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## Progressives Hope To Inspire Spirit Of Co-operation In Commons

### ROGERS TELLS PROBLEMS OF THE PRAIRIES

#### Immigration Only Cure for National Railway Conditions.

### THE RURAL CREDITS

#### Very Important Declared Alfred Speakman, Progressive, Who Will Vote Against Amendment.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In the Commons yesterday afternoon, Hon. Robert Rogers (Conservative, Winnipeg South) said that he proposed to deal with the problems of the prairies, that great, expansive territory for which the English language had no name. He hoped to see a better understanding between east and west in Canada. The career of the King Government had not helped to that end, and any success it had achieved had been to the detriment of Canada because it had lessened ability and destroyed confidence.

The speech from the Throne, Mr. Rogers thought, was "born of political fright and political contradictions." The promise of economy through a decrease in the number of cabinet portfolios was prompted by the Government's fear that it could not secure re-election for its beleaguered ministers. It was another case of when the devil was at the door, a saint would be.

The Government's immigration policy had resulted in serious loss for Canada. During its reign hundreds of thousands more citizens had left Canada than had been brought into it. The present Government had secured some 200,000 actual immigrants, compared with about 1,140,000 secured by the Conservative Government between 1911 and the beginning of the war. And the King Government had spent much more in doing it than its Conservative predecessor.

#### Immigration the Cure.

Immigration was the only cure for the national railway conditions of this country. When three transcontinental lines had been built, a stationary population of eight and a half million people had been counted on, neither had an incapable Government been counted on. Fifteen million people could carry the burden lightly, which was being carried today by the Canadian people, who could see no hope.

The raw products of Canada were being poured into the United States and poured back again as finished articles. Canada would only prosper when a fiscal policy was created to suit the immediate needs of the country. Canada must employ the same methods as those countries with which she contended in the world market.

Mr. King had gone to North York and there met the president of the Liberal association during the campaign. This gentleman was a pencil manufacturer, whose business was being ruined because of the tariff duties. Mr. King immediately took steps which brought relief to his stricken friend and an order went out to customs officials all through Canada not to allow pencils out of the warehouses until the duty had been increased from \$1.50 to \$3 a gross.

Now a tariff commission was announced. When the Government got into trouble it hid behind a commission, but the Government was always careful to select the members of the commission. Referring to a recent appointment to the Railway Commission, Mr. Rogers said that surely everyone knew that he had been given directions before his appointment.

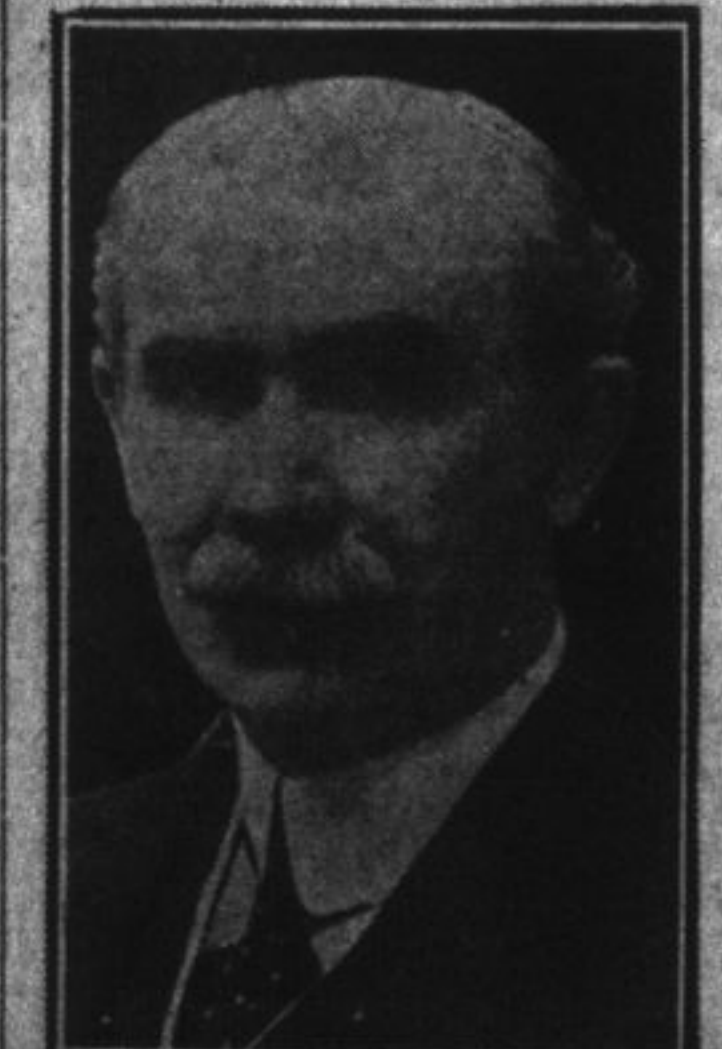
Hon. Ernest Lapointe asked if Mr.

