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MR. J. A. MACDONALD RESUMES DEBATE IN OTTAWA HOUSE

Member From Kings Declares Third Party Cannot Live in Canada and Points out Liberal Disregard for Pre-election Pledges—Refers to Immigration Policy of Present Regime as it Affects Province of P. E. I.

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 9. At the opening of the session this afternoon, Hon. H. H. Stevens asked the government why they retained the services of Messrs. Lafleur and Geoffroy, two celebrated Montreal lawyers, to represent the government before the parliamentary committee appointed to investigate in the Customs charges.

Hon. George A. Bolvin, Minister of Customs and Excise replied that the government enquired from them if they would be available to represent the government, but to conduct the proceedings during the investigation. Their services have not yet been retained.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Conservative member for Kings, P. E. I., resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne. He declared that the Progressives have failed in Canada, because sectional groups cannot live in this country.

"Charges of bids and auctioning have been heard in this House. The position of the Progressives is unfair. They should come out straight and tell the country just where they stand."

On the question of Maritime rights Mr. Macdonald declared that the Maritime rights have always stood behind Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. The Maritime rights have been before the country for a number of years. Last year these rights were brought before the King and they were not listened to. The Progressives advocated the Hudson Bay Railway and they will obtain it from the government. But how much money will be spent on it? The policy of the Conservative party as enunciated by its leader is well known. The Progressives have asked the government to give them a blank cheque.

"We have a right to know how much money the government will spend on this railway. Canada is not ready to spend some three million or more at the present time. In Prince Edward Island the railway is not yet completed. We have still narrow gauge cars and we are suffering from those disabilities. The expenditure of such a large amount is a very serious matter for the Islanders. If the Western farmer were handicapped as we are in Prince Edward Island, would they be in favour of spending \$30 million. In four years we only had sixty miles of the Prince Edward Island Railway completed. I am not opposed to the Hudson Bay Railway, but I am opposed to that blank cheque."

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LATEST FROM THE CAPITAL

Decks of Commons Now Cleared for Customs Department Probe.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The probe into the administration of the Customs Department will begin in earnest here tomorrow morning. Decks were cleared for action today when the committee held its first meeting appointed a chairman and settled routine matters preparatory to beginning the taking of evidence.

The investigation, which will be made by a committee of nine members of the House of Commons, was precipitated by the charges made on the floor of the House recently by Hon. H. H. Stevens, Conservative member for Centre Vancouver, of irregular conduct of the Department of Customs and Excise during the last few years. Officials of the department knew that "wholesale smuggling" was going on and had not taken active steps to cope with the situation, he said.

The Minister of Customs Hon. G. H. Bolvin offered to meet the suggestion for the appointment of a committee and this committee consisted of four Liberals, four Conservatives and one Progressive member of the House has full power to command the attendance and testimony of any individuals in public life or out of it on the subject.

The first witnesses to be called are Commissioner Cortland Starnes of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a number of his officials as well as officials of the Customs Department. Hoist, Smuggling, drug peddling and illicit liquor transactions are the chief objects of the probe.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO AID CANADA

No Evidence of Collusion Between Operators on Border With Smugglers.

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A special despatch from Washington to the Toronto Star today says:

"Officials of the Treasury Department and the Department of Labor will co-operate with any committee the Canadian Government names to investigate the sensational charges made by H. H. Stevens, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, that smuggling is rampant along the border."

"Under the terms of the convention between Canada and the United States to suppress smuggling, which has been in effect since last July, the authorities of both governments are given wide powers to put down this traffic. The American force on the border, because of the fact that the law is new and the force is not fully established permanently, is regarded here as not deeply involved in the charges preferred by Mr. Stevens, but American officials will nevertheless lend every assistance to the Canadian authorities in ascertaining whether the border forces are winking at violations."

Neither the Treasury Department nor the Labor Department, which controls the border have any evidence here for collusion between operators on the border with smugglers, and they were much surprised at the seriousness of the charges preferred by Mr. Stevens.

rather than give it to this government under whom the five cents difference was wiped out?"

"The Speech from the Throne declares that with improved conditions throughout the country the government have formulated a comprehensive immigration plan and that measures will be taken to further the retention on the land."

