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Session of Parliament to Last Over Three Months

Tariff Revision Appears to be Most Contentious Subject on Program; Federal Aid For Highways and Technical Education Also, Says Ottawa News Letter

Ottawa, March 14—Parliament is in session and will stay that way for at least three-and-a-half months. Some pessimists are already to the fore with prophecies that the meeting will carry over until fall—and it may.

The program, as laid before members in the Speech from the Throne, appears contentious only with respect to tariff revision. There is other legislation proposed which the former government refused, such as federal aid for highway building and for technical education. The objection to it, however, is largely academic and it will have the staunch support of independent members as well as that of the government. Mr. King's objection is to the Dominion voting money where it does not retain direct control of the expenditure. When that objection is recorded the House should be ready to vote.

The same situation applies after a fashion to old age pensions, though it is under legislation passed by Mr. King that the Dominion already contributes half of these pensions. Under that legislation the maritime provinces and Quebec felt they could not assume the other half of the expenditure and for that reason the aged indigent in those provinces have not enjoyed pensions up to this time. In other provinces, notably in Ontario the burden on the municipalities has been felt keenly. The Bennett legislation will take practically the entire financial burden off the provinces, relieving those where pensions are now operative of their responsibility and securing for the aged poor in the other provinces equality of treatment.

The maximum pension, it is believed, will remain at \$240 per year until the whole scheme is in operation and there is opportunity to check the annual cost. At present the entire income of the pensioner is strictly limited and in the new legislation some concession in this regard may be extended. It may even become possible for provinces where they so desire, to augment the federal pension.

The tariff revision is to be extensive on general and intermediate classification. Mr. Bennett's belief is that the tariff can be used to build up the country and that it can so be used without exploitation of the consuming pub-

Represents Tariffs



Senator C. P. Beaubien, K. C., one of the members of the large Canadian Good Will and Trade Mission to South America, who heads the tariff committee organized to enquire into the situation in the Argentine and Brazil.

lic. His government is likely to settle for the immediate future the soundness of his belief. High tariffs are going to get an acid test. In putting them into effect Mr. Bennett is to create a new tariff board whose duty it will be not only to enquire into rate but, to safeguard the consumer. Exploitation as a corollary of high tariffs has been the feature of opposition to them and if Mr. Bennett can definitely stamp out exploitation, and fear of it, he will have gone a long way towards destroying prejudice against protective policy. Before his new schedules become effective, however, volumes of Hansard will be filled with barnacled arguments for and against.

In the Speech from the Throne the Government states its satisfaction with progress made at the London economic conference and expresses confidence in the success of the adjourned meeting in Ottawa this fall. As a concession to the conference very few changes will be made in the existing schedule of British preferences during the present session.

An interesting development is to be the reorganization of Government purchasing. This runs into huge sums each year and has been done through dozens of different departmental officials. That the system has led to abuses is conceded and the belief exists in many quarters that properly controlled purchasing will mean a saving annually of several millions to the public treasury. By a similar process it is expected that considerable money is to be saved by a new and business-like control of national finance.

WRECKED AEROPLANE TO AVOID STRIKING CHILDREN AT PLAY

The following despatch, with an Elk Lake date line, appeared in the out side newspapers on Saturday. The identity of the fliers, who took a chance of injury or death to avoid harming the children; apparently has not been revealed.

The plane of the Canadian Airways met with a bad accident day before yesterday. The pilot and mechanic were returning to Elk Lake and landed on the lake, a short distance up. Figuring on making another hop, they started up when they rounded the point of the mouth of Bear River, they saw that there was a number of children on the ice, and as they were then descending and could not get out of it they had to crash into a store house of J. R. Booth's Ltd., to avoid striking any of the children, who were scattered about the ice. The plane in a way was hemmed in at the time and there was no way of getting out other than strike the children, or crash so the pilot decided to crash against the store house. The plane was badly wrecked but fortunately neither the pilot or mechanic was hurt.

Released on Bail Four Weeks from Date For Trial

Sayed Alexander Had Been Held Since December Facing Arson Charge

After having been held in the district jail here since early last December, Sayed Alexander has been released on bail, within four weeks of the scheduled date of his appearance before the High Court here on a charge of arson. Alexander was arrested in Kirkland Lake after fire had destroyed a store he occupied there and when his case came before Mr. Justice Kelly at the assizes a few days later, the grand jury returned a true bill, but the trial was traversed to the next sitting to give his counsel time to prepare the defence.

Bail was set at \$5,000, but this was not met for more than three months. It has been furnished by two Syrian compatriots, on property owned by them in the district.

Alexander, it will be remembered is the man who fought an action for damages against the Canadian National Railways, for his loss of part of his leg, through four sessions of the courts, only to lose out in the end.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT FOR HANDLING TOWN'S NEW DEBENTURE ISSUE

Mr. A. J. Carson, chairman of the finance committee of the town council, has completed a very satisfactory agreement with Harris McKeen & Company, Toronto brokers, for the handling of the town's debenture issue, which will amount to \$70,000 and will be issued to cover the present loan from the Royal Bank. He states that the price secured makes the rate of interest payable on the issue just slightly over 5½%, which is the lowest rate of interest the town has paid on any debenture issue for some years.

