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LEGISLATURE TO OPEN ON MARCH 6

PREMIER BENNETT MOVES TO PROBE PRICE DIFFERENCES

Resolution To Investigate Price Spreads Between Producers And Consumers Unanimously Passed.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—The House of Commons established machinery today for the most sweeping parliamentary probe into industrial conditions ever attempted in Canada. With one voice, the House passed a motion sponsored by Premier R. B. Bennett to set up a committee of 11 members to investigate price spreads between consumers and producers.

Instructions to the committee were couched in the widest terms but emphasis was laid on investigation of mass buying practices by chain and department stores; labor conditions in industries; the relation between the flour milling industry and the bakeries of the country and methods of marketing livestock and animal products of all sorts.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—Premier R. B. Bennett took the first move in the House of Commons today to establish a parliamentary committee to investigate price spreads between producers and consumers. The probe also would include mass buying by chain and department stores, labor conditions in industries and marketing systems in the flour milling and live stock trades.

The Prime Minister moved the motion standing in his name on the Commons order paper which calls for the appointment of a committee.

He did not think it was desirable, continued Mr. Bennett, to enter into a discussion, at the present stage of proceedings of what caused the great spread between the price received by the producer and the price paid by the consumer of commodities in Canada.

"It is probably well known to most of us that a wide spread exists," he said. It might, however, be regarded as an effort to pre-empt the case if any detailed discussion should take place at present when first the resolution came before the House.

Cites Trade Journal

The question of "massed buying" had been very fully discussed in the past in the trade journals. It was a question of great importance to the retail trader, and this matter would be investigated by the committee.

Subsequent to the war, continued Mr. Bennett, a conference had been held relative to compensation paid labor, the institution of better hours, and general improvement of conditions. Following that most of the provinces of Canada had passed minimum wage laws. It had now been alleged that, in some of these provinces there was disregard of these minimum wage laws, with consequent injury to manufacturers and employees. It was thought desirable to have a close investigation into conditions, particularly as they affected the conclusions reached subsequent to the war and the international labor agreements.

Milling Industry

One particular industry to be investigated was the milling industry. It was only necessary to remark that many of the milling companies owned bakeries. The effect of this ownership of bakeries by the milling companies on the price of bread would be a subject of investigation.

The marketing of livestock Mr. Bennett referred to as a "paramount" subject. The provinces and Dominion had been endeavoring for a long time to improve conditions in the marketing of livestock. The present system was to be investigated with a view to seeing if it could be bettered.

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GALE SWEEPS ATLANTIC SEABOARD

Maritime Steamers Limp Into Ports After Experiencing Rough Weather.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

HALIFAX, Feb. 2—Roaring up the North Atlantic seaboard in the wake of a pounding rainstorm, a 40-mile-an-hour gale swept over the Maritime Provinces today and churned the coastal waters into a fury.

Actual damage was negligible according to reports tonight but two heavily-laden vessels steamed into St. John, N. B., harbor with their cargoes of coal and reported a hard battle with the sea while crossing the Atlantic. The 2,000-ton Swatzen slipping quietly into port after a 35-day trip from Grangemouth, Scotland. The 2,000-ton Swatzen arrived after a 24-day previous voyage from Swansea, Wales.

Off the coast of Nova Scotia the liner Rosalind said she encountered a heavy sea and a howling gale but they failed to delay her trip to Halifax from New York. Until heading for Halifax harbor, officers said the Rosalind travelled through seas "as smooth as a millpond."

The gale lashed up the harbor entrance and prevented fishermen from launching boats to obtain supplies for their down families on Devil's Island, just off the harbor mouth. Food and clothing was reported scarce but marine officials at Halifax said tonight small coast-land steamers would be able to carry supplies to the little ice-encrusted island if the necessity arose.

Far off the north-east peak of Cape Breton Island, the Canadian Government ice-breaker, the *Albatross*, was reported 18 miles south of J. S. Paul's Island, breaking up heavy ice-floes, that blocked entrance to numerous life ports along the coast of Victoria County and made it necessary for the Government vessel to carry supplies to isolated communities. Another ice-breaker, *Mikula*, was smashing ice formations in Sheet Harbor, N. S., and was expected to continue its work at Arichat, Richmond County Cape Breton.

