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Government Introduces New Amendment to Prohibition Act

In the Provincial Legislature yesterday afternoon Premier Bell moved the introduction of The Prohibition Act Amendment Act 1923. The proposed act reads as follows: BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows: 1. This Act may be cited as The Prohibition Act Amendment Act 1923. 2. Sub-section (1) of Section 51 of The Prohibition Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: 51 (1) No person shall except as specially provided in this Act and in any Act in amendment thereof, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, expose or keep for sale or procure for another or offer to procure for another directly or indirectly or upon any pretence or by means of any device, sell or barter or offer to sell or barter, or in consideration of the purchase or transfer of any property or thing or at the time of the transfer of any property or thing or for any consideration, give to any person or purchase from any person any liquor or any share or interest in any liquor. In all other respects Section 51 is hereby validated and continued. 3. Section fifty two of The Prohibition Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

Mr. A. A. Pomeroy Appointed To Represent Board of Trade In Freight Rate Discussion

At the quarterly meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last night the matter of appointing a representative from the Charlottetown Board to work in conjunction with other Boards of Trade which are consulting with Sir Henry Thornton re the eastern terminus of the Atlantic Division of the C.N.R. was taken up. It was felt that out of courtesy a representative should be appointed, although the local Board would not necessarily feel bound to any action but would be governed by circumstances. Mr. A.A. Pomeroy was appointed representative, and he will also meet Mr. J. Hughes, M.P. and Mr. Carvell, head of the Freight Department of the C.N.R. in an endeavor to secure better rates on certain commodities. After a general discussion on the transportation of the following resolution, moved by Mr. J. O. Hyndman and seconded by Mr. R. E. Mutch was adopted: RESOLVED that the Superintendent of the Prince Edward Island Division of the Canadian National Railways be requested to secure and supply this Board with a statement setting out the cost to the Railway for snow shovelling during the months of January, February, and March of this year, also the estimated loss of revenue to the Prince Edward Island Division for the same months; the said loss to be arrived at by comparing the revenue for 1923 with the average revenue for the same months during 1921 and 1922. Also the number of regular passenger trains cancelled on the P.E.I. Division during the same period. This information it was felt would greatly assist Mr. Pomeroy in presenting the case of this province. There was a representative at the meeting, the president Mr. P.W. Turner presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted before other matters were taken up. Among communications read was one from the Laurentide Air Service, Montreal, offering to demonstrate their service throughout the summer by carrying mail across the Strait if permitted.

CANADA HIGHWAYS GRANT WILL NOT BE CONTINUED

Declares Premier King. Government's Deficit, he Says, is due to Raising Money for the Provinces and There is no Legal or Moral Obligation to Continue Grant.

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 11.—As a federal government here, we are being taken to task because we can raise revenue for matters which under the B.N.A. Act come under federal jurisdiction. We must do this before considering further assistance to the provinces. There is no legal obligation and I think there is no moral obligation to extend the period of the Canada Highways Act to make a further grant. (The Federal government over the Federal government obligations, which it was never intended to meet. Our problem now is to find out how we can raise revenue for matters which under the B.N.A. Act come under federal jurisdiction. We must do this before considering further assistance to the provinces. There is no legal obligation and I think there is no moral obligation to extend the period of the Canada Highways Act to make a further grant.)

