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CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS WILL MAKE HISTORY

Empire-Wide Problems Will be Discussed, Including Naval Defense, Anglo-Japanese Treaty, Imperial Foreign Policy, Etc.

LONDON, June 4.—The Imperial premiers, together with the representatives, of India will assemble in London the second fortnight in June for what is considered the most important meeting of the kind ever held in the history of the British Empire. Matters that will come up for discussion will include the naval defense of the Empire, the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, the Imperial foreign policy and the arrangements for a subsequent imperial conference to settle the lines of policy as between the mother country and the dominions in the imperial parliament.

Of these questions the Anglo-Japanese alliance is the dominating one, involving as it does future relations between Great Britain and the United States and, incidentally, the naval policy.

That part of the naval policy which needs settlement is the extent to which the dominions shall in the future contribute to the burden of the naval defense of the Empire, which heretofore has fallen entirely on the mother country. The Prime Minister some months ago declared in the House of Commons that the British taxpayer could no longer be expected to bear this heavy burden alone, and that it must be shared by the dominions.

The dominion governments, it is said, are not averse to such a solution, but will expect, in return, to have a greater voice in the imperial policy. It only remains, therefore, to settle whether the dominions' contribution shall be in the shape of money or ships. The latter is the generally favoured plan, with an arrangement that in the event of war involving the

whole empire, all the fleets shall come under the imperial command. In this connection the action of the United States Congress concerning a naval conference in which the United States, Great Britain and Japan shall participate has excited intense interest here, because any such move promising to ease the burden of naval armaments would remove a load of anxiety, now weighing heavily upon the imperial statesmen.

Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand is reported to have recommended to the Admiralty plans for the building of a great Far Eastern navy, which it is certain neither the British nor the dominion governments, in the present state of public finances, are desirous of undertaking.

With regard to the Anglo-Japanese alliance, the public declarations of General Jan Christian Smuts, William Morris Hughes and William Massey, premiers, respectively, of the Union of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, leave little doubt as to the line of policy the conference is likely to pursue. They all favor renewal of the alliance, but conditionally on the treaty being modified in such a manner as to remove all possibility of suspicion on the part of the United States.

Opinion here, as indicated by press comment, is very much divided. Some of the papers advocate abandoning the alliance on the ground that the circumstances which brought it into existence no longer obtain, since Russia and Germany are out of the calculation as world powers, and that its continuance is a menace to the relationship between Great Britain and the United States.

The majority, however, and in this view it is believed the government coincides—favor renewal, always provided that the treaty takes such form as to be objectionable to America. What would be regarded as a perfect solution, were it practicable, is a tripartite treaty including the United States and such a solution has been advanced by many influential papers.

There is little doubt that the question of the renewal of this alliance will occasion the premier's prolonged debates, as it involves delicate and difficult questions concerning immigration and racial restrictions, as well as Japan's relations with China.

Australia and New Zealand feel strongly on the question of immigration. The whole idea of Far Eastern policy is likely to come under review.

Railway Matters to Stand Until Premier's Return

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, June 6.—It is expected here that the appointment of a permanent joint board of management for the Government Railways will be allowed to stand over until the return of the Prime Minister from England. The Grand Trunk arbitration proceedings will not be concluded for some time, it is thought, and the present arrangements for joint operation of the two systems will carry on until the Grand Trunk is finally taken over. The difficulty surrounding the merging of the two staffs together with other problems to be overcome are understood to have been responsible for the delay in making the permanent appointments.

Schools Will Close Wednesday, June 29

AND WILL RE-OPEN SEPT 6th
IS THE DECISION REACHED
BY SCHOOL BOARD LAST
NIGHT

At the regular meeting of the City School Board last night the closing of the public schools was fixed for Wednesday June 29. They will re-open after the holidays on Tuesday, Sept. 6th.

The hours of closing for the city schools on the 29th inst. will be as follows:—
Rockford Square School, 9:30 to 11 a. m.
West Kent School 11:15 to 12:40
Prince St. 1:30 to 3 p. m.
Queen St. 3:10 to 4:40 p. m.

Mr. Henry Smith, Chairman of the Board, presided at the meeting, and other business of a routine nature was taken up and disposed of.

\$1,000,000 Rain in Quebec

QUEBEC, June 4.—Jupiter Pluvius has handed out to the Province of Quebec during the past few days a real "million dollar rain." Wheat crops which were beginning to show the effects of the long dry spell are stated to be looking better than for many years, and oats and barley are responding wonderfully to the much needed moisture. The chances for a bumper crop were never brighter according to Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, who states that from all sections comes the same reports that prospects are particularly bright.

