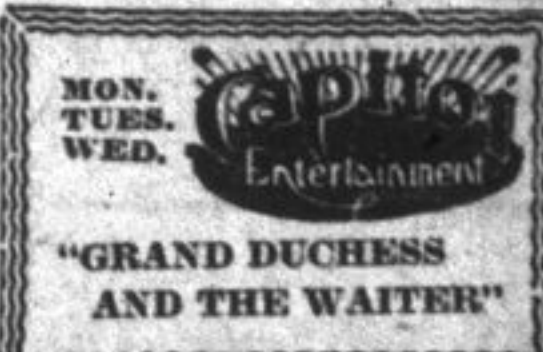




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Trying to Bring the Political Downfall of Sir Austen Chamberlain

WILL CHAMBERLAIN RESIGN AS BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY?

Anti-Government Press Making Every Effort to Bring About His Political Downfall—Chamberlain and Briand Are Blamed for the League of Nations Collapse at Geneva.

London, March 18.—Discussion of Sir Austen Chamberlain's mission to Geneva will be the feature of next week's sessions of the House of Commons, and it is possible, although this has not yet finally been determined upon, that a vote of censure may be moved against him. In such case the present indications are that the foreign secretary would be saved by a big Conservative majority. There are rumors that he may forestall an attack upon him by resigning his portfolio, although these seem to be based on speculation. The anti-government press is making every effort to bring about the political downfall of Sir Austen Chamberlain, who, with Premier

Briand of France, is declared to be the author of the Geneva collapse.

Recognize Germany.
Geneva, March 18.—The decision by the League of Nations Council at its secret session last night to pull Germany on the commission which is to study the revision of the covenant clauses concerning the composition of and methods of election to the Council rouses considerable discussion today. The decision was interpreted by many as indicating that the Council virtually regards Germany as a member of the League despite yesterday's adjournment of action on her application for membership until September. Germany's acceptance of representation on the commission is expected.

DAILY CATCH OF BASS IS REDUCED TO FIVE

Legislature Committee Will Not Establish Closed Season for Bear.

Toronto, March 18.—The fish and game committee of the Legislature at a meeting today rejected the recommendation of various hunters' associations for a closed season for bear. The committee also decided to leave the present regulations on beaver in effect for another year.

A recommendation that shooting does be prohibited by permitting only shipment of bucks during the deer season was not adopted.

The 200-yard limit on ducks was maintained. The committee reduced the number of the daily catch of bass from eight to five, in an effort to conserve the game fish of the province. Lungue and pickerel were left as they are.

STEWART AND SKELTON GO TO WASHINGTON

Minister of Interior to Discuss the Question of Water Diversion.

Ottawa, March 18.—Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, accompanied by Dr. Oscar Skelton, Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Chief Engineer Johnston, of the Water Powers Branch, has gone to Washington for a conference in regard to the International Waterway question. Primarily, the gathering is interested in the proposed works at Niagara Falls to preserve the scenic beauties as well as the water powers, but the Chicago drainage diversion and its effect upon lake levels will also be considered.

The latter question has come up repeatedly in the House, and the exchange of correspondence has been heavy. Official circles today displayed some reticence as to the mission of the Minister beyond indicating its general purpose but expressed the belief that the conference with the United States authorities, which is scheduled to last till Friday, will be productive of some definite adjustment of the vexed question.

Minister's Secretary

Ottawa, March 18.—Miss Hazel F. Sherritt has been appointed secretary to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. She has served in a similar capacity under five cabinet ministers. Miss Sherritt has the plucky distinction of being the first woman private secretary in the Government service at Ottawa, coming here in the first instance to join the secretarial staff of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

West Elgin Liberal Candidate.
St. Thomas, March 18.—Pledging themselves as supporting the temperance band taken by the Liberal Leader, Hon. W. E. N. Sinclair, in the Ontario Legislature, delegates of the West Elgin Liberal Association, in convention at Dutton yesterday afternoon, selected John B. Ferguson of West Lorne as their candidate in the next Provincial election.

More Passengers and Crew From a Burning Steamer

Capetown, South Africa, March 18.—A disaster at sea was narrowly averted yesterday when a wireless S.O.S. brought a rescuing ship in time to move the passengers and crew from the burning British steamer Paparou, 400 miles northwest of this port.

Kingston Hockey Team at Port Arthur

Mr. James T. Sutherland wires to day from Port Arthur to the Whig as follows:

"We arrived O. K. this Thursday morning and received a nice reception from the local men of prominence. An invitation for a drive around the Twin Cities was cordially given us. We hope to accept the same for to-morrow.

"To-night's the night, and the boys expect a stiff battle, but are not lacking in confidence. We are very comfortably located at the Prince Arthur hotel and will enter into the battle in the hope that our will be the victory. If real determination counts, we should make a good showing, but 1,200

miles travel is some handicap. The boys all send regards."

