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NEW GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO STAMP OUT IRREGULARITIES

Complete Reorganization of Customs Department planned - Acting Premier Announces Change in Departmental Control That Will Make for Efficiency in All Branches of Service.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10. - Announcement of the taking of steps towards complete reorganization of the Department of Customs and Excise is made tonight.

Sir Henry Drayton, Acting Prime Minister, in a statement states that Messrs. Clarkson, Gordon and Dilworth characterized accountants, Parliamentary customs probe, have been engaged under order-in-council to make a careful study of the administration of the Customs Department as a whole, including all its various branches, and to make recommendations with a view to a complete reorganization of the Department as contemplated by Parliament last session.

The whole work, however, is to be carried on in conjunction with a special advisory and consultative committee, who will act in conjunction with the accountants. This committee will be composed of Hon. W. J. Roche, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Georges Gonthier, Auditor General, or a representative in either case of the Commission or auditor general, George W. Taylor, acting Deputy Minister of Customs and Excise, R. W. Breen, Commissioner of Taxation and E. S. Bubby, Chief Inspector of the Department of Customs and Excise.

The text of the acting Prime Minister's statement is as follows: "In order to give proper effect to the recommendations made by the special committee on smuggling of the Department of Customs, it has been found that very radical steps have to be taken which would apparently involve changes and much careful study.

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"The members of the committee are: Hon. Doctor Roche, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, to be named by the Hon. W. J. Roche, Auditor General, or a representative of the Audit office to be named by him.

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"It will be noted that this committee covers all the different places and activities requisite to a complete and satisfactory result.

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RUMOR DENIED



Chief Justice W. H. Taft of the United States supreme court, who is holidaying at Murray Bay, Que., declares that there is no foundation whatever for the report of his serious illness which was circulated this week.

King Expected in Maritimes Week of Aug. 23rd.

(Canadian Press)
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Aug. 10. - Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, it is announced today, is expected in New Brunswick in the week of Aug. 23. He will open his tour in Nova Scotia August 27.

Wheat Cutting General in Western Provinces

(Special to The Guardian)
WINNIPEG, Aug. 10. - Wheat cutting all over the prairie provinces with the exception of North Alberta is now general and will be well swung everywhere within the next week or ten days. There have been heavy rains during the week over these provinces and heavy hail damage has occurred in a number of sections. Some of these may recover, according to the weekly crop report issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway today from the offices of D. C. Coleman, Vice President in charge of western lines.

Will Attempt to Climb Mt. Robson

(Special to the Guardian)
JASPER, Alta., Aug. 10. - Dr. J. W. A. Hickman of Montreal with a party of six alpinists fresh from their recent triumph in the Tonquin Valley section of Jasper National Park left here today for Empress from where they will make an attempt to climb Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. They will establish a base camp on the side of Mount Robson above Empress Falls just below Berg Lake. The camp will be equipped for a lengthy stay.

AMAN SELDOM KNOCKS HIS OWN CAR - HE LETS IT SPEAK FOR ITSELF !!

Major T. Edgar McNutt received yesterday the results of the inspection of Cadet Corps in Military District No. 6, and it is gratifying to learn that the second and third places have been won by Queens Square School and West Kent School respectively, the Premier place going to Kings Collegiate School, Windsor, an old timer which has been recognized as the leading Cadet Training School in the Maritimes, although its position has been challenged more than once by both the Charlottetown Schools. On the present occasion only two marks separate Queens Square from Kings Collegiate and two separate West Kent from Queens Square.

The position of the Island Schools in the order of merit are given herewith:-

Queens Square 95
West Kent 91
Montague 82
Kensington 74
Summerside High School 71
Prince of Wales College 63
St. Dunstan's College 53
Souris High School 51
Georgetown 50

Toronto, cloudy 74-60
Quebec, clear 80-58
Montreal, clear 80-62
Halifax, clear 71-54
St. John, fair 68-56
Boston, fair 86-68
New York, clear 84-68

High tide this afternoon at 12:25 and tomorrow morning at 1:23. Sun sets this evening at 7:16 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:56. First quarter moon, Monday, Aug. 16th 12:15 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

The Munro left last evening about 6 o'clock for Quebec.

SCHOONER A TOTAL WRECK

"Sylvia Mosher" Carried Twenty-Six Men, All of Whom are Believed Lost.

(Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, N. S. Aug. 10. - Indications that another sea tragedy may be marked up against the hurricane that swept the North Atlantic Saturday night were contained in a wireless message from Sable Island this morning stating that the Lunenburg schooner "Sylvia Mosher" was a total wreck on the outer bar, north side of Sable Island, near number 4 station with no sign of the crew.

The radio message was received by C. H. Harvey, local agent for the Marine and Fisheries Department, this morning, from Superintendent Henry of the Sable Island Life Saving Service. The message was as follows: "Lunenburg schooner Sylvia Mosher total wreck on outer bar, north side, near number four station, schooner lying on side no sign of crew."

The Mosher was a handliner carrying 26 men all of whom are believed lost.

HALIFAX, Aug. 10. - Twenty-five hardy Nova Scotia fishermen are missing at sea and more than a hundred relatives in Lunenburg and Queens Counties await with fearful anxiety news of them. The schooner Sylvia Mosher, highliner of the Lunenburg fleet and named in honor of the skipper's two year old daughter, lies wrecked on the outer bar of the north side of Sable Island, the Mariner's dread. She was sighted there yesterday morning by members of the Island Life Saving staff. But of the crew there was no sign. All day long the islanders searched the beach and scanned the billows that rolled in. Tonight came word to Halifax that six empty dormies had been washed ashore on the island where they were the first chapter of what may be one of the worst tragedies that has occurred off the Nova Scotia coast in years.

Splendid Gathering of Oddfellows and Rebekahs

The city was well filled yesterday with Oddfellows and members of their sister Grand Lodge of Rebekahs, the number being estimated at between four and five hundred. Sessions were held as advertised and were all well attended. The program for today includes a drive to the North Shore. The visitors are favored with magnificent Prince Edward Island weather and are enjoying their stay here.

C. N. R. to Construct 500 Room Hotel in Vancouver

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 10. - Arrangements have been completed by the Canadian National Railway for the erection of a 500 room hotel in Vancouver, B. C., and the contract has been approved by the government, it is announced in a statement issued here. The government announcement adds that this contract is in redemption of the agreement made by the Canadian Northern Railway Company with the City of Vancouver. Under this agreement the Canadian Northern Railway system was obligated to the erection of an hotel in Vancouver besides this had to carry out other construction work which would have meant the expenditure of at least \$8,000,000.

250 Excursionists Visit the City

The S. S. Munro of the Munro Line of New York, docked at this port yesterday at 12 o'clock noon, with almost 300 excursionists on board. His Worship Mayor Miller went on board on the vessel's arrival, and extended an official welcome to Charlottetown to the Captain, officers, and passengers. As the Munro, which is one of the largest vessels that has ever entered Charlottetown harbor, was being moored to the wharf, the ship's orchestra played the English National Anthem followed by the Star Spangled Banner.

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Airplanes Added to Police Equipment

(Special to The Guardian)
KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10. - Four airplanes have been added to the equipment of the police department here as aids to the detection and suppression of crime. Equipped with radio, the planes will at all times be in touch with headquarters. In announcing the new division authorities expressed the belief that an air patrol with machine guns will be much better able to cope with the conditions brought about by the ease with which bandits have been escaping in fast automobiles.

International Control of Armaments Favored

(Special to The Guardian)
GENEVA, Aug. 10. - Some form of international control of armaments was favored by the majority of the military committee which is preparing the agenda for the proposed international disarmament conference. When the subject came up today the delegates of eight countries voted for such control. Six voted against it with the delegates of six countries abstaining.

The United States delegation voted "No." Rear Admiral H. J. Jones arguing that any form of international control was not desirable on technical and psychological grounds as it would only engender ill will and discontent. The fight for supervision was led by the French.

Would-be Assassin Bomed House of Magistrate

EDMONTON, Alta., Aug. 10. - Thought to have been ambushed as a result of justice meted out by Police Magistrate George M. McLeod in the course of his duties, a would-be assassin crept up to the rear of the Colonel's home, an hour before midnight on Saturday and touched off a bomb against the northwest corner of the house. Col. McLeod was absent, but Mrs. McLeod and her ten year old son friend in the home, entertaining a party, were in the house. With a roar, tearing a gaping hole in the basement, blowing in the rear door of the house, shattering some of the supports of a porch and also splintering some of the brick work of a garage which adjoins this corner of the house at an angle.

