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MARITIME FREIGHT RATES BILL GIVEN SECOND READING

Measure Recommended in Duncan Report Calls for Twenty per cent Reduction in Freight Rates—Hon. Hugh Guthrie Expressed Opinion That Duncan Report Had Not Gone Far Enough in Suggesting Remedial Measures for Maritimes.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, April 5.—Speaking in the House in the debate on the bill which implements the recommendation of the Duncan report that Maritime freight rates be reduced 20 per cent, Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, contrasted the Crows Nest rates raised by E. Garland of Bow River with the terms of the bill under review.

Mr. Ralston said he would point out to the House that the Crows Nest agreement did what the legislation before the House had not attempted to do—had set forth the rates in existence thirty years before that time should be reverted to and should apply to all lines and all stations. He went into a review of various increases in freight rates since 1912, designed to show that the total federal expenditure had so heavily in these increases as had the Maritimes and Ontario and Quebec. Branch lines had also been built very heavily in the west. Though some members during the debate had overlooked the fact that increased traffic depended very largely on increased tonnage, some member, he added, had suggested that the west paid 20 per cent more for the carrying of grain and grain products than the east. He quoted figures showing that the rate in the Maritimes on grain and grain products per hundred pounds was 25 cents per hundred pounds, while in Ontario it was 18 cents per hundred pounds and in the western provinces, 20 cents per hundred pounds.

Mr. Ralston said that he had a statement prepared which showed that the total federal expenditure and commitments for railways, canals and immigrants since Confederation had amounted to \$2,817,389,000. Of this amount \$167,998,000 had been spent in the Maritimes, whereas the amount which had been expended in the Maritimes in proportion to population would have amounted to \$309,312,000.

Mr. Ralston said that in his figures a very small proportion of the total represented expenditure on immigration. The figures, he said, made fair the case for suggesting that if the extra amount which had been expended outside the Maritimes had been used for development of the natural resources of Canada and their transportation to the sea the Maritimes might be justified in asking for some assistance for the development of their

King's Death Hourly Expected

(Canadian Press)
PARIS, April 5.—King Ferdinand of Rumania today was fighting a losing battle in his efforts to overcome the ravages of his ailment. The latest reliable information to reach Paris from the Rumanian capital indicated that death was only a question of days, perhaps hours. The country remained quiet.

Dutch Freighter Sails From St. Lawrence Port

(Canadian Press)
QUEBEC, April 5.—The S. S. Wolsum, a Dutch freighter, sailed from Quebec for the sea at 3:45 this morning, the first steamer to leave a St. Lawrence port for Europe this season. The icebreaker Montcalm was instructed to proceed immediately from Louisbourg, N. S., through Cabot Strait, to assist the Wolsum if this should prove necessary. The Wolsum has a cargo of grain.

Trinity United Church C. G. I. T. Concert Last Evening

The Demonstration Week Concert of Trinity United Church C. G. I. T. was given last night in Heartz Memorial Hall before a very large and appreciative audience. Rev. Mr. Ryan acted as chairman, and the following program was carried out in a most pleasing manner.

- ### PROGRAM
1. Pageant, "Goodwill the Magician" by the Intermediate C. G. I. T.
 2. Piano Solo, Nancy Weekes.
 3. Reading, Mary Sinclair.
 4. Dramatized Song, "Oh, no John, no," Marion Whitehead and Edith Douse.
 5. Violin Solo, Margaret Match.
 6. Dumbell and Wand drill, by 10 girls under the direction of Mr. George Walker, Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A.
 7. Stunt, Pokey Huntus, by Senior C. G. I. T.
 8. Violin Solo, Thelma Teed.
 9. Dramatized Song, Romeo and Juliet, by Mildred Cox and May Bentley.
 10. Monologue, Marie Match.
 11. Romany Camp Fire Scene by Intermediate and Senior C. G. I. T.
 12. God Save The King.
- The committee in charge wish to express their thanks to Miss Lillian McKenzie, Miss Thelma Burns and Mr. Walter McNutt who acted as accompanists for the evening, and to Mr. George Walker, who directed the Dumbell and Wand drill.

Confederation, Mr. Ralston said, was a partnership and there was some of the provinces were disappointed. The Duncan report and government to implement it mean no use trying to get along while the measures brought down by the report would mean more than the printed words of a statute and its implementation would be received as a sincere evidence of a desire on the part of the rest of Canada to meet the claims of the Maritimes and as proof that the rest of Canada had the best of good-will towards the sister provinces.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, opposition leader, said the House had listened with appreciation to the able explanation of the Duncan report but that it ought to be remembered that the bill before the House was a rather concrete proposal. The debate on second reading had involved a rather general discussion on the situation in the Maritimes but he proposed to confine himself to the bill.