Budget Debate Begun In The Legislature

Provincial Legislature. Evening Session, April 11th. The House met after recess at 8.25 p.m. Premier Bell on motion of Supply said the ground to be traversed in the debate would necessarily be much the same as that covered in the Address. It takes time for great truths and principles to fasten themselves in the mind and memory of the electorate; so he would make no apology for repetition so far as this would occur. One of the first questions the government would pose is "Why additional taxation?" The answer is in the conditions found when the Liberals assumed office. They found a debt of \$253,000 for eight months; an overdraft of \$186,000 and the treasury empty. They either had to repudiate these debts or assume them. They decided to take up the "white man's burden." They had to pay the overdraft, and the principal of the overdraft (paying off about \$25,000 a year) and to do this they had to tax the people. About 100 schools were empty; teachers on strike and threatening a revolt. About \$100,000 had to be raised for this purpose. The Liberals also determined to proceed with the road policy and they had to get more money for this. They capped the auto-fee for this purpose, thus making about \$40,000 out of the general revenue. The Public Works could only be carried on at an increased cost, hence still more money was needed. These things, he claimed, constituted an absolute necessity for levying additional taxes. \$200,000 additional was the very least with which the government could get along. They had to cut off the expenditure of Government House, and also the Dalton Sanitarium. The people some day will learn to give credit to the government for this. The Sanitarium operating costs would have been at least \$100,000 a year more. Thousands and thousands of dollars were saved by giving out government printing by public tender instead of giving it to friends of the government. The taxation was aimed to fall as lightly as possible upon the farmers. The first tax levied was a poll tax of \$3 a head in order to cast the burden of the taxes upon all and also for the benefit of the farmers. This might seem absurd, but the more money that can be raised from this source, the less is required to be taken from the land. The farmers are getting wise to this now. Also it was decided to put a larger tax on the wealth of the country. A scheme was adopted whereby the larger a man's income, the larger the percentage of tax he was asked to pay. One man's tax of \$30 was increased to \$1,600. Another's \$30 was increased to \$347. One firm's tax of \$200 was increased to \$1,600. Where the different members of one firm paid \$300, the firm now pays \$4,600. Most of these men have since paid their taxes cheerfully. The tax on wealth has increased from \$7,000 in 1918 to more than \$40,000 at the present time. In 1921 the land tax was \$54,000. In 1922 it was \$97,000. \$200,000 additional was needed altogether and the farmers have thus only been asked to pay one fifth of it. The speaker was prepared to take full responsibility for increasing the taxes. If he had been looking for perhaps a judgeship he probably might have pursued a different policy. The Conservatives in 1919 knew that the teachers were dissatisfied. They honestly tried to remedy matters. They told the county that they had gone the limit. The better salaries would have to be secured by going to the school districts. But this did not work; the teachers continued emigrate in '20. West. They then tried to raise \$75,000 in the shape of a poll tax of \$4 a head and the rest upon the land. The people turned this down because of the system of taxation proposed. The tax was for school purposes alone. Then they cast the burden of the problem upon the Liberals, who succeeded in raising the teacher's salaries on the average 51 per cent. The result was marvellous: it filled all the schools, in many cases with a better grade of teachers. It alleviated discontent, practically stopped the teachers' emigration to the West, and gave them better normal training. The inspectors were got together with great benefit to the schools. Also the teaching of music and singing was encouraged in the schools. He took a particular pride in this as he had more to do with it than anyone else. This has been ridiculed, but it brightens up the work and ennobles the children. It also ennobles the children and gives them better normal training. The inspectors were got together with great benefit to the schools. Also the teaching of music and singing was encouraged in the schools. He took a particular pride in this as he had more to do with it than anyone else. This has been ridiculed, but it brightens up the work and ennobles the children. It also ennobles the children and gives them better normal training. The inspectors were got together with great benefit to the schools. Also the teaching of music and singing was encouraged in the schools.

French Impose Imprisonment and Fines on Alderman

(Special to The Guardian.) ESSEN, April 11.—French court martial at Werden has sentenced alderman Kuntzon of Essen to two years imprisonment and a fine of five million marks because he rejected the demand that the school children's shower baths at Essen-Rödingen have been turned over to the use of the troops according to reports received from Germany yesterday. Five hundred foreign workmen including Belgians and Poles are reported to have arrived at Castrop near Bochum, they are apparently to be employed in two occupied mines.

