

# THE LEGISLATURE WEEK BY WEEK

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH—

Oratory on Debate drew nearer its close. T. J. Mahony, Conservative member for South Westworth, dealt in some detail with Opposition criticisms, the matter of municipal payment toward highway costs, and a strong appeal to the Government on behalf of grapegrowers in the Niagara peninsula. He urged that native wine be made cheaper, and said that Quebec consumed 800,000 gallons of Ontario wine, as compared with 400,000 gallons used in this province.

T. Legault, Liberal member for Sturgeon Falls, got into a protracted argument with Hon. Wm. Finlayson as to the need of assistance for settlers in the Northern districts.

Other speakers were Chris Gardner (Prog., East Kent), Rev. A. C. Calder (Con., West Kent), A. A. Colquhoun (Lib., South Perth), F. G. Sandy (Prog., South Victoria), H. H. Ball (Con., Eglington), and Blake Miller (Lib., East Elgin).

Mr. Ball, who addressed the House for the first time in a debate, concluded with a word of commendation for the Securities Fraud Prevention Act now before the House.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH—

Sanctity of the bench, freedom of magistrates from political control and the circumstances attending the resignation of Police Magistrate Jesse Bradford, of Lindsay, comprised the Legislative menu at Friday's session.

Attorney-General W. H. Price got second reading for amendments to the Juvenile Courts Act and to the Children of Unmarried Parents Act.

Under the latter act a sum reaching \$90,000 has accumulated in the hands of the Public Trustee. Provision is made that the officers under the act are to have \$5,000 on hand for payments under the legislation, the rest to be invested. The Attorney-General also got second reading for Adoption Act and Children's Protection Act amendments.

Private bills obtaining second reading included bills from Townships of York and North York, town of Collingwood and the Church of England Trust Fund Act.

New legislation included bills re Windsor-Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway, St. Catharines Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A.

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH—

Fourteen bills were given second reading; 17 passed Committee of the Whole House, and 16 others reached that state of advancement—third reading—where now only Royal assent stands between them and actual law.

AMENDMENT ALTERED.

The Government, agreeing to a suggestion from Liberal Leader Sinclair, altered its amendment to the Public Service Act, so that a civil servant must be 25 years in the service and at least 60 years of age before being entitled to pension, instead of 85 years of age, as stipulated in the original draft of the measure.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH—

The central feature was furnished by Hydro, when Hon. J. R. Cooke in a two-hour address replied to the attacks which have been made by the Opposition members and reiterated again the policy of the Government that the water powers of the province belonged to the people of the province and must be developed on their behalf.

Support of the Minister's address came from the front ranks of the Liberal cohorts when J. A. Pinard (Lib., Ottawa East) in his first address in the House this year, declared that while he was a strong advocate of private ownership and the development of waterpower on the Quebec plan, he was not in favor of dropping a great enterprise when it had been started. He congratulated Hon. Mr. Cooke on his address and suggested that the Government might well have it printed and distributed to the farmers of the province.

Other members who made their contributions to the debate were: E. Blake Miller (Liberal, Elgin East), T. Farquhar (U.F.O., Manitoulin), W. J. Bragg (Lib., Durham), A. D. MacLean (Prog., Middlesex North), T. A. Thompson (Con., Lanark North), D. M. Ross (Prog., Oxford North), E. C. Graves (Con., St. Catharines), and A. McWhinney (Lib., Bruce North).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH—

The Ontario Government is ready to provide additional relief to the townships and counties from taxation for Provincial and other highways in proportion to the increase of traffic which is not of a local nature, but it will not assume the full financial responsibility of Provincial highways, since this would mean, in fairness to all, taking over the entire road system of the province, and entering upon a new field in which highways would be constructed and maintained by means of direct taxation. This was in effect the reply given by the Minister of Highways to the budget amendment proposed on behalf of the Liberal party by R. F. Miller, Haldimand, "that this House regrets that the Government, notwithstanding the increased revenue, has failed to afford relief to local municipalities by assuming the local cost of construction and maintenance of the Provincial highways."

Mr. Henry's address was the chief contribution to the Budget debate on Wednesday afternoon. He was followed by William Newman (Lib., North Victoria) and A. E. Honeywell (Con., North Ottawa). The House finally rose at 6:30 p.m. William E. N. Sinclair, Liberal Chief Minister, moved the adjournment.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH—

With all the Progressives but three voting with the Government, the budget was carried by a vote of 47 to 16. The only division took place on the amendment by R. F. Miller, chief Liberal financial critic, favoring the payment of 100 per cent. of provincial highway costs by the Government. The main motion was carried on the same division.

