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The Anthracite Coal Miners' Contract Is For Four And A Half Years

THE HON. J. A. CROSS, D.S.O., SPEAKS FOR PREMIER KING

Asks Capt. Burgess to Tell by What Convention He Was Selected as Independent Candidate to Oppose the Prime Minister in the Prince Albert Bye-Election.

Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 13.—Speaking as a returned man and for returned men, Hon. J. A. Cross, D.S.O., attorney-general of Saskatchewan, supporting the candidature of Prime Minister Mackenzie King in the Prince Albert bye-election, declared the introduction of military honors into the political campaign. Mr. Cross addressed a Liberal rally here last night. Dr. R. C. Scott of Wakarusa, Progressive leader in the constituency, and Hon. S. Latta, Provincial Minister of Education, also spoke.

Mr. King, was standing as a protest against handing over the seat without a convention. Mr. Cross asked Mr. Burgess to state by what convention he was selected to oppose the Prime Minister. Dr. R. C. Scott, a classmate with a personal knowledge of Mackenzie King, said that during his college years the present premier spent his leisure time on studying social and labor problems on which he is an expert. The speaker claimed no man in the Canadian Expeditionary Force or in political or civil life had rendered more valuable service to Canada and the world than Mr. King.

GORDON SIMPSON BACK IN THE "PEN"

Stated "Red" Ryan Has Refused to Give Evidence in the Case.

Gordon Simpson, who was taken from the Portsmouth penitentiary to face his trial, on a charge of robbing a bank, was returned to the prison on Saturday afternoon. When Simpson appeared at the sitting of the assizes at Toronto, the solicitor who acted in his behalf, asked that his case be allowed to stand over for the present. With the consent of the crown, the hearing was transferred to a later date.

At first it was expected that Simpson might be held in Toronto until his case was called, but the police authorities are taking no chances on him making another sensational escape, and asked that he be removed to Portsmouth.

When Simpson arrived at Kingston in charge of members of the police authorities from Toronto, he was heavily handcuffed and shackled. He was rushed from the station by motor to the penitentiary, where he will continue his sentence of ten years, which he was doing when he made his getaway.

It had been expected that "Red" Ryan, a pal of Simpson, would be taken to Toronto and give evidence on behalf of Simpson, with the hope that an alibi could be established. The Whig has been informed by good authority that Ryan absolutely refuses to be drawn into the case.

There is a possibility that Gordon Simpson will have to appear for trial in the near future at a hearing of the court in Kingston, to answer to the charge of escaping from the Portsmouth penitentiary, as well as a number of other charges.

Says Archbishop Favors Light Wines and Beer

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13.—The Milwaukee Sentinel prints a copyrighted story quoting Archbishop Casper, of Milwaukee Roman Catholic diocese, as favoring modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beer, but barring the saloon.

FALLS SIXTY FEET; DIES IN HOSPITAL

Indian Meets Fatal Accident at the Canadian Starch Plant, Cardinal.

Brockville, Feb. 13.—Angus Deers, aged thirty-five of Chauguags, Que., an Indian, employed in steel construction work at the plant of the Canadian Starch Co., Cardinal, fell sixty feet while at work, and died last night in St. Vincent de Paul Hospital to which he was rushed.

Donald McKinnon Dead.

Cobourg, Feb. 13.—Donald McKinnon, founder of the firm of D. McKinnon & Sons, died on Thursday after five weeks' illness. He came here fifty years ago from the Isle of Mull, Scotland. His wife, Mrs. McKinnon, and a daughter survive.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL DIES ON A TRAIN

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—William J. F. Craig, aged forty-eight, superintendent of forestry and fire protection of the Canadian National Railways, western region, dropped dead while a passenger on the Continental Limited east bound train near Unity, Sask. Heart trouble is given as the cause.

MAJOR GEORGE A. WALKER

Major George Alexander Walker, B.Sc., M.E.I.C., Vancouver, the newly-elected president of the Engineering Institute of Canada for 1926, is managing director of Vancouver Machinery Depot, Limited, and has been identified with the engineering profession since 1885. During the war he served with the Royal Engineers in Egypt and Palestine. He is president of the Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia, president and managing director of Gulf of Georgia Towing Company, Limited, and British Columbia Dock Company, Limited. Major Walker has been a member of the British Columbia Legislature since 1924. He is the son of the late Dr. R. T. Walker, Q.C., and nephew of Mr. J. B. Walker, K.C., Kingston.



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CHURCH ACT AMENDMENT

Sought in Behalf of Alberta Continuing Presbyterians.

