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Airplane Plunges Into River Four Killed

(Special to The Guardian.) DAYTON, Ohio, April 21.—Four flyers were almost instantly killed and two others probably fatally injured today when a Martin air service bomber fell into the Miami river.

N. S. Secession Resolution Lost

(Special to The Guardian.) HALIFAX, April 22.—The resolution of H. W. Corning, Conservative, Yarmouth asking for a referendum in Nova Scotia on the question of secession of the province from the Canadian federation of which notice was given Thursday night, was defeated in the House of Assembly last evening when the non-voters stood for it while a decisive majority voted in favor of the amendment moved by Premier Armstrong that the House should stand by confederation and exert its might in obtaining cheaper inter-provincial transportation, development of the Foreign Trade of Canada through Canadian Atlantic ports, and the renewal of efforts to secure a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States and freer access to the markets of the world for the products of the Dominion. The Liberal members voted solidly for the Premier's amendment. Dr. B. A. Leblanc, Conservative, Richmond and A. J. MacGillivray, Farmer, Antigonish, did not vote, having given notice they had paired with Hon. William Chisholm and Hon. R. M. MacGregor. Messrs. Leblanc and MacGillivray would have favored the resolution they said.

Brussels Conference To Decide On Reparations Plan

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, April 21.—The coming Brussels conference will decide on a definite Franco-Belgian reparations plan to be handed Germany when the Reich meets. The policy has been to insist that Germany first submit her scheme but now Belgian counsel has prevailed and as a result it has been decided that the victors will state the terms. If and when Berlin approaches the foreign Office France will request that the Ruhr be restored to normal conditions by order of Berlin and when after a lapse of two or three weeks the French government is satisfied that sincerity is implied the new reparations program as at present being elaborated will be communicated simultaneously to Germany and the other Allies.

Government May Take Action Against Ottawa Paper

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 21.—The Senate met behind closed doors this afternoon to consider what action would be taken in regard to an editorial in the Ottawa Citizen dealing with export liquor licenses in British Columbia. There is held to be an implied allegation in the editorial that money was used last year to head off in the Senate legislation to close the private exporting liquor houses in British Columbia. It is believed that an investigation will be called upon to explain, prove or retract the implied charges in the article.

Open Washday in Parliament

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 21.—Parliament was treated to a sort of washday menu yesterday. A lot of odds and ends that have escaped the garbage can during the long dull hours of the present session were thrown into the pot and the result was a sort of Irish stew without meat. Hon. W. R. Motherwell who since the retreat from Moosejaw has been unusually silent opened the ball with an amendment to the Contagious Diseases of Animals Act. It slipped through the resolution stage and first and second readings of the bill so easily that Mr. Hanson of York Sudbury startled by the unusual activity exclaimed "what's all the rush." Mr. Motherwell explained that the object was to provide some work for the senate and before the smiles had faded the bill was side tracked.

Three Months' Hoist For Eight Hour Bill

(Special to The Guardian.) HALIFAX, April 22.—The bill to amend the coal mines regulations act, so as to inaugurate the eight hour day law in the mines of Nova Scotia, previously the subject of bitter debate when the labor members had protested against the committee on law amendments holding the bill over for the purpose of hearing the operators' side of the question after it had been in committee for nearly two weeks and had been reported favorably by a two-thirds vote, was reported back to the house this afternoon with a recommendation for a three months' hoist. The report was adopted without division.

Aliens Barred From Sitting on N. W. Territory Juries

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 21.—The House of Commons has afternoon concurred in a senate amendment to the Government bill to amend the Northwest Territories Act. The bill as passed by the Commons contained a clause which provided that persons not British subjects could sit on juries in the Northwest Territories but the Senate objected to this clause and amended the bill accordingly.

