

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN LEGISLATURE

The House met at 12:30 p.m. yesterday.

In pursuance of notice Premier Campbell introduced "The Public Utilities Act 1937" and "The Prohibition Act," consolidating the existing statute and amendments thereto.

Hon. Mr. McIntyre introduced an Act to amend the Road Act, 1928.

Hon. Mr. Allen introduced an Act to amend the Peddler's Act, 1928.

Hon. Mr. Dennis introduced the Agricultural Encouragement Act. The bills were read a first time.

Mr. McKay gave notice that he will ask the Minister of Public Works and Highways to lay on the Table answers to the following questions:

(1) Has any request been made by the Women's Institute of Sea View asking that the Road from Malpeque to Sea View and leading to the National Park be made an improved Highway?

(2) If so, has any decision been arrived at?

Has a petition been received from residents of Clifton, New London and surrounding sections asking that the road leading from Clifton to Summerfield (known as Graham's Road) be made an improved Highway during the coming summer or as soon as convenient?

(2) If so has any decision been arrived at?

The following annual reports were presented and tabled for the year ending Dec. 31, 1936.

Public Accounts (Premier Campbell).

Department of Agriculture (Hon. Mr. Dennis).

Department of Public Health (Hon. Mr. McGuigan).

R.C.M.P. Report (Premier Campbell).

Department of Education (Hon. Mr. McGuigan).

R.C.M.P. Report regarding the enforcement of the Prohibition Act 1936 (Premier Campbell).

Old Age Pension Commission (Hon. Mr. McGuigan).

The House took recess till 3 p.m.

motor vehicle while intoxicated. Ans.—41.

Q.—The names and addresses of persons so convicted. The names and addresses of all persons whose licenses were cancelled during 1936 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

(Detailed answer tabled, also information giving the period of cancellation in each case. In addition to the 41 licenses cancelled for intoxicated driving, 19 licenses were cancelled for other offences.)

Q.—The number of convictions made during 1936 for violation of the Highway Traffic Act.

Ans.—In the City of Charlottetown 20; in the Town of Summerside, none; in the remainder of the Province, 164. Total 184.

On motion of Premier Campbell the House went into committee, with Mr. Stewart in the chair, on American Property Corporation. The promoter explained that incorporation was being sought in accordance with the law regarding domicile corporations.

The petitioners for incorporation are John Watson MacNaught, Summerside, barrister, John Harold Goodwin, Kensington, student, Robert Bruce MacNaught, Coleman, farmer, Eva Palmer MacNaught, Summerside, married woman, and Doris M. Hockin, Summerside, married woman.

At 5:40 p.m. the House adjourned until 3 o'clock today.

INSURGENTS

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pledges and would continue to do so in equal measure with other nations).

Government armies centred their southern lines in Cordoba sector, 150 miles from the capital. Still on the alert, Madrid militia were entrenched about the city on guard against the Insurgents in the University City and in the Jarana salient on the southeast.

One dishonouring report was given to the Madrilene today—that death tolls from insurgent bombings in the northern Durango region had reached 200 instead of the 50 first estimated, and that a great many were wounded.

Successes claimed by the Government armies today included: Destruction of two insurgent motor supply caravans in an offensive between Santander and Burgos, silencing of insurgent cannon, and a 12-mile advance toward Burgos.

Occupation of Bendena village on the Upper Guadalupe front to threaten Insurgent General Franco's Zaragoza base, capture of Insurgent war materials.

A 13-mile advance in Cordoba, and domination of mines at El Soldado on the railroad to Insurgent-held Penarroya.

TWEEDSMUIR

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U. S. PRESS VIEW

LONDON, April 1.—"Canada is the natural competitor of Great Britain and the United States to one another, the Evening Standard stated today in discussing the visit of Lord Tweedsmuir to Washington.

The Standard urged Britain to adopt a policy of isolation from Europe, contending there were only three alternatives.

