEIPTS, and STATEMENT CATHEDRAL DEBT. Includes items like Interest, Fire Insurance, Private Subscriptions, and Balance Available for Payment Debt.

Crew of Wrecked Steamer Apis Arrive in Port

(Canadian Press) PORTLAND, Maine, Feb. 14.—All the members of the crew of the German steamship Apis were rescued when she was abandoned at sea 1380 miles east of Cape Race last Friday. This was learned definitely today with the arrival here of the Dutch steamer Driebergen, which removed the men from the sinking craft. The rescued party numbered 21 one of them being a stowaway.

Look for End of Water Diversion Dispute

(Special to the Guardian) WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Settlement of all of the boundary water questions between the United States and Canada may come in the near future as a result of the negotiations between the two countries looking toward conservation of Niagara Falls it was officially indicated today. If American aims are realized, some international agency such as a special commission will be formed to discuss and dispose of all waterway matters which are pending between the two nations, subject to ratification of the agreements reached by the treaty making powers. The propositions that naturally would be referred to such a body would include: First—Construction of remedial works for preservation of the beauty of Niagara Falls. Second—Increased diversion of water for power purposes at Niagara Falls. Third—Withdrawals of water from Lake Michigan in the Chicago district for sanitary and power purposes. Fourth—Any other question growing out of these matters which would require adjustment such as the Canadian claim that navigation has been damaged by the Chicago withdrawals.

Aviator and Observer Sail For Alaska

(Canadian Press) SEATTLE, Wn., Feb. 14.—With the sailing of Captain George Hubert Wilkins on board the S. S. Victoria today for Seward, Alaska a new aerial adventure in the Arctic gets under way. Captain Wilkins youthful Australian aviator-explorer, heads the expedition which plans to fly Alaska, into the unexplored reaches of the Polar sea in search of a new continent. Major Thomas G. Lamper is assigned to the expedition as an observer from the army air service and will claim for the United States any land that may be found

ONE PERISHED IN \$150,000 BLAZE

Ben's Bakery Halifax Completely Destroyed—Another Fireman Injured.

(Canadian Press) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 14.—One fireman died from suffocation, another was slightly injured and damage estimated at about \$150,000 was caused when a spectacular fire this morning completely destroyed Ben's Bakery on Shirley Street. The dead fireman was William Gorman. He was a war veteran, having enlisted at the beginning of the war in 1914. Fellow fire fighters dragged him from the smoke enveloped premises following the collapse of the roof on which he was working but he died shortly afterwards. Ben's Bakery was one of the most prominent in this district and supplies bread to Newfoundland and the West Indies, in addition to many parts of the Maritime Provinces. Employed in it were approximately one hundred men. Tonight it was stated by an official of the bakery that the premises would be re-established immediately and that tomorrow delivery, thanks to the co-operation of other local bakeries, would be made as usual.

Peace Now Reigns in U. S. Coal Fields

(Canadian Press) PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Feb. 14.—Peace reigns today in the 500 square miles of territory comprising the Pennsylvania coal fields by virtue of the agreement reached between the miners and operators representatives. The disastrous strike which had kept 158,000 miners in idleness for nearly six months was over and the men were preparing to return to their underground employment. The miners will go back to work under a five year contract at the old wage scale. Optional arbitration is provided, in case a dispute arises over wage adjustments. A system of collecting union dues by deducting miners wages is also provided. While the work "check off" is not in the agreement it is conveyed by the phrase providing for a reciprocal programme of co-operation and efficiency. SCRANTON, Penn., Feb. 14.—Three or four weeks will elapse before the normal weekly production of three million tons of coal is reached. Men in the industry estimated the first coal to be shipped from the region ought to bring no more than normal winter prices according to Samuel D. Warner, President of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. The same operator had the coke and soft coal prices are due for a heavy decline. Leaders estimate the loss in production due to the strike at thirty million tons. No effort can be made which will make up this amount but co-operative methods will be employed toward a record breaking output. The anthracite mine owners are not worried over the future of their commodity despite the widespread use of soft coal and the ever increasing number of oil furnaces which have been installed throughout the East. However the immediate demand for anthracite is not as large as usual and hence there should be little profiteering.

Announcements, Meetings, Etc.

***Come to the Valentine Supper at the home of M. and Mrs. Popp Bagnall on Monday evening, Feb. 15th. If not fine come first fine night. Hazel Grove Women's Institute. 7646-2-12-31. **All Orphanage Auxiliary members are requested to attend a special meeting at 158 Prince Street today at 3 p. m. 7679-15-11. **Whist and Dance in St. Mary's Hall, Souris Monday, Feb. 15th at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 cents a couple. Everybody welcome. 21. **Whist and Dance in Emerald Hall, Feb. 15th. Come one, come all. Lunch served. 7659-1-13-31. **Feathers Wanted—Goose and ducks. Best prices not mixed. Henry McFarlane & Co. Furniture Upholsters. 7464-28-1st time.

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