Eight-tuning seas harassed both breakers in their efforts today but it was expected the *Mikula* would complete her heavy task tomorrow and then journey to Cape Breton waters.

Throughout the Provinces a few chimneys were toppled and at Baddeck in the south section of Victoria County the back wall of a small garage was carried away, tearing the telephone cable as it struck against the top of a pole.

Historic Mast Destroyed

(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

GRIMSBY, England, Feb. 2—The Admiralty's 440-foot wireless mast which floated the historic war signal to the British fleet on August 4, 1914, crashed in flames this afternoon after burning for 24 hours. The flames were visible for many miles on land and out at sea, in a wonderful spectacle. No one was hurt and the origin of the blaze was unknown.

Daring Raids By U.S. Gunmen On Three Banks

Sub-machine Guns And Pistols Used In Holdups Which Netted \$180,000

(Canadian Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—A policeman was slain, three other men were wounded and loot of approximately \$180,000 was taken in three bank holdups in the Eastern United States and one in Texas today.

Four men armed with sub-machine guns and pistols fatally wounded policeman Forbes McLeod in robbing the Needham Trust Company bank at Needham, Mass. and sped away. Another policeman, a fireman and a vault attendant were wounded.

The largest haul was made at Pennington, N.J., where four gunmen seized bags containing \$130,000 and escaped. The money was being carried into the Pennington National Bank.

Another robber quartet held up the Union Trust Co. branch bank at Rochester, N.Y., and fled with between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Six employees were kidnapped but later released by robbers who obtained between \$23,000 and \$24,000 from the First Coleman National bank at Coleman, Tex. A farmer living near Coleman reported he fed Clyde Barrow, notorious Texas outlaw, and his cigar smoking, gun-man companion, Bonnie Parker, several hours before the robbery.

Working with precision and speed, which authorities ascribed to "experienced" robbers, two of the holdup-men at Pennington trained pistols on the bank teller and messenger outside of the Pennington National Bank and Trust Company, snatched the packages of money and fled in the car containing the other two men.

The money, contained in three registered mail sacks and a mail pouch, was in bills of small denomination. It had been sent last night from the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia to the bank here.

Employees Held Up

Harold Anderson, teller at the bank, and William H. Weddington, bank messenger, called for the money at the post office, drove back to the bank in Anderson's car, and were preparing to enter the institution when they were surprised by bandits, whose car was parked directly in front of the automobile.

members were not prepared to discuss their resolutions and motions. J. S. Woodworth, leader of the C. P. F. pressed for labor codes for industries making large profits and paying small wages; nationalization of the nickel industry to prevent the manufacture of armaments; and government investigation of "financial promoters and manipulators."

DATE FIXED FOR OPENING OF SESSION

The third session of the 42nd Legislative Assembly of the Province will be opened on Tuesday, March 6, at 3 p.m. by His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBios. The customary military and other ceremonies will be observed at the function.

The early opening of the session is in accord with the procedure followed under the Stewart administration, which has proved particularly satisfactory to rural members.

Last night's Executive Council meeting which fixed the sessional opening date also authorized a proclamation bringing into effect Dominion regulations under the Meat and Canned Foods Act and the Fish Inspection Act.