A policy based on the League of Nations, which is "dead."

A policy of alliances of Europe, which is "impracticable."

Britons, the paper continued, "turn no jealous eye upon such cordial exchanges between the peoples of Canada and the United States" as are going on at Washington between the Governor General and President Roosevelt.

"One is a dominion co-equal with us in the Empire. The other is a nation sharing with us ideals, traditions, kinships, habits of mind and instincts of heart."

The Standard contended that the future welfare of the Empire depends largely on close cooperation between Britain and the United States.

The Evening News, referring to President Roosevelt's remark that "the United States and Britain are so much to be allied," said: "There is much to be said for this method of exchanging international views. It is far better, for example, than for national leaders, in moments of irritation, to bound onto the stump and give whatever nations or persons that have offered them a piece of their mind."

IMMEDIATE

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spired by reports of dissension and revolt against Italians fighting in the insurgent army.

Some French officials anticipated withdrawal of foreigners in Spain, but felt Italians in the insurgent army might attempt one more offensive before agreeing to go back home.

Davis noted a slight relaxation in the Spanish tension and added his view that the civil war had "a sobering influence" on all Europe.

Her for the International Sugar Conference opening Monday, Davis said he intended to discuss all matters pertaining to key points in American foreign policy; economic cooperation, peace, disarmament.

He reiterated that the most important of these was economics and stressed the need for world wide reduction of trade barriers as a stepping stone toward any future armament restrictions.

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The Central Guardian

CALVIN CHURCH LOT 48 — Divine worship will be held on Sabbath next at 2.30 p. m. Rev. G. Carlyle Webster will preach. L-1121

POLICE COURT—At the Police Court yesterday a man appeared charged with the theft of poultry. He was remanded until April 5. Two drunks were sent to jail for 15 days.

PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT — A man appeared before Magistrate Tweedy yesterday charged with theft of poultry from an establishment in St. Amands. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence. He faced a similar charge in City Police Court and was remanded until April 5.

SELL CLYDESDALE STALLION

The Provincial Department of Agriculture are selling the Clydesdale stallion Scottish Chief. Tenders will be opened today it was announced.

CONDITION IMPROVED

Condition of Mrs. Thomas Benoit who was injured in a fall from the second story window of her Water Street home Wednesday evening was somewhat improved last night, it was announced. Mrs. Benoit was suffering from slight concussion of the brain and multiple cuts and bruises.

AIRWAYS USE TEMPORARY SCHEDULE

Putting a temporary schedule into effect yesterday, Canadian Airways cancelled passenger traffic on the Charlottetown-Moncton service for a few days. The new schedule, providing for the carrying of mails only, was the result of soft landing fields necessitating the use of lighter single engine planes. The regular service will be resumed in a few days it was announced.

Report Tabled From R.C.M.P.

The following report on the enforcement of the Prohibition Act, submitted by Inspector Phips, Commanding Officer of "L" Division R.C.M.P. was tabled by Premier Campbell in the Legislature yesterday:

I have the honor to attach hereto a statement of convictions under the Prohibition Act for the year 1936. There were 326 prosecutions entered during the year, which resulted in 273 convictions, 44 dismissals and 9 withdrawals.

In addition to the above there were 618 investigations made under the Act, and 1,841 searches of suspected premises were made; this included 1,285 searches made in the City of Charlottetown, and 475 in the town of Summerside.

The customs, excise and prohibition squads of this Force generally operate together, and the total seizures of illicit liquor amounted to approximately 2,258 gallons. One motor car was seized and handed over to the department.

The total fines and costs imposed under this Act amounted to \$23,480.62; the amount collected was \$4,539.07. These amounts have been paid to the Magistrates, Prohibition Commission, or the Provincial Treasurer.

The enforcement of the provisions of this Act accounted for more than sixty per cent of the time spent on law enforcement.

A detailed list of convictions followed.

