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THREE THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS FOR CANADA BY MAY 1ST

Steamers Bring Desirable Settlers for
Ontario and Western Canada are Arriv-
ing Daily and Include Special Parties for
Farm and Domestic Work.

(Special To The Guardian)
MONTREAL, April 29.—The next
few days from now until May 1st
will see a record influx of new-
comers to Canada arriving at the
ports of Halifax, Quebec and Mon-
treal, according to advices received
by steamship traffic officers of the
Canadian National Railways.

Between the three ports more
than 4,500 immigrants will reach
the Dominion on vessels of various
lines and the majority of these will
move to Ontario and Western Can-
ada points over the Canadian Nat-
ional Railways.

Commencing with the arrival at
Halifax today of the Swedish Amer-
ican liner Stockholm with nearly
300 third class passengers, the ar-
rivals will continue and on May 1st

nearly 3,000 will arrive on various
vessels due at the St. Lawrence
ports.

The liners which will bring var-
ious parties during the coming
week end are Penneland, Red Star
Line, due at Halifax April 30;
Albertic, White Star Line, due Que-
bec, May 1; Ausonia, Cunard, Que-
bec, May 1; Lelita Anchor, Donald-
son, Quebec, May 1; Bergensfjord,
Norwegian American Line, due
Halifax May 1 and Frederick VIII,
Scandinavian American Line, due
Halifax May 1. Both the Lelita
and the Ausonia will carry special
parties of immigrants including
Canadian National parties being
conducted to Canada to take up
agricultural and domestic work in
the Dominion.

Four Nominations For Moderatorship

Presbyterian General Assembly to
Deal With Them on June First

TORONTO, April 29.—Four nomi-
nations have been already sent in
by various Presbyteries for the
chair of Moderator of the Presby-
terian Church in Canada. The
General Assembly meets in Strat-
ford on June 1. The nominations
received so far are: Rev. Dr. S.
Banks Nelson, Hamilton; Rev. R.
W. Dickie, Montreal; Rev. Dr. W.
L. Clay, Victoria, B. C., and Rev.

R. G. MacBeth, Vancouver.
One of the features of the Strat-
ford gathering will be reports show-
ing the steady growth of the Con-
tinuing Presbyterian body. It is
estimated that they now include 75,
000 families, that there are about
1,200 congregations and preaching
places, that the elders number 5,
000 and that there are over 1,000
Sunday schools.

The Women's Missionary Soci-
ety reports total givings for the
year of \$167,000. It has a mem-
bership of 45,000.
The largest Presbyterian Church
in Canada is said to be St. An-
drew's in Windsor with 1,650 mem-
bers. Rev. H. M. Paulin is pastor.

CAN LIBERALS MAKE PROHIBITION EFFECTIVE? JUDGE BY THEIR PAST RECORD

The Liberals under that staunch Prohibitionist, the Hon. J. H. Bell, were in power from 1919 to 1923.

Read what the Rev. Geo. C. Taylor had to say of the Liberal ad-
ministration of the Prohibition Act when he spoke in First
Methodist Church on January 4th, 1922, the third year of the Bell
Regime.

REV. G. C. TAYLOR

"Drunkness and crime, always found together, have never
been so rampant in my knowledge of P. E. I. as now," the Rev. Mr.
Taylor declared emphatically.

"I have lived here almost twelve years and without any doubt
there has never been such a condition of things along the lines of
drinking—such looseness and such heinousness of crime.

"There was a period here when people said, 'Why do we keep
a jail?' But that time is past. Not only do we keep a jail but we con-
tinue to keep it full.

"Property is no longer safe.

"It is true that a man's place of business or his dwelling is no
longer safe.

"They steal even from the Churches now-a-days.

"Law breaking goes on of the most violent sort and very few
are the convictions and very few the arrests even."

REV. H. D. RAYMOND

One year later, in the 4th year of the Liberal Government re-
gime, on January 12th 1923, the Rev. Mr. Raymond of St. Paul's
Church speaking in the Baptist Church said:

"Prince Edward Island boasts that it is the first Province of the
Dominion to adopt the Prohibitory Law.

"When a thousand miles from here the speaker had heard the
Island spoken of in terms of the highest praise on this account.

"But what do we find when we live here?—a state of conditions
which is a shame and a disgrace to any Province or any country.

"You will find drunkenness more common here in the City of
Charlottetown than you will find it in any city in the Dominion
of Canada, and no apparent attempt to check it.

"I do not know what instructions are given the police nor do I
know how well the instructions are carried out but I do know some-
thing of the difficulties which face those who try to enforce the law.

"I say to you that the conditions of life in this city and Prov-
ince in regard to the drink traffic are a blot on the landscape of the
Dominion."

