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House of Commons to Sit Till After Premier King Takes His Seat

THE SUNBURY CHURCH GIVEN TO CONTINUING PRESBYTERIANS

By the Ontario Church Property Commission--Some Furniture Goes to United Church--Presbyterians to Pay Annual Rental of \$100 for Fortnightly Use of the Church at Grafton.

Belleville, Feb. 27.—The Ontario Church Property Commission, in session here yesterday afternoon, gave Sunbury church in Frontenac county, near Kingston, to the Continuing Presbyterians, with the exception of some church furniture, including organ, altar and four gasoline lamps. These become the property of the United Church. Twenty-one dollars was paid by the United Church for an insurance premium on the manse. This amount must be paid back by the Continuing Presbyterians forthwith. Otherwise the application stands as presented when the Union took place. Use of the old Presbyterian church at Grafton by the Continuing Presbyterians at an annual rental of \$100 for three years was granted by the commission. Non-concurring church members pay this sum to the United Church for use of the edifice fortnightly. This was the original offer made to the non-concurrensts. With regard to the Amherst Island application it appears that here there are two churches, a large stone building, the property of the Presbyterians, and a smaller frame church, the property of the Methodists. Some six or seven years ago the two congregations united, worshipping alternately in both churches, repairs being made to the building from the general fund contributed by the two congregations. The Methodists claim that more money was spent on the Presbyterian church for repairs and they ask that some adjustment be made, naming \$250 as a fair sum. Judgment was withheld by the commission. It was decided by the commission...

Decision As Asked For.

On Saturday morning, The Whig learned that the Unionist members of the Sunbury church had never asked the Church Property Commission for the church. A. E. Day, who represented the Presbyterian Unionists, informed The Whig that the members who withdrew, as well as the Methodists who formed the congregation, asked that they be given half the costs of the articles which were purchased during the time the Presbyterians and Methodists had worshipped together. The Commission decided that the claim was well founded and gave decision as asked by the applicants.

HALTING OF FERGUSON ON THE O.T.A. ISSUE

Is Said to Be Due to Conservative Leaders in the Federal House.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The Telegram says: Light is beginning to filter through the O.T.A. "policy" of the Ferguson Government with the result that the situation is gradually clarifying itself. It is now understood that Premier Ferguson is delaying a concrete statement through constant pressure being brought to bear on him by the Conservative leaders in the Federal House. On account of the possibility of a Dominion election in the next few months Ottawa Conservatives have been urging Premier Ferguson to "keep quiet" on the O.T.A. as long as possible. The Telegram was informed this morning that a "despatch carrier" in the shape of a well known Conservative with Ottawa and Montreal affiliations had seen Premier Ferguson yesterday in an effort to get him to cut a deal on O.T.A. declarations. It is stated that the Conservative party at Ottawa fear that the declaration of a wet policy by the Ferguson Government might cost the party several seats in Ontario in the event of a Dominion election. They point out that while such a declaration will not hurt the Ontario Conservatives to such an extent, owing to the difference in the ridings, it might play havoc with the mainstay of Conservatism in Canada.

GREG IS DETHRONED.

Losses Middleweight Honors to Tiger Flowers of Atlanta. New York, Feb. 27.—Harry Greb, three-year king of middleweights, was dethroned by sensational Tiger Flowers of Atlanta, Georgia, the first negro to hold the championship of the division in history, here last night. Flowers' victory came through the judge's decision at the end of a 15 round bout in Madison Square Garden, witnessed by 18,000 persons. Greb, to newspapermen at the ring side, was not himself, appearing drawn and nervous at the start, but Flowers was in excellent condition with a confidence that was not to be denied. The "Tiger," veteran of many encounters, fought a steady, workmanlike battle throughout, his right hand slap introduced at the beginning of each round seeming to worry the champion.

BISHOP OPPOSED TO PURITAN SABBATH

New York, Feb. 27.— Bishop William Manning has declared against a "Puritan" Sabbath, holding that the day should be one of worship but also of "happiness and gladness."

TREND OF BUSINESS IS MORE FAVORABLE

The Canadian Bureau Report Says "That Many Factors Show Good Business."

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The trend of business conditions in Canada was decidedly favorable during the first month of the present year, says the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In spite of the high levels attained in preceding months, many factors showed considerable increases. "This remark," continues the Bureau in a statement reviewing business statistics for January, "applies to the three prominent factors selected to represent the different phases of business, but especially to industrial stock prices and to notice deposits. The index of industrial stock prices reached a maximum in the present movement, as well as for all time. The increase in the month under review was nearly 6 per cent as compared with December last, while the advance since January 1925 was about 39 per cent."

FIRST ANNOUNCED BY BRITISH WHIG

The Financial Post of Toronto editorially says: The announcement of the important decision of the Kingston Locomotive Company to enter the mining equipment field as a manufacturer of machinery was first made in the Financial Post, which explained the company's arrangement with the Colorado Iron & Fuel Co. in regard to manufacturing rights for this country. A few days later the Toronto Globe came out with the statement that: "A Kingston firm has an order from Colorado for locomotives." To this was added the following caustic comment: "This is a strange condition for this country, which, we are told, buys everything and sells nothing in manufactures."