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To Present Ger- many's Request For Membership

(Canadian Press)
GENEVA, Feb. 9.—Germany's formal request for membership in the League of Nations is on the way here by mail and will be presented tomorrow. The League Council has been convened for Friday for the purpose of summoning the special league assembly at which Germany will be elected.

"NO QUARREL WITH ITALY"

Declares Stresemann Who Says Gov't Must Decline to Re- ply.

(Canadian Press)
BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The German Government must decline to reply to Premier Mussolini in a tone which is better suited to mass meetings than to diplomatic conversation with other nations.

"We have no quarrel with the Italian people, who according to Mussolini's own words, written in 1920, have no interests incompatible with the Germans," Dr. Stresemann continued, "Germany has difficulties and as Mussolini then stated and these always were due to misunderstanding and distrust, conditions of mind rather than conflicting economic or political interests."

Spanish Fliers Start For Buenos Aires

(Canadian Press)
RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 9.—Commander Ramon Franco who has flown from Palos, Spain hopped off today at 7.21 a. m. for Buenos Aires after a short preliminary flight to test his engines. The distance to Buenos Aires is 1,332 miles.

He is expected to stop at Montevideo, Uruguay after a flight of 1,200 miles in order to take on gas.

Says Church is Opposed to Com- pulsory Prohibition

(Canadian Press)
BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Cardinal O'Connell, in a public statement issued, declared that compulsory prohibition was flatly opposed to Holy Scripture and the Catholic tradition. The position of the Roman Catholic Church was outlined as opposed to compulsory prohibition although supporting voluntary total abstinence.

Ask Government to go After Bak- ers' Combine

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The federal courts were asked by the government today to prevent formation of a "huge combination in the baking industry" by the Ward Bakers and United Bakers. The government named the General Baking and United Bakers interests as linked with the Ward companies in the enterprise. It was asked that the defendants not only be prevented from further amalgamation but required to dissolve any combinations already entered into. The Ward Food Products Corporation whose recent incorporation in Baltimore led to much criticism in Congress, has become a subject of investigation by the federal trade commission.

Ordered to Make Peace Terms With Druse Tribesmen

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Special dispatches from Jerusalem report that the French government has declined to supply men and money for any further campaign against the Druse tribesmen and has instructed High Commissioner De Jouvenel to make the best peace terms possible and at an early date.

River Shannon Overflows Banks

(Canadian Press)
BELFAST, Feb. 9.—The flooded River Shannon is three miles wide in some places and its tributaries are also greatly swollen. Boat traffic is a regular feature of the flooded areas.

Will Not Publish Income Tax Pay- ment Amounts

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Repeal of the law allowing publication of the amount of the income tax was approved last night by the United States Senate.

MYSTERY THEFT HAS POLITIC- AL MOTIVE

Czarist War Docu- ments Stolen From Russian Noble in London.

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Scottish Yard is puzzled by a mysterious burglary, which appears inspired by political motives, at the London residence of Marquis Vivien de Chateaubrun, Russian Royalist, formerly of the Russian embassy.

During the war he was with the British army at Archangel and later with General Denikin's white guard. When the Russian embassy moved from Chesham House to make way for London headquarters of the Soviet a number of chests containing documents relating to the war activities of Russian officials and other papers were entrusted to the care of the marquis. Several of these chests were broken open Sunday night and a number of papers stolen by a man who left behind a jimmy and a revolver.

"All the boxes opened contained military documents which were strictly secret during the war," said the marquis. "Although of no national value they would be probably of great interest to the Bolsheviks." It is believed a previous attempt was made to open the boxes.

Suggestion of Sessional Refund Dampens Interest

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—When E. B. Ryckman, M. P. for Toronto East suggested in the House last week that if the members took a holiday they might return part of the sessional indemnity there was no great display of interest shown by the said members.

Miss Agnes McPhail, M. P., who during the last parliament returned \$1,500 of her \$4,000 sessional indemnity every year is not following this plan in the present parliament. In 1921 Miss MacPhail pledged herself to accept only \$2,500. She soon found, however, that there are innumerable demands on the pocket of an M. P. and in the recent election campaign Miss MacPhail told her constituency that she hereafter would accept the full indemnity.

