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LACKS FAITH IN PUBLIC OWNED ROADS

Beatty Denies Charge That C.P.R. Aims to Take Over or Injure Competitors' Lines.

(Special to the Guardian) MONTREAL, March 15.—In his address to the Canadian Club here today E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, made an important contribution to the public understanding of the Canadian Railway situation in that he outlined more closely than has been yet publicly done the position taken by the Canadian Pacific and its executive head towards the general situation and the publicly owned railways of Canada.

Should Build Not Break Empire

(Canadian Press) LONDON, March 15.—The Empire Policy Committee of the Independent Labor party has published a report declaring that the Socialist aim ought not to be towards the breaking of the empire but to developing a real commonwealth of nations, but no scheme it adds should be prejudicial to the development of international socialism.

Heavy Fines Imposed on Fruit Companies

(Special to the Guardian) VANCOUVER, March 15.—Fines totalling \$200,000 were imposed by Mr. Justice McDonald, in the Assize Court here Saturday evening following a verdict of guilty brought in by the jury against 4 of 11 industries and 4 of the 42 companies charged with conspiracy in connection with the marketing of fruit and produce throughout western Canada. All other defendants were acquitted.

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FOX ESCAPED.—ESCAPED from Unionvale Ranch, Union Road, P. E. I., one female fox tattooed letters D. O. 25A. Finder will be rewarded by notifying James Maund or McLure & McKinnon. 3-16-31

BRITAIN HOPES TO MAKE BIG SAVING

Several Million pounds to be Cut off Various Departments — Opposition Expected.

LONDON, March 15.—In its search for economy the Government hopes to save millions of pounds in the coming financial year. Its estimate for the army of £2,400,000 is £2,000,000 less than last year. It expects to save £12,000,000 on civil service estimates, which include pensions, and then there is a special economy bill which, by a system of paring in the various services, anticipates reducing expenditures by another £10,000,000.

The strength of the regular army is to be cut by 12,000 men to 159,400, and to these should be added over 100,000 reservists, 147,000 territorials and 61,500 British troops on Indian establishment, making the grand total over 460,000.

The proposal to issue clasps commemorating the special battles of the world war has been dropped on the score of expense.

A good deal of opposition is expected to the economy bill. It is excessively complicated and deals largely with comparatively small savings, such as in the insurance and unemployment fund. The Government maintains that it will not affect efficiency, but it touches so many people and will cause so much inconvenience that it is certain to arouse a great deal of criticism.

A small but interesting point is that the bill would grant the postmaster-general permission to make what he estimates at £250,000 annually by selling advertising space in the dating stamps on letters to commercial firms.

It is proposed to cut out one of two registers of elections and to reduce the residence qualification for voting from six to three months.

In the civil service estimate pensions have risen from £27,000,000 to nearly £30,000,000, but this year pensions have dropped to £26,500,000 over £4,000,000 less than last year.

Assassins Receive Pension

(Canadian Press) MOSCOW, March 15.—Eight women and one man, participants in the assassination of Alexander II, Emperor of Russia on March 13, 1881, were today granted pensions of £112 monthly for life by the Council of People's Commission. This was in commemoration of the forty-fifth anniversary of that event.

Alexander II, fell victim to a nihilist plot, when driving in one of the streets of St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) near his winter palace he was mortally wounded by an explosion of bombs and died soon afterwards.

LATEST FROM THE CAPITAL

Estimates For Next Fiscal Year Tabled in House — Premier Takes Seat.

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, March 15.—The main estimates for the next fiscal year, amounting for government services to \$345,771,351 were tabled in the House of Commons by Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance today. This is a decrease of \$5,652,672 from the total estimates of 1925-26. Estimates for the Canadian National Railways amounting to \$3,000,000 as compared with \$5,000,000 last year, were also tabled.

Of the total amount of the main estimates \$292,783,000 is required for statutory and post-war expenditures, leaving \$142,988,000 for other public services. Provision for construction and betterments on the Hudson Bay Railway amounting to \$3,000,000 is made. An official summary says:

"The amount required for interest on bonds outstanding in the hands of the public is \$125,120,120. This is a decrease of \$292,418 under the amount for the previous year, and \$3,700,000 under the amount required in this connection in the year 1922; the decreases being due to the reduction of time maturing loans at lower rates of interest. The remaining services under the heading 'public debt,' for sinking funds and other lesser liabilities, show an increase of \$421,659 over last year's requirements."

OTTAWA, March 15.—"While the total vote for trade and commerce shows a decrease of \$1,004,150 there are two items which show substantial increases, namely \$280,000 for the administration of the grain act and \$500,000 for the bureau of statistics to meet expenses of the western census of 1926."

"Capital expenditures show railways and canal capital, increase \$2,055,395 including new item of \$3,000,000 for the Hudson Bay Railway and an amount of \$14,000,000 for the Welland Ship Canal a reduction of \$1,000,000 from last year's vote."

