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LIVELY TILT OCCURS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Boasted Surplus From Excessive Taxation Roundly Scored. Government Charged With Patronage. Twenty Three Appointments Made by Civil Service Commission Turned Down by Government.

(Special to The Guardian.)

OTTAWA, April 16— Some rather lively tilts took place during today's sittings of the Commons, devoted though t was to consideration of estimates. Estimates of the Post Office Department evoked much hostile criticism. In the first place the absence of Hon. Charles Murphy the Postmaster General who is not expected to return to Ottawa until the middle of May excited comment. Again the governments boast of a surplus in the Post Office Department was discounted by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, and other Conservatives who maintained that in reality the volume of the business of the department in 1922 was less than that in 1921, and that its revenues were swelled by increased taxation of the people. Moreover further charges of evasion of the Civil Service Act with a view to the exercise of political patronage in the department were launched against the minister.

Sir Henry Drayton complained of the governments dealing with a vacancy in the post office at Woodbridge, Ont. He said that the Civil Service Commission had selected a Postmaster for the West York Village; that the government authorities had favored the appointment of another man; that the government therefore had not confirmed the appointment of the Civil Service Commissions nominee, but had sent a temporary official to fill the position. The ex-Minister of Finance went further and cited twenty three other cases in which appointments properly made by the Civil Service Commission had been disregarded by the government. Not one man with an overseas record had been appointed by the government. "What is the use of laws" inquired Sir Henry Drayton "if the ministers themselves are going to be cynically indifferent to them."

PROCEEDINGS IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Provincial Legislature, April 12.

(Continued.)

Mr. Peter Brodie read the following resolution on behalf of the P.E.I. Swine Breeders Association

WHEREAS: The United States, by their Fordney Tariff, have increased the Customs duties on Potatoes, butter, cheese, poultry, eggs and all Canadian farm products, making the rates so high as to be prohibitive excepting under rare and extraordinary conditions, AND WHEREAS: By thus excluding potatoes and roots from their markets the stability of demand and uncertainty of prices for these products must be met by a greater attention to hog raising, for the products of which there is always a sure and steady demand in British and home markets, and at fairly remunerative prices. AND WHEREAS Under these conditions Hog raising is today one of the most important agricultural industries in this province; and having the first claim upon the governments of our country for the safeguarding of our interests and encouragement of producers.

AND WHEREAS: Many of our largest Canadian packing houses have merged with and become under the control of wealthy United States interests, which concerns, under a non-restrictive Canadian duty of 2 cents per pound are importing enormous quantities of inferior fresh meats from the States, curing and finishing them in Canada and placing them on British and other markets disguised as the products of this country, and which because of inferior quality, is destroying the good reputation, reducing the prices and seriously impairing the demand for our home hog products.

AND WHEREAS Canada consumes eighty per cent of its home meat products; as against the United States which is one of the largest exporting countries in the world, making of this country one of the dumping markets for its surplus hog products. The meat imports from that country into Canada in 1920 amounted to 42,596,018 pounds and increased to 59,223,314 pounds in 1921. These immsense imports which are so alarmingly increacing, are taking the place of our home products and supplying the markets which should be reserved for Canadian producers.

AND WHEREAS: Under special regulations our fishermen receive special encouragement in the form of duty rebates upon pork and other supplies necessary to their vocation, manufacturers and other Canadian industries have their business interests safeguarded by protective duties, whilst the farmer and his products are exposed, without safeguard or assistance, to the competition and exploitation of the world.

THEREFORE RESOLVED That this Legislative Assembley lay these facts before the Federal Government, and the Parliament of Canada now in session, and urgently pray that they will be pleased to give the hog raisers of Canada these encouragements and absolute ly essential measures of protection to their interests.

1. By increasing the rate of duty upon hogs and hog products to be at least five cents per pound.

2. By adopting regulations to prohibit the curing, or the finishing of partly cured United States hog products, for export to British or foreign countries there to enter into competition with Canadian meats.

3. To make regulations requiring that all hog and hog products imported into Canada for export to other countries be retained in their original packages, clearly and distinctly branded and marked to designate the place or country of their origin, and that no marks or brands be permitted to be placed upon them to indicate in any way that they are the product or preparation of Canadian producers.

