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Quebec Premier Denies Removing the Tax on Power for Ontario

THE MATTER NOT CONSIDERED PREMIER TASCHEREAU SAYS

Premier Ferguson Says It Would Be of Direct Advantage to This Province If It Finds It Necessary to Go to Quebec For Hydro Power Supply.

Quebec, Dec. 9.—Premier Taschereau of Quebec to-day denied that his Government would remove the tax on the export of power to Ontario. The matter, he said, would not be considered.

The report came from Montreal last night that the Government had decided to remove this tax.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—"We very much appreciate the spirit in which such action was taken. It will be of direct advantage to us if we ever find it necessary to go to Quebec for power," stated Premier Ferguson this morning in discussing the action of Premier Taschereau of Quebec in removing the power tax of fifty cents per horse power on any power that might be exported to Ontario from that province.

"If we can get power anywhere to help us over the critical period, I think the public will agree that it is good business to get it," stated the Premier.

"If we can get power from Quebec, there is no reason on earth why we should not avail ourselves of it."

While admitting that the shortage was imminent, Premier Ferguson did not state if imports would take place in the near future.

The above statement of Premier Ferguson was given before the denial made by Premier Taschereau.

POINTED REVOLVERS AT A TAXI DRIVER

Brookville Man Told to Drive Off After Taking Two Men to Gananoque.

Kenneth Jackson, a Brookville taxi driver, was held up by two unknown men on the outskirts of Gananoque Tuesday night, after driving the men from Brookville to that town. Jackson had been hired by the strangers and had brought a young lad along with him for company.

As they were driving by the Gananoque fair grounds, the two strangers in the back seat commanded him to stop. Turning around, Jackson and his companion looked into the muzzles of two revolvers in the hands of the strangers. The two unknown men then got out of the car, ordering Jackson to turn about and not to stop till he reached Brookville. Jackson drove back a short distance and then turned about and made fast speed to Gananoque, where he notified the police. Although a vigorous search was made, no traces was found of the men.

The taxi driver informed the police that the two hold-up men were not very old and that both were fairly well dressed. One wore a dark overcoat and the other a light-colored one and both wore caps. They were of medium build.

As there was no money taken from either Jackson or his companion, the motive seems to be that the men wanted to reach Gananoque and did not have sufficient funds, resorting to the revolver method to reach their destination. When the matter was reported to the police, it was feared that the men had some other motive for reaching Gananoque, and that there might be some robbery. Nothing happened, however, and the two unknown men are still at large.

MADE A CLEAN SWEEP

Carroll Estate Was the Scene of a Fire.

Rainbow, Dec. 9.—Shortly after 5 o'clock Monday evening a fire destroyed a large barn on the farm of "The Carroll Estate" five miles from Rainbow, in which were housed seven cows, six calves, four pigs and 200 tons of hay. All were consumed it is feared. Mrs. Thomas Currie, wife of the farm manager, was in the barn milking when she saw the flames suddenly burst from one end of the barn containing hay. Her husband and all the men help were absent from the farm at the time and the fire made a clean sweep, but not endangering other buildings as they were some distance from the conflagration.

HEADS UNITED FARM WOMEN

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Shortly after she had been elected to the presidency of the United Farm Women of Ontario, Mrs. Frank Webster, Oakwood, decided not to accept the position, and Mrs. S. Oper, Leamington, was chosen head of the organization. Mrs. S. Suter, Thessalon, was elected vice-president.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE REACH AN ACCORD

Geneva, Dec. 9.—Great Britain and France to-day reached an accord concerning the study of the problem of mutual assistance in war time, in connection with the preparation for the international disarmament conference.

DECLINES TO APPEAR

Hon. G. Smith Not to Come Before Royal Commission.

Edmonton, Dec. 9.—Acting in advice of counsel, Hon. George Smith, former Minister of Education in the Stewart government of Alberta, is not submitting himself to the jurisdiction of the Royal Commission investigating charges preferred by A. F. Ewing, K.C., against Matt Eadie and the former Stewart government, J. McKim Cameron, K.C., informed the commission.

