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Canadian Politics in 1928

Outstanding Events in 1928

Despite a paucity of legislative enactments by parliament 1928 witnessed a number of political developments which are of more than passing importance.

In Parliament the legislation which occasioned chief interest and approbation was a moderate reduction in Income and Sales taxes.

Legislation was passed providing for the exchange of Ministers between France and Canada, and Japan and Canada, which is a broadening of the policy which was embarked upon when Hon. Vincent Massey went to Washington.

Another departure in State procedure was the arrival in Canada of Sir William Clark as High Commissioner for the British Government in the Dominion.

The Peasant Party gained control in Rumania, and Julius Maniu was named premier, Nov. 9.

Spain which had given notice of withdrawing from the League of Nations agreed to stay in after consideration at the spring meeting in Geneva but Sirgird refused to reconsider her notice of withdrawal.

Several deputies were shot in the Skupstina, the parliament of Yugoslavia. Paul Raditch was killed and Stephen Raditch the Croatian leader was so severely injured that he died on Aug. 8.

The first Labor Ministry in Norway took office on Jan. 26. It lasted two weeks and former premier Morkvinkel succeeded to office with a new government.

The Nobel prize for literature for 1927 was awarded to Henri Bergson of France, and for 1928 to Sigrid Undset, of Norway.

The New York Yankees defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in the world's baseball championship, October 9.

Immigration in 1928

Table with columns for 'For the twelve months ending Oct. 31, 1928' and 'Other Countries Total'. Rows include British U.S. and Total.

Private Legislation

Private legislation was generally the most contentious during the 1928 session of the Canadian Parliament.

Another remarkable bill which aroused great controversy was one emanating from the Senate and having for its purpose the granting to the Province of Ontario the right to establish divorce courts.

Ontario, on the other hand, is providing practically every case which comes to the Senate.

In Nova Scotia another provincial election took place and while the government was sustained it was by a very narrow margin.

As the year closes with a feeling of national expansion, there is the belief that the 1929 session will again mark time, that taxation will be reduced and the development of natural resources again forecast another year of prosperity.

The Tariff Board

The Tariff Board, sitting as an informative adjunct of Government, has held three important hearings this year.

While the recommendations of Sir Andrew Duncan in behalf of steel and coal industries of Nova Scotia are still under consideration, it is expected that a policy embracing all Canadian industries with that character will be brought before Parliament early in 1929.

Provincial Politics

In the realm of provincial politics the development of the year of first importance is the overthrow of a Liberal Government in British Columbia.

Dr. McLean, who succeeded Hon. John Oliver in his capacity as premier of that province, was elected on Nov. 11.

Bank Clearings in 1928

Table with columns for months (January to December) and values for 1928 and 1927.

AROUND THE WORLD

GREAT BRITAIN

It has been rather an uneventful year in Britain, with increasing unemployment and much suffering and distress in the mining districts.

Unemployment which opened on Jan. 1, at 1,300,000, dropped to 1,178,000 at the end of the month of February.

The Church of England again approved the revised prayer book, only to be rejected again in the House of Commons in May.

The Archbishop of Canterbury took the unprecedented step of resigning on July 25, to be succeeded two days later by the Archbishop of York.

Scandals in the Foreign Office through trafficking in French exchange shocked the British nation and resulted in one official being dismissed, one asked to resign, and one reduced in seniority on Feb. 27.

Capt. Malcolm created a record by driving a racing car on Daytona Beach at the rate of 208 miles an hour at the end of February, but this was broken by Kroeh, on April 22, driving two miles faster.

The Flapper Bill, which gave women the vote on the same qualifications as to age as men, passed its second reading in the House of Commons on March 29.

On April 4 Britain announced the removal of the Stevenson restrictions on the output of rubber.

Lord Cushtendun at the spring meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva announced his proposal for the further limitation of armaments.

The King of Afghanistan paid an official visit to England on March 13.

The financial year ending April 4 showed a surplus of four million pounds sterling.

A Carolist plot against Rumania was frustrated in England on May 5 and Prince Carol was ordered to leave the country two days later.