May Act as Mediator in Irish Trouble

(Special to The Guardian.) DUBLIN, April 11.—Mr. Luzzo, here to investigate troubles in Ireland says he will willingly act as mediator between rebels and Free Staters if both sides ask him to act in this capacity.

SECOND DEFEAT OF BONAR LAW GOVERNMENT

LONDON, April 11.—The Government sustained a surprise defeat in the House of Commons tonight by a small majority of seven in a thin house on a mere technical point. This in ordinary circumstances the Government might ignore, but in view of the fact that once before during its brief life the ministry had a narrow escape in the House in addition to several bad reverses in by-elections, it is impossible to say at the present time what attitude the ministers will take with regard to this defeat. The debate on imperial trade had ended and a question arose concerning the salaries paid to former service men entering the civil service. The Labor leaders were displeased at the Government's stand on the question and as a protest opposed the motion that the speaker leave the chair to enable a discussion of the estimates. This motion, usually carried as a matter of course, was to everybody's surprise, defeated 145 to 138. The figures were greeted with intense excitement and Labor shouts of "Send for the Premier." LONDON, April 11.—Laborites and Conservatives engaged in a scuffle behind the speaker's chair as the met again following adjournment caused by the Laborites' resignation. Swinging the red flag Scott's Laborites attempted to head off Ormsby-Gore, Tory. Many others mixed in the fight but were quelled without any serious hurts. The government had been attempting to secure the adoption of resolution similar to the one it was defeated on last night.

A Committee For Closer Union of Three Provinces

FREDERICTON, N.B., April 10.—Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Public Health, gave notice in the Legislature this evening that on Friday he would move a resolution calling upon the Legislature of this province to take steps in conjunction with the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to urge the Federal members of Parliament from all three provinces to constitute themselves an organization in Ottawa to promote the interests of the Maritime Provinces. Practical unanimity on the part of the federal members in supporting measures to the peculiar advantage of these provinces and the encouragement of co-operation between the east and west of Canada are aimed at in the resolution. The Resolution: "WHEREAS, since Confederation, the progress made by the three so-called Maritime Provinces in population, wealth, and other important elements of materiality has not been commensurate with that accomplished by the other several provinces of Canada; and, "WHEREAS, this relatively stationary condition has been largely brought about by the efforts of Canada in general to develop the practical abandonment of the three provinces aforesaid, more especially as concerns immigration, the encouragement of manufactures, the development of import and export trade through Maritime ports and the provision of that publicity so necessary in modern times to the welfare and progress of communities; and, "WHEREAS, these unfortunate results have largely been brought about by the absence of a proper spirit of union and co-operation amongst the representations of the said three provinces in the parliament of Canada, therefore, "RESOLVED That in conjunction with the Provincial Legislatures of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, this Legislature appoint a committee of three of its members selected equally as well as may be, from all parties of this House, to join with like committees from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and in some proper way, by personal approach or by correspondence, urge upon the said representatives of the three provinces in question at Ottawa, to form a non-partisan union, or committee; and, "FURTHER RESOLVED that this committee or union, during each session of the Federal Parliament, meet monthly to discuss Maritime interests, to the intent that practical unanimity may be had in supporting all measures for the peculiar advantage of these Maritime Provinces which may be brought forward in the Federal Parliament; and, "FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island be notified of the passage of this resolution by this House and respectfully requested to take like action, as is hereinbefore set forth in this resolution and that such union or committee encourage prominent persons from the Western Provinces to meet with them in such consultations, so that proper co-operation may be had between east and west; and, "FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the appointment of such committees from said Legislatures, that said committees meet at some convenient place in the said province, there to organize and to prepare to carry out the duties assigned them by this resolution."

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Greece Will Not Pay Turk Indemnity

(Special to The Guardian.) PARIS, April 11.—Greece has irrevocably decided not to pay a farthing of indemnity to Turkey declared M. Alexander, Foreign Minister of Greece in an interview here today. If Turkey insists upon an indemnity Greece will not sign the peace treaty he asserted.

