

J. A. Bradette, M.P. Deals with Many Public Issues

Compliments Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association on Good Work. Shows Why North Should be Represented in Senate. Touches on Railway Question, Divorce Question, Monetary Matters and Other Subjects.

Ottawa, Monday, March 23, 1938
To the Editor of
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—In this week's letter I want to make a few comments on two special kinds of activities that I have noticed in reading the "Porcupine Advance" and the "Northern Tribune." I want to compliment most heartily the "Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association" for their activities in game and natural resources preservation. A large number of citizens of the Porcupine district belong to that organization and I hope that it will be found possible to have such associations instituted in a great many sections of Northern Ontario. There is no doubt that in our section we have been great destroyers and wasters and it is not a bit too early to start on a campaign of education for the preservation of our game and natural resources. Take for instance our forest resources, we certainly have been great wasters on that fine heritage and we should have more and more clubs for forest preservation and tree planting. That movement is, to some limited extent, well under way, even in new centres of population like the "Porcupine section" where quite a lot of tree planting is going on and also some fine private lawns. These activities should be greatly encouraged by the municipal authorities.

Everybody who visits towns like Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing and also the town of Cochrane is very much impressed by strides that have been made on those lines. I want also to give some words of praise in favour of Mr. Goring of the Experimental Farm of Kapuskasing, and Dan Pomerleau, Agricultural Representative, for the fine work that they are doing in the rural sections in showing to the farmers the beneficial effects of fine flower and vegetable gardens and also of hedge and tree planting around their habitations.

I noticed a resolution passed by the above-named organization asking that the water reserves controlled by the Frederickhouse dam be raised to a common level the year round so as to assist in the propagation of game of wild ducks and geese. It is only a legitimate request which should be granted, but before the lake level is raised I hope that the area affected will be properly cleared of all trees and shrub growth that could be found on the intended flood area. If this is not done, it will make an awful mess of part of the lake bottom which could then never be remedied. I have already received

many letters on this subject which I have transmitted to Toronto and I know that the Provincial Government is giving to that demand its immediate attention.

