

## Great Deputation Protests to Cabinet Against Lower Auto Tariff

### GOVERNMENT WILL ABIDE BY DECISION PARLIAMENT MAKES

#### This Is What Premier King Told the Great Automobile Delegation Which Invaded Ottawa to Protest Against the Reduction in the Motor Car Tariff.

Ottawa, April 23.—"So far as the Government is concerned, we intend to abide by the decision of Parliament on this question."  
This in brief was the reply of Premier King to the great automobile delegation which invaded Ottawa to-day.  
Premier King's statement was made in the railway committee room of the House of Commons following a preliminary meeting at which Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, declared that so far as he was concerned, "we intend to stand by our guns."  
In the railway committee room, Premier King touched on Mr. Robb's phrase. It was a term, Premier King said, used by men who would not be moved by demonstrations. But it did not mean that the Government would not be prepared to give earnest consideration to representations made.

Oshawa, there is claimed to be over 700 from Toronto, and it was stated that some 45 other municipalities were represented. The first search of the visitors was for breakfast, and the hotels and restaurants were soon thronged with a considerable addition to their regular patronages. At 10.30, the visitors assembled in a local theatre where arrangements were made to wait upon the Government.  
**Deputation No Bluff.**  
"I wish to impress upon the public that this deputation is no bluff," said Mayor Preston of Oshawa, on his arrival this morning. "We ask that the tariff changes be left out of the budget and decided on by the new tariff board. We think we are entitled to that." He pointed out that the deputation from his city was entirely a civic one.  
In the delegation are 100 women and they met Miss Agnes MacPhail, M.P., in Room 805 of the main building at one o'clock.

Ottawa, April 23.—Noon saw the Parliament buildings invaded by representatives of the Ontario business interests that came to protest against the tariff changes proposed in the recent budget statement. The deputation numbered about 3,000 and filled all the space in the corridors and lobbies where they were not held in check by ropes, and overflowed the lawns. Mayor Ballharris of Ottawa, who introduced the visitors to the cabinet in the railway committee room, said it was the largest delegation that had ever come to Ottawa. Premier King and all the cabinet ministers were present.

The memorial from the Ontario communities, protesting against the tariff reduction at once, was read by W. C. Smith of Oshawa. Mayor Mitchell of Windsor then spoke.  
He said that the tariff changes of this kind were bound to injure the largest manufacturers of trucks in Canada, he said the factory would most certainly close down and go to Detroit if the reduction was allowed to stand.

**Not Backing Manufacturers.**  
J. A. Woodward, representing Mayor Hornefall of Leaside, said this reduction would not only throw men out of employment, but were formerly in motor factories, but it would throw those employed in accessories plants on the street. The merchant and finally the farmer would be adversely affected.  
"I want it thoroughly understood that were this an appeal for motor manufacturers, I would not be here," Mr. Woodward said.  
Mayor Preston of Oshawa said the size of the delegation should indicate to the Government the tremendous importance of the matter. The manufacturers in Oshawa were not bluffers. He thought they were sincere in their statement that the automobile factories would close their doors if the reduction were maintained. The reduction in duty were not going to make the prices of motor cars much lower. If motor cars were a necessity, the sales tax should be removed.

**Nearly 3,000 Strong.**  
The people of this city turned out to greet the "on to Ottawa" delegation, which, nearly 3,000 strong, poured into the Capital in the early hours of this morning. The visitors came to urge upon the Federal Government that the customs tariff on automobiles be not reduced as proposed by the budget introduced in the House of Commons last week. The largest portion of the delegation came from Oshawa. Four special trains brought the representatives. The trains began to arrive at the Central Station shortly after six o'clock and very soon the streets were congested with visitors from the coats of whom fluttered badges of various types bearing the "On to Ottawa" slogan and "Save Our Homes." In addition to these from