Mr. McKeen, a member of the firm, was in Haileybury for a few days and before he left the deal was arranged. He had come up to look the situation over following a published report which stated that Haileybury, in common with several other municipalities, was in financial difficulties as it was his firm which handled the debenture issue. Mr. Carson was able to show him so clearly that this was not the case, that he was particularly anxious to handle the new issue and insisted on having the first opportunity.

Urge Bonusing To Settlers For Clearing Land

Settlers Association President And Cochrane Man Visit Cabinet Members

On their way to Toronto to interview Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Prime Minister, and Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, Joseph Lacasse, president of the Northern Ontario Settlers' Association, and J. A. Clermont, of Cochrane, passed through here on Saturday last. The object of their visit was to urge the government to further consider the granting of a bonus to settlers for the clearing of land, a resolution covering the request having been passed by the Associated Boards of Trade at the meeting of that body in New Liskeard last month.

Mr. Lacasse is at the head of the Settlers' Association, formed last year by the farmers in the Kapuskasing and Cochrane sections of the North. The organization has made good progress since its inception and is in a fair way to bring the needs of the settler before the authorities more definitely than has heretofore been the case. Mr. Clermont (Continued on Page 5)

Sidewalks Must Be Cleared of Snow in Downtown Area

New By-Law Passed Yesterday Requires Property Owners To Remove Both Snow and Ice; Two Streets Designated And Time Set For Work to be Completed

Advance in Liquor Prices



Sir Henry Drayton, head of the Ontario Liquor Commission, who announces that the prices of spirituous liquors will be increased at all Ontario Government stores effective immediately. Last year the people of Ontario spent slightly under \$50,000,000 in liquor, beer and wines.

Under the new by-law, passed yesterday morning by the town council meeting in special session for the purpose, owners and occupiers of property in the downtown area will be compelled to clear the sidewalks on which their premises are located of both snow and ice. The recent thaw, which has left the walks in rather a bad condition with the melting snow and ice has been responsible for the action of the council.

The section designated as covered by the by-law consists of Ferguson Avenue, between Amwell Street and Browning Street, and Main Street, between Ferguson and Georgina Avenues. This covers the greater part of the business section and the keeping of these streets clear will no doubt be an incentive to residents on other streets to follow the good example.

The by-law provides for the removal of snow and ice not later than 9 a.m. daily. Merchants and others in occupying buildings on the designated streets are now being warned of the new regulations and it is expected that they will be strictly observed.

Information as to the terms of the new regulation is being conveyed to all parties on the streets affected by the chief of police. The passing of this by-law was the only business transacted at the special meeting yesterday.

Fourteen men left the district jail here yesterday, nine of them to serve terms at Burwash, the other five had completed short terms and were free men.

Charles Bilinsky, of the Haileybury High School, won the district honors in oratory at North Bay on Friday night, with Reginald Gibbs, of the North Bay Collegiate, second. James Williamson represented Haileybury High School in the contest.

The Week's Weather

Week ending March 18, 1931

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	33	18
Friday	26	11
Saturday	27	13
Sunday	33	18
Monday	38	25
Tuesday	39	29
Wednesday	37	25

Precipitation for week 19 in.

Northern Ontario — Moderate north and east winds; fair to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature.

NOTICE

I wish to notify my customers of Haileybury, that I will again be delivering my orders in the very near future, and would be very glad again of your patronage.

Thanking you,
Mr. C. Cote,
New Liskeard.

MATABANICK HOTEL

Comfortable, Pleasant and Reasonable

Tickets—Good for 21 Meals \$9.00

WEEK-END SPECIAL!

ALL BOXED CHOCOLATES AT HALF PRICE

Neilson's Marachino Cherries, lb. 49c
15 Cent Wash Cloths 9c
\$1.50 Bathroom Mats 99c

A Complete Assortment of the New "SEVENTEEN" TOILETRIES on display for your inspection

Fresh Every Week

Laura Secord
Knechtel's Drug Store

FERGUSON AVE. PHONE 58 HAILEYBURY

CONFER ON GRAIN SITUATION



Premier J. T. M. Anderson, of Saskatchewan (left) and Premier J. E. Brownlee of Alberta (right), who will confer on the grain situation. It is understood they will pick the western representative on the proposed commission to survey the grain situation in Canada.

Tea and Produce Table

IN HOTEL HAILEYBURY

Friday, March 27th.

3 to 6 p. m.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the United Church

Robinson's Store

NEW LISKEARD : : ONTARIO

Our Sensational Spring Sale is being continued

ALL THIS WEEK

To enable all our customers to take advantage of the Great Reductions that we have made in our entire stock of

Dresses, Coats, Knitted Suits and all classes of Ladies' Wear and other goods.

R. S. ROBINSON