Decision of Ontario Court Questioned

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 21.—The attention of the Minister of Justice was directed by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen to the decision given by the court of appeal of Ontario in the case of Attorney General of Ontario and the Wholesale Grocers' Association. The court of appeal, said Mr. Meighen had held unanimously that section 498 of the criminal code was ultra vires and added that the disastrous circumstances of such a verdict if it remained undisturbed were manifest. The jurisdiction of this House to enact such legislation must be upheld Mr. Meighen concluded.

A Great Exodus From Hebrides

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 22.—A memorandum in the history of immigration from Scotland to Canada was closed yesterday when the steamer Metagama called at Stornoway and took off three hundred inhabitants of the Island of Lewis, especially selected by the Ontario government. All Scotland indeed the whole United Kingdom has been observing with the keenest interest this week's phenomenal exodus from the Hebrides comprising nearly one thousand men and women.

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G. T. R. Payment of Gratuities to be Investigated

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 21.—Frederick T. Congdon, K. C., of this city and former M. P. for Yukon, has been appointed a royal commissioner to investigate the payment of the gratuities by the G. T. R. directors to officers of the company and to themselves in directors fees.

Double Car Service

The following telegrams will speak for themselves: April 20th, Sir Henry Thornton, President C. N. Railways, Montreal. Thank you for prompt answers to my telegram. Travel to and from this island detained at intervals all winter. The public thought you would commence double car ferry at once and at the latest gave us double car service from 1st of May last year. Kindly reconsider your decision about starting 20th of May. Please reply. J. A. MESSERVY.

The Weather, Etc

TORONTO, April 23.—Haritime moderate north west winds fair and cool. High tide this afternoon at 2.27 and tomorrow morning at 4.21. Sun sets this evening at 6.59 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.56. First quarter moon Tuesday, April 24th 1.20 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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- *Millinery opening at Hunter River. Miss Morrison of the Elite Milliner, Charlottetown will have a full line of Spring and Summer Millinery Wednesday, April 25th at D. J. Noy & Co., Hunter River. 11498-21-21

THE WORLD'S LATEST NEWS SUMMARIZED IN BRIEF

(BY OUR OWN WIRELESS.)

HONG KONG, April 22.—Chinese naval forces assist Sun Yat-sen forces in pursuing retreating Kwangsi troops.

ANNAPOLIS, April 22.—Harvard made a clean sweep of seven tennis matches with navy team.

PHILADELPHIA, April 22.—Vincent Richard and Carl Fischer defeated William I. Iden and Dalry Johnson, tennis doubles match at dedication of new courts here 4 to 6, and 6 to 0.

LONDON, April 22.—Health of Premier Bonar Law reported as greatly improved.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—John K. Rose, representative from Pennsylvania in the last three sessions of Congress died here last night after a long illness.

MOSCOW, April 22.—Negotiations for Fuscocchine agreement likely to be resumed shortly, dispatches from far east say.

PARIS, April 22.—Official communiqué from Rabat, French Morocco, gives first word that military operations by French against Taza tribesmen have been in progress since April 12, offensive appears to be on large scale.

MOSCOW, April 22.—Leon Trotsky told the Communist Party Congress yesterday that Russia must export grain and regain European market which he said America had pre-empted since war.

PARIS, April 22.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Cattell, of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance for many years, says she will retire from that office after the Women's Congress in Rome next month.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. Evening Session, April 19th (Continued.)

