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THE CUSTOMS DECLINE TO PROBE AT OTTAWA

Inspector Duncan Slated as Next Witness Before Committee.

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—Inspector Walter Duncan, who was loaned by the Minister of Finance as a special officer to investigate smuggling conditions in Montreal and Rock Island, Quebec, will probably take the witness stand at the Stevens smuggling enquiry tomorrow.

The examination of R. P. Sparks, of the Commercial Protective Association, is just about finished. Duncan's examination will last two or three days and it is probable that former customs officer Beaton will be called before the latter part of the week although he has been summoned for Tuesday.

In the meantime R. L. Calder, K. C., of Montreal, counsel appointed for the committee is busy going through the trunks and bags of papers that have been produced by orders of the committee from various witnesses who have been summoned to appear and from the Department of Customs. All the papers and documents are not in yet and it will take some time before the mass of papers are put in shape for a thorough examination of the various witnesses. There is no sitting of the committee this morning.

Will Have Little Effect on Railway Managing

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 22.—Those at Ottawa who know the relations that exist between the Department of Railways and the administration of the railways are not inclined to think that the replacing of Mr. Graham by Mr. Dunning will cause any change of apprehension at N. R. headquarters, but it is "theoretically" said a well informed student of railway affairs, "Sir Henry Thornton is the most interested party. However, he has little reason to be concerned. The Dunning appointment may be momentous political news, but it is not railway news. It cannot disturb the relations of the railways and the department."

Steamship Company Merger

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 22.—Cleveland negotiations between Canada steamships representatives and Playfair interests over the week end resulted in a merger being arranged between the two great competing companies for Great Lakes business under the name Canada Steamships Lines and Great Lakes Transportation Company it is announced here today. The Great Lakes Company has accepted the Canada Steamships offer and as a result all competition for traffic will be eliminated and the Great Lakes Company becomes an integral part of "steamships."

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DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE

Soviets Fear Repetition of 1923 Tragedy at Lausanne.

(Canadian Press)

GENEVA, Feb. 22.—Soviet Russia has declined to participate in the international conference to be held under the auspices of the League of Nations on March 25. Russia's reply to the invitation reads: "We are much interested in conference but cannot participate unless it is held outside of Switzerland because Switzerland has been boycotted by the Soviet government since the murder of M. Vorovsky." M. Vorovsky was assassinated in 1923 at Lausanne, where he was acting as envoy for the Russian government.

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LATEST FROM THE CAPITAL

Mr. Meighen Pays High Tribute to Retiring Minister Graham.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—The resignation of Rt. Hon. George Graham from the government and the appointment of Hon. Charles Dunning of Saskatchewan, as his successor in the portfolio of Railways and Canals was announced in the House of Commons today by Hon. Ernest Lapointe acting government leader. Mr. Lapointe tabled the correspondence which had passed between Mr. Graham and Premier King on the matter of Mr. Graham's resignation. Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the opposition, said it was perhaps premature for him to make any remarks before perusing the correspondence. Mr. Graham had retired following his defeat at the last general election but aside together from that defeat, he was sure that everyone in the House regretted the absence of Mr. Graham. He had always been a popular member of the House. If there ever was a defeat where the causes were due not to the individual member, but to the government and its policy, Mr. Graham's defeat was that one. Mr. Meighen said that he felt Mr. Graham had taken the right course in resigning and he could only feel sorry that his example was not generally followed in the government.

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BOHEMIAN GIRL IN OPERAFILM SCORED SPLENDID SUCCESS

Last Night at the Prince Edward Theatre—Personal Appearance by Vocalists of National Repute—Production Will be Repeated This Afternoon and Tonight

(Canadian Press)

Operafilm, the latest novelty of the moving picture screen, scored a wonderful success on its first appearance in Charlottetown last night, delighting a large audience in the Prince Edward Theatre. None of the drama or music that has made Balfe's "The Bohemian Girl," a world famous ballad opera, has been sacrificed in Basil Horsfall's unique combination of photo film and opera stage, and on the other hand last night's production, which was under the inventor's personal supervision, conveyed a sense of realism that is hardly possible through the sole medium of the stage or screen. The wealth of action and detail furnished by the picture with its cast of one thousand people was given personal color by the actual appearance of the principals of the play, apparently out of nowhere, as there is no wait nor change of setting in the shift from picture to stage.

The artists who appear personally are vocalists of high order, and include Mr. Joseph F. Sheehan, America's greatest tenor, Miss Martha Richardson, contralto, Miss Gladys Jones-Morgan, prima donna; Mr. Edward Evans, baritone; and Mr. George A. Miner, basso. Each of the musical numbers by these players, both concerted and in solo and duet, was heard and enthusiastically applauded, especially Mr. Evans' rendition of "The Heart Bowed Down With Many a Care," and Miss Jones-Morgan's "I Dreamt I Dwelt In Tara's Hall, both these soloists

held their audience spellbound. The story woven into "The Bohemian Girl" is a very delightful one, and the screen version does it full justice. The scenes of gypsy camp life as well as those showing the manner of living of the Austrian nobility and people of the day were very realistic and convincing, while the photoplay is unexcelled. Interspersed with the picture were the tableaux in which the vocalists took part, each representing one of the chief characters of the story. Mr. Sheehan in the opera as Thaddeus, a proscribed Polish noble, and the hero of the play, gave a very pleasing interpretation of that character. Mr. Minor made a very able substitute for Aubrey Smith, the gypsy chief of the screen. Mr. Evans in the character of Count Arnehelm also admirably filled the stage role, his counterpart on the screen being Henry Vibart. Miss Morgan as Arlene, accompanying the screen interpretation of that role by Gladys Cooper, and Miss Richardson as the Queen of the Gypsies, were both inimitable in these roles.

