

BILL AGAIN BROUGHT IN

The Same Distribution Measure As Last Year.

MEIGHEN MAKES ATTACK

On the Government—The Commons Will Not Sit on Ash Wednesday.

Ottawa, March 4.—The redistribution bill was given first reading at the opening of the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. The bill is the same as that of last year, which was sent to a special committee, but did not get through the House. It provides for an increase of ten members, making the total number of members in the House 245, instead of 235. It provides for increased representation in British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. In the case of British Columbia, there is an increase of one member; Manitoba, two; Alberta, four; Saskatchewan, five. Nova Scotia loses two members.

There was no discussion of the motion for first reading, which was moved by Premier King. The leader of the Opposition, the Right Honorable Arthur Meighen, launched an attack upon the King Government, when he gave the views of the Conservative party towards the record of the Liberals since their success at the polls in December, 1921. He declared for a stable tariff.

Copy of Liquor Treaty.
A copy of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States in regard to the search of vessels suspected of carrying on contraband trade in liquor was laid on the table by Premier King. By this treaty the long-standing principle of the three-mile limit for national jurisdiction is maintained generally, but it is modified in regard to ships engaged in the contraband-liquor trade so as to allow seizure within a distance that can be covered by a vessel in one hour. This is the treaty that is sometimes referred to as fixing a 12-mile limit for the seizure of vessels suspected of being engaged in this trade, but that limit is not specifically mentioned in its terms, the purpose being secured by the hour's sailing period mentioned above.

Case of Farmer.
Consideration is being given by the Justice Department here of the case of James Cox, the Goderich, Ontario, farmer, now serving a two months' imprisonment term for alleged mistreatment of an immigrant boy in his employ. The boy, Charles Bulphit, hanged himself on Cox's farm last December. It is expected that the recommendations of the Justice Department will reach the Governor-General in a few days. Mr. Cox has served about one-half of the term imposed on him by a magistrate in Goderich. If the Governor-General decides that the case merits clemency, an immediate release probably will be ordered. It is understood that many citizens of the Goderich district have signed a petition for clemency, and it is probably this petition which is now before the federal authorities will be acted upon.

Petitions in favor of the Canadian National Railways branch lines bill, which was killed by the Senate last session, are flowing in to the western members from their constituents. Some of these petitions come from the locals of the United Farmers' organizations and others are signed by individual settlers in the districts affected.

Abolish Capital Sentence.
William Irvine (Labor, East Calgary) introduced a bill to abolish the capital sentence. Mr. Irvine would substitute life imprisonment where death is the punishment by law.

Hon. Pierre Cardin, the new minister of marine and fisheries, was introduced by Premier King and Hon. Jacques Bureau. Mr. Cardin was re-elected by acclamation for Richelieu following his acceptance of the portfolio.

The House will not sit on Wednesday of this week, which is Ash Wednesday. A motion for adjournment for that day was passed at the instance of the Prime Minister.

Concern Over Wheat Going Via Portland, Me.

Ottawa, March 4.—Interviews with members from the maritime provinces indicate that they are greatly concerned over the much larger volume of Canadian wheat that is being exported through Portland, Maine, as compared with that going through St. John, N.B., and other maritime province ports. This is especially true of the members from St. John.

BOWEN CASE AGAIN RAISED

Attorney-General Asked To Reconsider the Matter.

RECOGNITION STILL ASKED

For the U.F.O. Group By Former Provincial Secretary, Hon. H. Nixon.

Toronto, March 4.—In the Legislature yesterday afternoon J. A. McCausland, S.W. Toronto, directed the attention of the attorney-general to the fact that Trooper Bowen, who was whipped by his comrades at Stanley Barracks, was now a deserter and a thief.

"Bowen has skipped out and is now in Buffalo," said Mr. McCausland. "I would like the attorney-general to take this matter into consideration, in view of the treatment handed out to the soldiers alleged to have whipped the man. He has sent indecent letters to the commanding officer, has committed perjury by stating that he was a British subject, and now admits that he is an American."