Mr. Abijah Burns, Lower Free-town, was appointed a commissioner for taking acknowledgement of deeds and a justice of the peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.
- Borden Rink regular skate Monday night. L-116.
- All harness left for repairs not called for in 30 days will be sold. E. L. Hardy & Co. L-104.
- St. Stewart Club leading boys Tuesday afternoon, February 6th, please list. D. J. McDonald, L-129.
- Contract and Auction Bridge at Notre Dame Academy on Wednesday, February 7th. L-113.
- Borden Rink Saturday night special Skate 2 1/2 hours for 15 cents. L-117.
- Jimmy's Heartbreakers vs. Nine Mile Creek Bull Dogs at Afton Arena Rink Saturday night. L-119.
- The Annual Meeting of the Kingston Farmers Institute will be held Saturday night, February 3rd, at 7.30. L-26.
- Playoff games for first place Winsloe Huskies vs. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs at Milton Rink tonight. L-134.
- Annual Meeting of Afton Egg Circle will be held at Afton Hall, Monday, February 6th, at 7 o'clock. Armetus Betts, Secretary. L-20.
- Strayed, Rabbit Hound, tested left ear "Bex." Finder please notify Robert Chappell, York. Phone 1874. L-98.
- Kingston Crystals vs. Brookfield Puttputt at Winsloe Rink tonight. League game. Skating with music after. L-132.
- Hockey tonight at Marshfield, Marshfield Maple Leafs vs. Guardsian Angels tonight, 8 o'clock—big contest. Skate after. L-138.
- Hockey at East Royalty tonight, Charlottetown Maple Leafs vs. Royalty Royals. Skate after. L-137.
- The Annual Meeting of the Kinross Dairy Association will be held on Tuesday, February 6th at 1 o'clock. J. W. Farmer, Secretary. L-92.
- The Annual Meeting of Progress Egg Circle will be held in New London Hall, February 6th, at 7 P. M. A full attendance is requested. Bonus to be paid. If stormy first fine night. L-112.
- North Winsloe and Hunter River Clubs leading boys Wednesday forenoon, February 7th. Prizes firm to higher. List with secretaries. F. E. I. Co-operative Marketing Board. L-115.
- We have made several excellent contacts and still have some good territory open for worthy representatives. Call on or communicate with J. A. Moore, Mgr., Sun Life Assurance Co., Charlottetown. L-55.
- The Annual Meeting of Millview Egg Circle, will be held in Vernon Hall, Tuesday, February 6th, 7.30 P. M. Refreshments. All members attend. Speakers expected. L-123.
- MacLean League game at Victoria Rink Monday, February 6th, Borden Nationals vs. Victoria Unions. Admission 25 and 15 cents. Skating after match, excellent music. Don't miss this real game. L-133.
- Cape Traverse Juniors vs. Borden Juniors. Borden Juniors must win this game to be in play off for Abegweit Hotel title and also Provincial Playdowns. Admission 15c and 10c. One hour's skating after match. L-116.
- LONDON, Jan. 31.—Edwin Jesse Borton, aged two, of Derwentham avenue, Manor Park, E., died some weeks after eating poisonous tablets used for developing photographs. Verdict at Hammermith: Accidental death.

ARREST IN NFLD. STAMP ROBBERY

(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

ST. JOHN'S Nfld., Feb. 2—Continuing their secret efforts to gradually enclose an extensive counterfeiting ring, police this evening arrested Gordon Elton and charged him with complicity in the daring forgery of Newfoundland's valuable air mail stamps, commencing respective flights across the North Atlantic.

Arrest of the middle-aged garage proprietor brought the number in police custody to four, only one of whom has been committed for trial. Next Monday Percy Pearn, St. John's merchant, will appear for trial on charge of obtaining \$10,000 from a London, England, collector, through sale of forged stamps. Two others, whose names police withheld, also are held in connection with operation of the alleged ring.

Eight charges were laid against Pearn at first but it was finally agreed by Crown authorities to reduce them to three as the trial might be proceeded with as quickly as possible and avoid unnecessary expense to the Colony.

Government officials announced an expert witness left today for Liverpool to examine reputed counterfeiters' catches circulating in England, where representatives of the ring allegedly operated.

The stamps, marking each of the successive flights across the northern part of the ocean, included the most expensive air mail stamps ever issued. The last issue marked the Italian group flight under General Italo Balbo.

ALDERDICE RETURNS WITH HOPEFUL WORD

(By Guardian's Special Wire)

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 2—Declaring he had received from the King a message of encouragement for the people of Newfoundland, Premier F. C. Alderdice with his colleagues on the Newfoundland Commission sailed for the island tonight on board the liner Montclair.

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Encouraging Message From The King To Newfoundland.

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Claims Western Provinces Not So Extravagant

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—Allegations that the Western Provinces had been extravagant in governmental expenditures were unfounded, John Brown (Lib. Leader) told the House of Commons tonight as he spoke in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne. He was the only speaker.

Mr. Brown cited figures to show that both current expenditures and bonded indebtedness had increased to a greater extent in Ontario and Quebec in the last 20 years than in the Western Provinces. The deficit of the West was due, he said, to depressed state of world trade for which the Bennett Government was partly responsible and to natural disasters, drought and the grass-hopper plague.