Least the silence of the members on the left of the speaker should be taken as dissent he said he wished to say a few words.

"We on this side of the House," Mr. Guthrie declared, "desire in every way to facilitate that passage through the House of the measures growing out of the Duncan report and it should be adopted by Mr. Guthrie added. He was convinced, he said, that the claims of the Maritimes were not requests for charity but were founded on equity and justice. The Duncan report, in his opinion, had not gone far enough if anything in suggesting remedial measures for the condi-

PROCEEDINGS IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Progressives Oppose Bill for Reduction of Maritime Freight Rates—King Concludes Imperial Conference Report.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
OTTAWA, Ont., April 5.—Yesterday was a great day for the Maritime provinces. The second reading of the bill for the reduction of rates by 20 per cent, which Mr. Dunning explained would cost the country two and a half million dollars, but in respect of which an exception is made of international traffic and imports by sea passed its second reading at an early hour this morning. The outstanding incident brought out in the debate was the opposition offered by western men, who apparently saw only the interests of prairie interests regardless of the interests of Canada as a whole and the success of Confederation.

In the evening Co. Ralston, Shelburne—Yarmouth, distinguished himself in his maiden speech and earned plaudits from all sides of the House. In every respect as a parliamentary speaker it was a success, creating an admirable impression. He dealt with the situation in many phases but he particularly devoted attention to the song of which so much had been heard during the evening that the west is being discriminated against. He gave a few reminders to the gentlemen from that part of the country, had not completed about expenditure on canals that did them no good to handle western grain, or about the addition to the western domain, or about the Crows Nest Pass rates or the Hudson Bay Ry. with its diverting effect on Maritime ports, nor even about what being exempted when other freight rates were jumped up. He made a very plea for the policy which he considered was not only based on justice but which would replace an enduring grievance by feelings of sympathy and national good will.

If the sentiments expressed by Col. Ralston received favor those of the Leader of the Opposition were not less approved. He took high ground, and the official opposition on the part of the official opposition, expressing the belief that it carried out the main feature of the Duncan Report, and his only criticism was that it did not quite go far enough in some respects. He said sententiously: "May I say, first, that as I understand it the lack of markets is perhaps one of the fundamental problems from the Maritimes today, and in a measure at least that may be due to the protective system under which this country has been run for many years. Perhaps I may be pardoned if I have a little more sympathy for that part of the country than some of my friends who have never lived there, because half of my life was spent in the provinces by the sea."

The western progressives who opposed the bill did so on the ground that the bill was discriminatory and unfairly preferential in favor of the Maritime provinces, that as a remedy it was artificial, temporary and economically unsound, and that the real remedy was fiscal rather than the protective system. At the end Mr. Hoops, Winnipeg, sought to limit the operation of the bill to ten years with the option of renewal. His amendment to that effect was defeated.

Parliament opened its session this morning at eleven o'clock which will be the rule until prorogation, Saturdays and Sundays excepted. The Hon. Mr. Bennett, who was to have continued the debate on the imperial conference report was unable through illness to be present, and the burden was taken up by the Hon. Dr. Manion, who made perhaps one of the most illuminating speeches of the session and on account of which he was complimented later on by the Prime Minister. His speech was largely directed towards the Maritime provinces, and he described as not only distasteful but actually hating the British people.

The Prime minister in a long and most ingenious statement practically concluded the debate. The purpose of his reasoning was that a division on the question of the report now, something which had not taken place in any other parliament of the empire, would only tend to destroy that unity of sentiment in respect of the problems discussed which characterized the entire proceedings of the conference. He however, skillfully steered clear of his pledge given in Quebec to have the report as to acceptance ratified by parliament. He concluded by asking the Leader of the Op-

France Declines U. S. Invitation

(Canadian Press)
PARIS, April 5.—The French government yesterday declined the invitation of the United States to be represented "in some fashion" at the three powers conference for the reduction of naval armaments which is to meet at Geneva with Great Britain, the United States and Japan participating.

President Coolidge's second disarmament overture was turned down for the same reason given for rejecting the first one, the fact that France already is engaged in armament limitation discussions under the auspices of the League of Nations. It also stated that from France's viewpoint limitation of naval armaments cannot be considered apart from land and aerial fighting forces.

LEGISLATURE SUMMARY

Mr. Thos. McNutt, Hon. Adrian Arsenault and Mr. Buntain Continue The Debate on the Budget. House Meets this Morning at 10 O'clock.