The three Progressives who threw in their lot with the Opposition, voting for the amendment, were Christopher Gardner (Kent East), F. G. Sandy (Victoria South), and W. G. Medd (South Huron). The other Progressives, including the leader, J. G. Lethbridge, and the one U.F.O. member who was in his seat at the time, Farquhar Oliver, South Grey, voted with the Government.

WANTS DECLARATION.

Mr. Sinclair declared that the Legislature and the people were waiting for some definite pronouncement from the Government this session on the St. Lawrence Waterways.

Offering suggestions for future economies, Mr. Sinclair declared the Civil Service Commission should be abolished, the salaries of members of the Liquor Control Board should be reduced and a purchasing agent should be appointed for the province.

Looking forward to the year to come the Liberal leader could see only one way in which the estimated surplus of \$177,000 could be reached. This, he said, was through increased revenue from gasoline tax, estimated at \$1,007,053.23, and \$7,000,000 revenue from liquor sales. In this way, he said, the Government proposed to make the people prosperous by having them spend \$90,000,000 more on luxuries.

"This is a new doctrine," he declared. "It never did work."

## Oriental Question Discussed in B.C.

Seriousness of Situation Stressed by Attorney-General

Victoria, B.C.—An invitation to all parties and to all members to unite in drawing up a resolution that would bring the seriousness of the Oriental question in British Columbia home to the rest of the Dominion without, at the same time, embarrassing either the Federal or Provincial Government in their relations with Oriental Powers, was extended by Attorney-General A. M. Manson in the B.C. Legislature recently.

A resolution placed before the House by C. F. Davie, Conservative, Cowichan-Newcastle, urged the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese treaty insofar as it interfered with British Columbia's right to enact anti-Oriental legislation. It also asked for a declaration of their civil rights. The resolution would also request the Dominion Government to grant no further naturalization as Canadians to Orientals.

Mr. Davie said he did not propose to have taken away from Orientals in the country any right in the matter of their lands, but he would stop that for the future. He declared that the province was bearing the burden of Oriental immigration. "Why must British Columbia be left as the dumping ground of the Oriental?" Mr. Davie asked after going in detail into the penetration of the Oriental into nearly every phase of industrial life.

R. W. Bruhn, Conservative, Salmon Arm, seconded Mr. Davie's resolution.

Attorney-General Manson denied that Premier Mackenzie King had taken a stand against Oriental exclusion and quoted the Federal Premier's recent statement in the House of Commons to show that he was alive to the danger of Oriental competition in British Columbia. The greatest danger of all, said Mr. Manson, was of races, and he declared that it was the probability of the inter-mixture inevitable from the present trend in British Columbia that the day would come when inter-marriage would become more and more frequent with disastrous results.

"To my mind it is a situation that must be met as promptly as possible. The situation that is developing is not compatible with the development of our own race," said Mr. Manson.

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# Peers Daughter and British Ace Probably Victims of Ambition



HON. ELSIE MACKAY ("POPPY WYNDHAM" ON THE STAGE) AND CAPT. WALTER R. HINCHCLIFFE  
A beautiful English girl who hopped off Tuesday in a golden-winged monoplane with Captain Walter R. Hinchcliffe in an attempt to cross the Atlantic. Hon. Elsie Mackay, daughter of Lord Inchcape, multi-millionaire shipping magnate. The peer's daughter, who is a licensed pilot and has had a career on the stage and in motion pictures, is no doubt lost and the two venturesome flyers are added to the list claimed by the ambition to cross the Atlantic. (1) Miss Mackay in flying togs; (2) As an actress; (3) Capt. Hinchcliffe, who lost an eye in the war; (4) The monoplane "Endeavor", in which the flight was made.

## Canada and Czecho-Slovakia Sign Treaty to Boost Business

Commerce Between Two Countries Now on Most Favored Nation Basis

Ottawa.—A convention of commerce between Canada and Czecho-Slovakia was signed Thursday by Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Trade and Commerce, on behalf of Canada, and Monsieur Frantisek Kveti, consul of the Czecho-Slovak republic, in Montreal, on behalf of Czecho-Slovakia.

The convention provides for the mutual exchange of most-favored nation treatment.

The principal exports from Canada to Czecho-Slovakia are food products, the chief item being flour. It is estimated that in the last fiscal year the value was about 4,875,000. Canada also sells agricultural machinery, rubber goods, canned fish, etc., to Czecho-Slovakia.