Hon. W. F. Nickle made no reply.

An amendment to the Municipal Act, introduced by Major Lewis, providing for the purchase of fire apparatus in smaller centres of the province, up to the value of \$20,000, without a vote of the people, was given second reading.

Hon. Manning Doherty said he was opposed to the principle involved.

IMPERIAL RANK HAS NO OFFICIAL STANDING

At the Governor-General's Drawing-room—Social Circles Are Affluter.

Ottawa, March 4.—Social circles in Ottawa are all affluter over a new table of precedence that went into effect at Saturday night's drawing room. It is said to have been prepared by the Colonial Office at the request of Lord Byng.

Among the most radical changes are those which wipe out the precedence formerly given to Imperial rank. In this connection it is said that a knight who appeared in a brand new major-general's uniform was deeply chagrined to find that he had no official standing.

Others, too, beside the knight, got a distinct shock and it is hinted that social circles are hardly yet recovered by the language that shook their greatest altitudes.

VOTE ON THE O.T.A. WILL BE PLEBISCITE

Ontario Government Will Take the Full Responsibility, Says Premier.

Toronto, March 4.—Premier Ferguson has explained that the vote to be taken on the Ontario Temperance Act is to be a plebiscite and not a referendum, the distinction being that the Government proposes to take full responsibility for the changes it makes in the act in accordance with the result of the vote. "The Government believes in responsibility," the premier is quoted as saying. "We will submit the plebiscite and take full responsibility for changing the act in accordance with the result of the vote. Ordinarily I do not believe in either referendums or plebiscites. But in this case there are special circumstances."

TO CURTAIL THE SESSION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

The Closure May Be Used If Obstructionist Tactics Are Introduced.

Ottawa, March 4.—It is the intention of the government to place its legislation before the House with the most possible speed, so that there shall be no possibility of complaint that measures are introduced during the dying days of the session.

It is also the desire of the government to further its policy of economy by curtailing the session as much as possible. In this desire the ministry has the backing of all but the most radical elements of the unofficial opposition. In the event of there being any inclination on the part of the opposition to make use of obstructionist tactics, it is possible that the Liberals for the first time may make use of the closure.

The tariff promises to feature largely in the debates of the session. The last time the tariff was a real issue was during the reciprocity debate of 1911, when the Conservatives kept the budget debate going almost interminably. There was no closure then and it is doubtful, even had there been, whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier would have enforced it. His desire being that the public should be thoroughly informed on all the phases of the tariff question. Premier King may conceivably take the same attitude and it is unlikely that closure would be instituted in connection with the budget debate.

WOMEN OF HAREM TO FAST FOUR DAYS.

London, March 4.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Daily Express states that in consequence of the deposition of his harem have resolved to refuse food for four days.

PREMIER EMPHATIC

That Workman's Compensation Board Grant Is to Be Cut. Toronto, March 4.—The decision of the government to further economy by discontinuing the annual grant of \$100,000 towards the administration of the Workman's Compensation Board, brought a protest this morning from a deputation of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, which waited on Premier Ferguson. Coupled with the objection of the manufacturers that the government grant be cut off, the deputation expressed themselves against the re-organization of the board as far as the establishment of legal representation for the applicants was concerned.

The premier was emphatic in his statement that the grant was to be cut off.

Earthquake Razes San Jose Buildings

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 4.—A series of earthquakes, the strongest felt here in twenty-five years, beginning at four o'clock this morning, damaged fully half the buildings of San Jose and caused a number of casualties.

Part of the United States legation building collapsed, but the United States minister and his family escaped uninjured.

Communication with neighboring cities is entirely cut off.

