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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

All to Renew Charter of Georgian Bay Canal Co. Occupies Attention of the House.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.—A simple sentence now exists to prove that the bill embracing the Georgian Bay Canal charter is by no means an innocuous document. It certainly presented a formidable array of arguments. The old charter is held by Sir Clifford Sifton and family. No one will accuse them of being philanthropists. Harry Sifton, Clifford's son, is most actively engaged in pressing for renewal of the charter. So great is the interest aroused in Ontario that a resolution in opposition was proposed in the House of Commons on Monday and supported by all parties in the house opposing the granting of the chart.

On Monday, private members day, the session occupied the attention of members during the whole afternoon and evening sessions. The House stands for further consideration tomorrow, next private members day.

Towards the close of the evening Mr. Garland, U. F. A., Bow River, moved the adjournment of the debate. The Conservatives and the group members supported the motion but the Liberals opposed it and it was defeated 81 to 72, majority of 9. After some further debate Casselman, Conservative, again moved the adjournment of the debate. His motion carried without opposition, so the question goes over till tomorrow.

It is quite evident the interest aroused by this bill is of a very much more than ordinary nature, is of the most serious consequence, provincially and federally, is scarcely difficult to conjecture that the Siftons would do with a power franchise valued at a million dollars or more.

Nothing specially exciting occurred this afternoon. Several government resolutions were passed and a bill based thereon stands for first reading. They included a resolution for the guaranteeing of securities amounting to ten million dollars to provide for a mail, passenger and freight service in accordance with the West Indies agreement of 1926; a resolution for the appointment of a committee of the house to meet a similar committee of the Senate to consider a petition of the allied Indian tribes of B. C. and a resolution to provide for a loan of four million dollars to the Vancouver Harbor board.

Mr. Garland of Bow River, requested the government bring down a report on the Georgian Bay Canal, made by Sanford Evans 1912. Woodsworth, labor, referred to certain advertisements in the Galway Gazette a Scottish newspaper in which it was represented that the government of Canada guaranteed continuous employment for persons coming to Canada from that country, and asked if the government guaranteed situations, and he wanted to know if it had representation.

Hon. Robert Forke, declared the situation and employment

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Hon. A. Meighen Strong in His Decision to Retire

(Canadian Press) BARRIE, Ont., Mar. 8.—Speaking at a complimentary banquet tendered by local Conservatives last night to W. A. Boys, K. C., member of parliament for North Simcoe, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, former leader of the Conservative party, reaffirmed his decision to retire from public life. Mr. Boys announced his intention of retiring from public life at the end of the parliament after 29 years service as a public man.

SEE CONTROL OF SHANGHAI BY CANTONESE

(Canadian Press) LONDON, March 8.—British official observers foresee the complete control of Shanghai by the Cantoneses shortly as a result of the realignment of the Chinese war lords. They believe that the fall of Shanghai would not be likely to produce a crisis in the relations of the Cantoneses with the foreign powers nor increase the menace to their life and property as long as the present foreign defense forces are available there.

An Exchange Telegraph Shanghai despatch today said peace negotiations between Chinese militarists to bring all combatants, except Chang Tso-Lin into alliance with the Cantoneses nationalists were expected to begin soon. The war front was quiet, according to the despatch, although there had been desultory skirmishes in which looters generally had been one side and soldiers the other.

They were guaranteed only to those who came here under the assisted passage scheme. There was, however, he said no guarantee that they would stay in the employments provided for them. Otherwise the government would undertake to look after them for five years. The house then went into committee of the whole on the bill "respecting the department of national revenue."

Church, Toronto, protested against any reorganization of the Customs department until the report of the Royal Commission on the economy had been made known. Several members objected to the word "national" as being unnecessary and cumbersome in effect.

Considerable discussion took place as to new appointments to be made. Dr. Manion, Port Arthur, thought there were already enough highly paid officials and that there should be a determined effort to economize. Mr. Guler, Minister of Customs, said it was the intention to run the department on a business basis, and the civil service commission would be asked to make what appointments were necessary for that purpose.

Another discussion occurred on the right of the Minister to consider appeals from decisions of customs officers and to revise or annul reports and recommendations made by them. Hon. Mr. Stevens wanted it made definite in the bill just what powers a minister might exercise in those respects. However, without amendments the bill was reported for third reading.