Imports from Czecho-Slovakia in the fiscal year 1927 had a total value of \$1,726,922, the chief items of importance being tableware of glass and china, glass and glassware.

The convention will be submitted to Parliament at the present session. In the meantime, the present temporary trade agreement is continued. This temporary agreement was put into effect on the first January, 1927, and was to remain in force for 15 months, but by an exchange of notes in February of this year it was arranged that it should continue in force until a new convention could be put into force.

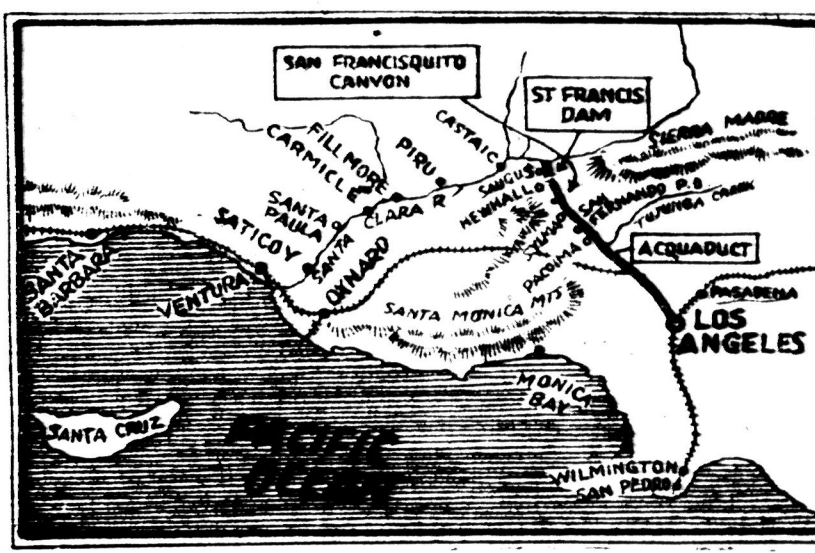
## Hope Abandoned For Ocean Fliers

Almost Certain Hinchcliffe and Miss Mackay "Have Perished"

New York, N.Y.—The monoplane Endeavor, which left England for the United States Tuesday, is still missing and it is generally feared that it has joined the two planes that attempted the perilous western passage last summer and were never heard of again.

Hope flared fitfully, fanned by recurrent rumors, and rose high when

## Bursting Dam Sweeps Santa Clara Valley



Ill-Fated Fliers  
How the monument erected to Nungesser and Coll will look when it is erected on the cliffs of Eterat on the coast of France.



HUNDREDS REPORTED DROWNED BELOW ST. FRANCIS DAM  
50 Million of gallons of water broke loose and swept the Santa Clara valley above, left, shortly before 1 a.m. Tuesday with a loss of life of about 1,000, and property loss as yet unestimated. Los Angeles light, power and water are gone as a result. Now, all the town just below the St. Francis dam, whose bursting due to heavy floods in the Sierra mountains, led to the catastrophe, is shown in the map above, as are Sangus, and other towns in the danger area. Below is a section of the famous Los Angeles aqueduct, which takes water from the Sierras and conveys it to the great Pacific coast city. The St. Francis dam is an integral part of the system.

persons on the beach in Maine reported seeing a yellow object and two waving figures on an island two miles off shore. Investigation by the coast-guard established, however, that no plane had landed on the island.

Charles Nungesser and François Coll, Frenchmen, were the first to try the western passage of the North Atlantic which never yet has been crossed by an airplane. They left France in their White Bird and have never been found.

Next the Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim set forth in the St. Raphael with two pilots and nothing more was ever heard of them.

On Tuesday morning the Honorable Elsie Mackay, daughter of an English Viscount, and Captain Walter Hinchcliffe flew off on their great adventure in the Endeavor, and disappeared.

Rumors were so persistent that they raised false hopes in the breast of Mrs. Hinchcliffe in London, and twice she cabled John Gillespie, her husband's American representative, that she had word he had news of the Endeavor landing in Newfoundland.

Both times Gillespie had to cable back denials that he had any good news for her and reassure her as best he could with promises that everything possible would be done to turn down every clue.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT  
A Coventry prisoner, brought up for disorderly conduct on Saturday, was said to have sung in the street this ditty at 2:30 a.m.:

"Wheel the perambulator, John,  
Be careful how you go,  
There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip;  
Be sure you wheel it slow."

"Long Friendship Ends in Marriage."—headline in New York paper, pity it couldn't have continued.

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