The little boy customarily was in bed at this hour and his bed was covered by splinters of broken glass. It was only the fact that the child had been in another room that saved his life. Wounded in the neighborhood were Shatters.

35 Lose Lives in Drowning Accidents

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. - Thirty-five drownings - ten at Brant Beach and Farnham, near Buffalo, N. Y., where scores of bathers were suddenly swept into Lake Erie by an undertow from a huge wave Sunday evening. The victims were from New England, fourteen in the vicinity of New York - were reported in dispatches received here over the week-end. Five others who had been reported missing in the Buffalo disasters were located. All except one of the dead, a woman, has been identified.

Rothermere Blames Brit. Statesmen for Debt Settlement

LONDON, Aug. 10. - Viscount Rothermere, the owner of the London Daily Mail, which in its columns referred to America's war debt collection methods as akin to those of "Shylock," has washed his hands of responsibility for his paper's stand, and eulogized Andrew J. Mellon as the greatest Secretary of the Treasury in the history of the United States.

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Seeks Re-Election



Miss Agnes MacPhail, M. P., who will once more contest her Ontario riding of Southeast Grey in the pending federal elections.

Former Emperor's Suit Unsuccessful

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Aug. 10. - A Capetown despatch to the Exchange Telegraph says former Emperor William's suit for restoration of the Hohenzollern property in southwest Africa was unsuccessful, the judge declining to grant the application.

Electric Train Ran Wild For Miles

LONDON, Aug. 10. - An electric train running wild for two miles and menacing traffic along the way because it was without a driver, appeared to be heading straight for Central Station in Newcastle, where it probably would have crashed into an outgoing passenger train, was stopped at Manors East, near Newcastle, by colliding with a freight train.

The driverless train had 200 passengers aboard, only five of whom were injured in the collision. Their injuries were slight, however. The driver's dead body was found two miles from where the collision occurred, it being evident that he had fallen off the train.

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LIBERAL SPEAKERS FORGET THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

Large Attendance at Last Night's Political Meeting at Vernon River - Conservative Speakers Have Much the Better of The Argument.

Not a word about the constitutional issue, with which the Liberal candidates in Queens County started their election campaign, was heard from either Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Sinclair at the political meeting last night at Vernon River.

This meeting was one of the best attended so far in the campaign, every seat in the large hall being occupied, and splendid oratory prevailing throughout. Both sides received a careful and attentive hearing, but the feeling of the audience was clearly in favor of the Conservative candidates, Hon. J. H. Myers, and Mr. J. A. Messervy, both of whom delivered splendid addresses, which were received with frequent and unstinted applause.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor E. B. McRae, who capably acted as chairman, and the different speakers were heard in the following order: Mr. R. H. Jenkins, Mr. J. A. Messervy, Hon. John E. Sinclair, Hon. John H. Myers, Mr. D. A. McKinnon spoke in rebuttal for Mr. Jenkins, and the concluding speaker was Mr. Martin McKinnon, of Montague.

Mr. Myers last night proved himself a power in debate, and he shattered completely every one of the arguments put forward by the previous Liberal speakers. There was not a single point that either Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Sinclair made, that he did not succeed in turning against them. A question put at the beginning of the meeting by Mr. John O'Keefe, inquiring as to the effect of the tariff on prices, was answered by both the Liberal speakers by the positive statement that the tariff tended to increase prices. Mr. Myers said that Mr. Sinclair in his answer had been inconsistent. He had said in the same breath that a tariff policy increased prices, and that a raising of revenue, and the only means left was direct taxation. Direct taxation would have a worse effect on prices than optional taxation, such as the tariff was.

Mr. Sinclair claimed that the Meighen policy of a moderate tariff would result in a tax war between Canada and the United States, and that this trade strife would have a disastrous effect on this Province's American market for seed potatoes. Mr. Myers said that Mr. Sinclair's tariff war had been fought long ago. It was decided when the American tariff was put on their Fordney Tariff and met with no opposition or retaliation from the existing King Government. Mr. Myers felt he was in a better position to know the condition of the seed potato business in America than Mr. Sinclair, as his duties as Minister of Agriculture kept him in continual contact with the activities of the Potato Growers' Association. He had met personally heavy buyers from the States, and these had stated that all the growers in the southern counties were continually after Congress to get it to lower the present duty on seed potatoes.