Mr. J. A. Dewar resumed the Budget debate. Taking up the finances according to the External Auditor he said that in 1918 on Dec. 31st the net liabilities were \$1,006,991.71. At this the accumulated deficit of 1919, 498,584.95 showed an increase of debt to \$1,505,576.62. On Dec. 31st, 1920 the net liabilities are given at \$1,100,080.01, a reduction of \$405,496.58. The 1920 surplus, including sinking funds, was \$13,723.22, leaving a difference of \$146,773.36, which must have been MYSTERIOUSLY PAID OFF. It has been stated that the Government had only increased the land tax \$40,000. In three years they collected \$336,952.46 land tax, \$86,144.62 poll tax and \$117,932.50 income tax. \$26,775 poll tax was collected in the past year. Of that amount Charlottetown paid \$1,123, Summerside \$387, and the rest of the country paid the balance, \$25,260, or ninety five percent. The farmers paid \$23,000 personal tax, \$10,000 horse tax and \$4,000. Altogether, \$23,000 was contributed by the farmers. Indirectly they paid a great portion of the income tax. The Premier says they paid it with a smile! It has been argued that at least the amusement tax does not fall on the farmers but when this tax is charged at Chau-tauqua and other entertainments they do pay proportionately. Why was it that all the money voted for highways, bridges and capital account had not been expended? When the Commissioner of Agriculture says the government have been very economical in the highways work he wonders what was his idea of political economy. He referred to a road connecting Bridgetown and Cardigan which cost \$2,700 a mile. Mr. Shaw the engineer said he could build it at \$200 a mile but he was not allowed to build it this way under the Highways Act.

Hon. Mr. Lea said this was news to him. He would look into it.

Mr. Dewar said he was afraid the roads were being built with the view to accommodating the joyriders and tourists.

Mr. Hession: Here, here—Mr. Dewar believed the trouble in the public schools is largely social. A student at Prince of Wales College informed him that the leaders in football and in the Students Christian Association failed at the Christmas exams, and that Dr. Robertson had refused to sign an invitation to a lecturer to address the Association on the ground that this activity interfered with the work of the College. He was amused at a statement made that the Liberals had done everything for Agriculture. At least half the farmers of the Province belong to the Conservative ranks and surely they have done something. It was a Conservative Federal Government that established co-operative dairying. The speaker quoted with approval from an article by Mr. W. L. Cotton which appeared recently in the Guardian, referring to the care exercised by a young lad in eradicating the daisy. Education is a good thing but hard work is better. We might come to the time when it will be all education and no work. The farms would continue to be depopulated he believed until the trend gets so great that starvation faces

the cities and great numbers will be compelled to return to the land. The Premier had praised the present age and regretted that he had been born so early but the speaker believed the emigrants a hundred years ago were happier. He read the suicided death list in the United States last year, which included seventy-nine millionaires. Mr. Dewar referred to the United Farmers' Party which had been formed here, to the forcing of the Province into Confederation and to the disfranchisement of voters.

Mr. Kennedy: Who disfranchised the voters?

Mr. Dewar: If you were not so well informed I would tell you. (Laughter.) He believed there should be a reduction in membership in the Legislature. The poll tax should be reduced at least to \$1.

HON. MR. NASH, the next speaker, said a fitting ending to the dig-like speech of the member for York was the suggestion of suicide. The Leader of the Opposition had prefaced his speech with some remarks about the Patriot's reference to the destruction of Senacherib. The connection between Pharaoh and Senacherib in the article names was quite obvious but Mr. Stewart had blamed the Patriot for burying the wrong one of this brace of ancient scoundrels. He did not claim to have the same knowledge of biblical lore as the Leader of the Opposition. Instead of commanding the ship of state the navy he was quite satisfied that he would now be an admiral of the line. (Laughter.) If it were in the power of mortal man to put back the clock of time to the backward conditions of 1919 the man who could accomplish that would be mobbed by an infuriated public and in all probability murdered. Mr. Nash proceeded to recite step by step what the Bell Government had done since coming into office. In September 1919 they found in the Premier's office a desk upon which was absolutely nothing. The nest was empty and the nest egg was gone, although the outgoing government had estimated a surplus. The provincial Auditor had been politely requested (there was a statement and he gave the actual deficit at \$53,584.98. There had been six by-elections since and the Government had won four. At the Bonshaw by-election the people were told distinctly that it was impossible to go forward unless the deficit was augmented. They had found in addition a huge overdraft of \$180,000. No sooner had the Government been formed when a meeting was held in the pro-Cathedral and the teachers gave their ultimatum that their salaries must be increased. They were asked to wait and agreed to do so. The strike was thus averted and the teachers in due time received their increase. A taxation measure was carefully framed and every Liberal supporter stood true to the government. The speaker quoted the Conservative party with the man who had received one talent and buried it in a napkin. The Conservatives were asking for the napkin back. When public works are neglected often he who is largely responsible is elevated into high office and scorns the base degrees laid by which he did ascend. Mr. Nash gets so great that starvation faces