Mr. Caron states today that fruits of all descriptions should be exceedingly plentiful this year, owing to the fact that there have been no frosts. Due to the frost-free weather, the potatoes have not been planted to the same extent as in previous years, but the yield provided there are no unforeseen circumstances, will be unusually large.

Premier Meighen Sails Today

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OF
PREMIERS AT LONDON.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, June 6.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Minister, left Ottawa this morning for Montreal. He will motor thence to Quebec and will sail tomorrow for England to attend the conference of premiers. He is accompanied by Mrs. Meighen and his mother Mrs. Joseph Meighen, while Hon. Dr. Toimie Minister of Agriculture will join him at Quebec. The latter goes not to attend the conference but to present Canada's case in connection with cattle embargo. Dr. Toimie has always maintained the hope that with proper representations the embargo will be removed.

On June 21st, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine, and Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Minister of Militia, will sail and will join the Premier in London.

The fact would indicate that military and naval affairs will be discussed at the conference. It is the hope of the Premier to return in six weeks or so but the length of the conference may necessarily depend upon the extent of the business to be discussed. In the absence of Mr. Meighen, Sir George Foster will be acting Prime Minister.

CHILEAN LEGISLATION.

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 4.—Inmediate solution of labor problems and enactment of laws covering industrial controversies will be placed first on his programme by President Alessandri, who on Wednesday sent his first message

LONDON FIRM REPORT GOOD FUR MARKET

In Spite of Unusually Large Offering in Silver Fox Furs, Competition Was Keen Throughout and the Whole Offering Realized.

LONDON, May 4.—(By Mail)—Lampson's report says: The result of the Spring Sale just concluded may, we think, be considered highly satisfactory, especially when it is remembered that the sale took place at a time of serious industrial crisis at home and while the political outlook abroad is far from settled.

The fact that in these circumstances the trade was both able and willing to absorb the very considerable quantity of furs catalogued, shows a remarkable recovery from the terrible stagnation of last winter, and augurs well for the future.

The number of buyers present from the principal Markets of the World, was again very large, and competition for nearly every kind of fur was remarkably keen.

As in January, the Home Trade was undoubtedly the largest purchaser, especially of the staple articles, such as Skunk, while the considerable contingent of foreign buyers present were much interested in the finer furs, and notably in Silver and Blue Fox. Large quantities, particularly of Musquash and Opossum, were purchased on German account, and the United States and Scandinavia were also well represented.

We were able to dispose of practically the whole of our offering, thereby still further relieving the congestion of goods which was such a disastrous feature of last year's business.

We believe the position of the London Market may now be fairly considered normal and that, provided the present industrial and political difficulties are overcome, prospects for the future are distinctly favourable.

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Maritime Provinces Telegraphic News

Special to The Guardian.

SAWING RECORD

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 6.—A record was established at the Fraser Company saw mill at Victoria Mills last week when a crew of nineteen men sawed 16,407 logs into 76,405 pieces of one inch boards. They worked 59 hour week.

\$1,000,000 ESTIMATES

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 6.—The city's estimates call for an expenditure of nearly a million dollars in this public works this summer. This will include the extension of the Spruce Lake water main, a \$357,000 job. The paving of Douglas avenue, Brussels Street, Lansdowne and Millidgeville avenues, Princess and Bourke Streets, a \$300,000 job, and maintenance work which will amount to over \$200,000.

ATTACKED WITH AN AXE

HALIFAX, N. S., June 6.—William Kenny, a Russian, was charged in the Police Court this morning with doing grievous bodily harm to a fellow countryman, Nick Melnick. Kenny attacked his companion with an axe on the street last evening before a large crowd.

SWIMMING SCOWS PATRONIZED

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 6.—The public swimming scows opened here today, and were largely attended.

LONGSHOREMEN WELCOMED

HALIFAX, N. S., June 6.—Mayor J. H. Porter extended a civic welcome to the Atlantic Coast District Division of the International Longshoremen's Association whose annual convention was opened here today.

FROSTS DAMAGED CROPS

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 6.—Heavy frosts which did damage to the gardens and in some cases even effected such field crops as oats, visited this section during the first week in June.

RECOVERED

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 6.—The first estimates of dead based upon the reports from excited eyewitnesses who told of seeing hundreds of bodies swept through the streets is today considered greatly exaggerated. While no official count of fatalities has been accepted it is stated the death list will probably not exceed 250.

One hundred bodies have been recovered but it is feared when the mud and debris which fills the streets and buildings in the flooded area are cleared away more bodies will be found.

Lord Byng May Pass Retiring Governor On the Ocean

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 6.—While no date has been fixed for the departure of Lord Byng the new Governor General of Canada it is expected that following precedent he will pass the retiring Governor General, the Duke of Devonshire, on the ocean.