President Coolidge's dictum that any ship that flies the British flag is British is an accepted principle according to officials of department of National Defence. Canadian merchant ships fly the Canadian Jack, the red ensign with the Canadian arms at the stem of the ship and the white ensign at the stern and the Union Jack on the national flag of Canada. A special ensign has been approved for the Royal Air Force Union Jack with a light blue fly with the air force red, white and blue target on the fly.

To protect Canada's exports to Germany, which are threatened with an embargo, the Department of Finance has been negotiating with the German government which has imposed a temporary duty of 10 marks per 100 kilos on flour and 5 marks on wheat. On April 1, Germany threatens to increase this tariff to 13 marks on flour. The mark at present is worth about 23 cents. The situation has become somewhat acute but though Germany is insistent in her demand it is hoped that a satisfactory agreement may be reached.

House Prorogues

(Canadian Press) VICTORIA, B. C., March 8.—The provincial legislature after being in session for more than two months prorogued last night.

WESTERN TOWN IS CENTRE OF GOLD RUSH

Prospectors Flock to Weepah, Nevada, Where a Miniature Tent City Has Sprung Up.

(Canadian Press) TONOPAH, Nevada, Mar. 8.—The rush of gold seekers to Weepah, Nevada, which is creating a miniature tent city there since the discovery last week of gold ore assaying \$78,000 to the ton continued today with grim prospectors replacing the pleasure seekers to the scene over the weekend. The gold fever burned so intensely that the miners found no time for artificial stimulants, and no boot-leggers in the camp reported business.

Tonopah gasoline stations have reaped a share of the boom town's prosperity. Dance hall proprietors likewise determined to bid for a share of the expected riches. Extra large forces were provided so that attractions might be available when the inhabitants of the tent city turned to this older town for relaxation.

PRINCE OF WALES AT THE LEGION BALL

MELTON, Mowbray, England, Mar. 8.—The Prince of Wales, who is spending some days at his hunting headquarters at Melton Mowbray, had an interesting experience when he attended the British Legion ball.

Among the guests was the operator of the local telephone exchange, with whom the Prince danced. "I have often heard your voice but I have never seen you," the Prince remarked. The girl replied that she had not only often heard his voice but had often seen him.

The Prince remained at the ball until midnight. Among his other partners were the wife of the village fish monger, and the wife of the Prince's stud-groom. The Prince intends to attend the local tradesmen's ball this week.

Liquor Control Bill To Be Introduced This Afternoon

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Mar. 8.—The bill providing for government control of the sale of liquor will be introduced into the Ontario legislature tomorrow afternoon, Premier Howard Ferguson stated this afternoon following a caucus of supporters of the government who discussed the proposed legislation in detail.

Man With Bullet In Heart Has Chance to Live

KANSAS CITY, March 8.—With a bullet in his heart, Baltasar Santa Maria, 48, an Italian cabinet maker, is alive, and surgeons at his general hospital here say he has an even chance for recovery. The bullet is lodged in such a way that it moves in rhythm with the heart at every beat, and surgeons at the hospital say that unless the patient suffered shock, there could be an operation in about 10 days, with the possibility that Santa Maria would recover. Police are of the opinion Santa Maria was the victim of a Black Hand shooting.

FRAUDULENT RADIO INSPECTORS SEIZE TORONTO RADIO SETS

TORONTO, March 8.—Something entirely new in the way of swindling and impersonation came into existence in this city within the past few days, when three men representing themselves as radio inspectors commenced seizing radio sets in a wholesale fashion. The matter was brought to the attention of Radio Inspector S. J. Ellis today on the complaint of an owner that his radio had been seized.

TWO THOUSAND PERISHED IN JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

Observatory Officials Say Quake Was Severest Since 1854.—It is Thought the Damage Was Not Great Economically.

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Japan, Mar. 8.—Two thousand persons perished in yesterday's earthquake an official announcement today said. Officials of the observatory at Osaka say that as far as western Japan is concerned the quake was the severest since 1854. A number of army aeroplanes have gone to the Tango region to investigate the damage. This district which was the hardest hit is not heavily populated but is studded with smaller villages which are centers for the production of silk. The stock exchanges and also exchange banks the yen were apparently little affected today thus indicating belief that the earthquake damage was not great economically.