Estimates Again Under Consideration

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 11.—There was an expected diversion in the shape of an amendment moved by Mr. Irvine in the House yesterday, but most of the day was one more spent over estimates. Dr. King was allowed to make good progress at the evening session with the public works estimates. Mr. Fielding has been absent from the House for the greater part of the last two days and the presumption is that he is busy with budget preparations. There have been suggestions that the budget may appear next week, but the general impression is that the 24th is a more probable date. Members were awaiting with great interest the result of the Moose Jaw election, but the news that the roads were dry and a heavy rural poll would be possible had prepared most people for a Progressive victory. The final returns are not yet available, but there is no expectation that the substantial majority which Mr. Hopkins has piled up can be materially diminished.

Britain Will Not Recognize United States Concession

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, April 11.—Britain refuses to recognize the Chester concession so far as it applies to Iraq, where Britain holds mandate and where great oil sources await development. The Chester concession was arranged by U. S. Admiral Chester with Turkey.

Premier Bonar Law Back in Commons

LONDON, April 10.—Returning to the House of Commons, Premier Bonar Law looked bronzed and well, but the house was pained when he attempted to reply to questions to find that his throat was still affected. In the Prime Minister's entourage it was stated that although he is only suffering from a relaxed throat, there is no likelihood that he will be able to deliver a speech for some time to come and his possible retirement at an early date.

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Premier King Will Attend Conference In London

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 11.—Premier Mackenzie King will go to England in September to attend on October 1st, the premier's conference to be held jointly with the economic conference. Who will accompany the premier will not be decided for some time, but mentioned in that connection are Hon. Messrs. Fielding, LaPointe and Robb.

Turk's Reply Is Satisfactory

LONDON, April 10.—The Turk government's reply to the Allied peace proposals which was delivered today at the Foreign Office was declared in official circles to be reasonable, and discussable. The note says the Ankara government does not consider that the Allied counter proposals raise any important point regarding the territorial clauses of the projected treaty but British officials point out that this is hard to believe as the Allies have resolved not to recede on the question of the island of Castoriza and other territorial points. Sir Herce Rumbold, British High Commissioner at Constantinople will represent Great Britain when the peace conference is resumed at Lausanne on April 23 and if successful issue is reached. Foreign Secretary Curzon will go there to sign the treaty. It is expected the invitations of the conference will be issued within a few days.

Mrs. Stewart Fund

- Mayor Jenkins acknowledges the following amounts received for the Mrs. Stewart Fund, collected by George E. Lane, Vernon. E. C. White \$ 2.00 George E. Lane 2.00 Leonard P. Murphy 1.00 Edward A. Curran 1.00 Joseph McDonald .50 William McDonald .50 Peter R. Trainor 1.00 William Taylor 1.00 Horace Taylor 1.00 Percy Acorn 1.00 Joseph Acorn .50 Malcolm McLeod 1.00 Dingwell McLeod 1.00 Milton Melton 1.00 Raymond Smith 1.00 William Ross 1.00 Francis Drake .50 Robert Drake .50 Joseph Murphy .50 Gordon Sheldow .50 Jos. Smith 1.00 Henry Weatherbie 1.00 James Woods 1.00 Bertram Lane 1.00 Daniel Cummings 1.00 Vincent Boylen .50 Peter Boylen .50 Harry Kelly .50 James Jardine .50 Joseph Hayes .50 Frank Hayes .50 Owen Callaghan .50 Louis Callaghan .50 Patrick Woods .50 Joseph Redmond .50 Harold Vickers .50 George Weatherbie 1.00 Charles McAdam .50 \$ 32.00

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The Weather, Etc



TORONTO, April 12.—Maritime fresh south to south westerly winds, local showers then fair and cold. The temperature during Tuesday night was 23 above, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 31 above and at 9 o'clock last night 33 above.

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