Edmonton, Feb. 13.—An amendment to the Alberta Church Union Act has been asked for in behalf of the Continuing Presbyterian Church to provide for the appointment of a commission to deal with properties within the province, over which some difficulty has arisen in the division between that church and the United Church.

Premier J. E. Brownlee has suggested as an alternative to this request the advisability of appointing a voluntary committee from each church to be called together for the purpose of working out a settlement of such problems without recourse to any judicial or semi-judicial body.

This suggestion has been laid before the local leaders of both the United Church and the Presbyterian Church, and it is expected that their answers will be favorable to accepting the Premier's plan, thus obviating the necessity of further legislation.

FARMERS IN DISTRESS

Manitoba Government Aid Sought for Stuartburn.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—Claiming they are faced with starvation and without means of preparing their land for seeds, through lack of funds, residents of the Stuartburn district of Manitoba have forwarded a petition to the provincial Government, appealing for assistance.

Disastrous floods, caused by the overflow of the Roseau and Rat rivers last spring, ruined the crops of the district, and subsequent efforts at rehabilitation were thwarted by continued wet weather.

Government aid is essential, the petition states, to prevent widespread hardship.

During the food period of 1925, fodder for the cattle was supplied to the affected farmers by the Government.

The question will be brought up in the Legislature.

OTTAWA IS RIDDING.

For The Chate Falls Water Power Which Is For Sale.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Mayor Balthasar and J. A. Ellis, chairman of the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Power Commission, to-day they will put in a bid for the Chate Falls waterpower which is offered for sale by the Quebec Government. The bid will be made in behalf of the Ottawa Hydro but it is understood that if the power is secured it will be transferred to the Ontario Hydro as a part of the plan for joint power development of the Ottawa river by the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Late Reginald A. Wilson, Canadian Newspaper Man.

LOOK FOR ONTARIO ELECTION IN JUNE

Ottawa Citizen Says There Will Be Clear Cut Liquor Issue.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—"A general election in Ontario in June is what the Conservative members of parliament are led to expect from confidential advisers from Toronto," says the Citizen to-day. It adds: "The election will be essentially on liquor question. Differing from frequent forecasts it is stated that Mr. Ferguson does not plan any legislation whatever dealing with the O.T.A. this session, but that when the legislature is concluded, there will be an appeal to the country on a definite clear-cut issue of government sale and local option. Urban or other municipalities that want the sale of liquor under government auspices will be able to have it if the majority on the plebiscite declare for it. Those who vote against it will remain dry."

Abolish Cadet Training.

Windsor, Feb. 13.—With only Trustee Howell voting against it the recommendation of the management committee to abolish cadet corps training in the public schools was accepted by the Windsor Board of Education.

Whig's Classified Page

The real touch is often added to any particular room in the house by adding some good pieces of furniture.

Here's a word on the side that may make it possible for you to buy just the piece of furniture at very little extra expense.

Refer to the offers that are listed under "Articles for Sale" each day among our Classified Ads.

One local housewife discovered that a great many people do read Classified Ads. regularly when she advertised some furniture for sale recently.

When you wish to buy, sell, rent or exchange, just call 243.

THE WEEK AT OTTAWA

By R. J. Deachman.

The week opened with a merry rush. Donald Sutherland introduced a resolution expressing the most profound regret that recent trade treaties had injured the dairy industry of the Dominion. Mr. Sutherland's move of course was a bit at the Australian Treaty. He supported his resolution by a speech which will probably take rank as one of the worst ever delivered in the House. The imagination reels before the attempt to describe it. It was bad enough to drive a turkey from a field full of grasshoppers. His statements were wild enough to make a jack rabbit chase a greyhound. Language falls before the attempt to outline it. Let us sum up a few of the facts. Facts alone are adequate to portray his speech in all its naked vacuity. Take this sentence: "Al- low him (the farmer) to have the rights and privileges enjoyed by other people (protection).... and we will quickly double the population of Canada." Hansard page 852. Now remember Mr. Sutherland was speaking of the tariff. His contention was that a higher tariff would quickly double the population of Canada. Our total production of agricultural products which are competitive with Canadian farm products approximate \$48,000,000. This amounts to about 43c a month for every individual in Canada. Well—our total production of agricultural produce in Canada in 1924 was \$1,500,000,000. That was the production of the entire agriculture population of the U.S. Mr. Sutherland claims that if we kept our \$48,000,000 of agricultural products our agricultural population would double. The common sense of the people can handle a statement like that!