Cannot Extradite Willis.
Toronto, March 4.—Judge Coatsworth yesterday afternoon dismissed with costs the application of Assistant District Attorney Caro, of Boston, to extradite Hamilton B. Willis, of Toronto, on charges of having made a false entry and omitted to make a true entry in the books of the Boston and Montana Mining Corporation, with intent to defraud.

Babe Born on Train.
North Bay, March 4.—The stork delivered a healthy bouncing boy on train No. 17 as it neared Redwater on the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway yesterday. The mother was on her way to join her husband at Cochrane. Both are doing well.

Severe Earthquake Recorded.
Washington, March 4.—A very severe earthquake, about 2,100 miles from Washington in a southerly direction, was recorded early today on versity. The shocks were in progress at seven o'clock.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS SEEKING HIGHER PAY

Ottawa, March 4.—Officers of the Canadian Brotherhood of Lighthouse keepers, an organization of coast guards numbering 1,400, are in Ottawa on their annual pilgrimage and will present to Hon. P. J. Caudre, minister of marine and fisheries, among other things demands for re-classification, revision of salaries, and superannuations.

Comparison of Canadian and American salaries shows that American coast guards are paid almost twice as much as Canadians, and that the American lighthouse keepers enjoy gasoline launches, to carry them from their lighthouse to shore, and also radio machines to beguile long hours of watch when the sea is scanned for fog.

A WOMAN MISSING.

Disappeared on Sunday—Highly Nervous and Worried. Belleville, March 4.—Mrs. Marian Wigglesworth, thirty-eight years, disappeared from her home, 10 Harriet street, early Sunday morning and has not been seen since. She was wearing slippers, and only a blanket effect overcoat covered her nightclothes. It is thought she may have fallen into the river.

Mrs. Wigglesworth is the wife of John Wigglesworth, who has been working at the Corbyville plant for seven years past she has been a sufferer from chronic septic rheumatism, and lately was worrying much over her household and family of two boys, Firth, aged eleven, and John, ten. She and the children were to have returned to England in a few weeks.

FIRE CAUSES DEATH OF 300 PERSONS

Tsingtao, China, March 4.—Three hundred persons were burned to death, suffocated or died in panics as the result of a fire which swept the important town of Chow Tsau, forty miles east of Tsinan, Shantung province, last Friday. Seven hundred others were injured.

WILL CARRY OUT PLEDGE

About Tariff Reduction, Premier King Tells Commons.

CONDEMNATORY PESSIMISM

A Closer Entente Between the Liberals and the Progressives Is Indicated.

Ottawa, March 4.—Consuming almost exactly the same space of time as his adversary, Right Hon. Mackenzie King made an exhaustive, and at times eloquent, defence of his excellency's utterance to the commonsense last night. The prime minister challenged at the outset the part played by Mr. Meighen as the "chief mourner in a nation-wide pilgrimage of woe" and declared that in no sense were conditions in Canada so gloomy as they had been made to appear by the Opposition leader, his press and his henchmen.

The speech from the throne, Mr. King declared, was a plainly worded statement of fact, every clause in which meant what it said, and every promise in which would be implemented to the letter. Taxation of the people, he insisted, was being reduced, and would be further lowered; the budget would show for the first time in a decade an excess of receipts over expenditure; a flood-tide of immigration soon would set in, striking economies would be shown in civil government and very positively, this—tariff, reductions would be definite and vital. The prime minister's use of statistics to refute the "Whispers of Death" of the leader of the Opposition led his followers into prolonged cheering and when he took his seat, to a wild ovation.

Caucuses Held.
Ottawa, March 4.—Liberals and Conservatives met in caucus today. In both cases general policy was under discussion, the Conservatives having the further problem for consideration as to whether or not they shall submit an amendment to the address and the form it will take, if brought down.

This afternoon, Robert Forks, Progressive leader, will continue the debate on the address. He will be followed by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre Winnipeg. Thus technical status of Mr. Woodsworth as party leader is recognized, although the Labor party in the house consists of only two.