Mr. Sinclair also made the statement that about one third of the wheat that passed through St. John and Halifax came from America, and he gave the audience to understand that this amounted to quite a large quantity. Mr. Myers said that as a man who liked to be logical himself, he always looked for reason in what anyone else said. He did not wish to contradict Mr. Sinclair but at the same time he was not going to accept that statement. It did not seem reasonable that the United States through whose ports Canadian wheat growers shipped a great deal of their product, ignoring the methods of a "Shylock," entirely disagreed with this attitude.

These are the opinions of the editor and his staff. They are not mine. Our present plight is not due to American capacity, but to the incredible ineptitude of British statesmen.

"Whoever is to blame for the pre-settlement, it certainly was not America. She made no extortionate demands. The terms of the settlement to all intents and purposes were the free and voluntary offer of the British representatives."

Mr. Sinclair took Mr. Messervy to task about his reference to the need of dredging island harbors, and quoted a newspaper article in which Mr. Meighen was supposed to have said that he, if he was returned would stop much of the expenditure now being made on building wharves and dredging harbors and rivers. Mr. Myers said that Mr. Messervy and himself had taken

the trouble to wire Mr. Meighen about this matter, and he read the reply they had received, which was to the effect that Mr. Meighen considered the newspaper report too ridiculous to notice.

Mr. Jenkins the opening speaker spoke along a similar line as at previous meetings, and upheld the record of the King Government chiefly on its gift to the country of the Robb budget. Many people he said, had complained that too much time had been wasted at the last session, that there had been too much talking, and probably, he added, there had.

Where there were more than two groups it made a very difficult condition indeed, under which to carry on a government. Mr. Jenkins hoped that as a result of the next election there would only be two parties in the Canadian Parliament, but he did not state which two he wanted.

Mr. Messervy said in the course of his address that he was a Maritime Righter, and as such he recognized that the only way for the Maritime provinces to forge ahead was unite their influence and prestige. Regarding the exodus to the United States he said that the result of a moderate tariff would be, that instead of our young people going to America for employment and following our raw material there, the States would be obliged to bring their factories into Canada, spending American money on Canadian labor, and keeping it in Canada.

Mr. Sinclair, as in former addresses, credited to the strong right arm of Mr. MacKenzie King the tide of prosperity that is sweeping Canada, and said that the King Government was also responsible for putting the Canadian National Railways on a sound financial footing.

Mr. Myers in his address said that Canada was one of the mightiest countries in the world. It had vast water power resources that could be cheaply operated, and it also possessed other valuable resources than did the United States. The thing to do was to get American money to invest in Canadian industries using these resources.

Regarding Mr. Sinclair's reference to Liberal surpluses Mr. Myers said that the only thing which he found fault with was that they sounded too liberal. He would be suspicious of those surpluses until he was assured that the Liberals had been taking proper care of

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Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

**York Rifle Club - First salvo Shoot Wednesday, Aug. 11. 1180-8-10-21.

**Remember the festival at Long Creek on Friday evening Aug. 13th 1121

**Postponed session of Grand Division meets Aug. 17th at West Cape 2 p. m. 1204-8-11-31

**A meeting of the Conservative voters of North River Poll will be held at John Moresides' Monday Aug 16th at 7:30 p. m. 1210-8-11-31

**Rustico teaparty is postponed until further notice. 1207

**Come to Long Creek on Friday evening, Aug. 13th for a good time. Refreshments, bonfire, merry-go-round, etc. If not fine, come Saturday. 1214

**Warning - Don't forget, Big show "Yellow Fingers" also Neil Cheverle champion old time fiddler, Souris, Thursday - Georgetown Friday. 1183-8-10-31.

**Come to see "The Arm of the Law" by the Johnston's River Dramatic Club at Webster's Corner Hall, Friday night. Dance afterwards. Good Music, Refreshments, Ad. 35 cts. 1194-8-10-31.

**The parishioners of St. Bonaventure's Church, Tracadie, intend to hold a grand picnic at Scottford on Monday, August 16th. Proceeds in aid of the Church. 1177-8-10-31.

There is a Strong Country-wide Wave of Reaction Against the Liberal Party