General Report

The Inspector's general report showed that there were a total of 38 men, all ranks, in the Division which is under command of an Inspector with a Staff Sergeant to assist him in supervision of police work and inspection of detachments.

Three patrol boats are attached to the Division, the "Islander," the "Alert" and the "Alarm."

There were 23 sudden or accidental deaths investigated during the year; six highway fatalities, an increase of four over the previous year.

During the year there were 180 motor vehicle accidents reported as compared with 225 during the year 1935. Enlarging on the system of checking vehicles on the highway, two members of the force were detailed for full time on this work and others asked to give as much time as possible to it.

There were 28 reported cases of "driving while intoxicated" investigated, resulting in 19 convictions, 2 complaints unfounded, 3 withdrawals and 4 dismissals.

Members of the force had sold 619 reflectors to owners of horse drawn vehicles and large motor trucks.

The Provincial Secretary's department had cancelled 57 motor vehicle operator's licenses during the year. 4 were cancelled for life, 7 for two years, 35 for one year, 1 for nine months, 2 for one month, 1 for three months, three for one month, and 4 for an indefinite period. The cancellations were served by the R.C.M.P.

Referring to the Prohibition Act the report stated that while the traffic in illicit liquor is believed to be decreasing, there is a difficulty encountered in enforcement of the Act because the general public is loath to give information of a definite nature regarding offenders.

Patrols by air, land and sea are used in connection with the enforcement of the Customs Act and the greater part of the effort is directed against those who attempt to import illegal liquor into the country. 204 investigations were carried out, resulting in 46 court cases, 42 convictions, 1 dismissal and 3 withdrawals. Two motor cars, one motor truck, four motor boats and one dory were seized under this Act.

Activities in connection with the Excise Act included 292 investiga-

BLACKSMITHS OF PROVINCE ORGANIZE

Mr. Percy Proude, City, Elected President of Association.

The Blacksmiths Protective Association of Prince Edward Island was organized at a meeting in the Odd Fellows Hall, Charlottetown, last night.

Mr. Percy Proude, Charlottetown, was made president. Other officers elected were: vice-president, Mr. Thomas Dunn, Bedouque; secretary, Mr. J. M. Quinn, Kensington; assistant secretary, Mr. Otto Gallant, Charlottetown; treasurer, Mr. P. J. Senter, Charlottetown.

Executive committee: Mr. Emmet Gallant, Charlottetown; Mr. Daniel MacDonald, North Wiltshire; Mr. Kenneth Docherty, New Haven; Mr. Albert Hill, New Glasgow; Mr. Fulton Robertson, Hunter River.

Mr. Fulton Robertson was chairman of the meeting and Mr. D. R. Jay, Winsloe, secretary.

The chairman in explaining the purpose of the meeting urged the need for an organization and pointed out that at present any man could go to work and charge what he liked for blacksmith services.

Mr. Percy Proude believed apprentices should be required to serve three years before they were allowed to set up business themselves and shoe horses. Mr. Robertson also suggested protection for the apprentices. Mr. Senter, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Proude and other approved the suggestion of a blacksmiths' union.

The meeting appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. P. J. Proude, Charlottetown, to prepare a bill to be presented to this session of the Legislature designed for the protection and regulation of blacksmiths and their work. Other members of the committee are: Messrs. Emmet Gallant, Charlottetown; Alvin MacKenzie, Mt. Stewart; Roy Bruce, Fredericton; Fulton Robertson, Hunter River.

Mr. Dunn believed that the association would provide a double protection to the blacksmiths and to the public.

But meetings will be held, it was announced, when other matters regarding a constitution would be discussed.

Farm Wives' Play Vividly Pictures Farmers' Struggle

REGINA, March 31.—Capturing, by some simple alchemy, the eternal spark of hope and despair that fills the life of the Saskatchewan farmer faced with crop failure, the drama "Relief" by Mrs. Bicknell of Marshall, Sask., which won the Saskatchewan regional drama festival, has aroused wide interest.