Rogers was referring to a recently-appointed railway commissioner. "To the chairman," said Mr. Rogers. "That is a rather serious charge," said Mr. Lapointe. "It is a serious charge," was the reply.

#### Hudson's Bay Railway.

Resuming his speech last evening, Mr. Rogers declared that as far as he knew, there was every desire and willingness on the part of members on his side of the House to do everything possible towards assisting Western Canada by way of rural credits.

For many long years, said Mr. Rogers, the people of Western Canada had been anxious to secure the completion of the Hudson's Bay Railway. The Liberal Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier had promised its completion. Following it, the Conservative Government had pledged itself to complete the road, and in pursuance of this pledge, grading work had been done right through to the terminal at Port Nelson. All that was left to do now was to lay ninety miles of steel. He understood that there was steel on the ground to complete twenty miles more of railway. Therefore, if seventy miles of steel could be supplied and laid the road



HON. ROBERT ROGERS

would be completed. A large sum of money had been tied up in this railway and he thought that even if it served only to satisfy local needs, it was worth completing.

There should not be much difficulty about the return of natural resources to the western provinces, said Mr. Rogers. The Conservatives, under Sir Robert Borden, had conducted negotiations with the provincial premiers looking to the return of the resources.

#### Government Deserved Credit.

Thomas McMillan (Liberal, South Huron, Ont.) strongly contested the view that the Government was not entitled to credit for the removal of the British embargo against Canadian cattle. Mr. McMillan further urged that the Government deserved credit for increasing Canada's overseas markets. He declared that Mr. Meighen was "shackled to the ramparts of gold of which he was wont to speak."

Alfred Speakman of Red Deer gave the Progressive view. Mr. Speakman thought rural credits one of the most vital things in the suggested programme of legislation. Previous proposals on rural credits had remained "aerial bodies and nothing more," and it was gratifying to Mr. Speakman that rural credits had been accepted as an active principle.

Mr. Speakman announced his intention to vote against the Conservative amendment to the address. He was "dubious" as to the value of a duty on coal. He suggested that a better method would be by way of reducing railway transportation rates. The Progressives had no intention of extracting "the last pound of flesh," because of their position in the House. They hoped, however, to inspire something of a spirit of co-operation which the House badly needed.

#### Weather Probabilities.

Saturday, fair and decidedly cold.

### Toronto Man Aged Fifty-Two Has Served Twenty-One Prison Terms; Again Sentenced

Toronto, Jan. 22.—George Badgley, aged fifty-two yesterday, was sent to Portsmouth penitentiary for two years for escaping from the jail farm.

This stretch caps a long list of sentences on Badgley's record, which dates back to 1881. Since that time he has appeared before the courts 21 times, his sentences total nearly 14 years, his fines \$575.

"For 34 years he has been connected with the courts," E. J. Murphy, for the crown, told Judge Cotnam. "He has been up every year, and he hasn't been in prison."

suggested by Mr. Murphy. "Put him on an island where there are no houses to break into, and he may do better than."

The crown said that accused had a revolver when he was in Niagara Falls.

"No, sir," said the grey-haired accused indignantly.

"Dope and drink are his trouble," said the lawyer.

"I always pleaded guilty when I was guilty," volunteered Badgley.

He shook his head sorrowfully when he heard his fate. He was led out of the hall with the hand-cuffs on.

### ONTARIO WILL BE A PARTNER OF DOMINION

#### An Agreement to Assist in Aid to Immigrants

### SIGNED AT TORONTO

#### By Hon. J. S. Martin and Will Be Forwarded to Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, yesterday afternoon signed the agreement entered into between the Dominion Government and the Ontario Government in connection with the bringing out of immigrants to Ontario and their subsequent settlement on Ontario farms. The agreement will be forwarded to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture for his signature.

