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STEVENS FEARS CABINETS OF PAPERS BURNED

Vancouver Member Tells of Loathsome Conditions.
TRAIL ACROSS CANADA
Veritable Cesspool, However, is Great Customs District of Montreal—Attack on Record of Former Montreal Official.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—The demand for an investigation into serious conditions in the customs service, especially at the port of Montreal, which was to have been made later, came before the House of Commons tonight because of the Government's proposal for a six weeks' adjournment. H. H. Stevens, Vancouver laid serious charges before the House regarding the service, and placed responsibility at the door of the Government.

Mr. Stevens' first charge was that nine filing cabinets filled with records containing damaging evidence had been removed from the custody of the Government of the Customs and Excise, and taken to the home of an ex-Minister and there destroyed. "Flagrant violations of the customs laws had been carried on brazenly during the past year. During that year the Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, Minister of Customs, ex-Minister of Customs and Minister of Marine knew these conditions existed. The Solicitor-General entered the Government with knowledge of them."

"I deny that entirely. I throw that back in his teeth," declared Mr. Lapointe.

Continuing Mr. Stevens said that he charged the Government with knowledge for almost a year of the perpetration of the gross breaches of the Customs Laws.

"Nothing of what my honorable friend has said is to my knowledge," said the Minister of Justice interrupting again.

"At least their tongues are loosed," said Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Cannon interjected denials of Mr. Stevens' charge.

Mr. Stevens said he would not disclose the source of his information because the guilty persons would have opportunity to cover their tracks.

"Recent business men would not dare to walk the streets of Montreal if it were known they disclosed certain information," he declared.

These statements brought forth a storm of interruptions from Ministers. Mr. Stevens continued to say that the Prime Minister was duly informed of the conditions he spoke of.

"I want to say to him that if he were here I would make the statement, but I will say it now to his associates, that since the last election friends of the Minister have stolen from the exchequer of this country, have defrauded the exchequer of this country of millions of dollars," he said.

TO ASSIST IN WORK OF GOV- ERNMENT

Prince Now Fitted to Aid King in Problems of Empire.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Feb. 5.—It is stated in London though there is no official announcement to the effect that the Prince of Wales is shortly to commence regular work at Buckingham Palace assisting the King in the daily business of government.

The King is a very hard worker and spares no pains to become fully acquainted with the contents of state documents presented for his signature. He takes special interest in all personal appointments to offices representing the Crown in all parts of the Empire. He is in regular consultation with his ministers and interviews those who are proceeding to overseas posts or have returned from them whether temporarily or permanently. He makes a point of giving audiences to visitors to London who have done notable work in any field whether it be a Bantling who has made a medical discovery or a Steffanson with a geographical discovery.

Measure To Conserve Fish And Game

(Canadian Press)
QUEBEC, Feb. 5.—Hon. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, has brought in a measure to provide that the Island of Anticosti, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, shall on proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor become a protected reserve for the acclimatization, breeding and conserving of all kinds of fish and game.

To Speak At Conservative Meet On March 26th

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Premier G. H. Howard Ferguson, Dominion and Provincial Conservative Leaders will be the chief speakers at the banquet on March 26 next, which will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Conservative Association of Ontario. The other three Provincial Conservative Premiers, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Hon. E. N. Rhodes and Hon. J. D. Stewart of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island respectively, are being invited to speak.

Boivin Objected.
Hon. George Boivin, Minister of Customs, rose at this point to declare that there had been a breach of Parliamentary privilege. A member had no right to say that a Minister would destroy documents which might be used as evidence. "I for one do not propose to stand for it," he said.

Mr. Stevens said that he merely feared that documents might be destroyed. He would rather discuss matters relating to the Prime Minister later, but he was satisfied that the adjournment was proposed to make. "The Prime Minister was intimate with information of, and aware of the conditions I propose to disclose," he said. It was estimated that through smuggling \$30,000,000 had been stolen from the exchequer.