The "Daily Telegraph" thinks that Lord Byng's appointment is a very happy choice. Referring to the Duke of Devonshire's conviction on Canada's future greatness and the country's loyalty and devotion the "Telegraph" says that on neither head have fears been entertained. Nowhere is the prospect brighter for a settlement than in Canada, while as for Canada, she is ready to play her part within the Empire. This will shortly be expounded by Premier Meighen at the approaching Imperial Conference. This country, (it continues) is prepared to find in him a true successor to Sir Robert Borden and as thorough a believer in imperial co-operation and unity compatible with the autonomy of Canada.

(Lord Byng therefore will go to Canada at a favorable moment and may fairly anticipate during his period of office that the Dominion will make yet another of her giant strides forward.

FOX SILVER, Dark, Extra Dark & Silver Advanced 40 per cent. Black, Rusty & poor sorts realized old prices.

FOX CROSS —Realized old prices.

Our offering did not contain any really fine skins, and in spite of the keen demand for Silver Fox, was sold at prices only about equal to January.

RED FOX—Advanced 10 per cent.

Our offering contained a fair proportion of fine Siberian, Scandinavian and Russian skins. Of these the Scandinavian and Russian kinds sold well, but the fine Siberian were limited somewhat above the market and had to be withdrawn.

The cheaper Asiatic and Southern European sorts, which were so difficult to realise in January, now sold readily at a considerable advance.

Strike Settlement May be Reached

MINERS ACCEPT OWNER'S INVITATION OF JOINT CONFERENCE

LONDON, June 6.—Events leading to an attempt to settle the strike of coal miners moved rapidly this morning. While the executive body of the miners was in session a letter was received from the mine owners suggesting a joint conference at the latter's headquarters. The miners' representatives immediately deliberated and decided to accept the invitation. They proceeded to Aldwych where at present they are conferring with the owners.

Loop the Loop Champ Falls to Death

MINNEOLA, N. Y., June 5.—Miss Laura Bromwell, holder of the loop-the-loop record for women, and one of the best known women pilots in the world, was killed at Mitchell Field this afternoon.

Miss Bromwell was flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet when the accident happened. She had just completed one loop and was about to make a second when something went wrong with the plane and it crashed to the ground.

Miss Bromwell, whose home was in Cincinnati, was twenty-three years old.

She established her loop-the-loop record on May 15 last when she executed 199 loops in an hour and twenty minutes. That same afternoon she piloted her airplane over a two mile straightway course at the rate of 135 miles an hour.

Discharge of Deserters

OTTAWA, June 6.—Regulations for the discharge of deserters and those absent without leave from the Canadian Army overseas have been provided for by Order in Council. The applicant for discharge must procure from the militia headquarters at Ottawa or in his military district a form of release and must also sign a confession of desertion, according to the circumstances of the case he will be discharged by reason of misconduct, demobilization or being medically unfit. If the deserter finds it necessary to apply personally to a competent military authority he will do so at his own expense.

Ontario Synod Raises Stipends of Clergy

KINGSTON, June 6.—The Ontario Synod today passed a motion that the stipends of clergy in self-supporting parishes be not less than \$1,400 per annum. At present the stipend is \$1,200.

A resolution expressing the Synod's gratitude to the Lambton conference for the action it had taken towards the Union of all Christian believers into a truly catholic church and pledging Synod support of any action that might be taken by the general synod along the lines suggested in the appeal by the bishops assembled at Lambeth was adopted.

VALEDICTORY SPEECH OF GOVERNOR GENERAL

His Excellency Assures Canadians That He Will Always Retain Real Affection for Country and Its People and Will Watch Progress of Nation.

OTTAWA, June 5.—With traditional ceremony his excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, governor, General, prorogued parliament yesterday afternoon. The occasion was more than the usual closing of a parliamentary session, it was a valedictory on the part of his excellency, a farewell message to the members of parliament who he addressed for the last time prior to the expiration of his term of office. To this His Excellency made reference in the speech from the throne, following the customary outline of measure adopted during the session.

The speech from the throne follows:—
"Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—
"I am glad to relieve you from further attendance in parliament after a session which has been marked by legislation of an important character.
"Steps to increase the trade of the country have been taken by the ratification of commercial agreements with France and the British West Indies. It may be hoped that the latter agreement will also result in strengthening the ties which bind together his majesty's dominions.
"Consequent on Canada's position as a member of the League of Nations, acts have been passed to define Canadian nationals and to

authorize the ratification and carrying into effect of the protocol accepting the statute for the permanent court of international justice.
"The attempt to arrange for joint control by the dominion and the province of Ontario of the levels and flow of the Lake of the Woods system having become abortive, by reason of a bill concurrent to the Lake of the Woods control act failing to pass the legislature of Ontario, legislation has been enacted declaring certain work in that system to be for the general advantage of Canada and providing for control by the dominion in the public interests of parts of the country having rights therein.
"A committee on pensions, insurance and re-establishment has given thorough re-consideration to these problems and their recommendations have been embodied in legislation which will make more adequate the assistance which the country owes to its ex-service men.
"A bill to regulate the grading of dairy produce has become law. This legislation should induce the more systematic and satisfactory marketing of a very important Canadian product with better results to both producer and consumer.
"The act to repeal the conservation act and to make preparations for the carrying on by the appropriate authorities of the work of the act is also included in the programme of legislation.
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Grain Enquiry Begins at Fort William