P. E. I. DIVISION OF THE NAVY LEAGUE HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Yesterday Afternoon in the Navy League Building, Reports Submitted. Dominion League Organizer to Visit here in May.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Navy League of Canada was held in the Navy League Building yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with a fair attendance. Mr. J. O. Hyndman, the President presided at the meeting and Major T. E. MacNutt was chosen secretary, pro tem.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved a splendid report was submitted by the President, which read as follows: During the past year the Prince Edward Island Division of the Navy League of Canada carried on its work, but only in a very limited way, owing to the lack of interest of members in the affairs of the League. The need is evident of more enthusiasm and local financial support, which its objectives so greatly merit. For this reason your President last year proposed that the Executive be re-organized, and a new President elected. A committee was at that time appointed for this purpose, and in due course nominations were presented to the Executive Committee and approved, but for some reason another General Meeting was never called to confirm, so that matters have been drifting along about as usual. I feel, however, that the time has arrived when I should be relieved, and make way for someone more capable and aggressive, and who has sufficient time at his disposal to do justice to this important office.

Every effort was made to maintain the School of Navigation, and I am glad to say it was carried on, as usual, in an efficient manner under the instruction of Captain M. C. Allenby, R.N. The School has received service to those who desire a Nautical education. It is felt, however, that this School would be of much greater value, and in more demand, if it was kept open, at least, nine months of the year, instead of only three or four months in the winter, as many of the Sailors in the Merchant Marine desire to lay off to sea during their course just as soon as they serve the required Sea-time.

The Charlottetown Yacht Club still maintain their Headquarters in the Navy League Building, and that organization have contributed greatly, in the past few years, to the revival of our magnificent harbour. For our Executive has always welcomed an opportunity to co-operate with the Yacht Club, and I hope, through joint effort, it may be possible in the future to organize a Sea Cadet Corps.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Ontario Division remembered us again at Christmas, by sending down about forty bags containing useful gifts for the Sailor lads laid off in port. These gifts were distributed at an entertainment given in the Navy League Building, and an acknowledgment sent to the donors, expressing appreciation for their continued generosity. In 1926 we had more applications than ever before from young lads about seventeen years of age desirous of joining the Merchant Marine, which is pretty good evidence that many of the youth of our day are naturally imbued with the call of the sea, and for which every encouragement and oppor-

tunity should be given. This Division, through co-operation with the Merchant Marine, has been of considerable service to a number of Island boys, each year, in this respect, but if we had a Sea Cadet Corps the opportunities would be much greater. In this respect I will repeat what I said last year, that the service we are thus rendering to the Island boys, coupled with that of the School of Navigation, is sufficient to command the strong support and co-operation of our citizens. The motto of the Navy League has always been: "Keep Watch." Its agencies are employed in educating the nation in the knowledge of the uses of sea-power as a means whereby the food, industries and floating commerce of the country are safeguarded, and as the necessary bond and protection of the Empire. The Navy League has always advocated closer co-operation between the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine. They are interdependent and the events of the Great War caused the men of the two services to respect each other as never before. The Navy League is a peace body, believing that the strong nations are best fitted to keep peace, but whilst in sympathy with all the Ideals of Peace Societies, it has no faith in the sudden change of human nature, and does not agree that the lion is now suddenly to lie down with the lamb. Sea supremacy during the war kept the population alive and their industry preserved. Provision of means to safeguard our Empire by land, sea and air should be a first charge on the nation's resources. The help to help the Navy League help the sailor is to become a member of the League. The Navy League is a patriotic organization, it has no politics, but provides for the security and prosperity of Canada, and the integrity of the Empire. Your Executive desire once again to express their appreciation to the Royal Edward Chapter of the I. O. D. E. and also to the Press of the Province for the splendid assistance given during the past year, but particularly so to the Ontario Division for the financial support given, making it possible to continue the School of Navigation. Respectfully submitted, J. O. HYNDMAN, President. Dated at Charlottetown, March 8th, 1927.