Tuesday, April 5th
House opened for business about 3:30. The Leader of the Opposition asked the Minister of Public Works if he had answers to the questions concerning items in the Public Works Department. The answers were tabled.

Honourable Mr. McLure presented a petition from Hon. Dr. McMillan from the City of Charlottetown praying for an Act to further amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act. The bill was read for the first time.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition from Sanford Phillips, George E. Ellis, Gordon Adams and others, praying for an Act to incorporate the O'Leary Produce Company, Limited. The bill was read for the first time.

Mr. MacLure presented a petition from the Charlottetown Light and Power Company, Limited, praying for an Act to extend the privileges and franchise now exercised by the Maritime Electric Company, Limited. The bill was read for the first time.

Mr. Buntain presented a petition from W. R. Shaw and others praying for an Act to incorporate St. Catherine's Public Hall Company. The bill received its first reading.

Mr. MacLure presented a petition from Gordon MacMillan and others praying for an Act to incorporate the Community Club of Cornwall. The bill received its first reading.

Hon. Mr. McNutt presented a petition from the Town Council of the Town of Summerside praying for an Act to further amend the Summerside Incorporation Act, 1903. The bill was read for the first time.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of Franklin Boyver and others praying for an Act to incorporate "The Temperance Alliance of Prince Edward Island. The bill was read for the first time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. MacPhee that the eleventh order of the day be read, Mr. McNutt arose to continue the debate on the Budget. He opened his remarks by complimenting the Speaker, the Premier and the members of the Government.

The Honorable Leader of the Opposition, Mr. McNutt said, stated that if he is returned to power, he will reduce taxation. He has made this statement, simply because the Leader of the Government has made it possible for him to do so.

Mr. Saunders has accused the Government of being extravagant and that they have saved to the people of this country the sum of \$18,000. This Government, continued Mr. McNutt, did away with the Poll Tax which brought into the Treasury of this Province the sum of \$23,255 in 1922. The abolition of the Poll Tax was not brought about because of any overabundance of revenue, but because it was unjust and uncollectable.

The Leader of the Opposition has found fault with the going away of the Technical School and he stated in his speech that the results of the training in the Technical

AGED WOMAN FOUND DEAD ON KITCHEN FLOOR

80-Year-Old Husband Locked Up As Mar- terial Witness— Blood-stained Hat- chet Found.

(Canadian Press)
SHERBROOKE, Guyshoro County, Nova Scotia, April 5.—Tragedy today entered a humble cottage where an eighty-year old couple had lived together for half a century, when Mrs. Christina Dawson was found dead on the kitchen floor with a deep gash in her skull and her husband, George H. Dawson, was locked up as a material witness, pending the verdict of a coroner's jury which assembled and adjourned until Thursday.

Dawson, who with his wife lived alone in the little cottage, assisted by the charity of the parish, notified the overseers of the poor at noon today that Mrs. Dawson had been killed in a fall against the kitchen stove. When officers visited the scene they found the body huddled on mat in the kitchen, a deep gash over the left eye.

Dawson informed them that the fall had occurred at nine o'clock this morning and the report of the medical examiner verified that hour as the approximate time of death. The examining officials called George W. A. Stewart of Wine Harbor, 20 miles distant and in the meantime called upon magistrate G. W. Ross, the result of their examination of the scene and the nature of the dead woman's injury, leading them to suspect that the tragedy may not have been the result of an accident.

A hatchet bearing what was believed to be fresh bloodstains only partially obliterated, was found near the kitchen stove, the result of their examination of the scene and the nature of the dead woman's injury, leading them to suspect that the tragedy may not have been the result of an accident.

The police are making a search for the hatchet, but it is not a pleasant task. It is not a pleasant task to search for a hatchet in a kitchen, but it is a necessary one. The police are making a search for the hatchet, but it is not a pleasant task. It is not a pleasant task to search for a hatchet in a kitchen, but it is a necessary one.

School is shown in the high standing of our butter and cheese, but I wish to inform him, said Mr. McNutt, that throughout the country today the impression is general that the high standing of these products is due in a very large measure to the untiring and efficient manner in which Inspector McDonald performed his duty.

The Sealed Fairs were an excellent beginning for the improvement of seed but it became necessary for several reasons to change the figure of conducting Sealed Fairs to meet present day requirements.

Mr. McNutt, then dealt briefly with the Clover Huller, Bent Grass Industry, Live Stock Improvement, Exhibition, Horses and Grain Competition. With regard to our roads, he said, an improvement is seen year by year. A very noticeable improvement was seen last season. The patrol system is, year by year, becoming more workable and a better service is being obtained. The providing for a special fund for the purpose is very commendable.