MINNOWS ON MAIN STREET.

Dundas Folk Wonder if They Came From Clouds. Hamilton, Feb. 27.—The finding of numerous minnows along the Main street of Dundas, in the half-frozen water in the ditches, and in window sills three stories from the ground, convinced many people that the tiny fishes were brought down along with last night's rainstorm. There are no creeks which empty near the part of the city in which they were found, and neither was there any break in the water main. It is held conceivable by some that the minnows dropped from the clouds. One theory is that in the hurricane which raged over the county yesterday, they were scooped up somewhere else, carried through the air and deposited on Dundas' Main street.

FARMER BURNED TO DEATH.

Calgary, Feb. 27.—Peter Cutt, old-time farmer of the Vulcan, Alta., district, was burned to death yesterday in an effort to save a trunk from the blazing shack.

BISHOP OFFERS TO LEND HIS PALACE

Any Anglican Who Will Pay Upkeep During Dr. Ingram's Tour Eligible. London, Feb. 27.—Right Rev. Dr. Wainwright Ingram, Bishop of London, who is going on an extended visit this summer to Canada and the United States and later to the Far East and Ceylon, announces that he is ready to lend Fulham Palace, the Bishop's official residence, to any member of the Church of England, man or woman, who will undertake to pay the servants' wages and the taxes while he is away. The salary of the Bishop of London is £10,000 a year. Some years ago Dr. Ingram, replying to a public reference to the "fatal opulence of bishops," published his balance sheet, in which he proved that at the end of the year he had nothing left over from his salary. Formerly the Bishop of London had two official residences, one in St. James Square, as well as Fulham Palace, but after Dr. Ingram made public his financial affairs he relinquished the St. James Square residence. Still later he caused the most that had surrounded Fulham Palace since Norman times to be filled up in order to avoid the expense of keeping the most tree from stagnant water.

DENIAL MADE BY BISAILLON OF A CHARGE

That He Instructed Clerk to Forge a Signature.

MUCH EVIDENCE GIVEN

With Regard to the Alleged Disposition of Stolen Cars Smuggled Into Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Just before the special House of Commons committee probing the smuggling charges adjourned last night, J. E. B. Bisailon, central figure in the enquiry, flatly denied the testimony given by Ralph Garceau, clerk in his office in Montreal, that he, (Bisailon) instructed Garceau to forge a signature on the order waiving rights to a stolen car smuggled into Canada. Bisailon, answering three or four pointed questions by Charles W. Bell, West Hamilton declared that Garceau committed perjury when he so testified yesterday. A tangled web of evidence in regard to alleged disposition of stolen cars smuggled into Canada was given at three sittings yesterday. Another feature was the statement made by Capt. E. Bilodeau of the Montreal police that two cars, one made at Ottawa and the other also in Canada, had been treated by preventive service in Montreal as not only stolen cars but smuggled cars. Another interesting statement by Capt. Bilodeau was that there was for some time no co-operation between the police of Montreal and the customs preventive service in that city, in dealing with smuggled stolen cars; that cars seized by the police were taken from the municipal garage by preventive officers without giving the police an opportunity of making further investigation regarding the police seizures.

SILK AND MR. McCLENAGHAN

By R. J. Deachman.

Mr. McClenaghan, M.P. for the city of Ottawa, spoke in the House of Commons this week. I mention the fact not for its historical value but merely because it illustrates the type of speech that Ottawa listens to with contained calm and stolid indifference. I do not mean to suggest that Mr. McClenaghan is hard to listen to. He is a reasonably pleasant speaker. He is reputed to be a good business man. Let us examine his argument as he himself would examine it if the subject under discussion were business and not politics. That's fair, isn't it? Even Mr. McClenaghan could not object to that. We shall not examine it all. Any man in making a speech can utter statements which it would take reams of evidence to disprove. Mr. McClenaghan has placed the emphasis on silks—well and good—forward to the task—"Silks and Mr. McClenaghan" is the subject of this brief review.

His Own Words.

Mr. McClenaghan said (Hansard 1252): "Here is another Canadian industry in which the merchants of this country are deeply interested, and the principal place of manufacture is Montreal. Perhaps there could be no better example of the injurious effect of the tariff policy of this government on industry in Canada than what has happened in regard to the importation of women's silk clothing from France."

Whole Silk Industry.