This report was on motion adopted as was the financial report which was also submitted. A communication was read by the President, Mr. Hyndman, from Dominion Headquarters of the Navy League of Canada, advising that the official organizer of the League, Capt. Morris, would likely come to Prince Edward Island in May and further stating that Capt. Morris has already been most successful in the West and other divisions, in bringing to the notice of the public the importance of the development of the Merchant Marine. This object is, apparently, being received more thought in the part of the Government and is likely to obtain decided support from it. It was also considered that the Navigation School, in view of the important work, in which it has been engaged, reserves further support. It is apparently the intention of the Government to enlarge the Canadian Government

CURRIE URGES CANADIANISM, IMPERIALISM

Ridicules Talk of Annexation in Montreal Speech.

MONTREAL, March 8.—Separation from the Empire, and colonial status within the Empire, were both rejected as "misconceptions," by Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University, in an address here tonight on Canada's political future. Annexation to the United States was called "a phantom, not a fact." The course commended for the future of the Dominion was a "sturdy full-blooded Canadianism and a sincere imperialism."

"After all," continued Sir Arthur "we are neither English nor Americans. We are Canadians. We have left the colonial status far behind. We have outgrown the stage of political childhood. We are now at the stage of national manhood. But we have not reached the stage, and we never shall reach it, when, because of the consciousness of our strength, we resolve to sever the ties that bind us to the motherland. Surely we can manage our own household without being charged with disloyalty to the British crown. And surely we can stand four-square in our sincere support of British connection without being accused of having the colonial spirit of a vanished age."

Loss of Four Masted Schooner Is Reported

(Canadian Press) BOSTON, Mass., Mar. 8.—The loss of the four masted schooner Jessie G. Noyes, with three of her crew and the rescue of eight others by the steamship Topeka was reported to the owners, Crowell and Thurlow here today. No details were given but it was believed that the schooner which was bound here from Brunswick, Ga., with 38,000 railroad ties, had been caught in the storm last week off Cape Hatteras. The Topeka is en route to Oslo, Norway from Galveston and unless a westbound ship is encountered the rescued will be taken to that port.

No Cabinet Changes Until Close of Present Session

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—There will be no cabinet changes until the close of the present session but it is expected that the Prime Minister will then review the whole situation which he has but little time for since the return of the ministry. The first change will probably involve division of the department of Marine and Fisheries into the district portfolios, so that the fisheries of Canada may have a minister and a deputy to devote their entire time to their development. In this respect, Prince Edward Island at present represented in the cabinet will be included, the portfolio probably going to Hon. J. E. Sinclair (Queens, P. E. I.) ex-minister without portfolio. The next definite change may be in the Secretary of State department. Hon. Fernand Rinfret may become Secretary of State for external affairs, a portfolio now held by the Prime Minister, while E. R. E. Chevrier, senior M.P. for Ottawa, may succeed to the state department. Mr. Chevrier is a lawyer of standing and this portfolio has many legal problems to deal with. Mr. Rinfret was a newspaper editor. The stress of his numerous duties has told on the Prime Minister and there is provision in the estimates for an \$8,000 salary for an assistant. Major L. C. Moyer, D.S.O., present senior secretary is said to be slated for the appointment.

Public Holiday?

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—It is likely that Saturday, July 2nd, will be proclaimed a public holiday for the celebration of the Jubilee of Confederation. July 1st is already a statutory holiday. Merchant Marine and in order that our boys should have an opportunity of entering therein it is necessary to provide means for their education. In view of these facts, it is decided to appoint a committee to make preparations for the coming of Capt. Morris, in order that desirable results may be obtained. The meeting adjourned to meet in May or such time as will coincide with the visit of Capt Morris here.

Earth Shocks Lasted Over Three Hours

(Canadian Press) SYDNEY, Australia, Mar. 8.—An Earthquake was felt here at 7.50 o'clock last night. The trembling lasted more than three hours but no damage has been reported. A feature of the disturbances was the length of the undulations.

TRADE TREATY WITH GERMANY POSSIBILITY

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—Pursuant to her policy of reaching out into the markets of the world, Canada is reported to be considering closer trade relations with Germany. Just what stage negotiations have reached it is not possible to indicate, but an arrangement profitable to both countries may be shaped before the end of the year, it is stated.

Since the war, trade between the two countries has been steadily expanding, and while examination of the official returns shows that exports from Canada exceed the imports, the fact is that the balance of trade is against Canada, the statistics being somewhat misleading since Canadian goods shipped to Czechoslovakia and other countries via Hamburg, are included under the heading of Germany. Under present circumstances the trade between Canada and Germany is under the provisions of the general tariff on both sides. The best that could be done, without parliamentary action, according to the provisions of the customs tariff, is the establishment of intermediate tariff relations between the two countries. Any trade relations other than general or intermediate tariff would require parliamentary sanction.