This is how the clergy found the Liberals administered the
Prohibition Law when they were in power under the Hon. J. H. Bell.

What are the conditions likely to be should Mr. Saunders, with
his cheap liquor policy, get into office?

MR. A. J. MCNEVIN IN THE BUDGET DEBATE

Statements of Opposition Speakers re Fin-
ancial Situation Shown by Mr. McNevin
to be Incorrect. Able Support of Gov-
ernment Policies.

Continuing the Budget Debate on
April 27th, in the Provincial Legis-
lature, Mr. A. J. McNevin (First
District of Queens) said that in
view of the able presentation made
by preceding speakers in the de-
bate on this side of the House there
was very little that he could add to
the discussion. Premier Stewart
has been complimented, and deserv-
edly so, for his very able speech on
the Budget, and the speaker believ-
ed that these compliments expres-
sed the general feeling throughout
the country. Another speech which
impressed him very much was the
address of the Minister of Public
Works. He wished to offer his
heartly congratulations to this
"young and inexperienced lawyer"
(as he has been called by the Leader
of the Opposition) for the splen-
did report he gave of his depart-
ment. (Applause.) The speaker
had sat in the House for a number
of years, and while he had heard
able reports of that department
that were quite satisfactory not
only to the House but to the coun-
try, he had never heard a better ex-
position of affairs connected with
Public Works than from the present
Minister of that department at this
session.

Mr. McNevin could not let the
debate go by without taking issue
with the Leader of the Opposition
in regard to some of his figures
which he generally quotes when

speaking on the Budget. Usually
it has been the speaker's pleasure
to correct some of the inaccuracies
of that gentleman in tabulating his
figures. We have heard him make
the statement that the liabilities of
the Province were increased by the
present administration to the ex-
tent of \$74,000. From this Mr. Mc-
Nevin would deduct the \$80,000
grant received in lieu of Railway
Taxes from that amount, because
he did not think any reasonable
man would contend that this in-
crease in our subsidies should not
be placed against our liabilities. So
he would take the statement which
the Leader of the Opposition has
made seriously that the liabilities
were increased by \$494,613.65 by
the present Government. He would
now recall the statement made by
the same gentleman in his Budget
speech of 1924, as reported in the
Liberal press, when he claimed
this Government was responsible
for an increase of \$155,385.38 in the
liabilities in 1923. This my hon-
ourable friend arrived at by placing
the liabilities of the province at \$1,549,
527.32 when the Liberal Govern-
ment went out of office on Sept. 5,
1923, and deducting this amount
from the liabilities shown in the
Auditor's report, Dec. 31, 1923, \$1,
714,912.70.

Mr. SAUNDERS: What did you
say, the Special Audit, Sept. 5, 1923?
Mr. MCNEVIN: \$1, 549,527.32.
Mr. SAUNDERS: You are wrong.
It was \$1,534,874.07.
Mr. MCNEVIN: That will make
it really worse, leaving in your es-
timation an increase of \$180,039.71
for 1923. For the year 1924 we
were charged by the same gentle-
man of increasing the liabilities by
\$325,000.00. In 1925 by \$173,162.26.
During the past year he figures on
ordinary account we had a surplus
of \$11,253.99, but there was an
expenditure of \$69,000.00 on
Highway improvement account,
which by following my hon. friend's
method of calculating, would leave
an increase in the liabilities of
about \$58,000.00 last year. Now,
Mr. Speaker, if we total these fig-
ures of the hon. Leader of the Op-
position given in his Budget speech
in 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927, we
have a total of \$736,201.97, but as
I have already stated, in making his
first calculation in this year's Bud-
get speech, he charged us with an
increase of \$474,613.65, and he was
absolutely positive that he was
correct. Yet this final calculating
of his is \$261,588.32 less than the
total of the amount he has been
charging us with during the last
three years. Where has this \$261,
588.32 gone to? It means this, by
his statement this year he convicts
himself of having wrongfully charged
the Government with an in-
crease of liabilities during the past
years.

Budget Statements.
The Leader of the Opposition has
been very emphatic in making his
speeches on the different budgets.
He challenged us to bring the Pro-
vincial Auditor before the Public
Accounts Committee and contradict
his statements. Yet he contradicted
them himself, with a difference of
\$261,588.32. What reliance can the
House or the people put in his
figures when he varies them so
much?

The statement made by the Leader
of the Government is correct, that
the liabilities under the present
administration have increased by
\$325,000, in round numbers. These
figures have been proven by every
member on this side of the House
who went into the matter, and no-
thing by way of contradiction has
been offered except this general
statement by the Leader of the Op-
position. Upwards of \$340,000.00
has been spent on highway improve-
ment, showing a considerable sur-
plus on ordinary account since
1923.