Undoubtedly some measure of its stark reality can be traced to the method of its writing, and to the long years its author has spent enduring the very heartbreaks that provide the theme for the play. For Mrs. Bicknell having lived her life in the rural districts, wrote the play bit by bit as actual experiences suggested the plot.

"It was a long time," she said, "I jotted down the plot as it came to me. Then my husband and I used to read the parts over until we felt confident enough to try it out."

The first rough draft was tried out with the help of two neighbors' children. Then when the play was finished to her satisfaction, Mrs. Bicknell took the script to the Alberta Drama School where its possibilities were recognized.

The Saskatchewan Drama League took an interest and lent encouragement to the author and her husband who were chosen to fill the major roles. At this point it was practically assured if the opinion of prominent critics can be considered as a criterion.

"Well, yes, we ought to know what things are like," said Mrs. Bicknell when complimented on "Relief's" obvious sincerity. "We are not in the depths of the drought area, but we know plenty of people that are, and what they have to suffer."

"I really did not want to play the part of Martha Weatherby," Mrs. Bicknell assured. "I would far rather someone else had done it. But then I feel the part and there was no one else to take it on. So here I am, very humble with all the appreciation the people have shown and all the kind words—too kind—that Mr. de Warfaz (the adjudicator) has spoken."

"We like doing this," said Mrs. Bicknell. "Yes, it has been a lot of pleasure learning the part and seeing the play develop. But do not forget the children, Archie McFarthur and Ann McIntyre live about four miles from our farm and every time we had a rehearsal we had to get in touch with them."

"Our rehearsals were all at night, resulting in 73 court cases, 63 convictions, 6 withdrawals and four dismissals.

The wholehearted support of the people of the province was reported regarding the enforcement of the Fish and Game Protection Act. There were seven special investigations and one conviction under the Game Act, and 38 investigations and four convictions under the Migratory Birds Act.

Large numbers of sheep were being killed annually by dogs, the report stated, and the condition was becoming worse. It was recommended that all dogs, the taxes on which were not paid, at a given date, should be destroyed,

Unemployment Continues As Major Problem

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, March 31.—The Dominion Government is committed to contribute \$2,888,196 towards unemployment relief, relief works projects and "Trans-Canada" highway construction of the provinces in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1937, compared to commitments of \$55,356,841 last year, a return tabled in the House of Commons today by C. J. Veniot (Lib. Gloucester) showed.

Actual payments last year were \$50,112,479 exclusive of \$1,482,500 spent on mine road construction, while this year to date payments total \$34,014,469, exclusive of an expected expenditure of \$1,351,500 on mine roads.

Payments to Feb 25 this year in the Maritime Provinces, with commitments in brackets: Prince Edward Island, grants-in-aid \$29,396 (\$35,088); public works, no payments (\$6,950).

Nova Scotia, grants-in-aid \$55,350 (\$86,450); public works \$19,500 (\$450,000); highway \$19,500 (\$450,000).

New Brunswick, grants-in-aid \$345,843 (\$412,718); public works \$92,302 (\$563,000); highway no payment (\$75,000).

Oil Companies Seek Bill Revision

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) WINCHESTER, Ont., April 1.—Two persons were killed and several others injured, one critically, in an accident near here late today involving an oil truck and several automobiles in a funeral procession.

Glen Summers, 20 year old Winchester youth, was killed almost instantly, while A. E. Thoms, an Ottawa real estate agent, died en route to hospital at Ottawa.

One of the injured, Almon Sumner, father of Glen, was not expected to live. Names of the other injured were not immediately obtained.

Reports said an automobile travelling south in the same direction as the funeral cortege which contained 15 cars turned out to pass and smashed into the truck.

The truck careened into the funeral procession before leaving the highway and crashing into a culvert.

The funeral was of an accident victim, Almon Deeks, 17, of Winchester, fatally injured Monday when struck by an automobile after falling from his bicycle on the highway.