Now skipping for the moment the question of silk clothing let us glance at the whole silk industry. We had a deluge of silk importations back in 1920. The Conservatives were in power then. The deluge continued in 1921—Mr. Meighen was in power then. It continued in 1922. The tariff of Mr. Meighen was in force to the end of that fiscal year. Here are the delugian figures of imports:

Year	Value
1920	\$35,432,789
1921	29,720,792
1922	21,942,338
1923	21,155,876
1924	21,841,422
1925	19,875,268

ARTICLE INACCURATE DECLARES MR. NICKLE

No Friction Between Himself and Hon. Mr. Price Over Compensation Board.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Varied matters came before the Ontario House during the course of its sitting yesterday afternoon. Questions by members were answered to the number of some twenty. The Workmen's Compensation Board occupied some moments of consideration, and bills from the statute law revision commission measures were principally consolidations, although one respecting private detectives was amended to prevent coercion of an individual. A bill respecting real estate practices and also one protecting inheritance rights of legitimized children, which are new enactments, were passed through the second reading stage. When the sitting opened Karl Hemuth, Labor, South Waterloo, called the attention of the attorney-general to an article in a Toronto evening paper which alleged friction between Hon. Mr. Price and Hon. Mr. Nickle over the compensation board policies. Hon. Mr. Nickle declared that the article was quite inaccurate in the allegations which it made.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES

Home Destroyed at Escourt, Que., When Father and Mother Were Away.

Quebec, Feb. 27.—Three children of N. Beaulieu of Escourt, in Temiscouata County, were burned to death when a fire destroyed the Beaulieu home. It became known today, Mr. Beaulieu had left the house, taking the fourth child to school, his wife and three children remaining in the home. Some time afterwards, Mme Beaulieu went to visit a neighbor, and left the three children alone. Twenty minutes later the fire was noticed. The entire residence was in flames before the fire apparatus arrived, the three children perishing.

IMPERIAL DEBATORS WON.

Edmonton, Feb. 27.—Imperial debaters triumphed over the representatives of the University of Alberta by a 3 to 2 vote of the judges before a crowded house at the Empire Theatre Thursday night. The subject under discussion was that western civilization is becoming a degenerating influence on mankind. The affirmative was supported by the visitors. Chief Justice Harvey occupied the chair.

MAY MEET MORGANATIC WIFE.

Bucharest, Feb. 27.—Former Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, who is sojourning in Paris, with Mme. Lucescu somewhere in the vicinity, may soon have the opportunity of again meeting his morganatic wife, Zizi Lambrino, and their son. The Rumanian foreign office has finally granted Mme. Lucescu permission, which she has vainly sought for weeks, to leave the country. She will depart today and Paris is reported to be her destination. Mainz produces 25 per cent. of all the feldspar in America.

DEBATE WILL GO ON TILL KING ARRIVES

Conservatives to Await Arrival of Premier in Commons.

ADJOURNMENT FOLLOWS

If No Business Ready to Go on With, the Conservative Whip Announces.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Conservative speakers from the Maritime provinces, from Toronto and from Yukon contributed to the debate on the address yesterday. Between speeches, W. A. Boyd, Conservative whip, interjected a brief announcement that the opposition proposed to continue the debate until Premier King took his seat in the House, which he is expected to do next week. "Then, if he demonstrates that he has no business ready to go on with, we are prepared to give him an adjournment," he said. Mr. Boyd also made a statement as to the attitude of the members of the Conservative party regarding the leadership of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. He was moved to do so by an article appearing in the Toronto Star which attributed to a Conservative member the suggestion that a considerable number of Ontario members were ready at any time to desert Mr. Meighen. The chief whip emphatically denied these suggestions and repudiated the statement of the Toronto paper that they came from a Conservative member. He declared that the party was solidly behind Mr. Meighen.

SPEECHES ON THE ADDRESS.

George Black, Conservative, Yukon, quoted from press reports of Premier King's campaign speeches in which the Progressives had been referred to as "outlaws in parliament." Yet to-day, the Government was dependent upon Progressive members for its very existence. J. H. Harris, Conservative, Toronto-Scarboro, gave the House statistics of increased importation of machinery. "That kind of thing is taking work from my people," he declared. Mr. Harris compared the opposition of Liberals toward a tariff board proposal in 1912 to the Government's tariff commission of to-day as promised in the Speech from the Throne. G. T. MacNutt, Conservative, Colchester, denounced the Australian treaty. It was a matter of bread and butter to the Nova Scotia farmer. He advocated maritime ports for the exportation of Canadian grain.

NEW SASKATCHEWAN CABINET MINISTERS

Thomas C. Davis and W. J. Patterson Sworn in at Regina.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 27.—Thomas Clayton Davis, Prince Albert, and William John Patterson, Windhorst, became members of the Saskatchewan Government when Premier James G. Gardiner and members of his cabinet were sworn in before Lieut.-Governor Newlands yesterday. Mr. Davis takes the portfolio of Municipal Affairs and Bureau of Labor and Industries, while Mr. Patterson becomes Provincial Treasurer and Minister of Telephones. Premier Gardiner retains the portfolio of Highway and also becomes President of the Council and Minister of Railways. The six members of the former Government who served under Premier Durney also have portfolios in the new administration.

CURLING RINK COLLAPSES.

A. F. Blair Trapped Under Roof But Is Rescued. Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Loaded with tons of snow which had drifted on it during the heavy blizzard Thursday afternoon, the roof of the Metcalfe curling rink at Metcalfe, crashed at four o'clock, and Russell A. F. Blair, secretary of the Metcalfe Curling Club, had a thrilling experience when he was trapped beneath the fallen roof. Blair was released by other members of the club, who had been attracted by the great crash of the falling roof. The rink was almost completely destroyed, damage amounting to about \$1,000.