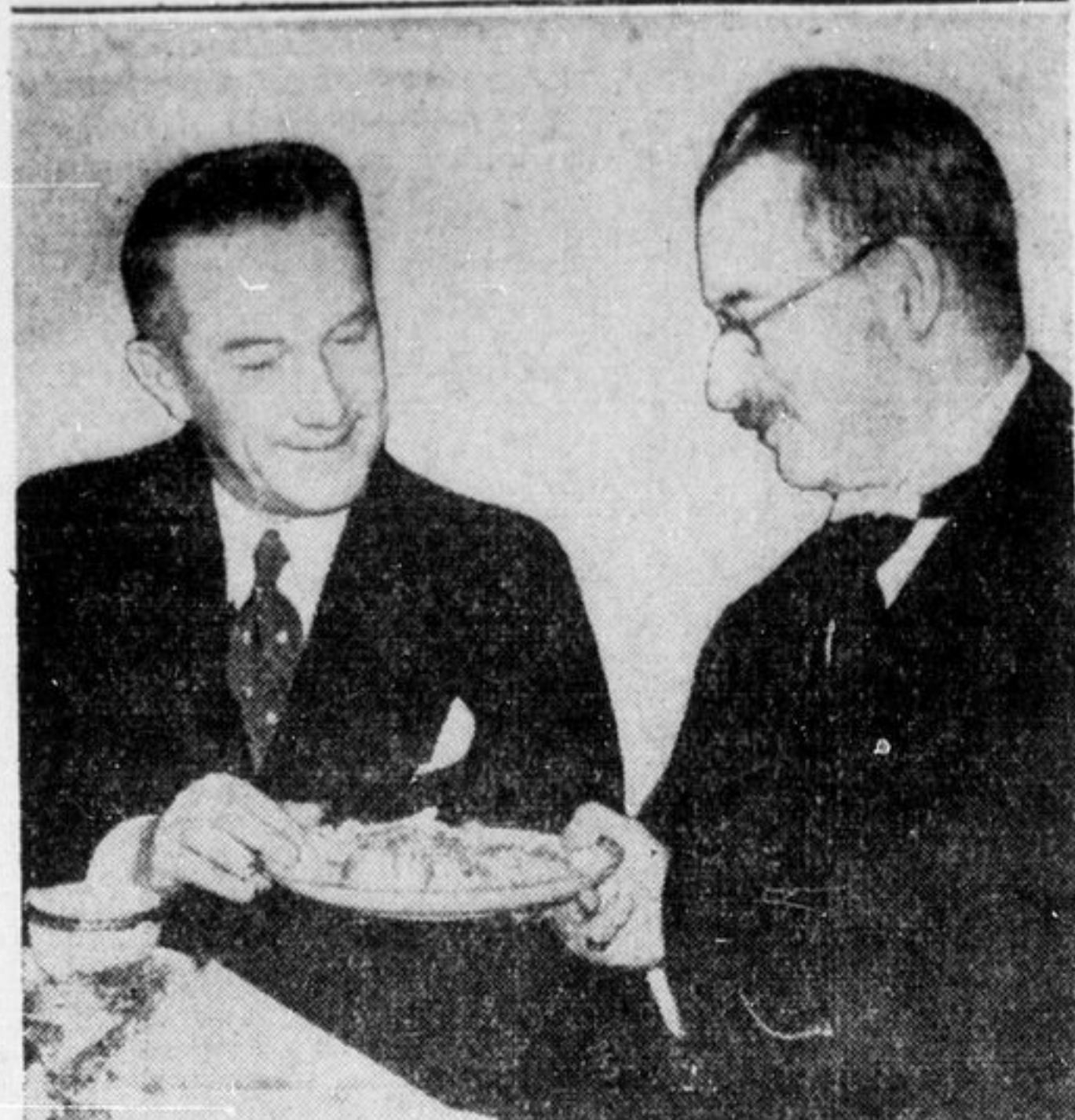
The other article to which I want to make allusion is the fact that a Northern Ontario Weekly of Temiskaming has stated that the appointment of Duncan Marshall is one that can be considered as pertaining to Northern Ontario. I absolutely agree with the editor of the "Northern Tribune" of Kapuskasing who said that only through the wildest stretch of imagination could that appointment be considered one that could represent our section in the Senate. To keep the records straight on this question at the moment, although we must have over 500,000 people living in Northern Ontario, as defined by the eastern boundary of the riding of Nipissing, there is only one Senator who represents that whole area, namely, Senator Gordon of North Bay and, according to the ratio of population in the Province of Ontario, we should have at least three Senators for our own section. This is not a regional statement but one stating actual facts.

We have in our own section men well-versed, not only with our own sectional problems, but also with the national and international situation, men who have made their mark in the professions, newspaperdom, business, labour and agricultural activities, men who are fully qualified to hold in a very capable manner that exalted position. Such men would be a credit not only to our section but to the whole of Canada, and I make the fervent wish that in the near future the Federal Government will rectify the anomaly that exists at the present time as far as our representation is concerned.

Bill No. 21, dealing with the export of Hydro Power, had its second reading Friday afternoon. The Prime Minister made it very plain that all members in the House were left to their own discretion to vote on this measure as they pleased, and again he repeated the statement that he made a week before, that by the adoption of such a bill it would give more responsibility to Parliament which is the proper public body to deal with a national problem of this nature.

The Government Bill, he attested, was for the prohibition of power export with provisions for licenses to be made for export only if Parliament

International Tea Party



Sir Harry Twyford (right), Lord Mayor of London, handing a plate of sandwiches to Dr. Julius Lippert, Burgomaster of Berlin, Germany, at a tea in the honour of Dr. Lippert at the Mansion House, London, during his visit in connection with the International summer Schools.

thought it right they should be granted.