Corridor comment today turns largely on last night's declaration of Premier King, his references to the Liberal-Progressive relations, his appeal to the Progressives for support in "binding eastern and western Canada together," are regarded as an indication that more is likely to be heard of a closer viewpoint—such as gossip—may be a feature of session.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Smallpox has developed at Franklinville.

At New York, Paul Berlenback defeated Jimmy Darcy in three rounds.

It is reported at Hamilton that Harry Halford will be removed from his position as vice-chairman of Workmen's Compensation Board by Ferguson government.

Signs of the times in Quebec legislative circles are that the Government intends to speed up business in the hope that the session may be terminated in two weeks.

Hon. George S. Henry, minister of public works, is seriously but not dangerously ill at his home near Agincourt. Mr. Henry is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

"Babe" Ruth will be out in a day or so unless unexpected complications set in. Dr. W. T. Wooton, Hot Springs, Ark., his physician, announced. Ruth has been ill with influenza.

Suspended sentence was the decision of Judge Denton in Toronto police court Tuesday when seven troopers of Stanley barracks appeared before him in connection with the whipping of Trooper William Bowen.

Gratitude towards France for recent evidences of friendship was the sentiment of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, as voiced Monday in a motion brought forward by Hon. Athanas David, provincial secretary.

Export of Australian apples to the United Kingdom will decrease a million bushels this coming season, according to a report from the Canadian trade commissioner in Melbourne to the Commercial Intelligence Journal.

A cold spell is prevailing throughout France generally and the temperatures in many districts are exceptionally low. In the district of Aurillac, Cantal department, the lowest temperature has been recorded; the thermometer registering 11.6 degrees below zero there.

ANOTHER LEAP DAY BABY IN KINGSTON

On Monday the Whig referred to a Leap Day baby girl having been born. The Whig has another to report. This time it is a boy to Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlop, Jr. The bride was formerly Miss Florence Douglas. Both the baby boy and girl referred to were born at the General Hospital.

CONVICT CLASSIFICATION.

And Enactment of Regulations to Eliminate Abuses. Ottawa, March 4.—"Under the present penitentiary act," declares Dr. Desjardins of St. Mary's, Montreal, in a motion he intends to bring before the House of Commons, "the most elementary principles of morality, hygiene and humanity are violated."

Dr. Desjardins will urge classification of convicts and enactment of regulations to eliminate abuses.

Killed On A Scow.

Thorold, Ont., March 4.—David Kennedy, aged 35, whose home is in Midland, was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon by a quantity of snow and ice from the deck of a scow on which he was working in the Welland canal. He was struck and thrown violently to the bottom of the scow. When the ice was removed, he was dead, his neck being broken.

OBSEQUIES ARE STAGED OF THE "WHITE PLAGUE"

Laval Students Hold Mock Burial of Tuberculosis in Quebec City.

Quebec, March 4.—Residents were disturbed Sunday afternoon by a Ku Klux Klan invasion. The Klansmen turned out in force and they were clad in the peaked hats and flowing robes that have struck terror into the hearts of many citizens of the Southern States. Fortunately the Quebec organization proved to be of a temporary nature and the members were bent upon a peaceful mission. They were medical students of Laval intent upon proving to the population of Quebec that tuberculosis would soon be dead and buried.

The procession was headed by three mounted policemen and spectators who had heard stories of the Klan were reassured by this welcome example of law and order. Behind the policemen followed two students bearing aloft a banner upon which was inscribed the words "Tuberculosis has been sentenced to death."

A more gruesome exhibit followed. Four Klansmen supported a platform and erected on this a gallows. From the gallows a gaunt skeleton hung—the skeleton of tuberculosis.

The Obsequies.

An army of students bearing spades followed the last remains of the dread enemy. Still more followed, bearing upon their shoulders the black draped coffin. The coffin, too, was inscribed with a grim phrase: "We will bury white anti-tuberculosis campaign health stamps." Many onlookers probably registered a vow that they would assist in the obsequies.