Captain Fitzroy was named the new Speaker of the Commons on June 20.

On July 13 Sir Austen Chamberlain announced that negotiations had taken place with France to reach a basis for armament limitations, a pact which was grossly misrepresented in America.

On Aug. 3 a pilgrimage of 11,000 went to Flanders to visit the graves of the war dead, and the Armistice was observed this year on Nov. 11, the tenth year after the war, with special solemnity.

The Kellogg peace pact to which Britain had adhered on May 19, was signed with due formality in Paris on Aug. 7.

On Sept. 3 the T. U. C. endorsed the policy of industrial co-operation, and a new era of better understanding of employers and employed in industry was begun, thanks mainly to the tact and energy of Lord Melchett.

On Sept. 28 the United States rejected the Anglo-French pact, and on Nov. 11 President Coolidge made an aggressive speech announcing that America would build the largest navy in the world.

The Prince of Wales took another world journey, this time to north and central Africa, arriving at Mombasa on Sept. 28. He was suddenly recalled at the beginning of December, owing to the illness of the King, arriving in England on Dec. 11, after a 6,000-mile journey in record time.

The King was taken ill somewhat suddenly on Nov. 20, suffering from a cold, which is believed to have been caught by standing bareheaded at Armistice Day.

Lord Birkenhead resigned the office of Secretary of State for India

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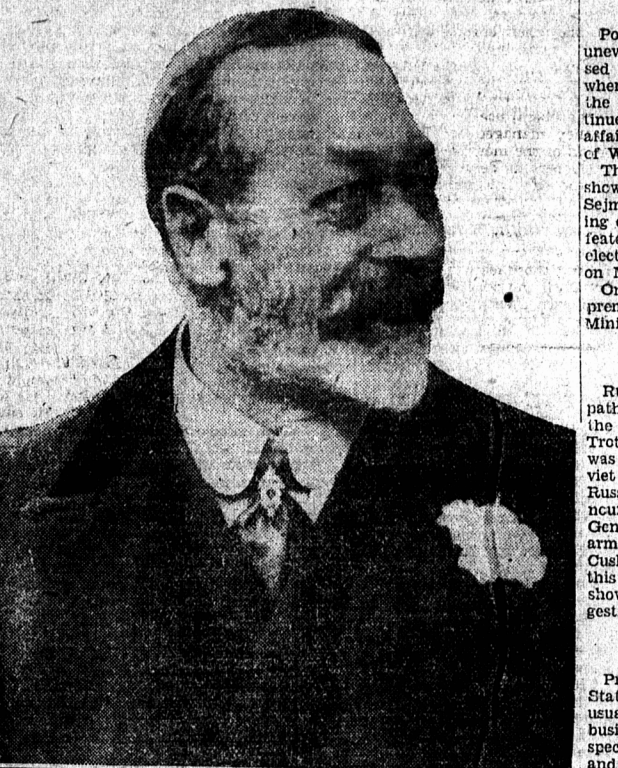
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His Majesty King George V.

by 370 votes to 131, and with a general election in sight a bill was forced through both Chamber and Upper House adopting compulsory insurance against disability through death, old age or unemployment on May 5 and Prince Carol was ordered to leave the country two days later.

The general election voting took place on April 23, but the voting was so undecided that under the unique electoral system further polling took place on the following Sunday.

The result showed that Poincare had increased his majority in the Chamber of Deputies, and one of the first steps of the Premier was to propose to reduce the total of reparations to 32 million gold marks, which were to be paid by the issue of German bonds on industrial corporations.

The new Chamber met on June 1, and the important work of stabilizing the franc at 124.21 to the pound sterling was adopted. Poincare was upheld on June 29, and there was a long recess. Just before the re-assembly Poincare declared that Germany must pay all France's war debts plus the cost of reconstruction, and on Nov. 5, Premier Poincare and his Cabinet of National Union were forced to resign by the Radical Socialists, leaving France without any government at all on the opening day of her new parliamentary session.

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Aviation Achievements in 1928

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