The Cabinet at its session yesterday reviewed the agreement made with the Overseas Settlement Board and the Dominion Government under which the Dominion Government and the British Government will make grants to cover the difference between the regular fare and the special rate allowed the immigrants.

Seen after council, Premier Ferguson stated that under the agreement Ontario's chief duty would be to see that the immigrants so brought to this country were provided with farms or secured positions on farms until they had obtained sufficient experience in Ontario methods.

"We generally give them all the assistance we can, and get them started on the right road," stated the Premier.

Through the Ontario Government's office in London the province will have the right to supervise the selection of men who propose to come to Ontario under the scheme.

### UNBOBBED GIRLS PROVE STRONGER THAN BOBBED

London, Jan. 22.—Whether women who have their hair shingled lose strength, as did Samson when Delilah used the shears on him, is a question now going the rounds. The problem had its origin in a tag-of-war between bobbed and un-bobbed girls at an athletic meet. The unbobbed won.

### THE JURY ACQUITS ON SELF-DEFENCE PLEA

#### Calgary Man Who Killed Wife's Admirer Did Not Invoke Unwritten Law.

Calgary, Jan. 22.—Lanciot W. Chidney, tried on a charge of murder for the shooting of R. E. S. Taylor, railway watchman, on New Year's Eve, was found not guilty by a jury in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

Chidney shot and killed Taylor in the presence of Mrs. Chidney as the result of a quarrel occasioned by Taylor's attention to the woman. Mrs. Chidney testified in the trial that Taylor had threatened to "break the neck" of Chidney and ran toward him when they met. Chidney set up the plan of self-defence and made no recourse to the unwritten law.

A divorce between Chidney and his wife was pending at the time of the shooting and the woman was living at the home of a friend. Taylor had telephoned to take her to a dance but she refused, Chidney being present at the time. She started out to walk with Chidney when Taylor, who had driven up in an auto, met them, jumped out of the car, and walked to meet the couple. The shooting followed. Taylor died on his way to the hospital.

During the trial it was brought out that the domestic difficulty had been in progress more than a year, ever since Taylor, who was divorced from his wife, had come to room with the Chidneys. There had been several encounters between the two men and Chidney had been worried by Taylor, who was considerably Chidney's junior.

There was no demonstration when the verdict was given.

Commissioner Boyce of the Railway Board attacks Chief Commissioner McKee over the Pacific rates question.

### To Fight Birth Control Legislation

New York, Jan. 22.—The Episcopal Church has taken a stand with the Roman Catholic Church against the dissemination of birth control information. The National Lutheran Council, however, has refused to "meddle in birth control matters," holding that it is out of the church's province.

Discussions followed receipt of duplicate letters from Rev. John J. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, in which he stated that the churches must be ready to fight legislation that would be proposed in the present congress.

### FRENCH TOUR FOR STUDENTS PLANNED

#### Mr. Justice Surveur Will Conduct Party Leaving on May 26.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Under the auspices of the French Government, the French universities and the Hon. Philippe Roy, commissioner-general of Canada in France, a comprehensive tour through France has been arranged for this summer, starting in Quebec on May 26th with the departure of the Empress of Scotland.

This tour, which has been organized by the Hon. Mr. Justice E. Fabre Surveur, president of the Canadian Authors' Association, in collaboration with Professor René du Roure, director of the French summer school of McGill University, is to be limited to graduates and undergraduates (both sexes) of Canadian universities. An entire month will be spent in France, although those who so desire may remain over and make extensions, at their own expense.

### RIGHTS OF BREWERS DENIED BY JUDGE

#### Cannot Maintain Liquor Export Warehouses Along International Boundary.

Belleville, Jan. 22.—The right of brewers or distributors to maintain liquor export warehouses along the international boundary or at lake ports has been denied by Judge George Deroche in a decision just handed down in the case of Harry Robinson, charged under the O.T.A. Judge Deroche's verdict is a reversal of the Deseronto police magistrate's finding. It was at the instance of Attorney-General Nicksie that the appeals were taken.