The orchestral accompaniments to the musical numbers by the Prince Edward Theatre Orchestra and particularly the violin accompaniment by Mr. Ben Wagner for the Hungarian and gypsy dances, aroused much praiseworthy comment. "The Bohemian Girl" will be repeated at the Prince Edward Theatre this afternoon and tonight.

Probable Successors I. O. O. F. Rally Night St. Lawrence Lodge

(Special to the Guardian)

REGINA, Feb. 22.—Only two names are being put forward at present as possible successors to Mr. Dunning as Premier in Saskatchewan. They are Hon. C. M. Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture and Municipal Affairs, and Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Highways. To say that the well balanced program was carried out to a nicety would be putting it mildly, as each and every item on the bill-of-fare went over as is only appropriate to a gathering of his kind.

Car-ferry Succeeds in Crossing

After one of the hardest battles against adverse ice conditions ever experienced, the Car-ferry finally succeeded in docking at Borden yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She began her first attempt at the crossing at half past five on Saturday evening but was obliged to return to Tormentine and recede. Leaving again at half past six on Sunday evening with the mail, seventy passengers, she fought her way to within two hundred yards of Borden pier, and stuck fast, as the piled up ice had grounded and the steamer was resting on top of it.

The passengers made their way ashore and the letter mail was also transferred to the waiting special train, which arrived with them in Charlottetown at 12:30 p. m. Soon after the ice loosened and the boat was enabled to make her way to the pier head, where she was moored and the rest of the mail and baggage transferred. At 3 o'clock she finally succeeded in reaching her proper berth, and will start out on her regular crossing this morning.

The passengers, who spent two nights on the boat report that everything possible was done by Capt. Read and officers of the vessel to make them comfortable. Among those arriving by the special train at noon were the Abegweit hockey team and the Operafilm artists who were on their way to fill an engagement at the Prince Edward.

The rotary plow, which left Charlottetown on Saturday at midnight, had last evening passed Fort Hill. The Murray Harbor train has reached Grandview, and the Georgetown train is still at St. Theresa's. The Souris train arrived in Charlottetown about eight o'clock last evening.

ALBERTA COAL FOR ONTARIO

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—Two hundred thousand tons of Alberta coal are to be brought relief to the Ontario consumer and hold for Canadian coal the market against American competition. This afternoon the government will agree to the proposal broached by Alberta representatives here in Ottawa to Premier Ferguson, and the Alberta and federal governments. The Alberta mines will be called upon to ship two hundred thousand tons to Ontario and any excess in cost over the \$7 rate will be divided equally between the three governments. The consent of the Canadian National Railways has not yet been obtained, but it is pointed out that Sir Henry Thornton cannot well refuse because he will be guaranteed any cost in excess of \$7 a ton.

CONTRACT YET INCOMPLETE

Check-off Clause Will be Discussed at Future Date.

(Canadian Press)

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 22.—The new wage scale contained in the moving and working agreement recently negotiated by representatives of the British Empire Steel Corporation and United Mine Workers of America which was voted down by all locals because it did not contain the clause involving the check-off of miners dues to the union, was posted at all mines operated by the British Empire Steel Corporation in Nova Scotia this morning and in the majority of cases the men went to work. The matter will probably be discussed at future negotiations.

The corporation, in negotiating the new contract, insisted that the check-off of union dues be abolished and a large majority of miners, while agreeing to other parts of the contract, wanted the check-off to continue and were forced to vote against acceptance of the contract in order to express their disapproval of the move to abolish the check-off.

T. J. Brown, Deputy Minister of Works and Mines, who was sent to the coal areas last week when the attention of the government was drawn to the situation developing because of the difference between the contracting parties over the check-off, was here today gathering data with which he will prepare an official report for the government.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—Officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation and an executive officer of the United Mine Workers of America, will resume wage negotiations Wednesday according to statement made at tonight's session of the legislative assembly by Hon. G. S. Harrington, Minister of Works and Mines, answering a question asked by Malcolm MacKay, Conservative Inverness.

Tragic Death of Westville Miner

(Canadian Press)

WESTVILLE, Feb. 22.—Daniel Stewart, a native of Prince Edward Island, who has been working in Westville, the past few months, died suddenly in the old Acadia Mine here this morning. Mr. Stewart was a leader, working with Thomas Blackwood, and although complaining of not feeling well the past few days, seemed to be in good health this morning. He pushed a box of coal out to the shoot and when he did not return within a reasonable time, Mr. Blackwood on investigation, found the body of the unfortunate man lying beside the box. He administered first aid and a doctor was summoned to the mine, but life was extinct.