Another statement made by the
hon. gentleman, in his Budget
speech, was that we had a deficit
in 1924 of over \$35,000; in 1925 a
deficit of \$69,000, and in 1926 a de-
ficit of \$74,000. He said he took
the correct figures from the public
accounts, and he was absolutely
certain they were right. But a few
days afterwards another member
of the Opposition, the member from
O'Leary (Mr. Dennis) who also de-
clared himself to be very sure of
his figures, said that our deficit in 1924
was \$23,000 (where his Leader said
\$35,000); in 1925 he said it was
\$49,000 (where Mr. Saunders said
\$69,000), and for 1926 the member
from O'Leary said we had a sur-
plus of \$22,102.44, while the Leader
of the Opposition said we had a de-
ficit of \$74,000. (Laughter.) Those
were the statements made by these
two gentlemen in Opposition.

Mr. DENNIS: If the hon. member
will pardon me—I distinctly said
that the matter I was dealing with

WEST GETTING WARMER PLOW IN FULL SWING

Heavy Moisture Will Make up for Late
Spring Hold-up. Little Activity in Farm
Work.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 29.—
Weather and crop report on condi-
tions in the prairie provinces and
British Columbia received at Can-
adian Pacific Railway headquar-
ters here to-day show that tempera-
tures in the West during the early
part of last week were low with
snow flurries in parts of Saskatch-
ewan and Alberta on April 21, while
from then on the weather became
warmer and prevailing winds have
greatly assisted in drying out the
soil.

There was very little activity in
farm operations owing to the land
being too cold and wet. In the past
few days, however, the situation
has changed so much that, provid-
ed no further setback occurs, plow-
ing, discing and harrowing will be
in full swing on all except the heav-
ier soils or low lying lands by to-
day or tomorrow, and seeding will
commence more or less, generally
later in the week. Although Spring
is late this year, the fact that it
has brought plenty of moisture
should make for rapid growth.
Farmers are employing more help
than usual and prospects are that
there will be plenty of men avail-
able to expedite putting in the crop
before a start has been made.

As he had intended only to point
out some inaccuracies in the fig-
ures quoted by the Opposition
members, Mr. McNevin did not
wish to go further into matters
which have been fully covered in
the debate. It remained only for
him to say a few words on the
Prohibition question.

As a member of the House when
the Prohibition Act as we have it
today was introduced, he well
knew how the Government of that
time assisted in making Prohibition
the law of the land, and how any
amendments asked for since were
given in order to make it more ef-
fective. The Conservatives have
always been in sympathy with the
Temperance movement and have
always tried to promote its inter-
ests. The pronouncement made by
the Premier of a proposed change
in the law was not made with a
view to hindering Temperance in
this Province, but on the con-
trary, it was for the betterment of
conditions. It is very regrettable
that when an announcement is
made of this nature there should
be so much misrepresentation. We
know that not only in the House,
but in the Liberal press and on the
public platform the attitude of this
Government has been grossly mis-
represented. The speaker appeal-
ed for a fairer and loftier attitude
in discussing this question, and sug-
gested that if opponents of the
Government can find no other rea-
son for fault-finding they should not
camouflage their Opposition cam-
paign by using Prohibition senti-
ment and greatly exaggerating the
attitude of the Government in re-
gard to the proposed new law.
(Loud applause.)

Mr. SAUNDERS: Bring in the
Provincial Auditor and settle the
question right here.

Mr. MCNEVIN: I remember one
time before my hon. friend asked
to have the Auditor brought in, and
we did bring him in. But we could
not make him see through the
thing, because he didn't want to.
(Applause.)

The Leader of the Opposition
asks what about the Sinking Fund?
The Sinking Funds of the Province
today are legally and honestly
maintained. The obligation of the
Province to its bond holders are
fully protected and all amounts re-
quired by Statute are placed to the
credit of that account. The irregu-
larities and unlawful use of these
funds, which we found to exist
when we took over the Government
have been rectified, and the I. O. U.
system established by the Bell-
Saunders regime is no more. The
robbing of sinking funds to bolster
up their several bank accounts, the
selling of perfectly good securities
taken from the debenture funds
and the proceeds used as ordinary
revenue, as practised by our prede-
cessors was the most notorious
and illegal financial transaction that
was ever practised or attempted by
any Government.

Mr. McNevin went on to deal
with some other remarks of the
member from O'Leary (Mr. Dennis)
who claimed the Government has
not stuck to the platform enunci-
ated by the Premier in the last elec-
tion—that grave misrepresentations
were made. Mr. McNevin had kept
pretty well in touch with what
was going on in other districts dur-
ing that campaign, and he did not
think any such misrepresentations
were made. The Conservatives had
a good platform and they had a
Leader capable of carrying out ev-
ery promise made. They were con-
fident that at the end of their term
they would be able to face the electors
with every reason to expect
their approval. These hopes have
not been in vain because when this
Government appeals to the coun-
try for re-election they will be able
to present a record unsurpassed by
any Government in the matter of
carrying out their pre-election
pledges. (Applause.)