Ship To Shore Radio For Lakes Planned

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, March 31.—To cope with perils of navigation on the Great Lakes the government is seeking to have radio-telephone stations installed between the head of the Lakes and Kingston, Lieut. Commander C. P. Edwards, chief of air services, announced here today.

Ships which do not feel they can afford a wireless operator to carry the telephone equipment, there were telephone stations easily reached on shore, Mr. Edwards said. A regular operator would not be necessary and any member of the ship's crew could call for help in time of emergency.

OLD AGE PENSION ACT

OTTAWA, March 29.—If the old Age Pension Act were made applicable to all over 65 years of age, instead of 70 years as at present, 94,400 new pensioners would be added to the list at March 31, 1938, according to an estimate of the finance department tabled in the House of Commons today at the request of C. E. Perlin (Lib., Joliette-L'Assomption-Montcalm).

The Department of Pensions and National Health estimated that pensions granted to persons 70 years of age or over will reach 175,000 by March 31, 1938. If the age limit was reduced to 65 years, it was estimated that the number of pensioners then would be 269,400.

Conditions in Provinces

Analysis of the records shows that in northern Alberta the precipitation was above normal in every month except August and February. In central sections of the province, January was the only month to show an increase and October and November had the normal amount of precipitation.

Throughout northern Saskatchewan increases were noted in four months but, due to the poor showing in the months of August and November, a slight drop below normal was indicated for the entire period. In the southwest, moderate to large deficiencies occurred in all months except December and January. Reports from southeastern Saskatchewan practically duplicated those from the area to the west except that the February decrease was only slightly below normal.

In western Manitoba minus signs were shown for August, October, November and January with increases in the other months.

Throughout the eastern section small excesses occurred in August and September while the precipitation in February was 29 per cent above normal. Other months showed deficiencies.

TWINS SURVIVE

(By The Canadian Press) DRUMHELLER, Alta. — Stanley Frank and Hugh Cecil Parker, tiny twins born Jan. 2, are now out of their rude apple-bush incubator and on their way to lush health due to the care of doctors and nurses at the Municipal Hospital.

BRITISH INDIA UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION

Little Disorder Reported As India Undertakes Self-government With Minority Ministries.

BOMBAY, April 1.—(CP)—A hartal, or passive work stoppage, ordered by the Leftist Congress Party to mark today's inauguration of India's new constitution, was widely observed but little disorder resulted. Some 40 arrests were made, including Jay Aprakash Narain, secretary of the All-India Congress Socialist Party.

With minority ministries formed in five of the six provinces where the Congress Party gained a majority in recent elections but refused to take office, chief interest centred in the constitutional situation. The renewed participation of M. K. Gandhi, who has come out of retirement, in shaping the Congress policy was considered one of most important factors in the general situation. Gandhi was for many years leader of the Congress Party.

Minority ministries were formed in the provinces of Madras, Bombay, Central Provinces, Bihar and Orissa. A similar ministry is under process of formation for the United Provinces. All these six provinces found the Congress Party in the majority after elections but in each case the party declined to form a Government without certain guarantees which the Governors declined on constitutional grounds.

A conference of the Congress has been called for April 10 to consider its future course.

Burma and Aden officially left the Indian Empire today. Burma became a self-governing state within the British Empire while Aden, coal and oil base on the south of the Arabian Peninsula, became a crown colony.

Anxiously Wait Spring Rainfall

TORONTO, March 31.—Prairie farmers are casting apprehensive glances at weather forecasts. Reports from the great grain-producing belt indicate the need of heavy rains to promote growth of the 1937 crop following a winter that has been notable for a dearth of moisture in all districts except northern Alberta.

Precipitation has been below normal in the three prairie provinces. Dominion Meteorological Office statistics, covering the period Aug. 1-Feb. 28, show the average decrease below the normal in Alberta was four per cent. In Manitoba the average decrease was 14 per cent while Saskatchewan made the poorest showing with a deficiency of 20 per cent.