A Flying Boat to Control Manitoba's Forest Fires

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—In the hope of revolutionizing the aerial fire fighting methods, a flying boat capable of carrying seven passengers and equipped with the latest devices, will be put in service in Manitoba next year to help in controlling forest fires.

"We want a strong union of our workers," Inglis said. "In no operators' discussion have I heard the subject of destroying the union mentioned. If there is any trouble with the present union, it is the weakness of the organization, which will not face facts and fight its own battles independently of conflicting interests in other fields."

OWNERS NOT TRYING TO BREAK THE UNION

New York, Dec. 9.—In a sweeping denial of recent charges made by union representatives, W. W. Inglis, chairman of the anthracite operators' negotiating committee, said in a statement that the committee is not trying to break the union, create a famine, reduce wages to maintain profits or conceal books and profits.

U.F.O. TO DISCUSS RE-ENTERING POLITICS

The Question is Brought Up by Secretary J. J. Morrison.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The question of the United Farmers of Ontario taking part in politics has again been raised at the annual meeting of that organization, and to-day it was decided that the matter would be discussed at to-morrow morning's session.

Urged by the general secretary, J. J. Morrison, the organization, following the downfall of the Drury Government adopted a resolution to withdraw from partisan politics. Mr. Morrison presented his annual report to-day. He briefly reviewed the history of the U.F.O. That history, he said, had its acts of wisdom and of folly, its moments of triumph and its moments of disaster, but with surprising tenacity it had stood the test and maintained its principles.

TWO DIE IN MOTOR CRASH

Farmer Plunged Beneath Car When It Turned Turtle.

Port Hope, Dec. 9.—Frank Minifie and Thomas Henry, farmers residing near Harwood, Rice Lake, lost their lives Monday afternoon when the former's motor car, in which both were riding, skidded off a small bridge on the Beaver Dam road, plunging both men beneath it in the stream below.

APPEAL COURT REFUSES TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The appeal of Fay D. Cole, asking to have her marriage to Basil W. Cole annulled, was dismissed without costs by the first appellate court to-day. Chief Justice Mulock said that the case was tried by Justice Kelly, who dismissed the action because it was not shown to his satisfaction that the parties had not cohabited or lived together as man and wife. The chief justice took a similar view.

MURDERER RELEASED

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Ira J. Perry, Jr., son of wealthy parents, given life sentence in prison in April, 1923, for murder in a holdup, has been released from Joliet penitentiary on parole.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE OPENING

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The third session of the present Ontario Legislative Assembly will open in the last week of January, the Toronto Star forecasts to-day.

Former North York Member of Parliament Placed Under Arrest on a Charge of Theft

J. A. M. Armstrong Arrested in Schomberg and Taken to Toronto—Fix Bail at \$50,000—Charge Has to Do With Misappropriation of Trust Funds.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—J. A. M. Armstrong, former member of parliament for North York, was arrested in Schomberg yesterday and brought here. He was arraigned in county police court this morning on a charge of theft, and was remanded till Saturday. At the same time, Harry Coffey, former manager of the Imperial Bank at Schomberg, was also arraigned on a similar charge and was likewise remanded. Bail in each case was fixed at \$50,000, but neither man has yet been able to arrange his release from custody.

Armstrong expects bondsmen to arrive from North York this afternoon. The charge against the former member of the federal house is alleged theft of \$2,000 from Susan Mills, while under joint allegation Armstrong and Coffey are charged by Richard A. Carter with "unlawfully stealing \$1,475 the property of the estate of the late Richard Carter, on or about May 23rd, 1925."

That Armstrong and Coffey had business interests in common, is admitted by Mr. Armstrong. Both were interested in the Argonaut Gold Mine. At one time, Coffey worked for Mr. Armstrong in the latter's insurance and real estate office.

MUNICIPAL SCANDAL IN BRADFORD, ENG.

Bradford, Eng., Dec. 9.—A scandal has arisen in Bradford in connection with H. M. Trotter, formerly lord mayor of Bradford and for twenty-five years an alderman and chairman of the baths committee, who, it is said, admits irregularities in his civic dealings.