Misrepresentation.
The member from O'Leary has
made certain charges of misrep-
resentation by some of the Conserva-
tive candidates. He should have
substantiated these charges by
some facts. Speakers on the Gov-
ernment side of the House have
said time and again that the Lib-
erals made gross misrepresenta-
tions in 1919, and have proved their
assertions, not only as individual
candidates but in the platform is-
sued by the party. No such charge
can be brought against the present
administration.

In defending the increase of ses-
sional indemnity under the Bell
Government the member from
O'Leary argued that the increase
was necessary because hay was
\$29 a ton and potatoes \$3.00 per
bushel. That was an explanation
rather amusing.

Mr. DENNIS: Would the hon.
gentleman permit a question?

Mr. MCNEVIN: Certainly.

Mr. DENNIS: I would ask, if it
was radically wrong, why did the
Conservatives accept it—accept it
and use it?

Mr. MCNEVIN: The Conserva-

ITALY IN CONFLICT WITH THE LEAGUE

New Law Infringes on Right of Secretary-
General to Name Staff. Italians Af-
fected.

GENEVA, April 29.—Italy is
heading into a direct conflict with
the League of Nations. The Chau-
vier League posts.
ber of Deputies has passed a law
which compels all Italians holding
positions in international organiza-
tions or under foreign Governments
to have the official approval of the
Fascist regime.

This statute, League officials say,
directly challenges the interna-
tional character of the League and
infringes on the right of the Secre-
tary-General, Sir Eric Drummond,
to select his staff. Furthermore, it
is pointed out, Article VI of the
League Covenant gives the Secre-
tary-General full power to select
the secretariat subject only to the
approval of the Council.

According to the copy of the law
received here, even those Italians
already employed by the League
must receive an exequatur from the
Italian Foreign Office within six
months. There are half a dozen Ital-
ians in the secretariat.

Approval can be withheld by
Premier Mussolini without recourse
to any court or administrative
board. If he defies this authority he
is subject to a heavy fine and de-
privation of Italian citizenship.

It is considered here that the
motives for this bill, which needs
only the approval of the Senate to
become law, is to shackle anti-Fas-
cists outside Italy and secure the
appointment of Mussolini's sup-
porters to League offices, especially
the Labor office.

However, the secretariat will
probably go the limit to protect the
Italian personnel, even to the ex-
tent of appealing to The Hague
Court on the ground that Italy is
violating the Covenant by usurping
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May Lose Citizenship

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SIR GEORGE PAISH SEEMS IN PESSIMISTIC VEIN

Thinks European Purchasing Power Decline
Would Affect Canada.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Predict-
ing the worst world-wide credit
crisis ever recorded with possible
serious political upheavals, if the
inter Allied debts were not forgiv-
en, German reparations cancelled,
and European buying power is fur-
ther curtailed, Canada will have a
very great difficulty in selling her
goods in sufficient quantity or at a
price that will enable her to obtain
the exchange to meet those inter-
est payments.

Speaking before the luncheon of
the Bond Club at the Bankers' Club
here to-day, Sir George Paish, noted
British economist, and editor of the
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that the population of Canada is
less than 10,000,000. You will see
that is a very heavy obligation.
"Now, the market for Canadian
goods is chiefly European and if
en. German reparations cancelled,
and European buying power is fur-
ther curtailed, Canada will have a
very great difficulty in selling her
goods in sufficient quantity or at a
price that will enable her to obtain
the exchange to meet those inter-
est payments."

FASHIONS, FADS, FOIBLES.

Waist-lines are coming up a bit
higher in the new gowns. Belts are
coming back in coats, resting now
at the top of the hips. The belted
back is a conspicuous feature of
the new suits.
The bicolor (pronounced, bo-la-
long) a short over jacket,
pay something like \$3,000,000 a
year of interest. And bear in mind
the rage of the moment.



Ontario's "Snyder Murder Case" got underway this week in Toronto, when Mrs Myra Fisher, widow of the late James Fisher, of Woburn, Ontario, and Albert Vaughan, the fishers' hired man at the Woburn hotel, were arraigned on a charge of murdering Mrs. Fisher's husband, James Fisher, whose body was found following a fire in the garage at the rear of the hotel in February. In the above photograph taken at Toronto Jail, a court attendant is shown on the left. Next is Vaughan, Mrs. Fisher has her face turned away from the camera and is accompanied by a woman court attendant.