FORT WILLIAM, June 6.—False bottoms in 17 to 19 bins which would equal 75,000 bushels of grain was one of the practices alleged before the Grain Enquiry Board on Saturday at Fort William. Mr. Charles Birkett acted as commissioner and Mr. R. A. Bonnar, K. C., as examining counsel. Mr. R. J. Henderson, formerly Superintendent of the Grain Growers Exchange was the only witness and he produced an affidavit from Mr. James Kirtledge, millwright of the "Grain Growers' Grain Company," claiming that he had been instructed by Foreman Murdoch McKay to put in the false bottoms during 1913.

Boy On Bicycle Kills Sydney Lady

SYDNEY, N. S., June 5.—Mrs. Angus McDonald, 45 years of age, was run down and fatally injured by an unknown boy cyclist near her home on George Street last Saturday night. Mrs. McDonald was crossing the street when she was struck by a lad who was thrown from his bicycle by the impact. He was seized by an eyewitness of the accident but released again because the man thought the accident trifling. Mrs. McDonald in falling struck her head on the pavement, never regaining consciousness, dying at one o'clock this morning.

Vice-Regal Tea At Rideau Hall

OTTAWA, June 6.—Over one thousand Ottawans had a farewell handshake today with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, on the occasion of the reception and tea held at Rideau Hall in celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King George the Fifth. A garden party had been planned, but the weather was unfavorable for an outdoor gathering. Among those present at the reception were the Marquis and Marchioness of Huntingdon, Lady Anne Cavendish, Mrs. Arthur Meighen, Sir Robert and Lady Borden, Sir Louis and Lady Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D'Arcy Scott.

Died in Trying to Chloroform Cat

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Frank Souders, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, lost his life Saturday attempting to chloroform an aged pet cat at his home in Phyll. The cat scratched and struggled as he tried to hold a chloroformed rag to its nose. Souders fell unconscious and died from the fumes. The cat ran away.



CONDENSED SPECIALS

- *HOUSE TO LET—APPLY 6 Stewart Street.
- *JNO. ALFRED McDONALD Land Surveyor, Hermanville.
- *FOR SALE, GIRLS BICYCLE, practically new. Apply 173 Euston Street.
- *WANTED.—THREE OR FOUR furnished rooms. Apply "X," c. o. Guardian.
- *BOOKS FOR SALE—ALL KINDS of reading. Apply Mrs. Aeneas MacDonald, 126 Rockford St.
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- *FOR SALE—HOUSE AND OUT-buildings with six acres land at Montague. For particulars apply to McLean and McKinnon, Royal Bank Building, Charlottetown.
- *LOST—BETWEEN CHARLOTTETOWN and Hunter River, muffler for McLaughlin car. Finder please notify Dan. McLeod, Hunter River.
- *FOR SALE, TWO HOLSTEIN bull calves eligible for registration, age 1 and 2 months old, also 1st grade female calf. Apply to W. D. Ross, Kilmross.
- *LOST—BETWEEN CHARLOTTETOWN and Cherry Valley Saturday night, one nickel plated octagon head lamp for automobile. Please leave at Guardian Office and receive reward.
- *FORD CAR FOR SALE, OVER-hauled and painted. Apply H. G. Nelson, Hampton.
- *LOST BETWEEN CHARLOTTETOWN and Sherry's Bridge, Saturday, Woman's rubber boot. Finder please leave at Guardian.
- *WANTED MAID FOR GENERAL house work no washing. Apply to Mrs. J. C. Sims 249 Upper Prince Street.
- *WILL PAY EXPRESS TO EDMONTON, mate and bred to high class western foxes, from one to four young high class island foxes, from three-quarters of progeny. Reference and Bank in Edmonton. H. J. Dawson, in care of Land Titles Office, Edmonton.
- *SALEMEN WANTED TO REPRESENT "Canada's Great Nurseries." Handsome free outfit, exclusive territory. Highest commissions. Start now at best selling time. Stone & Wellington, "The Fonthill Nurseries," Toronto, Ont.