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SHALL PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BE WIPED OFF THE MAP?

Decision of Government Not to Extend an Invitation to the Imperial Press Union, Including Proprietors of London Times, London Daily Mail and London Daily Telegraph Means a Direct Loss of Thousands of Dollars and the Practical Exclusion of P. E. Island as a Province of the Dominion.

No one will deny that it is the duty of the government to administer its affairs to the advantage of the majority of those concerned, at the same time safe guarding the interests of minorities. The first duty of a government is to develop the resources of the country and increase the prosperity of its inhabitants. A government wisely administered will give attention to these first essentials and, these attained, other blessings, including re-election and preferment should follow as a matter of course.

At the very outset of its term the Bell government has failed to seize an excellent opportunity of benefiting our main industry and enhancing the prosperity of the province. The members of the Empire Press Union intend visiting Canada in July. One of the primary objects of this visit is to familiarize editors and publishers of the British Empire with the conditions and opportunities afforded this part of the Empire for the development of Imperial trade and the extension of trade relations within the Empire. The proposed visit to Canada was first announced when the Secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers Association on October 10th drew the attention of the Boards of Trade of the maritime provinces including Charlottetown, to the fact and followed this up by a letter on October 23rd intimating that those interested in having the visitors come to the maritime provinces should communicate with the Central Press Committee, over which Lord Atholstan presides. The Charlottetown Board of Trade wrote to Lord Atholstan urging that the maritime provinces be included in the itinerary, but not specifically mentioning Prince Edward Island. The Committee in drafting the provisional program included Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the itinerary but not this province. When this provisional program was submitted to the Canadian Press Association for approval, attention was drawn by a New Brunswick representative to the omission of Prince Edward Island and the program was returned to the central committee for consideration. The committee got in touch with the press representatives from this province and agreed to include Prince Edward Island in the program on receiving a contribution of fifty percent of which each of the other maritime province governments contributed. The subject was considered at a meeting of all the newspaper press in the province and it was unanimously agreed that the government should be requested to extend an invitation and to defray the cost, which would not exceed \$3,000. This proposal, was subsequently endorsed by the representatives of organized agriculture, including Mr. J. E. Sinclair, M. P., Mr. William Kerr, Agricultural Organizer, Mr. C. E. McKenzie, Secretary of the Central Farmers Institute, Mr. J. M. Laird, Kelvin, Mr. B. R. Brown, York, and others, who pointed out that the advertisement agriculture would receive as the result of this visit would be worth anything from \$50 to \$100,000, and urged the Government not to miss the opportunity even were the expenses to amount to three times three thousand dollars. The attitude of the press and the agricultural interests was supported by the Board of Trade, the Retail Merchants Association, the Fox Breeders Association, the Motor League, the Rotary Club and representatives of the general community.

Notwithstanding the unanimity thus evidenced the government has, after considering the matter for the second time, refused to provide the money necessary for the invitation to be extended, their salient objections being that they were not officially communicated with and that the present state of the finances would "hardly" permit or justify such a large expenditure.

Taking the last objection first, the government are in direct antagonism to that expressed by the agricultural representatives who were emphatic in stating that if the cost were three times three thousand dollars the visit would be worth it to the farmers and produce exporters. The President of the Board of Trade stated definitely that the outcome of such a visit would mean an increase to the farmers of at least one half cent per dozen on all eggs exported. What that would amount to on one year's transaction may readily be ascertained by computation. Last year about one million dozens of eggs were exported by the co-operative Egg and Poultry Association alone and the additional half cent would represent \$5,000 on this one item. Over and above the tremendous prospective loss to the province through ignoring the visitors there is the additional calamity of the total exclusion of Prince Edward Island as a province from the program of the distinguished imperial visitors. When they come to Canada they will visit, see and hear all about all the other provinces but Prince Edward Island will not even be on their map. A precedent also will be set which is certain to be taken advantage of on subsequent occasions by those in authority.

With regard to the complaint that no official communication was received on the subject, the government is in error. The Canadian Press has charge of the matter and the Central Committee delegated the duty of making the necessary arrangements to the press of the province. The press of Prince Edward Island at a duly constituted meeting, over which Hon. F. J. Nash presided, appointed a delegation to officially communicate to the government the proposal of the Empire Press Union to visit this province if the necessary arrangements would be made. The nature of the invitation to the Prince Edward Island government was the same as that extended to all other provincial governments and when it was presented, no objection or exception was taken to it nor was the authority of the Prince Edward Island press to make the official communication questioned in the first reply sent by the government.

It is now for those directly interested, and every one is, to decide whether what Mr. Sinclair, M.P., declared would be a calamity, and Mr. S. A. McDonald an outrage the Garden of the Gail, can yet be averted.