Concluding, Mr. McNutt said: "Looking back over these years we may well congratulate ourselves and look forward to meeting the people with the utmost confidence. The Government's record is written in black and white. Everything has been above board. Nothing has been concealed."

Hon. Mr. Arsenault followed Mr. McNutt he opened his debate by remarking that there were so many contradictions in the address of the Leader of the Opposition to send to Prince Edward Island to help further the work. I would suggest you give this matter due deliberation.

We held our annual Christmas tree celebration in Rosary Hall giving joy to the little ones and packed dinners and parcels of clothing for the poor. We sent New Years greetings to our beloved Bishop Rt. Rev. Louis J. O'Leary and to our Pastor and Chaplain Rt. Rev. Maurice MacDonald. During the Eucharistic Convention in Chicago last Summer, a spiritual bouquet was offered by this sub-division, together with a High Mass in honor of the Most Blessed Eucharist, which was offered in conjunction with the solemnities held in Chicago. A High Mass in honor of Our Lady of Good Council, our patroness, was offered on her feast day April 26th. Requiem Masses were offered for the repose of the souls of our beloved members who passed away during the year and flowers and letters of sympathy sent to members who were ill.

Your entertainment committee have excellent service, and a very monthly meeting there was an attractive program furnished with noted speakers lecturing on topics of universal interest; an this feature, so instructive and educational, was greatly appreciated. Musical numbers added to the

ANNUAL MEETING OF CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

Held Last Evening—President's Report also Splendid Reports of Different Committees—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Catholic Womens League held last evening was largely attended. Mrs. Mary E. McInyre, retiring President occupied the chair.

After the reading of the annual report and the reports of the different committees, the election of officers resulted in the following slate being returned by acclamation:

President—Miss Florrie Dorsey.
1st Vice President—Mrs. Clara Kiggins.
2nd Vice President—Miss Clara Campbell.
3rd Vice President—Mrs. F. Sigworth.
Record. Secty.—Mrs. F. J. Casey.
Corres. Secty.—Mrs. R. J. MacDonald.
Treasurer—Mrs. (Dr.) J. E. Blanchard.

Councillors—Mrs. F. Murray, Mrs. M. M. Murphy, Mrs. Peter MacDonald, Mrs. J. A. Trainor.

Retiring President's Report

To the Officers and Members of Charlottetown Sub-division Catholic Womens League.

The Charlottetown sub-division Catholic Womens League has come to the close of another year, and your executive officers are now about to give you a detailed report of what has been accomplished during the year past. It is in every respect a splendid record of useful and helpful service to the church and to the community.

We gave a larger place in our budget this year to charitable work and Social Service feeling that work of this kind is most necessary and essential to the welfare of our city and its citizens. Poverty is so often the hand maiden of sin and crime. It is not a pleasant sight to see a man and his family must be attended to by a law, so as to ensure freedom from an unpleasant publicity.

And then the poverty that comes through no fault of the parties concerned, through illness, death, etc., where little children are suffering, from want and privation these cases must also be attended to by organizations interested in this work. The Social Service Committee has worked indefatigably on this work and deserve the very highest kind of praise in your power to give for what they have accomplished.

The inmates of the Provincial Infirmary have been visited from time to time, their religious need supplied, and their lives made brighter and more pleasant by thoughtful attentions from you committee for this purpose. Prizes have been given in the schools for essays and proficiency in special subjects so as to stimulate our students to a greater effort to excel in their studies.

As there was a difference of opinion as to the benefit of the C. C. Club to the College students, and the Girl Guides to the young girls, we didn't carry on this work during the past year. As some interested people felt there were so many diversions offered students and school children as to cause them to lose interest in their studies, your committee on juvenile welfare decided to be inactive along these lines for a year, and see if the result would justify their action. I may say here that National headquarters are anxious to have Girl Guiding resumed and have instructed me that a blue ribbon diploma Guide would be sent to Prince Edward Island to help further the work. I would suggest you give this matter due deliberation.

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TORONTO, April 5.—Maritime moderate to fresh winds, unsettled with snow or rain. 48-36
Toronto rain. 50-32
Montreal clear. 44-28
Quebec clear. 43-23
Charlottetown clear. 43-23
Halifax fair. 38-22
St. John clear. 48-24
Boston cloudy. 44-32
New York cloudy. 46-24
High tide this afternoon at 1:30 and tomorrow morning at 2:53.
Sun sets this evening at 6:36, and rises tomorrow morning at 5:29.
First quarter moon Friday, April 8th, 7:57 p. m.
Summerside (18) eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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