Western Flood Situation Improves

(Special to The Guardian.) WINNIPEG, April 22.—The flood situation in Portage la Prairie was much improved today. The water in the west end receded more than one foot in the morning. The Assiniboine River was still overflowing its banks, but was being taken care of east of the city. It is now believed serious danger is averted.

particularly on Tea Hill, which alone would make the Bell Government remembered long after they are mouldering in their graves. There are five projects in the Belfast district. There are some 500 miles of road to be improved and among the fifteen districts of the Province it is more than likely that the whole \$603,000 grant will be absorbed. It has been argued that the roads are permanent. Of course not. There is nothing permanent except Eternity and the Opposition.

Extensive Troop Movements in French Morocco

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, April 22.—An official communiqué from Rabat, French Morocco gives the first inkling that military operations by the French against Taza tribesmen have been in progress since April 12. Artillery and airplanes are being used in the offensive which is evidently on a large scale.

3. How was said hay and oats disposed of? Give the names of the purchasers, the quantity sold to each buyer, and the price received in each case.

4. Are there any amounts still due and uncollected and on account of said hay and oats, if so, name the parties so indebted and for what amounts in each case. Is there any of said hay or oats on hand unsold on December 31, 1922?

5. Table the original invoices, freight bills and correspondence in connection with the said hay and oats purchase and sale.

No. 40—

1. How many stallions have been purchased on account of the Government of this Province during the years 1921 and 1922.

2. Give the names and addresses of the persons from whom the said stallions were purchased and the price paid for each animal.

3. Give a statement showing the expenses incurred in the purchase of said stallions, detailing whether for freight, commission, bonuses, feed during transit, or other costs, and the names of the parties to whom such commission, bonuses or other costs were paid.

4. Are these animals still in the possession of the Government. If so, where are they located? If not, or any of them have been disposed of, then to whom and at what price?

Table all freight bills, vouchers, accounts and correspondence relating thereto.

No. 41—

1. How many Holstein bulls were sold from Falconwood farm in the year 1922. Give the names of the purchaser of each animal, the age of each bull and the price received in each instance.

2. How many Holstein bulls are there now upon the said farm. If any, give the age of each animal.

3. Are there any other than purchased animals sold from said farm? If so, how many; give ages, names of parties to whom sold, and prices received.

4. How many Holstein bulls, if any, were slaughtered and used for meat in the hospital and infirmary?

HON. MR. LEA asked for a ruling regarding question already answered.

THE SPEAKER said it was not necessary to answer the question twice in a session.

HON. MR. LEA said question 33 had been answered last session. He did not see why it was asked again.

MR. KENNEDY said the question last year was different. In the Public Accounts last year there is a difference of over \$2,000. Had he not a right to get information upon this subject? Has the Government a right to block inquiry in this manner. The Commissioner has a large staff of officials to do the work, and it was his duty as a Minister of the Crown to answer legitimate questions of public interest.

HON. MR. LEA: We will answer the questions not already answered.

MR. KENNEDY: Will you answer the questions, yes or no?

HON. MR. LEA: You made this statement just now: you said there is a difference in the Accounts report many thousands of dollars spent for feed and seed is a shortage of some \$2,000. If the hon. member asks that question, and whether the money is owing still, it will be answered. I will agree to sort out these questions and answer any of them that have not been answered.

MR. STEWART: You are not following the Speaker's ruling. He said you need not answer questions that had been answered THIS session.