4. To further regulate and require that all foreign hog, or hog products, imported into Canada for sale or distribution in this country be also retained and sold in their original packages, and that they be plainly marked or branded to show the place of their production, and to indicate to the consumer that they are not goods produced in Canada.

THE SPEAKER asked what was the intention with reference to this resolution. He presumed the hon. member did not expect the House to pass legislation on it.

MR. BRODIE: Yes.

THE SPEAKER: I am afraid it will be ultra vires, like some of the other legislation passed.

The resolution was placed on the orders of the day.

Provincial Legislature April 13th.

Morning Session

The House met at 11.35 p.m.

Mr. Higgs presented a petition from W. K. Rogers, vice-president and H. E. Miller, secretary, praying for an act to incorporate the Charlottetown Golf Club. The bill was given first reading.

On motion of Premier Bell the House went into committee on second reading of the Prohibition Act Amendment Act, 1923, Mr. McArthur in the chair. Premier Bell said the amendments refer to sections 51 and 52. Section 52 was declared by the Court to be ultra vires, the reading being that the section was too sweeping in its provisions. The court held that according to the British North America Act, there were certain persons who might have liquor in their possession that was not purchased from a vendor and nothing this Legislature could do could deprive them of this privilege. One of this class was the liquor exporter. An importer who had liquor in his possession for export purposes had a right which Section 52 did not recognize. Last year the Legislature attempted to amend that section chiefly upon the basis of certain provisions introduced into a British Columbia Act which had been declared ultra vires by the Privy Council. The Court held that the provision was proper, but it was not properly introduced; that the proper way was formally to repeal Section 52 and then re-enact it. The Act would then be perfectly constitutional and an effectual prohibitory law would be in force. This is all the Legislature propose doing now following out the suggestions of the Court. With regard to Section 51: this is even more important than section 52, because it has to deal not with possession, but with sales. The Judges advised the Legislature to look over 51, while they were amending Sec. 52. He did not regard this as a sign of hostility, but as a friendly suggestion. A similar difficulty arises in this Section, it says that no person except as provided in the Act shall expose liquor for sale. All that was necessary to do was simply to incorporate the amendments made last year with this section. This would make Section 51 legal. We have had a Prohibition vote. It is urged by certain persons that if we have not got a bona fide Prohibition Act at the time the plebiscite vote was taken, then there is no ground for the vote.. The argument is that by taking away Section 51 and 52, there is no Act in force. He did not admit this, but assuming it as correct, Section 51 as it stands has never been questioned. It has not, like section 52, been declared ultra vires. It is expedient now to hold Section 51 to be valid, to put it beyond all doubt. We want to sustain the law against sales and the plebiscite vote. It has never been questioned and if it is amended now it never will be. It is proposed to appeal Section 52 and to amend 51 so that it will never be questioned. This matter is so important that it should be passed for fear that someone may take it into his head to impeach Section 51.

The three clauses of the bill (published in Wednesday's Guardian) carried without discussion or amendment.

The following bills were given third reading and passed.

Act respecting improved Highways through towns and cities.

Act to incorporate the Feehan Doyle Company Ltd.

At 12.15 the House adjourned until Monday evening at 8 p.m.,

U. S. Will Attend Lausanne Conference As Observers

(Special to The Guardian.)

WASHINGTON, April 16—America's position at the forthcoming Lausanne Near East Peace Conference will be exactly what it was at the former conference,, that of a friendly observer, it was stated today in high official quarters. Richard Washburn Child, Rear Admiral Mark, Bristol and Joseph C. C. Grew the observers who will represent this government according to official announcement were the American observers at the previous conference.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Korea

(Special to The Guardian.)

TOKIO, April 14.—Four hundred persons including a large number of fishermen are missing as the result of a tidal wave and storm on the east coast of Korea according to advices received in Tokio by the Japanese Navy Department. The total number of lives lost is uncertain but it is believed to be large.

Republican Captured By Free Staters

(Special to The Guardian.)

DUBLIN, April 16— Austen Stack, former Republican 'Cabinet' member has been captured at Clonmel by Free State forces, it was officially stated this afternoon.

MOTHER SUICIDES NEAR SLEEPING BABE.