It is believed in Washington that a satisfactory arrangement for considering the maximum tonnage limitations in any class of auxiliary ship if necessary can be worked out at Geneva. LONDON, Mar. 8.—That the British Government will accept President Coolidge's new proposition for a three power naval limitation conference at Geneva with Japan as the third party was stated in government circles today to be a foregone conclusion. An official expression of Downing Street view could not be obtained because the actual invitation had not reached the Foreign Office early this morning.

Civil Servants Assured of Increased Salary

(Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Ont., Mar. 8.—The Journal carries the following in its news columns this morning: "The long deferred revision of salaries for the civil service will soon be granted the Journal learned last night from the most reliable source, and it is fairly definitely understood that insurance of \$120 per year will be granted to every member of the public service." With the return of Premier Mackenzie King activities in connection with civil service matters were resumed and it is understood that the cabinet will make its final decision today. "It is definitely understood that the increase will be granted during the present session of parliament and become effective from April 1, 1927."

AN ASSISTANT IS THE FELLOW WHO DOES ALL THE WORK



TORONTO, March 8.—Maritime, strong winds or moderate gales from westward, clearing and comparatively mild. Maximum and minimum temperatures: Toronto, cloudy 40-34; Montreal, rain 40-34; Quebec, snow 34-34; Ch'town, rain 38-24; Halifax, cloudy 34-24; Saint John, snow 40-34; Boston, rain 42-38; New York, rain 52-40. High tide this afternoon at 2:53 and tomorrow morning at 4:06. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:58 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:21. First quarter moon, Thursday, March 10th, 6:39 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

INVITATION TO THREE POWER CONFERENCE

Great Britain and Japan Asked to be Represented at Geneva Conference for the Limitation of Naval Craft.

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—The United States has definitely proposed to Great Britain and Japan a three power naval limitation conference to meet in Geneva not earlier than June 1st.

In the event of acceptance by the London and Tokyo governments which have not as yet replied, France and Italy probably will be asked to send representatives to the conference as observers. The new invitation is understood to contain no definite formula for fixing maximum tonnage limitations upon cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The purpose of the conference will be to explore the possibilities of arriving at an understanding for the maximum tonnage limitations which could be accepted particularly by Great Britain as a European power, and in view of the non-participation of France and Italy in the agreement the Washington government recognize that such limitation on construction as it hopes will be reached must be subject to periodic review by the three governments in the light of building programmes in similar types of ships which may be undertaken by any third government not a party to the agreement. It is believed in Washington that a satisfactory arrangement for considering the maximum tonnage limitations in any class of auxiliary ship if necessary can be worked out at Geneva.

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Friends Confirm Report of Engagement

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, March 8.—Intimate friends of Major General Sir Henry Pellatt and Miss Catherine Welland Merritt of St. Catharines have confirmed the report of their engagement which was first rumored yesterday. No announcement of the date of the wedding has been made.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- \*\*Reserve Thursday March 24th, for Women's Missionary Society at Home in Zion Church. 4254
\*\*Carnival, Cornwall, Friday night with special prizes. 4223-3 8 21
\*\*Inquire at 112 Prince St., Dr. Clift, Chronic Diseases. 4235-3-8, 3 mos.
\*\*The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Protestant Orphanage will be held in the Cundal Home, Thursday at 3.30 p. m. 4249
\*\*Come to the concert and basket social in Hearz Memorial Hall, Charlottetown, Friday, March 11 at 8 o'clock. Ladies with baskets free. 4211-3-7-31.mwf
\*\*Reserve March 23rd, for lecture by Rev. A. Sinnott, on "Famous and Gallant Irishmen" with a pleasing programme of Irish melodies.
\*\*Come to see drama presented in Tignish Hall Thursday, March 17th, entitled "Dust of the Earth." Good music. Tickets on sale at McDonald's Drug Store. 4230-2-8-21
\*\*Concert and basket social in Mt. Herbert Hall, March 9th, at 7.30 p. m. Admission adults 20c and children 10c. Ladies with baskets free. Proceeds for equipment for Mermald School and repairs to hall shed at Mt. Herbert. 4108-3-7-21