"The vote under national defence for military naval and air services totals \$12,538,835 which is a decrease of \$8,268 from 1925-26. "The budget requirements of the Canadian National Railways are \$31,000,000 as compared with \$50,000,000 last year. This includes provision not only for the amount by which it is estimated the lines will fall short of meeting their fixed charges due the public in 1926-27, but also for current capital and refunding requirements. The estimate for the Canadian Government merchant marine is \$600,000, a decrease from last year of \$68,000."

OTTAWA, March 15.—The sum of \$36,000,000 for European war and active military pensions is provided for in the estimates tabled in the House of Commons today. This is one million dollars more than the amount voted for the same purpose at the last session of parliament.

OTTAWA, March 15.—Estimates for the Department of Immigration for the next fiscal year, tabled in the House of Commons today, amount to \$2,806,000. This is a decrease of \$412,201 from the amount quoted for the present fiscal year.

OTTAWA, March 15.—Estimates tabled in the House of Commons today show an item of \$100,000 for the prevention of smuggling and to investigate reported frauds against the revenue. This is an increase of \$90,000 over a similar vote made at the last session of parliament.

OTTAWA, March 15.—An operating loss of \$1,440,890 was sustained in 1924 by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine in operation of the 44 vessels of that line during the season it was stated in answer to a question. It was also stated that twelve vessels of the government marine were not operated last year.

OTTAWA, March 15.—Canada imported binder twine value of \$3,227,847 during 1925. Another \$55,000,000 it is estimated will be required to complete the Welland Canal stated Hon. J. A. Robb, in the House today. The total cost of the canal to December 31, 1925, was \$66,573,573.83.

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and members on every side of the House had already donned their hats. Prolonged applause greeted Mr. King when he came in and lauded when he rose to make a formal motion in the House.

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248 LOSE LIVES AND 93 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

One Car Fell From Bridge to Bottom of River While Two Others Were Suspended From 190 Foot Precipice — Disaster Due to Overloaded Train Which Was Carrying Party of Excursionists.

(Canadian Press) SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 15.—Two hundred and forty-eight persons were killed and ninety-three injured in Sunday's disastrous train wreck on the Costa Rican railroad. It has thus far been established that three cars were demolished, one fell to the bottom of the Vabilla River from the bridge over the stream and two others were left hanging from a 190 foot precipice.

The disaster is believed to have been due to over-loading of the train which was carrying excursionists of a party organized to raise funds for the home for aged at Carage. The passengers were almost exclusively farmers and laborers whose families perishing together.

The Red Cross has started a public subscription to care for the injured and aid families of the dead. The President of the Republic headed the subscription list. Three days of public mourning have been declared.

The organizer of the excursion, Professor Francisco Gomez Alizapa, was among the dead. The engineer and conductor of the train are being held.

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RIGHT VERSUS WRONG IS THE ISSUE

Before Customs Investigators — Functioning of Committee Criticised at Toronto Meeting.

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, March 15.—"We are fighting against organized dishonesty," said Russell P. Sparks, of Ottawa head of the Commercial Protective Association and recently a witness at the customs enquiry being conducted by a committee of the House of Commons, in an address to the Manufacturers' Credit Bureau here last night.

"There is a fight before that committee of right against wrong of justice against injustice, of tax payers against tax-evaders. That's the issue."

"The danger at this time to the enquiry is that politics may cut too large a figure," Mr. Sparks continued. He further stated that the functioning of the committee was not wholly satisfactory. "Many people believe somebody is playing politics," he said. "I do not say that, but what I do say is that if business men do not take a more definite step right now politics will enter in to the investigation."

Speaking of the work of the Commercial Protective Association, Mr. Sparks said that it was thought last August that the association's work was completed. The government had appropriated \$350,000 for a preventive service, but "the law was severely enforced and the money hardly used for its design. It is quite apparent here that it is our duty to place our knowledge at the disposal of parliament, to present fairly and fully the conditions as they now exist."

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PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT NOW BRIGHTER

Compromise Reached Between France, Britain Sweden and Czecho Slovakia — Brazil Now Only Obstacle.

(Canadian Press) GENEVA, March 15.—Prospects for settlement of the League of Nations crisis appeared brighter today with the acceptance of a compromise by France and Great Britain under which both Sweden and Czecho Slovakia would refrain from seeking re-election to their non-permanent council seats next September leaving way for election of the non-permanent council seats next September leaving way for election of Poland to one of the vacancies thus created.

The foreign Ministers of two countries are awaiting ratification of their recommendations by their respective governments. This is considered a foregone conclusion. The Spanish representative informed the council that he would not oppose the arrangement and Germany favored it in preference to the withdrawal of only one council member, since the latter arrangement might look too much like direct bargaining over Poland's claims. This left Brazil as the sole obstacle to the successful solution of the crisis and members of the council with Senor Mellofranco, unopposed decided to cable an appeal to the President of the Brazilian republic as a last resource since the Brazilian representative's instructions as they now stand are that he must vote for both Brazil and Germany for permanent council seats.

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