**The Memorial.**  
The memorial presented by the deputation to Premier King and the Cabinet, in opposition to the proposed tariff changes declared that the tariff reductions, if carried out, could have a disastrous effect on various communities. It was pointed out that 35 per cent duty on motor cars was imposed nearly 25 years ago by the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and up to the present had been disturbed by no succeeding Government. Under this protection, millions of dollars had been invested in the motor car industry in Ontario. It was held that before such drastic action, as the budget proposed, should become law, a thorough investigation into the conditions surrounding the industry should be made. The memorial concluded:  
"After most mature consideration, it is the settled conviction of our respective communities entirely independent of party affiliations, that should such a drastic reduction become effective in the manner at present proposed, a staggering blow will be dealt our communities, a grievous wrong inflicted upon thousands of working men and a great injustice done to millions of invested capital throughout the Dominion. We therefore humbly pray that before the blow falls your Government will refer this entire matter to the tariff board."  
Reference was made in the memorial to the Prime Minister's speech delivered in Oshawa before the last election, in which the statement was made that if the Liberal Government were returned to power no act of theirs would injure any industry in Oshawa, and to the subsequent speech of the Premier when he declared that the only way to deal with the tariff was through a tariff advisory board. The deputation submitted that if that was the only way to handle the question before the last election, it was the only way to handle it now.

**MAY GET DRUNK AT HOME.**  
Man Entitled to Lie on Own Doorstep, Rules Judge.  
London, April 23.—"The Englishman's home is not the impregnable castle it used to be. The legislature has made several breaches in the walls, but there still remains to a man the inalienable right of being as drunk as he likes in his own domestic sanctuary."  
This was the dictum of Ratcliff Cousins, the West London police magistrate, when he dismissed a charge of drunkenness against a man who pleaded he was lying across his own doorstep when he was arrested.

**262ND BIRTHDAY OF SHAKESPEARE**  
London, April 23.—The 262nd birthday of Shakespeare was celebrated throughout the British Isles today. Nearly every city had a special Shakespearean performance of some sort.  
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This is a question that is taken up year to year. For the past ten years Kingston has been celebrating June 3rd, the King's birthday, while Toronto and nearly all the larger centres have been observing Victoria Day, May 24th, and a great many citizens feel that Kingston should celebrate on May 24th and not on June 3rd. It was the desire expressed by His Majesty, that Queen Victoria's birthday be observed.

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### Ninety Cambridge and Oxford Medical Students to Visit Kingston in August

Arrangements have been completed for the visit of ninety medical students from Cambridge and Oxford Universities to the hospitals of the city and the Queen's Medical School in August of this year. Mr. J. D. Simpson of Trinity College, Cambridge, arrived in Kingston yesterday and at a meeting of representatives of the hospitals and University, held at the home of Mr. Fraser Armstrong, the superintendent of the General Hospital, he outlined the details of the visit. Briefly this group of medical students are desirous of getting firsthand information as to hospital and medical school conditions on this continent, and for this purpose they will visit institutions of this nature in Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Washington, Baltimore and New York.  
The students are to arrive in this city on August 24th and the details of their entertainment are in the hands of Dr. L. J. Austin. Arrangements have been completed with Queen's University to allow the visitors the use of Ban Righ Hall during their brief stay here.

### Queen's Benefactor



ALEXANDER LONGWELL, Chairman of the General Campaign Committee of the Toronto Branch of Queen's University Endowment Campaign, is planned to raise \$400,000 there of the total \$1,500,000. Mr. Longwell, who is a mining engineer himself, has subscribed \$50,000. In Montreal, his other graduate, R. O. Sweeney, a bond dealer, has subscribed a similar sum.