THE SPEAKER: All he need do is look up the Journals.

MR. STEWART: Very well, let him produce his answers again.

HON. MR. LEA: I did that before. Why should I answer them again?

MR. STEWART: How could that information cover all the year if it was given at the last session?

HON. MR. LEA: I will answer the questions that have not been already tabled, when I get time.

MR. KENNEDY: What about question 40.

HON. MR. LEA: Were you asking that?

MR. KENNEDY: Certainly. Don't you see in front of you on the order paper?

HON. MR. LEA: I submit that they are answered in the report of 1921.

MR. KENNEDY: Is that your answer?

THE SPEAKER: I think the Commissioner has given his answer.

Norway to Aid in Financing British American Company

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, April 21.—Charles Lambie, manager of the London branch of the Bank of Commerce returned today from Norway where he concluded arrangements with Norwegian banks to guarantee half of the \$1,500,000 which the Bank of Commerce will place at the disposal of the British-American Nickel Corporation.

these questions are very important to us. We expect an answer to them, and we expect our hon. friend to have all the papers laid on the table.

HON. MR. LEA: The report of 1921 gives the purchase of these stallions and the prices.

MR. KENNEDY: What about the other parts of the question?

HON. MR. LEA: I will answer them now. Are these animals still in the possession of the Government? Yes. Where are they? In the Technical School stable. None of them were disposed of. I will table the freight bills and other papers.

MR. KENNEDY asked the Commissioner of Public Works:

1. If tenders were called for the work performed on the Victoria Bridge?

2. If so, how many tenders were received and the party's name whose tender was accepted.

3. Also give the names of each party tendering, and the amounts in each case.

4. Were tenders called for the lumber supplied for said work and was the lumber purchased by tender or otherwise, and from whom? Name the parties supplying same and what price was paid.

5. Table an itemized statement with vouchers for the full amount of work etc., performed on such bridge.

6. Also, is the work completed and the full cost to date for the full work performed.

HON. MR. CROSSBY said the bridge at Victoria was a very large one. It was in one of the Highways projects and the forty per cent grant was secured for the work. He tabled the information asked for.

2. From whom was the new meat in the hospital and infirmary?

HON. MR. CROSSBY said the first question was tabled. The total expenditure would be found in the Auditor's report. The right of way was purchased from a Mr. Russell McDonald. There was a right-angle corner in the old road, and it ran over two swamps and a ditch. He was disposed to dispute the amount and to enter a case in the Courts.

MR. McLEAN: Is the old roadway disposed of?

HON. MR. CROSSBY: No, the old roadway is still there.

Mr. Higgs moved the House into Committee on second reading of an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Prince Edward Island Protestant Orphanage, Mr. McArthur in the chair. The amendment authorized the issue of debentures to the amount of \$25,000 and makes some changes in the representation on the Trustee Board, reducing the Grand Orange Lodge representatives from nine to four in addition to the Grand Master, increasing the representation from one to three of both the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Orphanage and the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association and providing for representation of other organizations contributing to an endowment fund, special mention being made of the Masonic Grand Lodge. The bill passed without amendment.

Mr. Peter Brodie moved the discussion on the resolution and amendment to the resolution re American bacon importations. He objected to that part of Hon. Mr. Lea's amendment referring to the cold storage business. It had no right to be tacked on to his resolution. There is an inspection for disease of American pork imported but there is no inspection going out. He gave export figures of Canadian bacon to England and America, and emphasized the amount of cheap American fat pork coming here to the detriment of the local market. He quoted the Minister of Customs as saying that 3,000,000 pounds of American bacon were imported to Canada, cured and sent to England. Cheap fat American hogs are sent into Canada, cured 3 or 4 cents a pound, are worth sold on the English market as Canadian bacon to the detriment of our reputation.

HON. MR. LEA maintained that it was not being sold as Canadian bacon.