

Presbyterian Unionists and Anti-Unionists Fail to Reach Agreement

ALL EFFORTS HAVE FAILED

To Come to Amicable Settlement Over Church Property.

UP TO THE LEGISLATURE

To Now Deal With the Matter - Attorney-General Makes An Announcement.

Toronto, March 24.—Efforts of the Unionists and non-concurring Presbyterians to reach some sort of an amicable settlement in Ontario have failed. Despite conferences held between Unionists and anti-Unionists since Tuesday of last week and the fact that the two sides again conferred in the attorney-general's rooms at the parliament buildings late yesterday afternoon in a last-minute endeavor to reach some sort of a basis of agreement, nothing came of it.

The Stumbling Block

Although no definite statement was forthcoming from either side as to why yesterday's joint conference had failed, it was understood that the anti-unionists refused to yield enough ground to permit the conference to proceed.

From the tangled skein of the whole controversy some definite threads could be picked out last evening. In the first place, it was learned that controversy no longer centred over Knox College, but that the unionists were prepared to cede this property to the continuing Presbyterian Church.

Private Bills Committee

Toronto, March 24.—A last effort is being made to settle the question of the disposal of the Presbyterian church property before the private bills committee of Legislature deals with it as a whole.

Given Four Months

Winnipeg, March 24.—William Elder, faith cure practitioner, who was found guilty of manslaughter on March 14, in connection with the death of Doreen Watson, 12 year old daughter of Robert Watson, was today sentenced to four months imprisonment.

BURN MISSION HOUSES AND SHOOT PRIEST

Shanghai, March 24.—Reports from foreign resources state that bandits attacked the village of Yangcheng-yu, Mongolia, on March 13th, burned the premises of the Belgian mission, set fire to many houses belonging to Christians and shot the priest in charge of the mission.

Man Drank Pint of Whiskey; Wins Bet, But He's Dead

Yonkers, N.Y., March 24.—After winning a bet that he could drink a pint of whiskey without gagging, Barney Williams was found dead in the yard of his home in Waring Place yesterday.

MRS. BELMONT ANNOUNCES

That Prince of Wales Will Visit Her Newport Summer Place. Boston, Mass., March 24.—It was announced yesterday that the Prince of Wales is to return to America next July. According to letters from Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, he will be a guest at her Newport summer home, Marble Place.

ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS WOMEN

He Has Ever Seen—The Judge's Opinion of Mrs. Dennistoun.

London March 24.—Mrs. Dorothy Muriel Dennistoun had her last inings with the jury yesterday when Sir Ellis Hume-Williams summed up her demand that her former husband, Col. Ian Oswald Dennistoun, repay sums she alleges she loaned him before their divorce and make some provision for her maintenance in future.

Navigation Is Opened In Harbor of Toronto

Toronto, March 24.—The Steamship Dalhousie City, Captain Marigold in charge, arrived from Port Dalhousie this morning, officially opening the navigation season at this port. The ancient harbor master's hat, which for seventy-four years has been awarded the captain of the season's first arrival, was presented with customary ceremony to Captain Marigold as he stepped ashore.

OVER TEN THOUSAND HOME BREW PERMITS

Ontario People Are Brewing Their Own Beverage—2,743 in Toronto.

Ottawa, March 24.—Ten thousand and forty-nine Ontario people gave notice of their intention to brew beer for themselves and families in 1924. It was stated in a return tabled today from the Department of Customs and Excise, asked for by B. W. Fansher, Progressive member for East Lambton. Mr. Fansher sought information about beer and whiskey licenses. The return explains that home brewing requires no license, but the possession of utensils for that purpose must be reported to the department to secure immunity from taxation or seizure.

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FISCAL YEAR UNDER REVIEW

By Hon. J. A. Robb in Budget Speech Before Commons.

DECREASE IN REVENUE

The Budget to Provide For Reimbursing the Depositors of the Home Bank.

Ottawa, March 24.—Before a crowded House of Commons today, Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance, presented his second budget. It was a statement in which Mr. Robb told of a heavy reduction in public revenues, yet one which, he said, had finished up with a surplus of revenues over the expenditures of \$1,823,000.

"It was remarkable," said Mr. Robb, "in which Canadians can feel a justifiable pride." The reduced expenditures Mr. Robb attributed largely to the government's policy of last year in reducing the burdens of taxation, and, on tariff changes, observed that "for the present, an opportunity of unobstructed observation of the effect of the extensive tariff changes made last year should be afforded."