### RIDEAU OVERFLOWS; DAMAGE AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 23.—The flood situation along the Rideau river where it swings around the south of the city and then cuts north to fall into the Ottawa river, is unchanged this forenoon and great areas are under water. Many cellars are flooded and a number of houses are more or less marooned. The greatest damage is in Ottawa South, Billings Bridge and in Eastview because these are the most thickly settled.  
It was thought that by removing the stop logs at Rideau Falls, where the river takes a jump into the Ottawa, the situation would be relieved, and late last night the city engineering department dynamited these logs away. For a time it looked as if this would prove successful, and the river dropped two inches. However, it stopped after that and this morning is within a few inches of the highest point it reached. The great rapidity with which the level of the river rose gave rise to a rumor at first, that the dam on the river near Perth had gone out, but this rumor proved later to be unfounded, and although enquiries were instituted at different points along the river, and at the locks, it was ascertained that nothing untoward had occurred to account for the flood.

### M.P. Suspended For Misconduct

Fredericton, N.B., April 23.—R. B. Hanson, K.C., M.P. for York-Sunbury, was suspended for one year from this date as barrister of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick by judgment of the appeal division this morning on charges of professional misconduct preferred by Dr. T. Carleton Allen, K.C., secretary of the New Brunswick Barristers Association.  
Judge Monet of Montreal protests against the inflexibility of the law in sentencing a man to three years for robbing the mail.

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### DEBATE UPON THE BUDGET GOING AHEAD

The Conservatives Maintain Fire on the Tariff Changes.

### WAR TAX COLLECTIONS

More Than Required to Meet Interest on Debt Due to War, Gen. Clark Claims.

Ottawa, April 23.—The budget debate is now well under way. The three parties are alternating with their speakers. The official opposition is pounding away on the vital necessity for a protective tariff, and a policy which will leave industry undisturbed. The Government and Progressive forces, on the other hand, are preaching varying degrees of lower tariff and free trade.  
In the Commons yesterday General J. C. Clark, of Burrard, and Hon. Edmund Bristol, of Toronto, emphasized the Conservative position, and maintained that a consistent and adequate tariff was the only policy under which Canada could prosper.  
General Clark, in addition to outlining the position of the automobile industry, as a result of the most recent tariff cuts, threw new light upon the effect of the reductions in the income tax. He dealt with the income tax from the viewpoint of industry and investors and that the change while reducing the tax on the smaller incomes would tend to discourage investment in Canadian enterprises.  
The new tax, he declared, would concentrate the burden upon corporations and upon the wealthy, with the result that a further reluctance would be displayed in providing money for necessary developments. The change in the method of taxation, would, he believed, prove a bad thing for the country as a whole. He emphasized that the Government was collecting in war taxes far more money than was required to meet the interest on the part of the national debt directly due to the war.

### Passing of a Chicken Which Ran Backwards

A Barred Rock chicken of rather unusual talents passed to its rest on Thursday night. This Barred Rock was only hatched out this spring, but early in life it gave evidence of possessing that quality which is usually only attributed to politicians, namely hindsight.  
It was one of a number of Barred Rocks which M. Ewart McFarlane of Nelson street hatched out but this particular chicken, by a curious freak of nature had a peculiar system of locomotion. Instead of walking forward, it would place its head between its legs and run backward at a great speed than the other chickens could propel themselves forward.  
As is sometimes the case, when one possesses strange talents this bird was shunned by his companions and it is thought that a broken heart was the real cause of his demise.

### TO STOP DEPUTATION?

May Ask for Injunction Against City's Grant.  
Toronto, April 23.—Application was made yesterday, for an injunction to prevent the expenditure of \$3,000 to pay the expenses of sending a deputation of 200 men to Ottawa to protest against the tariff changes.  
That the motion to authorize the grant was illegal, was the opinion expressed by a prominent lawyer, who said that if the money was spent the aldermen who voted for it might be held personally liable.