Mr. Stewart has a family residing in P. E. I. and the sad news was wired to them. A return message stated that, owing to the snow blockade, it was impossible to get the message to his family for a few days, as telephone wires in that part of the country were out of order.

The Weather, Etc.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 22.—It was learned today that local customs officials descended on Lorneville last evening by motor boat and made the largest seizure of contraband liquor in the history of the local services. The wet goods consisted of about 500 cases of assorted brands of the best whiskey and gin, valued at over \$15,000. The seized stock was stored in a large shed near the shore and a tug will bring it to this city. No arrests were made.

As a result of several days' work by four customs officers the information regarding the locality of this large consignment of liquor, which it was said, had been landed from a rum runner off the coast, was secured, and it was decided to start last evening for the scene.

Three officers in a large motor boat, left about seven o'clock and reached Lorneville about an hour later. They hurried ashore and reached the shed, which they found deserted at the time. On securing entry the first sight to greet them was a large pile of empty barrels which were piled in such a way as to conceal the cases of liquor. The customs officials say likely the liquor was to have been removed within the next two or three days by motor boat and brought to this city.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

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Prohibition Again Under Heavy Fire

(Canadian Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—A new and concerted bombardment was directed at prohibition today and mingled with the fire of general criticism were demands for a repeal for modification of the eighteenth amendment. Guns were trained from a luncheon table set by the association against the prohibition amendment for its second "face the facts" conference and the contention that six years of prohibition under the Volstead Act has proved a failure provided the keynote of the meeting coupled with a demand that light wine and beer be legalized.

Russia to Regain Wheat Laurels

(Canadian Press)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—Grain exports from Russia will reach 200,000,000 bushels this year and resumption of pre-war volume, 500,000,000 bushels, may be expected in 1928. D. P. Pavlov, Russian delegate predicted today in an address before the International Wheat Pool meeting here.

Before the war Russia was the largest supplier on the international market.

City and Country Compared Educationally

From the public pass lists to Prince of Wales College during the past four years the following particulars are given: In 1921-22 the total number passed was 248. Of these 46 were from Charlottetown schools and including Notre Dame 59, making a percentage of 18.5 for the city schools and 23.7 for these including Notre Dame.

In 1922-23 the total pass list was 255. Of these 38 were from the city schools and 43 including Notre Dame a percentage of 14.9 and with Notre Dame 18.8.

In 1923-24 the total pass list was 223 of which 32 were from the city schools and 40 including Notre Dame, a percentage of 14.3 and 17.9 respectively.

In 1924-25 the pass list was 179, of which 21 were from the city schools and 26 including Notre Dame, a percentage of 11.7 and 14.5.

For the four years mentioned the average percentage of successful students from the city schools to Prince of Wales College was 18.2 including Notre Dame, as the comparison is made between the whole city and the rest of the province.

The population of Charlottetown, as compared with that of the whole province is 13.6 so that the city's proportion of the pass list for the past four years which is on an average 18.2 places the city in the lead as compared with the country.

SEIZED \$15,000 WORTH OF LIQUOR

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

KING IS ANGRY AT OFFICE PRACTICE

British Sovereign Takes Quick Action to Replace Foreign Typewriters.

(Canadian Press)

LONDON, Feb. 22.—"It is scandalous," said King George today, when told at the British Industries Fair that the typewriters used in Government offices were of American make. "I will personally have the matter looked into," he added. The King then turned to Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, President of the Board of Trade, who was accompanying him, and said: "If other governments can buy British machines, why cannot they be used in our own offices?"

PERSONAL ATTENTION

"It is Scandalous," He Declared When Given Information of Government Offices

The King and Queen and their party had stopped at the typewriter booth during a visit to White City here, where the fair is being held, when the manager in charge of the booth told the King that 1,200 typewriters were imported duty free into the country each week.

His campaign, already begun, seems likely to produce speedy results. The subject had been ventilated in Parliament no later than last Monday, when the House of Commons was discussing the civil service estimates. Ronald McNeill, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs on that occasion excused the Government's stationery department for buying foreign typewriters, on the ground that "almost all the best typewriting machines are of foreign make."

He was afraid it was a fact that British workmanship up to the present had not provided a very good article, but the stationery office was testing three British machines, and he added "when we can find a British machine at all equal in efficiency to the foreign-made machine we will certainly give preference to the British article."

The King's indignation seems to have proved more effective than questions in the Commons, for according to the Westminster Gazette, the deputy controller of the stationery office, which supplies all equipment for the Government departments now states that the bulk of typewriters ordered henceforth will be British. He expected that most of those now in use were bought before or during the war, when no satisfactory British machines were manufactured. But British machines were now being tested. The incident at the Industries Fair was raised by a Labor member in the House of Commons late tonight.

A. M. Samuel, parliamentary secretary of the Overseas Trade Department, replying said he regretted that the typewriters used had come from abroad.

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