Tells How to Check Business Depression

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The way to check a threatened business depression is to cut prices and increase wages, Henry Ford says in an interview published in the current issue of Collier's Weekly.

"It is good business," said Mr. Ford, "always to raise wages and never to lower them. Higher wages and lower prices mean greater power—more customers." The theory that the right price for a commodity is "what the traffic will bear" and the right wage is "the lowest sum a man will work for" is an unsound one, the automobile manufacturer believes. The right price is the price an article "can steadily be sold for," he stated, "and right wages is the wage the employer can steadily pay."

Passport Issuance Increases

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Fees collected on issuance of passports added \$142,000 to the Treasury of Canada in the last fiscal year. In the twelve months some 26,000 new passports were issued and about 6,000 were renewed, an increase over the previous year.

PREM. SOUNDS WARNING

(Canadian Press)
PARIS, Feb. 9.—Premier Briand warned the Chamber of Deputies today that quick action to solve the nation's financial difficulties is necessary. He declares that unless measures to balance the budget were voted and sent to the Senate within a week the situation would be dangerous.

TAKES UP CASE OF RETURNED MEN

J.A. McDonald Charges P. E. I. Veterans Must be "Recom- mended" before Get- ting Employment on Railways.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Charges that returned soldiers in Prince Edward Island could not get work on the government railways there until they were "armed with a recommendation from some Liberal member or healer," were made in the House yesterday by John A. Macdonald, Conservative, Kings, P. E. I.

He read a telegram from a returned soldier in his constituency complaining that he had been refused snow fighting work on the railway while four members of another family, none of whom saw service overseas were employed.

Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defence, asked Mr. Macdonald to send him the names of the men involved and he would take the matter up with the railway authorities.

Elected Chairman Of Investigation Committee

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Paul Mercier, Liberal of St. Henri, Montreal was today unanimously elected Chairman of the special committee of the House of Commons which is to inquire into alleged irregularities in the Customs Department. The election of Mr. Mercier, was proposed by Dr. Donaghy, Liberal of North Vancouver, and seconded by Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative, of West Calgary. The motion was carried without debate.

President Declines to Intervene in Coal Strike

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate appeared to President Coolidge today to seek a solution of the anthracite controversy but the request was answered almost immediately by a reiteration at the White House of the President's policy of non-intervention.

Demand Austrian Government Ap- peal to League

(Canadian Press)
VIENNA, Feb. 9.—The provincial Diet of the Tyrol, at Innsbruck, adopted a resolution today confederation that the Austrian government appeal to the League of Nations against Premier Mussolini's "threat" referring to his speech of last Saturday on Italo-German relations.

N. S. HOUSE OPENS SESSION

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 9.—The first session of 38th general assembly of Nova Scotia and the fifteenth legislature since confederation was formally opened this afternoon, customary military and naval display being staged under brilliant sunshine before a large number of spectators.

The speech from the Throne was read by Hon. James Cranwick Tory, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

The legislative assembly when first summoned to the Council Chamber, informed the Lieutenant Governor through Premier Rhodes that the Commons was without a speaker. The Lieutenant Governor forthwith ordered them to return to the Assembly Chamber and choose a speaker. The members returned and elected Hon. Albert Parsons, colleague of Premier Rhodes in Hants County and again walked across to the Council Chamber to hear the speech. Returning again to assembly in the Chamber the members found their seats new to parliament and their seats and the address in reply to the speech was moved by F. J. Mahoney one of the Halifax County members and seconded by George C. Nowlan member for Kings County.

GRAND HOSPITAL CONCERT A SPLENDID SUCCESS

The annual grand concert held last night in the Strand Theatre, in aid of the Charlottetown Hospital was one of the marked musical successes of the season, and was heard by a large and very enthusiastic audience. Orchestral vocal solos and duets, readings, and Scottish dances, all went to make up a splendidly balanced and very enjoyable program and the appreciation of the audience was shown in the encores that were the invariable reward of the performing of each of the performers.

The program was quite a lengthy one, and while it would be invidious to individualize, all the numbers being of consistent high standard in quality, special mention should be made of Prof. and Mrs. Fletcher's vocal rendition of "The Rosary," and also of the violin solos by Miss Kathleen Hornby and Mr. Ben Wagner, these three numbers eliciting tremendous applause and encores being enthusiastically called for.