### SENATOR BUREAU CAN GIVE THE INFORMATION

Why Police Withdrawn Over Smuggling of Silks Into Canada From Paris.  
Ottawa, April 23.—Senator Jacques Bureau, former Minister of Customs, is the man who can tell the Stevens committee why seizure of Parisian silk gowns worth \$6,791, smuggled into Quebec in the fall of 1923 by Miss Denise Lardé, constituted the occasion for withdrawing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from unrestricted anti-smuggling operations in the port and district of Quebec.  
This much the committee established yesterday by redoubling their efforts to shatter the mystery. The Lardé seizure and arrest, made in a perfectly regular manner by Sergeant F. W. Zaneth, so far as W. F. Wilson, chief of the customs preventive service could see, was the subject of a talk between the minister and the preventive chief, it was learned. And from that talk arose a letter written by Mr. Wilson to the commissioner of the R.C.M.P. ordering "arrests are not to be made by officers without instructions from me." That command was attached specifically to "circumstances similar to the Denise Lardé seizure" not to silk smuggling from the United States or drug running.

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Who Was Jealous Over Visits of a Montreal Police Constable.  
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### Leaps into Breach



### THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE TARIFF MEETS

Formally Constituted Itself and Is Ready to Serve Without Prejudice.

Ottawa, April 23.—Meeting yesterday afternoon, the advisory board of tariff and taxation formally constituted itself and announced its readiness to place its services at the disposal of the country. There were present the chairman, Rt. Hon. George P. Graham, and both commissioners, Messrs. Alfred Lambert, of Montreal, and Donald G. McKenna, of Winnipeg, as well as Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Finance, and the deputy ministers, or their representatives, of the departments of finance, trade and commerce, agriculture, customs and excise, immigration and colonization, labor, railways and canals, and the income tax and statistical branches.  
In speaking briefly regarding the scope and functions of the board, Hon. Mr. Robb stressed the hope that its labors would be "such as to commend it to all classes and all parts of the country."  
Rt. Hon. Mr. Graham, as chairman of the board, stated that he was entering upon his duties with the hope that he could "pass up any preconceived ideas as to tariffs and arrive at decisions only after a full, impartial and thorough investigation of the facts." Like himself, his fellow commissioners were trying to forget that they had held any particular fiscal views.  
"If we are to be of any real assistance, ours is to be a very serious task," said Mr. Graham. "We must attempt to help to ascertain the proper fiscal policy for Canada; we must so work as to make Canada such a place that people will want to come here." The work of the board would be one of growth, based upon its own efficiency and the regard in which it came to be held by the public; and its duties were to advise in respect of the making of new laws rather than in the enforcement of existing statutes.

### HOPE RAISED

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This action on his part has served to raise the hopes of those believing the coal crisis will be solved peacefully and the country will not be plunged into terrible industrial chaos. But the ominous fact remains that with fatal May 1st only a few days distant the gulf between the owners and miners seems as unbridgeable as when they first began their bitter battle.

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### PREMIER HAS STEPPED INTO COAL BREACH

Invites New Conference When Hope of Peace Seemed Dead.

### WILL KEEP CONTROL

Mr. Baldwin Has Chosen the Psychological Moment for Determined Government Action.

London, April 23.—Prime Minister Baldwin leaped into the breach last night at a moment when the deadlock between the coal mine owners and the miners seemed complete and all hope of a peaceful solution of their differences seemed dead and gone.  
With only eight days intervening before the coal subsidy terminates and with the embittered rivals in the coal war apparently further than ever from an agreement, Mr. Baldwin decided that the time had come for firm Government action. Undaunted by the fact that the mine owners and miners had failed utterly yesterday morning to smooth over the points in dispute between them, the Premier last night invited representatives of both sides to meet him this morning at eleven o'clock and resume the negotiations interrupted yesterday. There is no reason to suppose that either side will disregard the invitation.  
Mr. Baldwin acted upon a suggestion made by a deputation from the general council of the Trades Union Congress, who called on him after a meeting with the Miners' Federation. The suggestion was only too welcome to Mr. Baldwin. He had been waiting for what he considered the right moment to intervene. At to-day's meeting he was accompanied by Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Minister of Labor, and Lt.-Col. Lane-Fox, Secretary of the Mines Department, with whom he conferred last night.  
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