WINNIPEG, April 15—With her month old baby, peacefully sleeping in his cot nearby, Mrs. Mike Labaty, of Transcona, Man., near this city, hanged herself from a bedpost in her home yesterday. Mrs. Labaty, according to her husband, had been greatly depressed over the loss of $1,200, their entire savings, which had been swept away in the collapse of the Dominion Ticket and Finance Corporation, a private banking institution here recently.

THE WORLD'S LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED IN BRIEF

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.)

ANNAPOLIS, April 15.—Midshipmen defeated Maryland lacrosse team yesterday 4 to 2.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The 27,000 ton steamship Belgenland arrived yesterday from Antwerp on Maiden trip as passenger liner.

BUENOS AIRES, April 15. — Roemo Maoice, Argentine long distance swimmer leaves for England where he will attempt to swim Channel.

NEW YORK, April 15.— Tugs have been forbidden chasing of out going liners to board late passengers and one passenger was left at dock today while his baggage was aboard outgoing Adriatic.

NEW YORK, April 15.— Total passenger traffic in and out of his city during 1922 was figured at 315,724,803 by Transit Commission.

ST. PAUL, April 15.—Reports were current in financial circles here that Henry Ford is seeking control of the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad. Value of road properties estimated at more than 500,000,000 dollars.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 15. — Four French automobiles of the same make and three German cars have been entered in the eleventh annual inetrnational 500 mile race.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Chas. Petterson of St. Louis won first match for world's 19.9 balkline billiard championship, defeating champion Albert Cutles of Chicago 800 to 560.

DUESSELDORF, April 15. — Imprisonment for five years and a fine of 100,000,000 marks is punishment prescribed by General Degoutte for any German attempting to move coal in occupied area without an order from inter-Allied Commissioner.

LONDON, April 15.— Political observer of the Sunday Oserver says that Premier Bonar Law will retire soon and would have done so at Easter, but for the reversals in the bye-elections.

LONDON, April 15.—Former Premier Lloyd George will visit U.S. and Canada on speaking tour next September, according to the News of the World.

BOSTON, April 15.—Declaring that statistics show that educated men and women are not replacing themselves, Charles W. Eliot, President Meritus of Harvard uges that question be taken up in colleges and settled there.

BALTIMORE, April 15.—World's non-stop dancing record of 52 hours, 16 minutes made in Cleveland Ohio, by woman last week broken early today by eight couples and six individual dancers here after a conference with police officials, the dance was halted, the dancers having been in continuous motion for 53 hours.

The Weather, Etc

TORONTO, April 16.—Maritime moderate fresh easterly winds, becoming unsettled and showery.

High tide this morning at 10.58 and tonight at 10.51.

Sun sets this evening at 6.49 and rises tomorro wmorning at 5.10.

New moon Monday April 16th, 2.28 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown

NEW YORK, April 15.—Former Gov. Allen of Kansas cables protest against playing of international politics by Lausanne conference with Constantinople refugee situation.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Brig.-Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt with party of friends sailed for Bermuda, Bahamas, via the azores and Mediterranean in his yacht "America II."

NEW YORK, April 15.—Coast guard cutter "Modoc" of International Ice Patrol, sent radio message last night to the Associated Press, asking that all churches be requested to join today with it in commemorating sinking 11 years ago of "Titanic" with loss of 1,503 lives.

JOHNSTON, N.J., April 15.—"Inch Cape" noted racer and stallion in stables of Harry F. Sinclair was burned to death along with sixty stallions and brood mares valued at approximately $100,000, when stables burned at Rancocas Farms.

WILL NOT BE ALLOWED CANADIAN REGISTRY.

OTTAWA, April 15— The effect of the decision of the United States Shipping Board as now confirmed by the State Department at Washington, will, it is stated, mean that none of the ships sold with special conditions will be admitted to Canadian registry. The Canadian Government, it is emphasized, has not objected to the United States Shipping Board selling its ships, with the condition attached that they shall not be used by the new owners for rum-running. The point taken here is that ships cannot be admitted to Canadian registry with anything but the usual conditions governing. The Canadian Department of Marine, it was argued, was not prepared to concede to the Government of the United States the right in any way to exercise jurisdiction over ships registered in Canada beyond such as might from time to time be applicable to all vessels of foreign registry while in United States waters.

Some weeks ago instructions were issued by the department to registrars of shipping in Canada to refuse all applications to register vessels purchased from United States citizens where the orders of the United States Shipping Board restricting the use of the vessel along the line as indicated is applicable.