The parade marched through the streets and great crowds of people lined the route and cheered the redoubtable K.K.K. The cortege moved slowly along towards Dufferin Terrace and at this point the crowd was so dense that the "funeral" had difficulty in forcing a passage. To the accompaniment of funeral hymns and dirgeful music the paraders marched along the Terrace, then followed by an army of spectators they passed along Bluaud street and back to the Laval University.

Prof. G. E. Jackson, Toronto University, urged that the best means of getting satisfactory immigrants in Canada is by having settlers and their write home and tell their friends to try their fortune here, too.

CADET NOW MAKES REPLY

Through His Father to the R.M.C. Charges.

WAS MUCH DISSATISFIED

With Conditions Existing—Claims He Could Not Get An Education There.

Major F. G. Arnold, Regina, Sask., who returned to Kingston from New York, accompanied by his son, Cadet Arnold, who left the Royal Military College on Feb. 5th, owing to some dissatisfaction, today gave the press a letter he had sent to the commandant. The letter in part is as follows:

Kingston, Ont., March 3, 1924.

To The Commandant Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario:

Dear General Macdonell: As I telephoned you, I brought my boy back from New York this afternoon. Allow me to thank you for your kindness and courtesy in granting him leave, pending a final disposition of this case.

As to his reason for leaving the college, I cannot do better than quote his letter to me covering this point:

Why He Left.

"New York, Feb. 22nd, 1924. 'Dear Dad:—Thanks for your telegrams and letters. In leaving the college I took what was perhaps the most important step in my life, but I know you will believe me when I tell you that it was not done on impulse or because I am a quitter. I stayed as long as I did because I wanted to be quite sure that I was doing the right thing.

'The college itself is all that you told me and all that I thought. The staff are white and the course is just as good as the syllabus. The discipline is only what a fellow would expect and just what he needs and the physical training is simply wonderful. As you know, I have done fairly well in my classes, but honest, dad, it is because I was pretty well up when I came. There is simply no chance to get any education here. The whole atmosphere is against it and a recruit is simply not allowed to study and I really feel that I can spend four years more profitably as far as education is concerned here by completing my course here. By going when I did I can still get in my senior matric this June and so not lose any time and that means saving a whole year at the University.

'This sounds pretty bald, dad, but you have always trusted me and I know you will now until I get a chance to talk to you and explain.

(Signed) MURF."

Stounded at Conditions.

I have had several talks with the boy and I can say that I am simply stounded at the conditions prevailing at the R.M.C. and I find it difficult to credit that they are entirely unknown to at least some of the staff.

In the first place, I should like to take up the points covered in your interview to the press in which you were quoted as saying:

- A. That the punishment was twelve strokes of the swagger stick.
- B. That the punishment was for lying, a most heinous offense and one peculiarly abhorrent to the student body; in saying to a senior cadet that the score was six nothing when I left.
- C. That the punishment was awarded after trial by a student court.
- D. The inference was given and you thought it extraordinary that the boy had not made it known he had relatives in Kingston.
- E. That a swagger stick was inflicted.

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"You Said It, Marcelline!"

By MARCELLINE d'ALROY On "What People Need"

<p>A MAN often thinks If he only had TWICE his INCOME How very HAPPY He would be. A PLAIN WOMAN Sometimes thinks If SHE possessed A devastating BEAUTY SHE would be happy. A POOR GIRL thinks The RIGHT clothes Would make HER happy. But I have come To the conclusion That it is NOT</p>	<p>What YOU HAVE, But what HAPPENS TO IT That COUNTS. A man may have TWICE His income and Invest it FOOLISHLY; A WOMAN may have beauty And let it DESTROY her; A girl gets the CLOTHES And becomes a PARASITE— For the simple reason that NONE OF THEM Even thought to ask For what they REALLY want— TWICE AS MUCH COMMON SENSE.</p>
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