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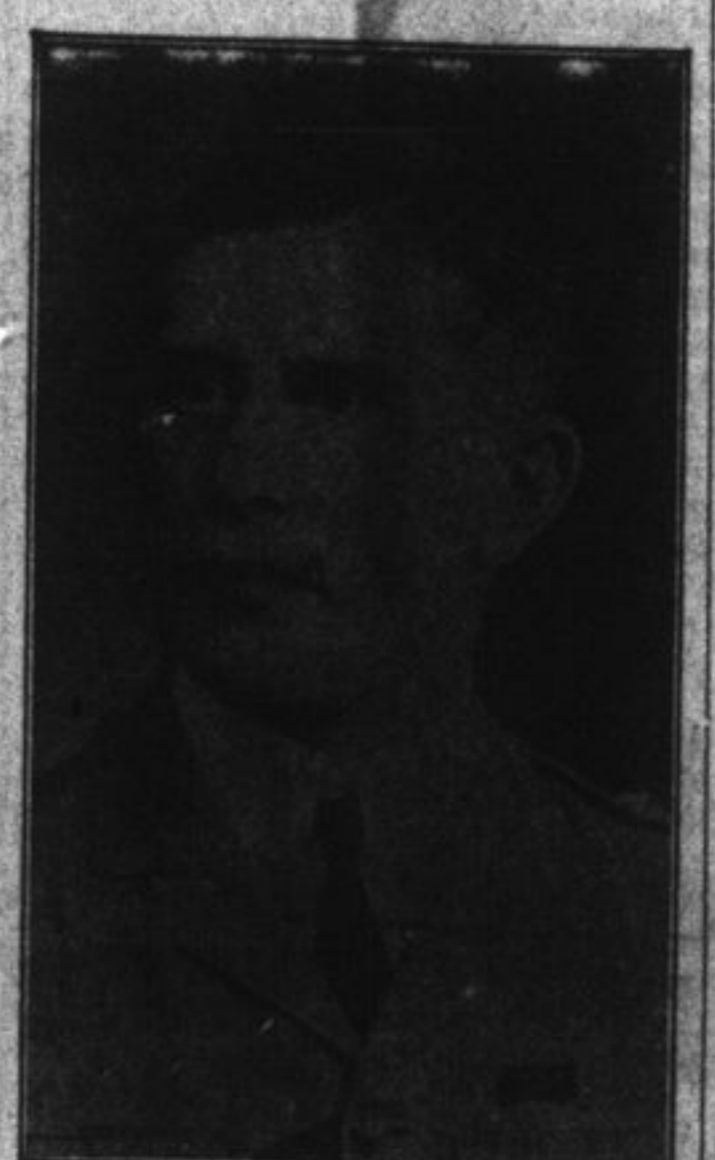
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GENERAL W. E. LESSLIE VISITING IN THE CITY

Distinguished Graduate of the R.M.C., Who Served in the Great War.



BRIG-GEN. W. E. LESSLIE, Brigadier-General W. E. Lesslie, C.B., C.M.G., a graduate of the R.M.C. and Commander of the West Scottish Infantry Brigade, of Edinburgh, Scotland, is visiting his parents, General Lesslie has retired from military service, and after a month spent in Canada, will return to England.

General Lesslie was born in Kingston, and attended school here, graduating from the R.M.C. in 1888. He was in active service in India, when the Great War broke out. He proceeded at once to Egypt to join the Australians. After the evacuation of Gallipoli, he went to France, and served at the Australian headquarters, until the middle of 1918, when he took over a brigade in the Naval Division, and served until the end of the war. The general is in excellent health and is enjoying his visit to Kingston very much, renewing acquaintances with some of his old school fellows and others.

HALL CAINE IN PALESTINE

British Author is Writing a Life of Christ.

Greeba Castle, Isle of Man, Dec. 9.—Sir Hall Caine, is in Palestine, where he is writing a book on the Life of Christ. It is not expected that he will return to the Isle of Man until next spring.