CANADIAN CONTRACTOR WARNING SOUNDED GIVEN BIG CONTRACT TO GREAT BRITAIN

To Line Five Mile Tunnel Through Selkirk with Concrete. Plant for Work Will Cost Hundreds of Thousands.

(Special to The Guardian.)
VANCOUVER, Jan. 2.—To Sydney E. Jenkins, an Eastern Canadian contractor, has been given the job of lining with concrete the Connaught Tunnel, the five mile bore of the Canadian Pacific through the Selkicks. The work will constitute one of the greatest concrete jobs on record. The plant which will supply the power for the concrete will cost several thousand dollars.

KING'S NEW YEAR HONORS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Press Opinion in London is That List Smacks too Much of Profiteering. Four Canadians are Made Privy Councillors, one a Knight C. M. G.

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 2.—While press opinion is mostly silent about the New Year's honors, such as is offered lacks unanimity. While the Daily Graphic says the list is unusually excellent, the Daily Express declares that, with exceptions, it smacks far too distinctly of profiteering inasmuch as it places the seal of approval too much on that kind of patriotic energy which consisted of amassing a fortune out of the necessities of war.

Four purely Canadian names figure in the New Year's honor list cabled from London last night. Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, Arthur L. Sifton, Minister of Public Works and Sir Thomas White, former Minister of Finance are made Privy Councillors, which entitles them to the prefix Right Honorable.

Dr. George Park in former years principal of Upper Canada College, Toronto, but now residing in England is made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

CAR FERRY'S SERVICES NOT REQUIRED FOR "SPINNER"

The C.G.S. Montcalm Will Stand by the Ice-Bound Steamer. Correspondence on the Subject.

Yesterday's reports regarding the steamer "Canadian Spinner" stated that the ice-bound vessel was 40 miles to the eastward of Matane and was gradually drifting in the direction of P. E. Island. The steamer has a crew of fifty men and a cargo valued at a million dollars.

A telegram received by Supt. Grady at 9 o'clock last evening conveyed the pleasing word that the services of the Island Car-ferry steamer would not be required to go to the assistance of the "Spinner", as the C. G. S. Montcalm was on her way to the scene and would stand by to render any help needed.

Captain Read of the Car-ferry steamer has been in wireless communication with the steamer at intervals since Thursday, when Mr. Maloney, an operator was placed in charge of the apparatus. The car ferry steamer has been in readiness to go to the assistance at any moment and the ice-boats at the Capes were also all ready to be forwarded if the order came to ship them.

In connection with the matter the following telegram was sent by Premier Bell:—

Charlottetown, December 31.
Sir Robert Borden, Premier.
Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways.
D. B. Hanna, Toronto.

This Government learns with alarm intention to send car ferry steamer, Prince Edward Island to St. Lawrence River. We protest in strongest possible way against the taking away of our only means of communication.

The effect will be to paralyze trade, completely stop mails and passengers and destroy perishable products urgently awaiting shipment.

The loss to the Province will far exceed value of steamer "Spinner" and cargo.

Our people regard the car ferry steamer as essentially the Island's property and sole link connecting with the mainland.

If the car ferry is removed against our protest, we must hold Dominion Government responsible for all loss arising from such revenue.

JOHN H. BELL,
Premier.

The following were the replies: Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.
Hon. J. H. Bell, Premier of P. E. I.
Charlottetown.

Message received. We have already wired the President Charlottetown Board of Trade that for P. E. Island if the Car Ferry is withdrawn from the service for several days. There is an obligation on us to save life, and the car ferry is the only boat available. It will not however be used other than a last resort, and with the positive assurance of the Captain

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 2.—The road to India is open and the Russian Bolsheviks now threaten to establish communication with the entire east," General F. B. Maurice, British military expert, declared today in an article in the Daily News, in an official wireless despatch from Moscow in which the Russian

Soviet Government claimed its armies had entered Bokhara the gateway to Afghanistan.