Speed Versus Strength.

A Fort William press despatch says: "Speed versus strength." This it is declared will be the deciding factor in the Kingston-Fort William contest tonight. The Kingston team is far heavier than the Fort William representatives, but will find the latter one of the fastest sextettes ever turned out at the head of the lake. Great interest in the coming contest is shown by local fans, thousands of whom will witness to-night's game and the ushering in of a cold wave this morning promised ideal ice conditions.

COMMITTEE TOLD OF HIJACKING EPISODE

On a Street in Montreal—Two Barrels of Customs Whiskey Taken.

Ottawa, March 18.—A hijacking episode on a street of Montreal was recounted before the customs committee this morning by C. M. Latimer, driver, who carried goods for the customs office in that city. On instructions of one of the customs officers, Latimer took two barrels of whiskey from the office and was driving through the streets when he was assaulted by four men. An overcoat was thrown over his head, and he was pulled down. According to his own story, "a lady" jumped in the sleigh and drove it away. He himself was not injured. Latimer reported the incident to Officer Daigle, of the Department, whose only comment was: "Well, if it's gone, it's gone." The same driver testified to having frequently delivered bottles from the customs office to individuals.

R. D. Tighe, of Edmonton, was, on motion of D. M. Kennedy, of Edmonton, appointed junior counsel to the committee.

DR. EDWARDS' QUESTION

As to Cost of Ministers Without Portfolio.

Ottawa, March 18.—"With respect to the following Ministers and ex-Ministers without portfolio, Hon. Messrs. Marier, Massey, Sinclair, McGiverin and Dandurand, what has been the cost to the country, inclusive of expenses, secretarial and other assistance, of each of such ministers for each of the years up to January 1 last during which they were in office," asks Hon. J. W. Edwards, Conservative of Frontenac-Addington, in a question placed on the order paper of the House of Commons.

Scottish Chief's Descendant, A Glengarry McDonald, Dies

Cornwall, March 18.—Glengarry is mourning the death of one of its most noted residents, Angus McDonald, who died on the farm on which he was born at Glenroy, in his 87th year. The deceased's mother was a relative of the first bishop of Canada. Deceased will be buried in the historic cemetery at St. Raphael. In that cemetery is buried his great-grandfather, Angus McDonald, who was born in the Highlands of Scotland in 1744 and who was a leader in the first band of Scottish Highlanders who came in 1786 to the district now known as Glengarry.

English Doctor Has Device That Will Detect Cancer

Liverpool, March 18.—Dr. Mitchell, senior medical officer of the City Cancer Hospital here, stated today that a noted scientist whose name he is not permitted to divulge claims that by means of a cleverly devised apparatus he is able to take a few drops of a patient's blood and detect the presence of cancer in its early stages.

Get Record Reading.

Toronto, March 18.—Hon. W. E. Ramey's bill to prohibit political contributions by brewers, distillers, standard hotel keepers, public contractors, crown lessees and certain corporations got second reading in the Legislature yesterday, after a stormy passage.

The cost of the Welland Ship Canal up to the end of last year was \$60,573,573 and that of the Welland Canada \$23,908,497. Canadian magazine publishers ask the Government to tax United States publications ten cents per page.

BRACKIN DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE LIBERALS

Leader Sinclair Repudiates His Stand on the O.T.A.

A STRONG STATEMENT

Made by Mr. Sinclair in Legislature—Liberal Party Stands for Temperance.

Toronto, March 18.—Before the orders of the day in the legislature yesterday afternoon, W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., Liberal leader, replied to R. L. Brackin's government control speech of Tuesday, which was made against the arrangements of the Liberal leader and whip, who had expected Harold Fisher, Liberal financial critic to speak.

After pointing out that both J. A. Pinard, who moved the adjournment Friday, in order that Mr. Brackin might speak, and Brackin, took an active part in forming the temperance policy of the Liberal party Mr. Sinclair declared, "They have chosen to create discord in the ranks of the Liberal party in this house by abandoning and denouncing the policy they created without consulting the Liberal party who adopted their policy and platform of 1919. They have a right to their individual opinion on any questions. They do not speak for the Liberal party when they speak and act as they have done in debate. The honorable member for West Ottawa is the recognized financial critic of the Liberal party. It was his right to move the adjournment of the debate and speak first, following a custom in vogue here for years.

"The financial critic in the budget debate speaks for official Liberalism. I spoke in the debate on the address and expressed the view of official Liberalism upon the O.T.A. until a convention of Liberals pronounce otherwise.

"I will go further and say that no member of the Liberal party in this house, while he conducts a business in another province which by law is illegal in this province, as does the member for East Ottawa, or any member of the Liberal party in this house who holds a retainer as solicitor for distillery interests, as does the member for West Kent, will be recognized as speaking for the Liberal party in this house upon the temperance questions.