TO WED RUSSIAN PRINCE

London, Dec. 9.—The marriage will take place on Saturday at the Church of the Annunciation and afterwards at the Russian Church between Prince Constantine Nakhidze and Miss Beatrice Sankey of Toronto.

THE BRITISH WHIG'S CHRISTMAS NUMBER

On Saturday, the 12th. The Whig will issue its Christmas number, which will be the best issue at the Kingston in years. The edition will contain a colored section and several pages of comics; stories about the Kingston of the long ago, a number of admirable Christmas stories and many other articles dealing with the Christmas season. It will also contain many advertisements of merchants, who tell of the splendid things they have to offer to the people at this time. The Saturday issue will be more than a mere shopping edition. It will be a souvenir number that Whig readers will delight to send to friends at home and abroad. Those wishing additional copies should place their orders with the business office of The Whig at once.

SLAKES IN DECEMBER

Peterboro, Dec. 9.—An anomaly in Canadian weather conditions for December is that, while Rice Lake is frozen its twenty odd miles of length, ground hogs are departing themselves on the banks, and yesterday a farmer named C. W. Barnard made a large and lively green garter snake hurrying through a woods near the shore.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE IN MESSAGE TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Coolidge, in a message to the United States Congress, commends the St. Lawrence deep waterways project.

Harrisburg, Pa., business interests are making a big effort to end the coal strike.

The League of Nations Council maintains it has power to determine the Mosul frontier.

Quebec province will remove the tax on power exported to Ontario.

THE NEW PACT WITH IRELAND PASSES HOUSE

It Caused Very Little Debate in British Commons.

HOSTILITY REGISTERED

By the Irish Republicans, Headed by De Valera, at Meeting in Dublin.

London, Dec. 9.—The new agreement between the British Government and the Irish Free State was ratified by the British House of Commons last night without division. It might almost be said to have been ratified without debate, although the House was adorned for the occasion by strong contingents of the actors in Irish drama of the past. The general tone of discussion was in marked contrast to the fire and bitterness with which such a subject would have been discussed ten years ago, and it was strikingly apparent the Irish question is dwindling in Britain, as in the United States, as a political issue.

Events are not moving so harmoniously in Ireland, however. As a result of an invitation issued by Deputies Johnson, O'Malley and Baxter to "all elected representatives of the Irish people," a meeting attended by De Valera and 38 Republican members of the Dail Eiranna, who have not taken the oath of allegiance and therefore cannot sit in the Dail, was held in Dublin yesterday. Johnson, Labor member, was in the chair, and in addition to the Republicans, the entire Labor party, several Independent Farmers and half a dozen former supporters of the Cosgrave Government were present.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: "This meeting of elected representatives of the Irish people are opposed to the attempt to partition our country." When the secret session at which the resolution was passed concluded De Valera took the chair and a deputation containing two members of the Northern Parliament and a number of Ulster priests protested strongly against acceptance of the London agreement.

MINISTER AND WIFE KILLED AT CROSSING

Rev. W. Nightingale Was Formerly Methodist Pastor in Nova Scotia.

London, Dec. 9.—Rev. William Nightingale, a Methodist minister, formerly of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and his wife, Martha B. Nightingale, were accidentally killed at Fenny Stratford, Buckinghamshire, Monday night, while travelling in a charabanc. Four other persons in the vehicle were also killed, but three passengers escaped unscathed.

The charabanc crashed through the gates of a grade crossing on a railway, and a moment later a train ran into it, with the result that six lives were wiped out almost instantly.

Mr. Nightingale was the pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire. He and his wife and other members of the party in the ill-fated charabanc were returning from a Wesleyan gathering at Blechley, Buckinghamshire, when the fatal accident occurred.

Mr. Nightingale was a minister in the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference for 39 years, his last charge in Nova Scotia having been at Dartmouth. Three years ago he was given permission to go to England, where he wished to continue his ministerial work, and since then he had been at Woburn Sands. He was about 69 years of age and was ordained in the Methodist ministry in Nova Scotia in 1887.