The policy outlined in these instructions, it is stated, is being followed.

PICTOU WILL CELEBRATE PIONEER ANNIVERSARY

The programme in connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Scottish Pioneers at Pictou has been published by the Executive Committee of Scottish Pioneers Association and although subject to change in the present form seems to be most complete.

The celebration will open with commemorative services in all churches throughout Pictou, and neighboring counties on Sunday July 15th. The following day Monday, the 16th, will be "A day of Glad Re-Union"; arrival of special trains, North American Squadron, ship "Hector" in the offing—community singing in the evening and fires on hill tops throughout country as darkness falls.

On Tuesday, the 17th the arrival of ship "Hector" landing of her passengers salutes, unveiling of the monument to the pioneers by His Excellency Baron Byng, of Vimy, Governor General of Canada, addresses illumination of war ships and harbor craft in the evening, also band concerts and fire works.

Wednesday, the 18th there will be attractions at Pictou, Westville Stellarton and New Glasgow. Pictou will have boat races and games, New Glasgow, a reception to His Excellency the Governor General; boat races, military and athletic sports, boat races, etc.

A regatta on Pictou Harbor is a feature for Thursday, the 19. Horse races at New Glasgow; baseball at Stellarton and Westville; musical and literary entertainments in the evening at Pictou and New Glasgow.

Friday the 20th, will be spent in the rural districts picnicing and on Saturday the 21st, a go-as-you-please day throughout the country with band concerts in the evening concluding with the Doxology.

Wants Dominions Represented In British Commons

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, April 16—"If things continue as now, in two generations the British Empire no longer will exist" said Lord Stratspey House. He says the imperial system needs re-vamping. He quoted a well known Canadian as saying "unless the severing of relations with the Motherland be dropped Canada will be adrift in a short time.

He says the Dominions should be represented in parliament, why should bishops and archbishops of the English church be given seats as Lords if the same principals are not extented to us.

Taxes Proposed on Grain Sales

(Special to The Guardian.)

WINNIPEG, April 16— Introducing a bill providing for the taxation of trading in grain futures of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, Hon. F. M. Black, Provincial Treasurer today announced that the taxes would be as follows: Six cents per 1,000 bushels on wheat, twelve cents per 1,000 on flax, and three cents per 1,000 on oats, rye and barley. The bill will not apply to cash trading he explained.

Moscow River Rising Dangerously

(Special to The Guardian.)

RIGA, April 16— Moscow River is reported to be rising rapidly and threatens to inundate the Bolshevik stronghold. Many of the superstitious say its retribution for red atrocities.

Lady Astor Calls M.P. "A Village Donkey"

LONDON, April 14.—Lady Astor called a member of Parliament "a village donkey" today and then had to withdraw the term. The incident occured during the hearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee of her bill to prohibit sale of liquor to children under eighteen.

She applied the epithet to a Conservative, J. R. Remer, and withdrew it at the demand of Chariman J. H. Thomas, a Laborite.

After a bitter fight an amendment providing settlers could only be prosecuted if they sold to the forbidden persons "knowingly" was defeated 22 to 19. The wets then lost a battle to exempt beer and cider.

Lord George Hamilton created a diversion by protesting against the charge that he and other vets were working for the liquor interests. He said Lady Astor's own organization is so powerful it has caused hundreds of letters to be written members deamnding they support her bill or the signatories would not again vote for them.

CANDIDATES MAROONED IN ICE OFF COAST

ST. JOHN'S Nfld, April 15—Candidates for election to the Newfoundland Legislature find themselves seriously handicapped by the ice blockade along the coast which may prevent many from reaching outlying districts in time to conduct speaking campaigns. The election date is May 3.

Both the Government and Opposition candidates for the districts of Burgeo and Fortune are marooned on the steamer Kyle, which left here last week with supplies for starving settlements along the south coast, and was caught in the ice field at Lamaline Harbor.

IMMIGRANT FARES WILL BE CUT DOWN

MONTREAL, April 15—With a view to encouraging immigration from Europe the Canadian railways have arranged that, effective with the opening of navigation, via the St. Lawrence route, a substantial reduction will be made in immigrant fares on business from Europe to Canadian points. The new fares to Winnipeg and the west will be on an approximate pre war basis and effective with sales in Europe, April 19. Arrangements have also been made that, effective May 1, settlers from the United States, coming to take up land in Canada will be afforded a material reduction in their fares.