"Members of all parties in this house will regret the episode which has occurred and will discontinue the effort made to disrupt this legislature on a question which thoughtful men wish solved by careful thought and disinterested parties."

Claims Specific Serum To Cure Erysipelas

Rochester, N.Y., March 18.—A specific serum for the cure of erysipelas and produced from a single type of streptococcus erysipellus has been announced here by Dr. Konrad Birkhaug, assistant in bacteriology at the School of Medicine of the University of Rochester.

Dr. Birkhaug, who began study of the serum while at Johns Hopkins, declared that never before has the specific serum been ordered. He said that through its injection during the first three days of an erysipelas case there is a return to normal pulse and temperature, within 12 to 18 hours, and decreased toxic depression and skin eruption.

According to Dr. Birkhaug, the potency of the serum is lessened with advanced cases, but that its use in various tests had brought numerous instances of recovery.

Translate Koran.
Constantinople, March 18.—The Turkish Republic has undertaken the first official translation of the Koran. This holy book of the Moslems, written in Arabic, is comprehensible only to the priests and the scholars of Turkey. When completed copies of the official Turkish version of the Koran will be distributed gratuitously by the Government among the people. Thus the new regime purposes to answer the charge of Atheism laid at its doors by followers of the deposed Caliph.

Seventeen Chinese Students Killed by Peking Guards

Peking, March 18.—Seventeen students were killed and sixteen wounded today by guards who fired on a thousand students who were demonstrating before the cabinet offices. The demonstration was in protest against the government's acquiescence to the ultimatum of the powers regarding the restoration of free communication between Peking and Tientsin and the sea.

SMOKED AND CHEWED OVER NINETY YEARS

Peterboro, March 18.—To have smoked and chewed tobacco for more than ninety years is a record to which few Canadians can lay a claim, yet such is the assertion of James Hendley of the township of Burleigh, shantymen, river driver, trapper and hunter, who attained his 104th birthday on Monday, March 15th, and who is still active, hale and hearty.

FIRST GAME TIED.

Western Junior Teams, Winnipeg and Calgary, Even Count.

Winnipeg, March 18.—Winnipeg and Calgary played a 3 to 3 tie here Tuesday night in the first game of a two-game series to decide which team will hold the Western Canadian Junior championship for 1926.

The winner will take the Abbott Cup and earn the right to play the Eastern champions for the Dominion junior title. Total goals of the series will decide the winner. The second game will be played Friday.

AUSTIN DRUG STORE MOVES UP ONE BLOCK

Leases Splendid Store at Corner of Wellington and Princess Streets.

An important business deal was closed on Wednesday, as a result of which the Austin Drug Store will be removed to the commodious premises on the corner of Princess and Wellington streets, until recently occupied by Modler & Co. This is one of the finest locations in the city and admirably suited to the drug business. Mr. Austin has secured a ten-year lease of the property, and expects to be settled there by the first week in April.

The Austin Drug Store was first established in Kingston in 1916 when W. F. Austin took over the Gibson Red Cross Drug Store at the corner of King and Market streets. The business was carried on in that stand until about three years ago when a move was made to the store at the corner of King and Princess street. The management of the store has felt for some time, however, that the present stand was too far down town and this, in conjunction with the ever-increasing volume of trade, is largely responsible for the move.

The new premises of the Austin Drug Store is one of the most up-to-date stores in the city and is situated at one of the busiest parts of Princess street.

Mr. L. E. Hendry, who has been in charge of the Kingston store since it has occupied its present stand, will continue in that capacity in the new store. Another drug store is operated in Gananoque by the same firm.

MILLION BUS RIDERS PRESENT A PETITION

London, March 18.—It took 11 sturdy men to carry into the House of Commons yesterday petitions from different parts of London bearing nearly 1,000,000 signatures against a reduction in the omnibus service in the metropolis. The Ministry of Transport has decreed that, in order to lighten the positively appalling traffic congestion, a considerable number of the motor buses must be withdrawn from the streets.

CO-OPERATION BASIS OF FARM SUCCESS

Ontario Agricultural Committee Advises Standard Products for Export.

Toronto, March 18.—The report of the agricultural committee of the legislature was tabled in the Ontario house yesterday, and advises that the outlook for marketing in larger volume in England should be considered representatively and without delay in connection with the work of the imperial economic committee. The committee does not accept the view that representation by the federal departments of trade and commerce and agriculture is enough.

With regard to co-operation, the report, which was tabled by Hon. David Jamieson, chairman of the committee, says:

"We recommend a co-operative council for Ontario. Without making definite recommendations at the present time, concerning the constitution and the representative nature of such a council, we are of the opinion that the Wisconsin, as well as Manitoba co-operative law, also to functions of the State of Wisconsin department of markets, which is in charge of a market commissioner, should first be carefully studied.