An "immediate policy" should be established by the British government, to prevent further extension of the Reds' sphere of influence in countries now under British control or protection, General Maurice asserted.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The Militia Department has been advised that the Saturnia, carrying 15 officers and 30 other ranks, will reach Halifax on or about January 8th. It is understood that less than 1,000 members of the C. E. F. who will ultimately come to Canada now remain in England.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress has been chosen to represent Canadian workers at the meeting of the governing body of the International Labor office in Paris on June 26th.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—It was semi-officially intimated this afternoon that Sir Robert Borden will go south for the present, but that if the British Government does not call off Lord Jellicoe's trip to South Africa, as there is some question of doing, the Premier will accompany him there. Lady Borden will not take the trip. Lady Jellicoe who was ill on Wednesday will leave to join her husband this afternoon in New York.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The most interesting feature of the vote here today was the election of Mrs. L. A. Hamilton as Alderman for the Third Ward.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—The American schooner T. W. A. Allan, of Providence, Rhode Island, which sailed from New Bedford, Conn., for Brava, East Africa, on November 19, has been lost in the Bay of Fundy with probably all on board. Wreckage has been drifting into Harborville, N. S., on the shore of the Bay for eight days past, but identification of the wreck was impossible until yesterday, December 31st the stern of the vessel washed ashore.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Eleven American Red Cross Sergeants struck today because their pay contracts did not entitle them to the difference in exchange value between American and French money. They were ordered dismissed and sent home.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Authoritative denial of rumors that the Canadian Government contemplated an embargo on the export of newspaper paper has been received by the Bureau of Commerce. Canadian Mills were said to be running at capacity, turning out about 2,775 short tons daily, of which 90 per cent is exported, most of it to the United States.

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STABLE POLITICAL CONDITIONS DURING PRIME MINISTER'S ABSENCE

General Mewburn Retires, Succeeded by Hon. J. A. Calder. Mr. Burrel Becomes Minister of Customs, Sir Geo. Foster Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Reid Takes Public Works in Addition to Railways. Mr. Sifton Succeeds Mr. Burrel.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Official announcement that Major General Mewburn, Minister of Militia had retired from the Unionist Government and that there has been some shifting of portfolios was made today when the changes before the departure of Sir Robert Borden for the south for a long rest were announced. Stable political conditions will remain as it is today until Sir Robert's return to the capital.

The cabinet shifts announced place Hon. Martin Burrel, who since his retirement from the post of Minister of Agriculture in favor of Hon. T. A. Cramer when the Union Government was formed, at the head of the Customs Department, which has been without a minister since Hon. Arthur L. Sifton succeeded Hon. F. B. Maurice as Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Sifton makes another change and assumes the post of Secretary of State in succession to Mr. Burrel. The acting Minister of Militia will be Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, while Hon. J. D. Reid in addition to being Minister of Railways will assume responsibility for the Department of Public Works. The announcement dispenses of the report that Mr. Sifton was about to retire from the Government.

It is also definitely announced that Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce will be acting Prime Minister during the absence from Canada of the Prime Minister. He will not however, undertake to lead the House through out the session of parliament and it is likely that when parliament reassembles a Unionist caucus will be held to choose a House leader.

In a letter Sir Robert Borden pays a high tribute to the work done in the Militia Department by Major General Mewburn. He speaks of the minister's splendid and conspicuous service to Canada and to the Empire in different capacities.

The retirement of Major General Mewburn does not occasion much surprise as it has been known for some months past that he is anxious to return to the practice of law in Hamilton.

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THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—North to west winds, fair and quite cold. The lowest temperature on Thursday night was 24 degrees above zero. The highest temperature during yesterday was 21 and at 9 p. m. it was 12 above.

The tide will be high this morning at 8.41 and tomorrow at 9.40 and Monday at 10.34; it will be high tonight at 7.55 tomorrow at 8.53 and Monday at 9.50.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.28 and tomorrow at 4.30 and Monday at 4.31; it rises tomorrow morning, Monday and Tuesday at 7.41. First quarter moon, December 30th, 12.25 a. m.

Full moon Monday, January 5th 5.05 a. m.

No Embargo on Canadian Paper

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Owes Her Success To Women Helpers

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TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Toronto's first woman alderman attributes her success to Toronto's women. "The women have worked for me and with me in such a splendid fashion, I feel that I owe them the very best service I can offer in the new office they have secured for me," declared Mrs. L. A. Hamilton.

TWO ENJOYABLE NIGHTS AT THE PRINCE EDWARD

Young-Adams Company on New Year's Night Staged Peggy O'Moore Before a Delighted Audience Which Filled the Theatre. Last Night's Attraction, The Butterfly on the Wheel, Was Another Winner.

Those who attended the Prince Edward on New Year's night and heard that beautiful Irish American, Peggy O'Moore, enjoyed a couple of hours in laughter and appreciation which gave them a wholesome start in the new year. The theatre was filled to capacity and the only dull moments were those between the acts which gave the audience an opportunity to get their sides unknicked and to let tears of laughter—wiped off their cheeks, Marjole Adams made a most attractive Irish girl; witty and amusing, her every appearance elicited roars of laughter. Mr. H. Wilmot Young, as Daniel Murphy, Mayor of the city, took the role splendidly while the other members of the cast gave excellent support in a drama that was thrillingly interesting from start to finish.

As this drama is to be repeated at this afternoon's matinee a detailed report would be out of place at this stage. The Guardian strongly advises every one who enjoys a good, clean, wholesome play with plenty of laughter, strong acting, magnificent scenery and a cast that goes to make two hours of fun.

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