A Scottish sword dance by little Miss Mary Trainor, and the Highland Fling by Misses Helen, Marion and Jean McDonald were two other numbers that met with the wholehearted approval of the audience.

The concert was under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. H. H. Macdonald, the Mayor and Mrs. McKenna.

The accompanists during the evening were Prof. Fletcher, Mr. Albert Blanchard, Mr. Austin Connolly, Mrs. Byron Brown, Miss Bessie Blanchard and Miss Georgie Williams, Summerside.

PROGRAMME:
Overture—Dixon's Casino Orchestra
Vocal Duet—"In the Garden of Tomorrow"—Miss Margaret McCarty and Mr. Albert Blanchard
Reading—Selected—Dr. Green
Song—"Still as the Night"—(Carl Bohm)—Mrs. J. J. Stewart
Song—"Pal of My Cradle Days"—Master Billy McIntyre
Highland Fling—Misses Helen, Marion and Jean McDonald
Song—"Parted"—(Tosti)—Mrs. W. E. Fletcher

Large Portion of England Under Water

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Feb. 9.—A large part of England is again under water. The floods in some portions of the country exceed those of January. Out of the past twenty-two days there has been only one day without rain. The last two weeks have been exceptionally wet.

Discovery to Des- troy Aircraft In Flight

(Canadian Press)
LENINGRAD, Feb. 9.—Prof. A. N. Boyka, of the Russian Magnetic Observatory, announces the invention of apparatus which, by means of the reflection of powerful rays of heat, will destroy airplanes or dirigibles while they are in flight. His appliance, he says, will project concentrated heat waves a distance of 25 miles, losing only one-third of their previous strength.

Death of David Keir

The heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends goes out to Dr. and Mrs. James Keir, Malpeque, in the death of their son, David, which occurred yesterday morning after an illness of some weeks. The deceased was an exceptionally bright and lovable young man, only 22 years of age. In his third year in McGill University taking a medical course, and making a name for himself as a student and scholar.

In December he became ill and came home shortly before Christmas, hoping to resume his studies after the holidays. His health, however, was such that his parents persuaded him to remain at home in the hope that rest and care would restore him to his usual health, but it was otherwise ordered and the end came yesterday morning.

Death at all times is sad but, on the threshold of life, entering upon what humanly promised to be a bright and useful future, is a heart-breaking trial for the mother and father and only sister, Miss Elizabeth, who so dearly loved him and looked so hopefully in his future. To the bereaved family and relatives The Guardian tenders sincere sympathy.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

**Valentine tea Zion Church hall, Friday afternoon 4 to 6. 7623 2 10 31.

** Tyrone Dramatic Club will present their four-act drama "Our Jim" in Tyrone Hall, Friday, 12th. If not fine, on Monday following. 7626-2-10-31

** Meeting of P. E. I. Hospital Aid today in St. Paul's Parish Hall 3.30 p. m. 7627 10 11.

**The Shining Star Mission Band will hold an afternoon tea in St. James Hall, Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6. Admission 25 cents. 7603-2-9-21

**A meeting of Springfield Egg Circle will be held in Springfield Hall at 1.30 p. m. Thursday the 11th. A representative from candling station will be present. (Signed) D. N. McKay, Sec'y. 7584 2 10 31

THEY OPERATED ON A TAXI DRIVER LAST WEEK AND FOUND HE ACTUALLY HAD A HEART

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Damage estimated at one hundred thousand dollars was done by a fire which broke out in the premises of Miller Bros. Cloak and Dress Manufacturers shortly after noon today and for a time threatened the downtown district of the city. Forty girl employees many of them on the verge of hysteria were led from the premises by traffic constable Bourgeois, who discovered the fire.

The Weather, Etc.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 10.—Maritime: northeast winds increasing to gales with snow.

Toronto, cloudy 22-14
Montreal, clear 8-4 below
Quebec, clear 10-6 below
Charlottetown, clear 14-4
Halifax, clear 20-2 below
St. John, clear 18-2 below
Boston, fair 28-12
New York, cloudy 28-16
High tide this morning at 9.19 and tonight at 8.26.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.09.

New moon Friday February 12th 12.56 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.