Parliament had voted \$350,000 for special preventive work. "What did the Government do with it? It was used largely for political purposes during the election, one, indeed, 92 years old, for special preventive work secured last session on false pretences from this Parliament by this Government. I find this loathsome condition obtains chiefly in the customs district of Montreal, but by no means limited to that district."

GIVES REASONS FOR OPPOSING PREMIER

D. L. Burgess Opens His Campaign—Declares King will be Rejected.

(Canadian Press)
SHELLBROCK, Sask., Feb. 5.—D. L. Burgess, Independent candidate opposing Premier W. L. Mackenzie King in the Prince Albert by-election, opened his speaking campaign here last night. It was a very short speech, lasting but fifteen minutes.

Mr. Burgess declared that he was in the field purely in protest against the manner in which Charles Macdonald, Liberal member, who retired to make way for Premier King, had delegated his seat. Mr. Burgess also remarked that he too, came originally from North York and as that seat had rejected Mr. King, so would Prince Albert, he felt sure.

Seek Source Of Death Dealing "Hair Tonic"

(Canadian Press)
HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—Every conceivable form of medical contrivance, including men's personal supplies of toilet lotions was seized by company commanders yesterday and late last night. Eleven air mail post exchanges had been ransacked by officers in their efforts to find the exact source of the anti-teen "hair tonic" which caused the death of six privates and the serious poisoning of at least three others.

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SEASON'S GREATEST STORM LEAVES DESTRUCTION AND DEATH IN ITS WAKE

Many Lives Lost Both on Land and Sea—Communication and Traffic in Largest Cities Tied Up—Railways in Maritime Provinces Completely Blocked With Snow Several Feet in Depth.

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—North-eastern United States today was struggling to free itself from the grip of the most severe snow storm of the winter that lasted fully 24 hours and brought death and destruction in its wake.

Thirty-five known deaths were attributed to the storm, eleven in a building collapse under the weight of snow at New Britain, Conn., eight bargemen who lost their lives at sea, and sixteen deaths directly attributed to the stormy elements in New York, New Jersey and New England States.

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MOSCOW, Feb. 5.—Officials of the Commissariat of Agriculture announce that Russia is preparing to export to the United States during the next six months six billion eggs, eighty million pounds of butter and forty million chickens, ducks, turkeys, and wild fowl.

The United States, officials say will also be able to absorb about seven million dollars worth of sausage casings, ten million dollars worth of wool, for carpets, horse hair and animal bones for sugar refining purposes. Declaring that these commodities are now being purchased by the United States in England and Germany they urge Russian producers to compete on this trade.

Family Decline To Participate In Trial

(Canadian Press)
ROME, Feb. 5.—The family of the Socialist Deputy Matteotti, kidnapped and murdered in 1924, has declined to participate in the trial of the four men held in connection with the crime. Declaring that after the recent grand jury decision such action is useless.

The Rome Court of Review in December liberated twenty five men and held five for trial. It found that the crime was not premeditated but was the result of "a spontaneous impulse by a number of hot headed youths."

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KING'S DEPART- URE CAUSES TALK

Liberal Leader Has Lost Confidence of Many Prince Albert Electors.

(Special to the Guardian)
PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Feb. 5.—MacKenzie King's sudden departure for Ottawa after starting a personal campaign here, is regarded in well informed circles as an indication of the serious situation faced by the Liberal party, following charges by H. H. Stevens of Vancouver respecting gross irregularities in the customs. Mr. King left his by election campaign flat to hurry home.

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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT CARRIED

Stevens' Amendment was Defeated by Majority of 7 Votes.
LIBERALS KILLING TIME

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Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Fresh to strong north-west winds, fair and somewhat colder.

(Maximum and minimum temperatures: Toronto, fair 26-10; Montreal, clear 20-10; Quebec, cloudy 20-2; Charlottetown snow 27-18; Halifax, cloudy 32-22; St. John snow 20-17; Boston, fair 32-18; New York, clear 30-22; High tide this afternoon at 4.13 and tomorrow morning at 5.45; Sun sets this afternoon at 5.14 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.15. New moon Friday, Feb. 12, 12.56 p.m.

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