A Farmer Protectionist.

Fred Davis, a farmer Conservative Protectionist from Calgary, east made a long speech. What he wanted was more protection. The U.S. had injured the ranchers of Western Canada by putting a duty on cattle. There was no doubt of the injury, our export of cattle to the U.S. dropped off from over \$40,000,000 in 1920 to less than \$4,000,000 now. Naturally enough that hurt the western farmer but what remedy did Mr. Davis propose. Briefly his proposal was that the Canadian government should have threatened the U.S. with an export duty on wheat going into the U.S. from Canada. Well that's a big fellow has his disadvantages. Supposing the U.S. had said, "Hop to it!" Then I suppose we would have put on an export duty on wheat and the Americans having hurt our cattle men by a tariff we would break even by hurting our own farmers with an export tariff on wheat.

A Point of Order.

An interesting little scrap arose during Mr. Sutherland's speech involving a point of order. Mr. Sutherland inferred in the course of his remarks that certain members had been purchased to support the government. The inference of the contest suggested Woodsworth the speaker of the House. Now it happens that the Labor member is about as mild straight forward and sincere a gentleman as ever occupied a seat in any House of Parliament. Men may differ from him but they admire him. He objected to the suggestion that he was purchasable. The speaker sustained his objection. Feeling in a more or less cantankerous mood that day Mr. Melgren appealed to the decision of the speaker to the House. The House sustained the speaker. Bennett from Calgary refused to support Mr. Sutherland. He walked out in disgust. The facts are that certain influences are grooming Mr. Bennett for the leadership of the party. The honorable gentleman is grooming himself by taking on an atmosphere of detachment and fairness but the well-groomed horse does not always take the prize. Melgren is still in the lead and pole horse at that. Who can tell what is to happen in the days that are to come.

Motherwell Kills the Ghosts.

Mr. Sutherland stated that there was scarcely a town or city where Australian and New Zealand cheese was not on sale brought in under the new treaty. Mr. Motherwell dismissed this ghost by showing that only 3 cheeses weighing 90 lbs. each 270 lbs. had been imported under the treaty. Mr. Sutherland had evidently met these three cheeses! The facts are as Mr. Motherwell pointed out

FRENCH LAW UPHELD IN ONTARIO COURT

Case Concerned Division of Property of Man Married in Montreal.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—The first judgment dealing with a case involving a marriage under French civil law and the distribution of property in a province under the common law, ever to be decided in Canada was handed down by Mr. Justice Mowat as Osgoode Hall yesterday. The French law triumphed.

The point raised by the Canadian case was that as to whether a man married in the province of Quebec, where the act of marriage without a prenuptial agreement is equivalent to the formation of a community of property, was bound by that law in the disposal of a bequest of his property in Ontario.

In 1890 James Henry Parsons married Catherine Wheatley in Montreal. In 1907 Parsons, the judgment states, removed to To-

ronto, deserting his wife and family. He accumulated property to the extent of some \$3,275. Mr. Justice Mowat said that the widow was not bound by the will and that her late husband was entitled to dispose of only one-half of his estate. From the half over which he had control the debts and \$500 are to be paid, and the remainder is divided in eight shares which go one to the widow and one each to the seven children.

NO CLEW YET FOUND

To the Murder of Blacksmith in Northern Shacks.

Cobalt, Feb. 13.—Provincial police officers of the northern district are confronted with another murder mystery case. Thursday night in a shack at Porcupine Junction the body of John Jones, about forty-eight years of age, and a blacksmith by trade, was found by the dead man's son, the head having been smashed by some instrument not yet determined. Robbery is considered the likely motive, but the alleged murderer is believed to have had three or four days' start of the police and there is no clue to the crime yet.

MINING WILL BE RESUMED IN FEW DAYS

The Costliest Coal Strike in the United States.

The Fifth Week of the Session Has Now Ended.

THE NEW CONTRACT

Will Extend Four and a Half Years—Joyous News Celebrated in Mining Fields.

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—The longest and most costly strike in the history of the anthracite industry was settled yesterday when the operators agreed to eliminate their demand for arbitration. The 158,000 mine workers who have been on strike since September 1st, 1925, are expected to return to work next Wednesday, following ratification of the terms of the new contract by a tri-district convention of miners in Scranton on Tuesday morning. Normal production of hard coal will be reached in three or four weeks.

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Immediate resumption of work on a 4½-year contract ending August 31st, 1930, at the scale of wages prevailing when the last contract expired.