Lately in the Senate, quite a lot of discussion has been given to the railway question of this country. A lot of outstanding senators have expressed their viewpoints on this matter and no doubt we will also have a full-dressed debate on that important problem in the House of Commons. It is my intention to speak on this question as our section is very vitally interested in the railway situation and although I am not for any kind of amalgamation, unless it is under public ownership, I am, however, in favour of the closest cooperation between the two railway systems.

In the resolution of want of confidence on going into supply, there has taken place in the House a great discussion over the monetary system of this country. That motion was presented by the Social Credit group who used this opportunity of propounding their own particular theory in our present monetary system, and then the discussion became general. Some good information and arguments were put forward and there is no doubt after listening to the speech of the Minister of Finance, Hon. Dunning, that we are making some headway in the governmental control of our paper money. When that matter came to the attention of the House one particular fact disclosed was, I think, quite contrary to general opinion. That was the fact that Canada had gone off the gold

standard in the year 1931-32 and that this country is still off the gold standard today.

The bill that has been revised and passed for several years and which was once given quick and unanimous approbation was the private bill of Tommy L. Church, Conservative, Toronto, requiring newspapers to file a sworn statement with the Postmaster General, disclosing their ownership. As usual, Mr. Church was highly critical of what he termed "Newspaper cannibalism" brought forth by newspaper mergers and so forth, stating that such conditions are strangling democracy and the party system of Government in Canada and threatening the lives of many weekly newspapers. I hope that the fate of his bill will not be the same as in previous years because in all those several occasions it was thrown out.

The by-election caused by the recent death of Peter Sinclair, Liberal member for Queen's Prince Edward Island, will be held on the second of next May. The premature death of this relatively young Parliamentarian was quite a shock to the deputation.

George Reon, a young 35-year-old lawyer, recently elected in Argensteuil, has succeeded to the late George Perley. He was introduced in the House. He came here with quite a reputation as a speaker and he will likely be named Conservative leader in the Province of Quebec. He said during his campaign, and since he was elected to the House, that he was a Duplessis Conservative,

although his self-made qualifications have yet to be endorsed by the Premier of Quebec who stated very definitely yesterday that it is not his intention to have anything to do now or at any time with federal politics.

Ernest Bertrand, Liberal, Montreal, opened discussion on his private bill to legalize provincial government lotteries in aid of universities and hospitals. Tremendous sums for purchase of lottery tickets are now going out of the country to Ireland and Great Britain, he said, and why should not these sums be kept in Canada for charity here. He characterized Canada's present prohibitory law against lotteries over \$50, as farcical and he declared that there is wide support throughout the Dominion for government conducted lotteries for charitable purposes. In 1934 the Senate approved lotteries for hospitals but the Commons threw out the bill. A similar fate, it is felt, awaits Mr. Bertrand's bill when it is finally voted on.

The Minister of Fisheries stated that the Canadian Government would welcome any overtures from the United States for an agreement regulating fishing on the Great Lakes. Similar agreements have brought mutually beneficial results on the Pacific coast fishing grounds, he said, and something may come of the proposal as regards the Great Lakes.

The private bill of Senator McMeans, of Winnipeg, for widened grounds for divorce in Canada was sent to a special committee for further consideration after it had been given second reading by the Senate by 40 to 29. The bill was opposed on religious grounds by French-Canadian and other Catholic and Anglican senators. Some Protestant senators showed pronounced disapproval of the current unsatisfactory situation in Quebec where so many marriages have occurred over mixed marriages of a Roman Catholic and a Protestant where the marriage was not solemnized by a priest. The second reading of the bill which follows, pretty closely, the recent British divorce law, was supported by Senator Cairine Wilson of Ottawa. The bill will still have to run the gauntlet in the Commons after it passes the Senate and doubts are expressed as to whether it will get there.