RUHR TO BE EVACUATED ONLY AS GERMANY PAYS

Conference at Paris Reaffirms Findings at Brussels, Namely, That Ruhr Will Only Be Evacuated When Germany Makes Satisfactory Payments.

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, April 14—The French and Belgian cabinet ministers today terminated their conference here by reaffirming the declaration adopted at Brussels last month to the effect that the Ruhr would be evacuated only when Germany pays reparation, and by stages proportioned to the payments. This is regarded in political circles as finally disposing of the questions draised by the visit to London of Louis Loucheur former French minister of reconstruction, and as bringing the situation back to where it was before. The ex-ministers came on the scene with the consequent talk of new settlement plans. In other words France and Belgium in the light of this declaration are standing firmly on their interpretation of the treaty of Versailles and are carrying on and will continue to carry on their operations in the Ruhr on the treaty that Germany must pay according to that treaty.

Another Hot Debate Anticipated In British Commons

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, April 16—Bonar Law's government gets another severe test tomorrow when Baldwin presents the budget for the consideration of parliament. Labor members have already prepared a desperate campaign opposing the outlay of millions of pounds which means an increase in taxation instead of a reduction as per pledges. It is believed Macdonald will ask per capita levy to help reduction of taxation.

May Instal Police in British Commons

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, April 16—The suggestion is seriously made that police be installed in the House to prevent fighting between members such as occurred during the week. Since the advent of large labour delegations the personnel of which probably includes the most "hard boiled" set of legislators in the world.

Aeroplane Smash Kills Three Men

(Special to The Guardian.)

BERLIN, April 16—A Polish military plane crashed through the roof of a bakery in Cracow killing three persons. The pilot jumped to the street and was instantly killed. The tank exploded burning the bakery.

TURKISH IRREGULARS RAID SMALL ISLAND.

LONDON, April 15—Turkish irregulars have raided the small island of Castelorizo, off the Asia Minor coast, which figured in the recent Allied-Turkish peace negotiations and assassinated the Italian garrison and a number of Greek notables, says a Central News despatch from Athens, quoting advices received from the Island of Rhodes.

The raiders terrified the local populace, the despatch adds, and took possession of the civil administration of the island, but were arrested by forces sent from Rhodes by the Italian authorities.

MOUNTIES TO STAMP OUT QUEBEC DRUG SMUGGLERS

QUEBEC, April 15.—Advised that plans had been laid out for the smuggling of drugs through this port in the course of the navigation season, the Federal Department of Hygiene and the customs departments in cooperation have arranged to nullify these efforts. The mounted police have been notified to be on the watch and yesterday afternoon special quarters were taken from where the operations will be directed.

The Canadian Mounted Police will be given full assistance in their work by the provincial police who have been instructed by the attorney general to help .

This year not only will the ships be watched, but as secret information points to the fact that it is the intention of the promoters of smugglers ring to change Quebec into a distributing centre, outgoing trains, river boats and automobiles will be subject to an examination.

Mr. King's Famous "Shell Charges" Get Knock in Commons

OTTAWA, April 15—Although Premier King was horrified when he discovered during the general election campaign of 1921 that Canada's Government was importing munitions from Britain, the King Government itself imported artillery ammunition in 1922. Hon. George. P. Graham, Minister of Defence, admitted during the discussion of his estimates in the Commons today, that one shipment of munitions had been received and was not in a position definitely to contradict Right Hon. Arthur Meighen's information that four shipments had been landed in this country, The Minister of Defence, however, added his testimony to the Meighen Government's wisdom in accepting the 1921 supplies when he acknowledged that Canada's supply of ammunition was now below the accepted minimum safety reserve. Mr. King's exploded "shell charges" were quite evidently, in the minds of members who took part in today's debate, but Mr. Graham nimbly avoided any direct discussion of the Prime Minister's campaign disclosures. The charges were before the House Accounts Committee last session. The Meighen Government's action in bringing to Canada a portion of the country's surplus supplies was found to have been a wise one. The Government majority, however, declined to make a report to the House of Commons to that effect. It is likely therefore, that more may yet be heard of the affair.

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