TOWNSEND APPEAL

Case of Oshawa Man Will Be Heard on Thursday.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The appeal of Fred Townsend will be heard before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on Thursday morning, with Chief Justice Sir William Mulock presiding. Townsend, a former Bernardo boy, was sentenced to four years hard labor in Portsmouth penitentiary some weeks ago by Magistrate Hind of Oshawa, after conviction on a forgery charge involving \$450.

HAMILTON TRAMWAY SERVICE TO CEASE

The Company Announces Decision After Electors Reject By-Laws.

Hamilton, Dec. 9.—Hamilton's street car service will be discontinued at midnight Thursday. The Hamilton Street Railway Company's announcement to this effect yesterday was in answer to defeat of two proposed bylaws at Monday's election. One, for purchase forthwith of the street car system by the city, and the other for an agreement with the city providing for right of purchase at the end of three years. Both were decisively turned down by the electors.

A special meeting of the city council has been summoned for this evening to seek a loophole out of the extraordinary situation which has arisen and which threatens to leave the city without adequate transit service.

In announcing suspension, the company expressed its regret at the necessity of dismissing its loyal staff and its inability to properly reward long service.

CANADA OWES A GREAT DEAL TO J. R. BOOTH

Was Indeed One of the Fathers of This Country.

PREMIER PAYS TRIBUTE

To the Lumber King—Mr. Meighen Speaks of Him Directing Progress of Province.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Premier W. L. Mackenzie King expressed deep regret last evening on hearing the news of the death of the late J. R. Booth. The Prime Minister believed, however, that the thought which would be uppermost in the mind of all who had witnessed Mr. Booth's near approach to the completion of 100 years would be one of pride and thankfulness for what his life and example meant to Canada.

"Mr. Booth," stated Premier King, "was indeed one of the fathers of Canada, and it is not too much to say that it is to men of such sterling worth and indomitable will, as he possessed, more than aught else, that we owe the development of our Dominion."

"He belonged to the race of hardy pioneers who possessed wide vision, and abounding faith in their country, and the genius of being able to link those virtues to practical achievements."

"Of his many great qualities none was more marked than the unostentatious natural simplicity and directness of character which he maintained so resolutely to the end of his day. He never lost the sense of a just appreciation of human as well as material values."

STATEMENT BY MEIGHEN

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in commenting to-day on the death of the late J. R. Booth, well-known lumber king and railroad builder, made the following statement:

"In the death of Mr. J. R. Booth, Canada has added another to the list of her 'grand old men' who have passed on. For rich unto a century Mr. Booth has watched, and in many ways, directed the progress of his province and his country. The Canada of his old age was a much changed country from the Canada of his youth. A pioneer in lumbering, in railroad construction, and many other activities he has given to this Dominion services of a nation-building character, and has done much toward alleviating the difficulties of human life. His vision, his unerring judgment, his quiet generosity and his sincerity made him an outstanding gentleman among his fellows. The words of admiration and good will one hears from all those who worked for and with him are a tribute as well to his character as to the eminence of his place among Canadians."

BAN ON COAL TO CANADA

Proposed Bill, However, Not Likely to Get Far.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Power to place an embargo on shipments of coal to Canada and other foreign countries would be given under some of the proposals for coal legislation now being made in Congress. The coal bills, however, while numerous, are not expected to make much headway, and the fact that the "Old Guard" Republicans are in complete control in the House may block action altogether.

The administration is not urging any drastic action on the mining industry as conditions are at present, though much agitation of the question is expected. The utmost that seems probable is a measure for a commission which would provide for publicity of the affairs of the coal companies and concerns.

MAYOR OF TIMMINS

North Bay, Dec. 9.—Dr. J. A. McInnes was re-elected mayor of Timmins, by 300 majority.

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL CHECK BORROWING ABROAD

In order to stabilize currency.

WAR VETERANS HELP POOR RELIEF

Mrs. John Wright, president of the Poor Relief Association, has received the sum of \$100 from the Great War Veterans for poor relief work in Kingston. This sum will be a great help in this work.