### 'ROMANCING' SAYS FORKE

#### Comments on Rumor of Progressives for Cabinet.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—"Romancing," was Robert Forke's comment on a newspaper rumor that three members of the Progressive party were to be taken into the Cabinet. "I don't know anything about it," Mr. Forke added. The rumor further indicated that J. S. Woodworth, Labor member from Winnipeg, might enter the Government as Minister of Labor. Questioned as to the truth of this rumor, Mr. Woodworth replied: "I consider that as a member of the Labor party, I am in a much better position to advance the interest of labor than I would be as a member of the Government. Next week, according to the press, Miss Macphail is to be Minister of Labor. Who next?"

### Alleged Spies Arrested

Leningrad, Jan. 22.—Eleven alleged Finnish spies have been arrested by Russian state police. One of their number, who was attempting to escape, was mortally wounded.

### Denial Made By Ontario Premier

#### Of Story That Hotels to Be Allowed to Sell Strong Beer.

Toronto, Jan. 22.—"I have not heard anything about it. There is no authority for any one to make such statement as to our policy. When the Government is prepared to make any statement, I will announce it myself to the public, so that there will be no mistake about it."

This was the statement made by Premier G. H. Ferguson today when he was questioned regarding a despatch from London, Ont., published here, stating that a meeting of the London hotel proprietors, a representative of the Government, submitted in confidence the policy of the provincial Government on the liquor legislation. The despatch declared that the Government without talking any referendum would on May 1st permit hotels to sell strong beer and wine, would allow clubs to sell bottle orders and would permit the sale of hard liquor in packages from Government dispensaries all under the local option principle.

Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, and Hon. W. F. Nicksie, attorney-general, who were mentioned in the despatch, today denied all knowledge of the matter.

### COLD WAVE IN WEST

Mercury Tumbled to 32 Below in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—Icy blasts from the Arctic played havoc with mercury throughout Western Canada yesterday the extreme force of the cold wave descending upon Manitoba, where the minimum of 32 below zero was recorded. The Pas was the coldest point, with Winnipeg and Minnedosa, Man., shivering in 29 and 30 below temperatures, respectively. Elsewhere on the prairies sub-zero weather was general.

### FORKE AND LAPOINTE HOLD A CONFERENCE

#### Progressive Group Seeks Details of Forthcoming Liberal Legislation.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Robert Forke, leader of the Progressive party and the executive of the Progressive group in the House held a lengthy conference with Hon. Ernest Lapointe, acting Government leader, this morning. The meeting was held in the Prime Minister's office. Mr. King himself is confined to Laurier House with a cold. It is understood that the Progressive group's request for details of forthcoming legislation was subject under consideration.

### FIRE AT LONDON, ONT.

Destroys Building Occupied by Rag and Coat Companies.

London, Ont., Jan. 22.—Fire early today destroyed the three-story brick building occupied by the Canada Rag Co., and the London Coat and Apron Supply Co. Low temperature hampered the firemen, and their clothing and ladders were sheathed with ice. At one time, Walper House was in danger and the guests were dressed and ready to leave. The loss totals \$50,000.

### SPANISH AVIATORS FLY OVER ATLANTIC

Pelox, Spain, Jan. 22.—Three Spanish aviators started this morning in the airplane, NE Plus Ultra, on the first leg of a flight for Buenos Aires and possibly New York. The first stop will be Las Palmas, Canary Islands. The aviators are Commander Ramon Franco, Captain Luis De Alva and Ensign Daras.

### GAME INSPECTOR AND GUIDE BURNED TO DEATH IN SHACK

#### Foul Play Suspected Over Tragic End of Sergt. John Billings and Joseph Stronger, Barry's Bay, Whose Bodies Are Found by Searchers in Sand Lake District.

Barry's Bay, Jan. 22.—Search parties which have been out for the past week or more in the hope of locating Sergeant John Billings, D. O.M., game and fisheries inspector of Barry's Bay, and Joseph Stronger, guide, who have been missing since January 8th, came upon the charred remains of the two men in a shack which had been burned to the ground about ten miles from Whitney in Sand Lake district late yesterday afternoon, and it is presumed that Sergt. Billings and his guide met death by burning in the shack.

Provincial Constable Elliott of Pembroke, one of the leaders of the search party, who discovered the bodies, suspects foul play. The shack which was built for the use of the trappers, was far from any other human habitation. The game and fisheries inspector and his guide had gone into this district in search of certain men who were claimed to

be trapping illegally. What Constable Elliott suspects is that while the inspector and his guide slept, some one crept up and fired the shack.