Report Not Based On Fact

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 2—Robinson, Little and Company Limited, of London and Winnipeg, have informed the Canadian Press that statements in reports carried by the Canadian Press on Jan. 30, that the firm had failed or assigned, are incorrect.

Stanley Windie of Winnipeg, General Manager of the Company, stated to the Canadian Press that Robinson, Little and Company Limited had not failed or assigned but, on the contrary, is actively carrying on a flourishing business in Winnipeg and the western provinces.

May Succeed Sergeant-at-Arms Post

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—The position of Sergeant-at-Arms has not yet been filled and the latest to be named as a likely competitor for the post is Major Milton F. Gregg, V.C., of Moncton, N. B. It is understood that Major Gregg is now on his way to Ottawa. He is a native of Mountbelle, N. B., and a graduate of Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S.

Going overseas as a private, Major Gregg received his commission on the field and won several decorations including the highest award for valor in the gift of the British Empire.

Specialist Re- stores Man's Sight

(C. P. Cable By Guardian's Special Wire)

CARDIFF, Wales, Feb. 2—Henry Wilson of Newcastle, 29 years old and blind since he was two, looked wonderingly today on a world he had seen but forgotten. Behind his recovery was a triumph of modern surgery.

Wilson lost his sight when disease attacked the cornea of his eyes, the transparent shell that protects the exposed surface. His case remained apparently hopeless until Dr. Tudor Thomas, noted Cardiff specialist, became interested in him. From his sightless eyes Dr. Thomas peeled the diseased corneas, replacing them with healthy corneas from the eyes of two persons whose sight had failed from other causes.

Widespread interest in the case brought many famous surgeons to see Wilson while he lay in hospital.

Inquiry Is Resumed

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2—The Bennett administration gained a Progressive supporter yesterday when A. M. C. C. F. pressed for labor codes for industries making large profits and paying small wages; nationalization of the nickel industry to prevent the manufacture of armaments; and government investigation of "financial promoters and manipulators."

Both municipalities and counties could be reduced to probably one-third of their number, Mr. Smith believed. He thought a conference of all interested bodies could arrive at a solution regarding over-Government in the Dominion.

United States Looks For Expansion Of Credit

(By Richard L. Turner Associated Press Staff Writer)

By Guardian's Special Wire)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—As a by-product of the \$3,000,000,000 Stabilization Fund, the United States Government looks for an expansion of credit sufficiently extensive to offset the inevitable drain upon the money market resulting from the huge treasury borrowing of the next few months.

President Roosevelt was disclosed today to be determined that a re-awakening business should be found itself handicapped in obtaining funds needed for enlarged operations because the Government itself had gobbled up a good portion of the money available for lending.

Disappointed

Still disappointed in world market reactions to the devaluation of the dollar and the establishment of a free international gold market in the treasury, officials today were understood to be preparing to throw the force of the stabilization fund into the situation, with the hope of reviving the trend of the dollar and again depreciating it to a level beneficial to commerce.

Reduction Of Canadian Provinces Is Urged

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TORONTO, Feb. 2—Reduction of the number of Canadian Provinces to five with a merger of the three Prairie Provinces and the three Maritime Provinces was urged today at the annual meeting of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation by George H. Smith, first vice-president and general manager who described as "most appalling" the overlapping and worse than duplication of services in Canada.

Ch'Town Conference

"As you know so long ago as 1904," Mr. Smith added, "the Char-

The Weather, Etc



Decreasing northwesterly winds fair and much colder.

(Canadian Press)

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Feb. 2—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	11	18
Edmonton	4	11
Halifax	29	34
London	32	37
Montreal	10	16
Ottawa	10	16
Quebec	10	16
Saskatoon	10	16
St. John's	29	34
Winnipeg	10	16
Victoria	10	16
Yukon	10	16

Maritime Forecast: Decreasing northwesterly winds; fair and much colder.

High tide this afternoon at 1.35 and tomorrow morning at 1.15.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.14 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.11.

Last quarter moon Wednesday, Feb. 7, 8.25.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaving Borden 8.30

Week days—Leaving Cape Tormentine 10.30 a.m. (Returns) 2.30 p.m.

Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

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As so many people disclaim responsibility for small advice when bills are sent out in future no such advice will appear unless the order is accompanied with payment.

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