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EDITORIAL

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

The statement to the press made by Mr. Bennett on July 11 clarifies the muddled political situation to some extent. At least the voters know now where the Conservative Party stands.

"Our constitution must be reformed and amended if we are to be in a position adequately to deal with many problems that have arisen during the past few years", the Prime Minister said; and again: "No substantial advance can be made without amending the constitution."

That's plain enough. Too, it is consistent with Mr. Bennett's stand in the House of Commons during the last session. When Mr. Stevens urged that the reform legislation brought down did not go far enough, and Mr. King was fearful that it went too far, Mr. Bennett maintained steadfastly, backed by the opinions of the Government's legal advisors, that the reform program outlined in his radio addresses was implemented in the legislation introduced, just so far as that program could legally be implemented, under the British North America Act, and no farther.

"I am for reform!" Mr. Bennett said in his first radio speech last January. His brief statement indicates that now, in July, he is more than ever for reform. He wishes now to reform the Constitution, in order that he may legally and in orderly manner reform social and economic evils that have developed during the past twenty years.

It looks very much as though "Reform the Constitution" will be the Conservative Party's battle cry in the coming election campaign.

The Week at Ottawa

by Frederick Edwards

To such prompt and orderly revision of the British North America Act, Prime Minister R. B. Bennett has definitely pledged himself, and the Conservative party in the forthcoming elections.

Mr. Bennett has had requests from all parts of Canada for further social reforms. With the B.N.A. Act limiting the government to but a fraction of the reforms intended, the Prime Minister declared in the course of a statement made that the constitution must be amended "if we are to deal adequately with the many problems that have arisen during the last few years."

In other words, the mechanization of industry has given rise to social, labour and trade problems which could not have been foreseen by the Fathers of Confederation when they framed Canada's constitution 68 years ago. Conditions have arisen that require remedial treatment at once if economic salvation for all is to be achieved. Mr. Bennett has been fully aware of this for some time. He went as far as possible with the reform legislation he wanted to put on the statute books and meantime turned over the question of revision of the B.N.A. to a special House of Commons committee early last session.

Much work was done by the committee. Many witnesses were heard. The provinces were asked for their views, but preferred to wait until they could be thoroughly discussed at a joint Dominion-provincial conference. The committee's recommendation was that such a round-table discussion should be held as quickly as possible.

And so Mr. Bennett has pledged himself to do everything he can to reform the constitution provided he is given the necessary mandate by the electorate this fall. Readjustment of federal and provincial powers is necessary because, he said, "we have come to realize that social and economic problems have steadily become more and more matters of national concern." Even the provinces are agreed that constitutional amendment cannot be long deferred.

The following is the text of Mr. Bennett's statement made in response to a question as to whether the recommendations of the House committee which studied B.N.A. Act revision would be implemented:

"Recent events and declarations by provincial ministers indicate that our constitution must be reformed and amended if we are to be in a position to adequately deal with many problems that have arisen during the last few years. We have

HOLLAND COUNCIL

Council met on Tuesday, July 2nd, for the transaction of Township business. All the members present, Reeve John Heighes, presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A number of circular communications were received from Government departments, also one from Ontario School Trustees' Association.

John J. Norton reported examination of two sheep belonging to Howard Connell which had been killed by dogs, value, \$14.00.

Hanna - Howey—That the Clerk be authorized to furnish the Ontario School Trustees' Association with the information which they asked for.—Carried.

Carbert - Hanna—That we accept \$6.00 from Robt. Caesar, being error in Auditors' report.—Carried.

Carbert - Hanna—That this Council accept six cords of wood from Roy Trafford on hospital account at \$1.75 per cord.—Carried.

Howey - Hanna—That Messrs. Carbert and Price be a committee to look after Trafford wood and have it moved and stored or sold.—Carried.

Howey - Hanna—That the Road Superintendent's pay sheet No. 5, for the sum of \$4124.44 be paid and the Treasurer issue cheques for the same.—Carried.

Mr. Price then presented report No. 7 of Finance Committee, recommending payment of \$132.10.

Hanna - Howey—That report No. 7 of Finance committee be adopted as read.—Carried.

Council then adjourned until Tuesday, Aug. 6th, at one o'clock p.m.