Both victims were experienced woodsmen, and for this reason it is doubted that they would be caught in a fire of their own starting. Constable Elliott wants the scene of the tragedy viewed by the coroner before the bodies are removed. There is some doubt as to the jurisdiction, both coroners communicated with in the early hours of this morning expressing the opinion that the scene of the fire is outside their county.

The remains of the charred bodies of the two men were found lying in the debris of the shack. The bodies were so badly burned that they could not be identified, but articles found in the ruins seems to leave no doubt but that they are the remains of the inspector and his guide.

### News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

#### The debate on which the fate of the Briand Government hangs, opens on Monday next.

Finance Minister Bratianu, of Roumania proposes "a little Locrano for the Little Entente."

Fur stockings made of ermine, mole or muskrat are the latest fad with London belles.

Cabinet council will consider Anglo-Italian debt terms Churchill and Volpi having disagreed.

Paris authorities spent 300,000 francs in two days for salt thrown on snow to clear streets.

Progressive executive of Prince Albert, Sask., met and decided not to oppose Premier King.

New French income tax law proposes to tax in full incomes of foreigners living in France.

Frank Dion, 27, was arrested at Montreal and is held on charge of killing Detroit policeman.

Hamilton council is prepared to take steps, if no other organization does so, to erect a memorial to the late Adam Brown.

The Ontario Government decides to finance the development of fifty thousand more horse power on the Niagara river.

Kitchener and Waterloo are after the international plowing match, and will ask the county council to share in raising the \$2,000 required.

Lawrence McCart, Raleigh township succumbed to burns suffered when he attempted to brighten the fire with kerosene.

Nelles C. Neville, son of a Saskatchewan pastor, pleads guilty to a bucketshop charge. He secured nearly \$25,000.

Dancing Cures Stammering.

London, Jan. 22.—Stammering can be cured by dancing, according to St. John Rumsey, head of the speech clinic of Guy's Hospital. After making a number of cures, he declares that many stammerers simply lack a sense of rhythm, which dancing supplies for them.

### City Hall Is Burned At Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan. 22.—Fire, caused by an explosion of a boiler in the basement, destroyed the Ogdensburg City Hall early today, and threatened to destroy the business block across Fourth street before it was brought under control. The blast rocked the city for blocks. The estimated loss, partly covered by insurance, is \$300,000.

### 500 Arrested in Connection With Plot Against Jugo-Slavian King and Cabinet

Belgrade, Jan. 22.—The discovery of a plot against the lives of King Alexander and his cabinet ministers is believed to be behind the sudden decision of Premier Pachitch to return from Riviera where he went on January 10th for an announced lengthy stay for his health.

The police, are continuing their widespread raid upon homes of known communists, and the number of persons arrested has swelled this morning to 500. The plot against

### AGED FARMER KILLED; WALKING ON TRACKS

#### Was Returning to Ottawa After Paying Visit to His Sister.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Joseph Stevenson, aged seventy-five, a former well-known farmer of Karri, but of late residing with relatives in Ottawa, was almost instantly killed when struck by a Canadian National freight train, three miles west of Richmond, today. He was returning from visiting his sister at Westport, and was walking back to Ottawa on the tracks.

### C.M.G. FOR MAJOR

Lord Byng's Former Secretary Honored by King.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—In recognition of his services as private secretary to his Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, Major P. K. Hodgson, O.B.E., has been awarded a Companionship in the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

### Bishop Is Acting Garrison Chaplain

It is announced that the Right Rev. Dr. Edward J. Bidwell, Bishop of Ontario, has been appointed acting chaplain of the Kingston garrison, pending the appointment of a dean of Ontario and rector of St. George's Cathedral to succeed the late Dean Starr. This appointment has for years been held by the Anglican rector of St. George's, and the military authorities understand that the new rector, soon to be appointed, will be the new chaplain of the garrison.

### FATHER MAKES CHARGE AGAINST HIS OWN SON

#### Claimed That Young Man Has Not Worked for Three Years.

It is certainly a sad state of affairs when a father has to put a charge of vagrancy against his own son, but this is what happened in Kingston on Friday. The son did not appear before the court, however, ignoring the summons, and the case was allowed to stand over for a day.

It is claimed that the young man has not worked for three years.