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BRITAIN PLANS TO MEET NEW NAZI MOVES

P.E.I. Producers Facing Unfair Discrimination

Mr. J. O. Hyndman Stresses Brighter Prospects For Farmers & Fishermen Under National Government.

The following address was broadcast last evening by Mr. J. O. Hyndman, one of the National Government candidates for Queen's County:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: It must be a matter of great satisfaction to the citizens of this Province and our sister Provinces of the Maritimes, to have the assurance from Hon. Dr. Manion, that when National Government comes into office, on the 28th March, the farmers and fishermen will receive fair treatment.

"Speaking in Halifax, Dr. Manion pledged himself for the full implementation of the Duncan Report, which he described as the Charter of Economic Liberty for the Maritime Provinces. The Conservative Leader further stated that he had consistently taken the stand that our farmers must be in a position to earn their costs of production, pay their debts and provide for the future. Agriculture is the basic industry essential to our National progress, and we must try to make it prosperous because without such prosperity our nation cannot be great.

"In my last radio address I stated that I would deal tonight with some of the discriminations that this Province had been subjected to, and which have contributed largely to many of the difficulties our citizens have had to contend with. When Prince Edward Island finally agreed to enter Confederation in 1873, and surrendered its rights and privileges as a Colony, it entered into an agreement with the Dominion Government which agreement obligated the Dominion to provide Prince Edward Island with services that are or may be granted to other Provinces in Canada. These services were guaranteed to be supplied and maintained

22 NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SEATS IN QUE.

Candidate For Gaspé Makes Statement While Here En Route To Magdalen.

"The National Conservative Party will win at least 22 seats in the Province of Quebec in the Federal election next Tuesday," Mr. J. S. Roy, National Government candidate for Gaspé confidently predicted last night.

Mr. Roy arrived in Charlottetown yesterday en route to the Magdalen Islands where he will address a meeting at Grindstone Island today if weather conditions are favorable to flying. Accompanied by his organizer, Mr. L. O. Roy, Ste. Anne Des Monts, he came from the town on a Canadian Airways plane piloted by W. H. Smith.

Mr. Roy was very optimistic over the chances of his party in Quebec. "As first it was expected that 12 National Government candidates would be elected but now there will be no less than 22," he said.

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Hitler Confers With Mussolini

By Richard G. Massock Associated Press Staff Writer

ROME, March 18 (AP)—Adolf Hitler, in a 2 1/2-hour conference with Premier Mussolini today, was believed by neutral observers to have enlisted the aid of his non-belligerent ally in neutralizing a "safety ring" around the Reich.

The German Fuehrer also was believed by these observers to have sought assurance that if Germany starts an offensive against France's Maginot line and loses hundreds of thousands of soldiers, Italy would then consider the question of throwing her military weight into the Nazi scales.

Mussolini's reply to this proposal during the conference in the historic Alpine Pass at Brennero, could only be conjectured.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Prime Minister Chamberlain prepares defence of National Government against Commons criticism; British circles see Rome-Berlin moves as attempt to renew "war of nerves" government upheld in Commons shipping debate.

PARIS—Daladier spends busy day preparing "push the war" line; western front reports tell of brisk patrol activity.

BERLIN—Germans claim Italy would side with Germany if needed in war; Rome-Berlin axis may be extended to Moscow after Hitler-Mussolini conference.

ROME—Neutral observers believe Hitler enlisted Mussolini's aid in drawing "safety ring" around the Reich; Summer Welles sees Pope Pius XII.

NEW YORK—Arrival of 700 soldiers and men may mean British intent to put liners Queen Mary and Mauretania in service as Australian troopships.

STOCKHOLM—Swedish circles declare Russia has given assurance she has no more territorial aspirations in Scandinavia.

PUSH THE WAR CABINET SEEN IN FRANCE SOON

PARIS, March 18 (AP)—Premier Daladier spent a busy day on the formation of a "push the war" cabinet today while western front reports told of brisk rumors of an imminent "peace offensive."

The meeting between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini left France indifferent, a semi-official statement asserted, but many Frenchmen felt it underscored the need for launching a more vigorous policy.