Provision for revision or modification of the agreement once a year beginning January 1st, 1927, on the request of either side.

If no agreement is reached within thirty days the issue shall be referred to a board of two with full power and both sides bind themselves to abide by the board's decision.

The board shall be selected by the submission of three names by both sides, the miners to choose one of the men suggested by the operators and the operators to choose one of the men suggested by the miners. The board shall be obligated to arrive at a decision within ninety days, and if it deadlocks it may choose an umpire, in which event a majority vote shall be binding. The agreement does not make it obligatory or mandatory on the part of the board to choose an umpire.

Lengthy Agreement.

It is understood that on a question of wage reduction the miners' representative would oppose reference to an umpire, while on a proposal of a wage increase the operators' representative would act similarly. The contract, therefore, virtually means a 4½ year agreement at the old scale of wages, with the emphasis of settlement by dispute by mutual agreement, mediation and conciliation and not by reference to a third party whose decision would be binding.

Hamlets Celebrating.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 13.—With celebrations going on last night in every city, town and village over Pennsylvania's hard coal fields, the joyous news that the long and bitter coal strike was at an end, the coal companies of the anthracite region turned to preparations for a resumption of operations at the earliest possible date.

Find Still in Full Blast On Reserve Near Belleville

Belleville, Feb. 13.—Provincial Police Inspector Naggs, and Sgt. Rae, of the Provincial Police here, discovered on Solomon Maracle's place on the Indian reserve a still in full blast. Maracle was arrested, and Magistrate Bedford of Deseronto, sentenced him to one month in jail and a fine of \$200, which, if not paid, an additional six months in jail.

An Aviator Killed.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 13.—An Smith, well-known aviator and widely known as a student flier, was killed when his mail plane struck a tree and crashed to the ground near Montpelier, Ohio, last night.

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Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The House of Commons concluded the fifth week of the session last night with the address and amendment thereto still under discussion. Again the Liberals and Progressives remained silent, while Conservative members carried on the debate.

A new note was struck by A. Dewitt Foster, Conservative member for Hants-King, when in answer to a question by W. D. Euler, Liberal North Waterloo, he advocated that the fixing of rates be removed from the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners. The commission, Mr. Foster said, lacked sufficient men who were familiar with auditing and traffic conditions at the same time to carry on the work. Mr. Foster also favored the removal of the Intercolonial Railway from the control of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal, and the restoration of its head office at Moncton.

Earlier, J. B. Chaplin, Conservative member for Lincoln, had criticized the Australian treaty, as well as other treaties concluded by the Government.

W. A. Black of Halifax referred to the arrival of vessels of the Canadian Government merchant marine at Halifax to discharge consignments of Australian and New Zealand butter, which depressed the home market price. He warned the Government that the time for royal commissions had passed and that the maritime provinces wanted their rights. The last speaker of the day was T. H. Stinson, Conservative, Victoria, Ont., who advised caution in connection with completing the Hudson's Bay railway.

The debate will be continued on Monday by R. K. Anderson, Conservative, Halifax, and the vote on the amendment is expected on Tuesday.

A DISTINGUISHED HONOR.

Has Been Conferred on Dr. Lawrence Uglow.

Dr. Lawrence Uglow, son of Mrs. Richard Uglow, Albert street, and at present in Hong Kong, has been elected a member of the Society of Economic Geologists of America, a very distinguished honor. Dr. Uglow is one of Queen's brilliant science graduates who has made a mark in professional ranks as a skilled geologist.

Adjourned Till March 9.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Adjournment until March 9 of the hearing of the application of the Bell Telephone Company for the approval of its new tariff of rates was ordered at yesterday afternoon's sitting of the board of railway commissioners. Whether the hearing will be proceeded with is undecided. This question, it was intimated, would depend on the advance made in the work of auditing the company's books.

Stole \$10,988 From Widow.

Edmonton, Feb. 13.—Dugald Campbell, solicitor's clerk, was sentenced to five years in Prince Albert penitentiary in the Supreme Court for theft of \$10,988 given him by a widow to purchase mortgages at 10 per cent.

"Any man who can take the last dollar from a woman, giving her no security, is entitled to no consideration," declared His Lordship in passing sentence.

Archbishop Very Low.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—Archbishop Roy is so critically ill that his death may occur at any moment. Monsignor Langlois has asked for the prayers of the faithful in his behalf.

ADDED \$168,470,550 TO CANADA'S WEALTH

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—United States citizens who settled in Canada during the past twelve years brought with them wealth in cash and effects totalling \$168,470,550.