We know, for a certainty, that the budget will not be brought in until after the Easter recess. No doubt that the complicated situation in Europe will likely retard the trade agreements between Canada, England and the United States. The standing committees are now in full function, and although the work of Parliament is progressing normally, the session cannot be over before the end of next June.

Yours Sincerely,
J. A. Bradette.

Kitchener Record:—A man may be on the square and still move in the best circles.

Gold Inflation Only Practical Solution

Opinion of Noted Writer Supports Suggestion of Canadian Authorities.

Several Canadian authorities, and notably the mining editor of The Globe and Mail, have been contending that increase in the price of gold is the only sensible and practical means by which the heavy public debt of the world can be serviced and general prosperity restored. The proposal has double interest for the North. In this North there is the common interest in public debts and in addition there is the interest of the country as a material gold producer. Any increase in the price of gold would give double service to the North. The suggestion of increase in the price of gold thus has special attraction for this country. However, it would seem that from the standpoint alone of public interest and apart from any probable impetus given the development of the country from increased gold price, the advantage of assistance to a world burdened with debt now apparently about impossible to carry has its own particular appeal. This theory of the vital value to the world of a further increase in the price of gold is given strong support in a recent article in The New York Journal and American by Guglielmo Ferrero, described as the "foremost historian in Europe."

The article says there are two kinds of money—natural or metal money, extracted from mines, and artificial or paper money, produced in printing factories. There are, also, two kinds of inflation—natural or gold inflation and artificial or paper inflation. A rapid increase in the production of gold acts as an inflation, increases the quantity of gold coin in circulation and gives a lively impulse to industry and commerce. The most common form of inflation is multiplication of money. The procedure is simple and the effect never fails, immediately at the least. When money is abundant, everyone buys, prices rise, industry is busy, trade prospers.

The writer then traces the history of gold and points out that the first great inflation followed discovery of gold in California in 1848. That was a decisive event, even for Europe in revolution, and was followed by discoveries in Australia. From 1848 to 1851, in three years, world production of gold was quadrupled. From 1870, in twenty years, thanks to the impulse from California, the world produced as much gold as in the 250 years from 1600 to 1850.

Judging by history, paper inflation has always been harmful and deprives the world of the benefits of natural gold inflation. The latter, being natural, has two decisive advantages over paper inflation: it is not arbitrary and

it regulates itself. It does not depend upon the will of Governments. All the Governments in the world, if united, could not increase the production of gold by a ton. That depends upon the work, the intelligence, the initiative, of millions of men scattered over the entire globe.

The article continues: "Gold inflation regulates itself. The multiplication of gold coins causes a rise in the price of all commodities; the rise in prices increases the cost of extraction of gold and, in consequence, reduces the production of the gold mines, which after a certain time causes a reduction in prices, rendering possible a new increase in the production of gold. This automatic balance between the price of gold and the price of other merchandise, is known to all who have studied the economic history of the 19th century."

The great superiority of gold inflation over paper inflation is that, being a natural phenomenon, independent of the will of governments, it is impossible for States to abuse it. On the other hand, the faculty for abuse is the great danger of artificial inflation which depends exclusively on the will of a State. The more money produced, the more it depreciates; the more it depreciates, the more must be produced. The French Revolution and Germany after the World War are memorable examples of the moral and economic disorder to which an excess of inflation of paper money may lead.

"Why," asks the author, "has the world completely forgotten the great experience of the past century? Why does it not know that the gold mines of California saved it once and that to-day there are many Californians in full activity on the various continents? It is one more proof of the great confusion that reigns to-day in people's minds and renders it so difficult for the Government and public opinion in each country to find its bearings."

"We seek everywhere for complicated and difficult remedies, when Nature often offers us simple, easy remedies which cost little or nothing. This aberration, remarkable in such a cultured epoch as ours, has complex reasons. In order to cure it, we must not cease repeating to the public certain truths, whereon science, common sense and experience are in agreement. One of these simple truths is gold inflation and its effects."

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