Tomorrow's chamber of deputies debate on conduct of the war and policy on the Finnish-Russian conflict was another precipitative factor, Daladier planned to be in the chamber tomorrow and if he has

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Potato Industry Gravely Menaced By Liberal Pact

Authoritative Report Reveals Dastrous Consequences Of Mackenzie King's Tariff Tinkering.

The precarious situation of the Maritime potato industry due to the influx of duty-free American potatoes, the direct result of Liberal tariff tinkering, and the inability of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to "exert sufficient influence with our Dominion Government" to get a revision of the West-Indies treaty for the purpose of regaining the Cuban market, are revealed in an authoritative report on the Canadian potato industry appearing in the March 19 issue of The Maritime Farmer, (Independent). The author is Mr. J. E. Porter, Chairman of the Canadian Horticultural Council, Potato Committee.

Under the heading "Effect of Canada-U. S. Trade Agreement" Mr. Porter writes: "In spite of the acute shortage of potatoes last spring in Eastern Canada, potato prices dropped sharply and reached a low point in June, owing to large quantities of United States potatoes entering Canada, duty free, after prices in United States markets had tumbled to below one dollar per barrel in June to the Maine growers as compared with over three dollars per barrel during the winter.

SERIOUS THREAT

"Our Canadian market was influenced more by the threat of having large quantities of Maine potatoes dumped on us, than by the actual shipments made. This can be understood when we remember that Maine alone usually ships more potatoes in a day than the Maritime Provinces ship in a week.

"The potato producers in Canada suffered a heavy loss through having no protection from the potato producers in the United States. This situation was particularly painful when we realize that the same United States grower is directly and indirectly bonused by their government and is protected from competition of the Canadian grower with a basic tariff of 75¢ per cwt. with a minimum tariff of 37½¢ per cwt. on quotas of 1,000,000 bushels of table stock and 1,500,000 bushels of seed stock.

"This Council (the Canadian Horticultural Council) has expressed itself as opposed to the present tariff arrangement on potatoes under the existing Canada-United States trade agreement, and requesting countervailing tariffs on potatoes each way. There is a chance or even a probability, that lower prices in the United States in the spring, will bring an influx of potatoes with lower prices in Canada. There seems to be little likelihood of getting any change in this situation until the present trade agreement expires after 1941."

MORE GOVERNMENT BUNGLING

Under existing regulations, Mr. Porter says, United States potatoes grading U. S. One size A, can be imported into Canada. This grade is 1 7/8 inch minimum diameter with 60 per cent 2 1/4 inches and up. Our commercial grade in Canada is Canada Number One, which has a 2 inch minimum with 75 per cent 2 1/4 inches and up.

"The Dominion Department of Agriculture has refused to grade United States potatoes on the Canadian grades, with the result that such potatoes can be stored and shipped in Canada without inspection, much inferior in quality and size to potatoes produced in Canada. Just why the Canadian producer, dealer or consumer should be deprived of the services or protection of inspection on such stock, is not clear and deserves further inquiry."

Discussing the price situation, Mr. Porter says that prices are now around their peak for the current season and are about the same in adjacent areas of Maine and New Brunswick. "The Canadian market," he adds, "would be immediately affected by any drop in price in the United States, as we have no tariff to cushion the effect of such competition. Our neighbors, on the contrary, would not be seriously affected unless Canadian prices declined the present 37½¢ per cwt., which does not seem likely under present conditions."

"NO INFLUENCE" AT OTTAWA

Referring to the Cuban market, Mr. Porter writes: "No progress has been reported in regaining the table potato market in Cuba. This market was our largest export outlet a few years ago but we have lost it to the United States through unfavorable tariff arrangements on sugar and other tropical products that we are getting mainly from the British West Indies. The Nova Scotia Economic Council has pressed for years to get a revision of the Canada-West Indies trade agreement that would allow the Maritime Provinces to regain some of the Cuban market, particularly in fish and potatoes; but New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island do not seem to have exerted sufficient influence with our Dominion Government to get results. The Horticultural Council still has an opportunity to help solve this problem at the opportune time when the West Indies Agreement has expired and Cuba's purchasing power is increasing with wartime prices on sugar and other products."