Manitoba Plan.

The province of Manitoba has set up an advisory council on co-operative marketing the function of which is to co-ordinate the aims and activities of the various associations and registrars or associations responsible to the minister of agriculture. The committee has carefully considered plans for a co-operative council constituted to represent the co-operative associations now in existence.

"It falls outside our scope to suggest remedies for the dumping of inferior eggs on the Canadian market. Statistical evidence makes the fact abundantly clear that the home market has been greatly stimulated by its steady improvement of domestic poultry products. The same complaint exists as to the dumping of Canadian chicks. We can only point again to the responsibility that rests with the federal government.

DOMINION'S SHARE IN LOCARNO PACTS

House of Lords Discusses Canadian Premier's Statement on Publicity.

London, March 18.—The attitude of the Dominions towards the Locarno treaty as raised in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Parmoor, who referred to Premier Mackenzie King's statement in the House of Commons at Ottawa that the Imperial Government was opposed to the publication of the correspondence which had passed between the Imperial Government and the Dominion Governments, because it contained confidential details affecting foreign governments. Lord Parmoor claimed that there was no reason why the portion of the correspondence showing the attitude of the two principal parties on the matter of the treaty should not be made public.

The Earl of Clarendon, Under-Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, replied that none of the Dominion Parliaments had yet been invited to express their views with regard to their position on the Locarno treaty. The Imperial Government, he said, had kept all the Government of the Dominions fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the signing of the treaty.

Mr. Mackenzie King's statement in the Canadian Parliament, the Earl of Clarendon added, also mentioned that the Imperial Government considered that the publication of the correspondence would prejudice the free interchange of opinion between the British Government and the Governments of the Dominions.

CANADA'S TAX BURDEN WILL BE MODIFIED

Hon. J. A. Robb Intimates in the House of Commons.

NOT ANNOUNCING YET

Whether the Income or the Sales Tax Will Be Reduced—Dr. Edwards' Opinion.

Ottawa, March 18.—Intimation of some moderation of the burden of taxation was given in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, on a resolution proposed by T. L. Church, of Toronto, calling for a reduction in income tax. While he did not make any definite promise that it would be in either the income tax or the sales tax, the minister declared that he "hoped to give some little relief to the people." What that will be must remain a secret, until after Easter, when the budget will be brought down.

Mr. Church maintained that the income tax was formerly the exclusive right of the provinces, and as they had not many sources of revenue, it should be restored to them now that the war, which had led to the invasion of the provincial field by the federal authorities, was over. He further argued that the income tax was an excessive burden on the salaried class, who provided 85 per cent. of it, and who were liable to provincial and municipal taxes which would not be so heavy if municipalities had the right to impose their own income tax instead of the Dominion Government.

Canada Not Heavily Taxed.

Mr. Robb was not, however, prepared to agree with the argument of the member from Toronto. Although the war was over, the liabilities incurred in it by the Canadian people still remained and had to be met. He contended, and quoted figures to support his contention, that Canada bore less taxation of various kinds than did either Great Britain or other parts of the commonwealth of nations, and even less than the United States.

Quite a variety of suggestions were proffered by the Minister of Finance from various parts of the House.

Mr. McLean, looked for the solution of many problems by the amalgamation of the two railways, while W. D. Euler urged the abolition of the "nuisance taxes," about which business men from all parts of the country have periodically complained as being of a nature to hamper business without bringing much revenue to the public treasury. He also put forward the suggestion of a tax on stock market transactions and advocated the basing of the income tax on the income of a three-year period, as being more equitable for business men subject to the fluctuations of trade. This latter proposal found a supporter in T. L. Brown, Progressive, from Lisgar, but his colleague, John Millar, of Qu'Appelle, held that income tax was the fairest form of taxation that could be devised.

Dr. Edwards Doubtful.

Hon. J. W. Edwards cast some doubts on the vaunted prosperity of the country, as indicated by government speeches, and argued that if this were true the income tax returns would be heavier instead of showing a steady decline—unless there was gross laxity in collection of the tax.

The viewpoint of labor, as expressed by A. A. Heaps, of Winnipeg, was that ability to pay should be the keynote of all taxation, and therefore it was the income tax that was the best means of securing revenue for the country.

The discussion throughout the afternoon was conducted in the best parliamentary debating style, without any sign of rancour or bitterness. An academic discussion to place the minister's fault with the views held by the different parts of the country, with a view to helping him to frame his budget and give the public any little relief that he thinks they would be able to bear. Having accomplished its object, Mr. Church withdrew his resolution on the suggestion of the minister, and the House thereupon adjourned.

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending March 14, were \$4,725,305, as compared with \$4,584,779 for the same period of 1925, an increase of \$140,526, or 10 per cent.