The great southern area of Saskatchewan arid spot of the west, faces the spring with parched lands. In the southwest the record shows precipitation was 32 per cent below normal, the southern section being a most as bad with a loss of 27 per cent.

Lack of rain in the autumn was the chief reason for the prairies' poor showing. Over the entire Saskatchewan area and in large portions of Alberta and Manitoba huge deficits were chalked up in August and September which were not made up by subsequent snowfalls.

Only in northern Alberta where there was an increase above normal of five per cent and in the south of the province where the precipitation was normal did moisture conditions measure up to the average over a 30-year period.

During March comparatively little snow has fallen in the three provinces to brighten the winter outlook. Southern Alberta, however, will derive great benefit from a heavy fall in the middle of the month.

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Novel Broadcast From Speeding Train Saturday

OTTAWA, April 1.—The first national broadcast to be made from a speeding train in Canada will be put on the air by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Saturday night from 9.30 to 10 o'clock Eastern Standard Time. The broadcast will be made from the Continental Limited, the crack Montreal-Vancouver train of the Canadian National Railways, and will be one of the "night shift" series which have been instituted by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and which have aroused widespread interest throughout the Dominion.

There will be 42 CBC stations in the hookup which will extend from Sydney, N. S., to Vancouver, B. C., for the purpose of the broadcast special short-wave transmitting sets have been installed at Limoges, Ont., and in a car which will be attached to the train.

A special stop will be made at the Limoges station where R. T. Bowman, the commentator in charge of the broadcast, will interview the engineer and fireman; he will then board the train and the remainder of the broadcast will be transmitted from the train while en route to Ottawa and will include interviews with various members of the train crew and with passengers. The transmitter at Limoges and on the train will send the broadcast to CROCO at Ottawa, which station will relay it over the national chain of stations.

Y's Men's Club Elects Officers At Meeting

Mr. William Massey was elected president of the Charlottetown Y's Men's Club at a regular business meeting last night. Other officers elected were: vice-president Mr. Fred Holman; secretary Mr. James Haslam; treasurer Mr. Jack Mennie.

Directors: Mr. Jack MacNair, Col. Fred Andrew, Mr. Ernest V. Bell, Mr. George Craig and past president Mr. G. Claude Smith.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the annual meeting of the Club on the first Tuesday in May.

At the dinner, which preceded the business session, three new members were introduced. They were: Mr. Wellington Dixon, Prof. Paterson and Prof. Hazen Wilmore. New members were welcomed by President Claude Smith, who presided.

BIRTHS

NOLAN—At the Harley Hospital, Roxbury, Mass., on March 30, 1937 to Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. Nolan (nee Martina Monaghan), a daughter.

HORNE—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on April 1, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Horne, Charlottetown, a son.

MARRIAGES

NEILL-MACDONALD — At Zion Mansie, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, March 31, 1937, by Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Miss Mary MacDonna of Iris to Mr. Irving Neill of North Milton.

DEATHS

MACLEOD—At Bradabane on Thursday, April 1, 1937, Mrs. James F. MacLeod, aged 85. Funeral Saturday at 2 o'clock at Bradabane Cemetery.

MCNEILL—At Long Creek, March 31, 1937, Alvin Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McNeill, aged 2 months. Funeral Friday at 1.30 from the residence of Neil Salmond, Bonshaw.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of CHARLES HENRY WAUGHAN who departed this life April 2, 1936 Days of sadness still come o'er us Tears in silence often flow, Memory keeps you ever near us Though you died one year ago. Inserted by his Daughter G. Waughan. L-1107-4-2-11

Card of Thanks

Mr. Crisp Moore, Westmoreland, wishes to thank the Crapaud Orange Lodge and Mrs. William D. Sherrin for Easter Lilies sent him during his illness; also friends who sent gifts of fruit, and messages of sympathy. L-1112-4-2-11

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