Among other points discussed by Mr. Porter is the British embargo which he suggests might now be reconsidered if the Canadian Government took the opportunity of approaching the British Government on the subject.

FIVE CHILDREN PERISH WHEN HOME BURNS

PORT ALFRED, Que., March 18 (CP)—Searchers combed the charred ruins of a three-storey tenement building here tonight for the remains of five young children trapped in their sleep when their home became a blazing funeral pyre.

All under 11 years old, the victims were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Hebert, absent when the fire broke out about 7 p.m. last night. The parents had gone out for the evening, leaving a 21-year-old maid, Laurette Hovington, in charge.

The oldest of the children, Collette, 10, escaped after awakening to find the building on fire but perished after re-entering the blazing tenement in a vain attempt to rescue her brother and sisters. The others, trapped in their sleep, were: Philippe, nine; Jacqueline, seven; Marie Paule, five

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Teachers To Open Annual Convention

School teachers from all parts of the Province will gather in the Auditorium of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, for the annual convention of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. It is expected that the majority of the 600 teachers from the 478 schools will assemble to discuss their problems and exchange ideas.

The three day session is scheduled to open with the enrollment of the teachers at 10:30 this morning. The highlight of today's meeting will be the address by the President, Edison MacDonald. Following this the report of the Canadian Teachers' Federation delegates will be given by Miss Mabel Matheson and the report of the General Secretary by Mr. J. Reginald McDonald. The various committees will also be appointed at today's session.

Hon. Mark R. McGuigan, Minister of Education, will address the teachers at Wednesday morning's session and Mr. W. R. Shaw, Minister of Agriculture is also scheduled to speak at tomorrow's session. A report on Education Week will be conducted by Sergeant Major Irlam on the second day's program. Another interesting feature on Wednesday's card will be the Choral Singing by the pupils of Prince Edward School under the direction of Miss Lillian MacKenzie, Music Instructress.

The big event of the convention is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when a public address will be delivered by Dr. F. W. Patterson, President of Acadia University.

The convention will conclude Thursday morning and a number of interesting features including a forum discussion, "Our Educational System" will be conducted by Dr. H. S. Shinn, Superintendent of Education will conduct the forum.

DR. MACDONALD CONTINUES TO GET BIG HAND

Dr. A. A. MacDonald, National Government candidate for King's County, was tendered a wonderful royal salute at a public meeting at St. Peter's Hall last night while his opponent, Dr. T. V. Grant was coolly greeted by the large audience in attendance. Mr. Chester Pratt acted as chairman.

Dr. Grant was on the defensive throughout the meeting and side stepped the real issues by continually harping on the Bennett administration. He was content to offer destructive criticism of Mr. Bennett's Government rather than to justify the shady record of the King Government of which he was a member for the past four years.

Speaking in support of Dr. MacDonald was Mr. Louis Burge, 5 Mile House while Hon. J. P. MacIntyre, Minister of Public Works defended Dr. Grant.

Dr. Grant was the first speaker and he failed to advance any convincing argument for the laxty of the Liberal party during the past few years. He confined himself to the issues of the last campaign and seemed content to "defeat Bennett."

Dr. MacDonald in a masterly speech capably dealt with the issues of the day and discussed the scuttling of Parliament by Mackenzie King. He scored the lack of preparedness by the King Government for the present conflict.

Hon. Dr. MacIntyre spent most of his time discussing local affairs and did not deal with Federal issues.

The United States Trade Agreements, which were executed by Mackenzie King, were discussed by Mr. Burge. He showed the defects of these agreements and explained how the people of Canada lost money by the deal.

Fresh Attempt To Intimidate Neutrals Seen

British Observers Hitler-Mussolini Meeting Forecast Attempt By Germany To Seek Peace At Her Terms.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, March 18 (CP)—Britain tonight prepared to meet a new "war of nerves" and German pressure upon the small neutral states to support a peace offensive as a result of the conference Adolf Hitler and Premier Mussolini held at the Brenner Pass.

The theory that Hitler attempted to persuade Mussolini to enter the war on his side appeared to find small support here. It was believed possible that Hitler offered Il Duce his support of Italy's Mediterranean claims in return for Mussolini's assistance in a peace drive, but it was considered unlikely anything more than that resulted from the meeting.