WANTED GOVERNMENT TO KEEP IMMIGRANT

If He Cannot Obtain Employment - Adjournment Motion Ended Debate.

Ottawa, March 24.—A private member's resolution calling upon the House to declare that "if at any time during the first two years after his arrival in Canada any immigrant is unable to obtain employment, the Federal Government should accept full responsibility for his maintenance," aroused a lively discussion in the House of Commons yesterday.

Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Immigration, opposed the resolution on the ground that it offered a premium to dole seekers. An amendment introduced by William Irvine (Labor, Calgary East), calling on the Government to resign if it had no remedial policy on employment, provoked some further discussion. Just before midnight, W. F. Carroll (Liberal, Cape Breton South), moved adjournment of the debate. His motion was carried on division in which half the Progressives present voted for the motion to adjourn, and the other half, the two Labor members, and all the Conservatives present voted against. The vote was 93 for adjournment and 41 against.

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RANEY AGAIN IS A TARGET

Challenged to Appear Before the Public Accounts Committee

OVER BACKUS DEAL

There Were Bitter Personalities Between Hon. J. R. Cooke And Hon. Mr. Raney.

Toronto, March 24.—Before the Legislature got into the budget debate yesterday afternoon, it passed second reading of several Government bills, including one cancelling the provincial taxes on pool and billiard rooms and bowling alleys, another creating a government post of deputy minister of health, and another providing that libraries may be established in any school sections, and that library boards in cities of 50,000 or over may establish a fund for the superannuation of library employees.

In the budget debate Hon. J. R. Cooke, minister without portfolio, made an attack on the administration of the Drury Government, condemning it particularly for the Backus deal. M. M. McBride, independent, Brantford, also attacked the late government, and W. E. Raney in particular.

Mr. McBride declared that Mr. Raney was as responsible for the financial trouble this province had got into as much as any other man. He challenged Mr. Raney to come before the public accounts committee and give evidence.

Answering the challenge, Mr. Raney said: "I will go before the committee, when it is organized, and so will Mr. Drury." "Better late than never," replied Mr. McBride, who stated that although Mr. Raney had been in a position to know things, he had never volunteered to go before the committee before.

Bitter Personalities

Hon. Mr. Cooke declared that since Mr. Raney had been in the House, every session had been marked by bitter personalities, and that he had always sought to sow seeds of suspicion against public men. "He has made life almost unbearable for the men in public service," said Mr. Cooke, "and yet the public accounts show that the government of which he was a member kept adding to the public debt of this province at the rate of \$100,000 a day."

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Who Was Drowned Near Rockport—Located in Fifty Feet of Water.

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The body was found by Henry Hunt, uncle of the deceased, and Fred Ivey, in fifty feet of water, about one-hundred feet from Dark Island, a short distance from Rockport. The body was taken to Alexandria Bay, where an inquest took place on Monday evening. Search parties had been busy for days looking for the body.

It is planned that the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning to the Roman Catholic church at Rockport, of which the deceased was a member. Thomas Cirtwell, who was with his brother when the fatal accident took place, has recovered from the effects of his experience. The late Mr. Joseph Cirtwell is survived by his wife and three children.

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN

Arrangements for Transport to Europe From Montreal. London, March 24.—A beginning has now been made with chartering arrangements for the transport of Canadian grain to Europe from Montreal after the forthcoming opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence. So far business has been for the Continent, steamers having been secured for May loading for both Rotterdam and Hamburg. The terms quoted are of course at the open market rate, and are not controlled in any way by any conference such as that which has been so much discussed of late in Canada.

British House of Commons Endorses the Singapore Plan

London, March 24.—The Government last night received another parliamentary vote of approval on its Singapore policy when the House of Commons by 280 to 129 rejected Ramsay MacDonald's motion to reduce the naval vote, as protest against building the naval base at Singapore. The debate was largely a repetition of that of last week, but the possibility of a "white versus yellow" conflict between Japan and Australia loomed rather large and the possibilities of another war were frankly ventilated.

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Much of the prince's time is being spent in clearing up his business affairs before leaving England, and in making final arrangements for the journey, but he hopes to participate in one short hunt with his favorite fox hounds before he goes. The prince, however, has given up an idea of taking in any of this week's internationally known racing events at which the heir to the throne, together with the rest of royalty, are usually present.

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