James P. Hare, Clerk.

come to realize that social and economic problems have steadily become more and more matters of national concern. Because Canada accepted the obligations contained in treaties and conventions to which we subscribed, we were enabled, in the field of social security, to take more forward action at the last session of Parliament than was taken by all previous Parliaments since Confederation. A careful analysis, however, of Privy Council decisions by competent authorities warrants the unmistakable conclusion that, in the field not covered by treaties and conventions, no substantial advance can be made without reforming and amending the constitution.

"This task cannot be long deferred and is one which I propose to undertake without delay, after consultation with the provinces, if I continue to be responsible for the conduct of government of this country. Obviously, so far as we can at present ascertain, the provinces are all agreed that the constitution must be amended. The only question is as to how far there should be a redistribution of powers between provincial legislatures and the Federal Parliament."

Parliament Hill may be quiet but rumour is busy as ever. It is currently whispered that Mr. Bennett will soon announce three new Cabinet appointments, each of them to a young, verile worth-proven member, before he leaves early next week to holiday at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B., for the balance of the month. On his return it is said he will satisfy the cravings of election date quessers by naming the day for battle of ballots, and further that he will then have news regarding the remaining Cabinet appointees, these rounding out the ministerial reorganization program prior to the election.

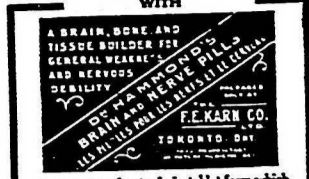
Minister of Railways Dr. R. J. Manion again hurled his no-amalgamation defi in the faces of those who say amalgamation would solve the railway problem. To a pulp and paper convention here Dr. Manion said the only solution to railway ills was business recovery. Further he called on all true Canadians to help stamp out incipient Communism before it reared his head too high.

The federal election campaign opens in Ontario the week of July 15th. Denton Massey, Ontario Conservative Campaign Director, will address 140 young men representing the youth of the province in Toronto July 16th, and will meet candidates and sitting members from 82 Ontario electoral districts on July 19 to discuss detailed organization plans.

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Met in Township Hall on July 6, for general business, with all the members present. 6 claims for sheep killed or injured by dogs were paid as follows: Robt. Wilson, \$39.00; J. Picken, \$23.00; Geo. Whitmore, \$6; E. McLean, \$7.00; James Goodwell, \$6; J. Nichol, \$14.00; Wm. R. Edge for 5 inspections of sheep killed, \$5; Archie McKechnie, 2 inspections, \$2; James McCarthy, 1 inspection, \$1.

The following accounts were paid: Municipal World, supplies, \$14.11; Insurance premium on policy No. 38693 to Lloyds re road insurance from May 5th, 1935 to May 5th, 1936, \$165.25; Bank of Toronto, re collection of taxes, \$5.00; Bank of Commerce, collection of taxes, \$13.30; Royal Bank, collection of taxes, \$15.60; J. J. McFadden and W. R. Jack, services as fence viewers re line fence dispute between Messrs. Sewell and Wood, each, \$2.50; A. N. MacCuaig, services re T. L. G. & A., \$2.00; E. J. Sullivan, re T.L.G. & A., north and south, \$4; R. C. Robinson, 1 1/2 days re roads and timber on roads, \$3.75; Treasurer, on salary \$75.00; Clerk, on salary, \$25.00.

The Road Superintendent presented Voucher for work on roads, No. 7, amounting to \$1985.68, which was accepted and payments ordered.

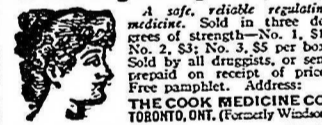
It was decided to purchase a No. 3 Road Boss Grader from the Canada Ingott Iron Co., to be equipped with Timpkins bearings on wheels.

Regarding report of Messrs. Sullivan and MacCuaig report re township line G. & A., it was moved and seconded by Robinson and Newell: That we accept report of committee re T.L.G. & A., and that we ask that the treasurer of Artemesia furnish a certified statement of township expenditure from Dec. 31st, 1932 to the present date.—Carried.

The Council adjourned to meet on August 3rd at 10 a.m. for general business.

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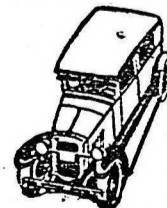
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