Diplomatic circles here expected the "war of nerves" would be directed primarily against the Balkan nations, to be followed by some sort of offer of peace terms, either direct from Hitler or through some intermediary like Mussolini or even President Roosevelt.

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That is the way diplomatic operations of opinion that the Rome-Berlin axis would be extended to Moscow were opening shots in the new diplomatic struggle. By them, Germany hoped to scare neutrals with threats of an attempt by Germany, Russia and Italy to divide Europe into spheres of influence.

Labor Critical:—British Shipping Policy Upheld

LONDON, March 18 (CP)—An opposition motion of censure of the Government's merchant shipping policy was defeated in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 266 to 90.

The motion was introduced by Ernest Shinn, Labor, at the second reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill, covering expenditures of the ministry of shipping.

Mr. Shinn said the opposition had three reasons for demanding the debate:—

1. To ensure the utmost efficiency of the mercantile Marine during the war.
2. To obtain maintenance of the British Mercantile Marine at the close of the war.
3. To obtain an efficient and effective policy.

The vote was taken after Government spokesmen assured the House that the Government intended to keep shipbuilding up to a point where vessels sunk in the war would be speedily replaced.

Meanwhile neutrals continued to suffer in the war at sea.

An Italian merchant ship, the 4,800-ton Tina Primo, was sunk off England's southeast coast today by an explosion.

The Tina Primo, returning to Italy from Rotterdam, was one of the Italian ships whose traffic in German coal was stopped by a British-Italian agreement.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	0	8
Vancouver	39	50
Edmonton	27	38
Regina	31	33
Winnipeg	21	30
Toronto	23	31
Ottawa	23	22
Montreal	11	26
Quebec	6	29
St. John	20	36
Halifax	25	33
Charlottetown	23	31

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh to strong northwest winds, becoming variable; partly cloudy and moderately cold; scattered snowflurries.

Synopsis: Light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario with part sleet in the lower lake region. Except for scattered snowflurries, it has been fair with moderate temperatures in the West.

High tide this morning at 6:54 and this afternoon at 5:51.

Sun sets this evening at 6:10 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:04.

Full moon, March 23, 3:33 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Border, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

Manion Gets Big Welcome From Toronto Audience

Growing Indication Of Great Sweep On March 26.

TORONTO, March 18 (CP)—A crowd officially announced as 15,911 welcomed Conservative leader Manion to Maple Leaf Gardens tonight as he brought his election campaign into this traditionally Conservative stronghold.

Responding to a warm welcome, Dr. Manion said this meeting substantiated a growing indication of a great sweep on March 26.

Dr. Manion said the basic issues of the campaign had not changed since his first campaign speech at Brockville, Ont., on Feb. 8. Those issues still were: 1, the record in peace and war of the King Government; 2, parliamentary institutions; 3, the need of a National Government.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King had asserted that the issue was national unity but Dr. Manion insisted "everybody is for national unity" but Mr. King and his Quebec lieutenants.

Build Antagonisms

For 20 years, Dr. Manion charged, Mr. King and his cabinet minister, Messrs. Lapointe, Cardin, Power had been "building up antagonisms in Quebec against the rest of Canada" for their own political purposes.

Those Quebec ministers had told the people of Quebec, for instance, they would approve Canada taking part in an external war. They had spread widening campaigns to create a solid bloc in Quebec by splitting that province off from the rest of Canada.

"Yet those men today are in

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- "Come to Concert in Rustico Hall on Easter Monday night. L-103-3-16-19-21.
- "Dance Lorne Valley Hall Wednesday, March 27th. Good music. L-170-3-19-23.
- "Fox Meats—Ground Meat Sc. Horse Meat Sc. Beef Tripe 3½c. Hog Chunks 2½c. Island Cold Storage Company.
- "Concert at Howe's Hall, March 20. Oyster Bed Bridge Women's Institute. L-180-3-19-21.
- "Monthly meeting Ladies Aid P. E. I. Hospital, Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 p.m., Cundall Home. L-176-3-19-21.

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