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The Prevention Campaign Launched By Local Municipal Authorities

SESSION AT OTTAWA TO BE A STRENUOUS ONE

Clocks Being Cleared for Action at Fast Pace — Contentious Items Due — Beauharnois Project Mobilizing Political Gossip — C. N. R. Finance Plan Speech From the Throne Drafted But Contents Kept a Secret — Dominion Elections Act Will Probably be Revised.

BRITISH PREFERENCE

The past week has been a busy one in political circles, and the opening of the session is now only ten days away. It is in the anticipation of some of the proposals which the Government is expected to witness an impression in the Capital. At the third session of the Parliament of Canada, the development of considerable more routine engagements. The past week has been dominated by the "Beauharnois" project. The how the Cabinet will deal with this project is being watched from every angle. The Government has been given a strong financial in the country, is without precedent, and there are few elements of public concern which it does not touch either directly or indirectly.

It has been gossiped around that the United States Government, in view of its interest in the larger St. Lawrence waterway scheme, had been sounded out on the Beauharnois plan, and that it did not view the project with hostility. What ground there is for the assertion is unobtainable. Apparently announcement of the Cabinet's decision must wait for one week, for there is no meeting of the Privy Council until February 4.

The customary crop of pre-session delegations has been as large in the past week as usually is the case. Serious minded groups of citizens with grievances to redress, with assistance to seek, or with suggestions for the better and more economical administration of the country, have presented their cases to the Cabinet, either in whole or in sub-committee. They have been listened to with that grave courtesy that always attends such hearings, and they have gone their ways with the assurance that the Government will take their representations into serious consideration.

SPEECH DRAFTED

It is understood that the Speech from the Throne has been drafted, but its contents are, of course, an inviolable secret. The assumption in the capital is that a not unimportant item of Government legislation to be forecast in the Speech will deal with the reconstruction of the finances of the Canadian National Railways. Speaking in Vancouver last fall, Sir Henry Thornton, president of the publicly-owned line, intimated that for some time the financial advisers of the system had been working on a plan to reduce the capitalization of the railways, and that a basis had been reached which would be submitted to Parliament for approval. It is not improbable that the whole question of railway financing will thus be ventilated at the forthcoming session.

The Dominion Elections Act will probably be revised. At all events, the promise has been made that a special committee of the House of Commons will be appointed to overhaul it and to bring in recommendations for its betterment. This arose out of the enquiry by the committee on privileges and elections last session into the corruption that had attended the Athabaska elections of 1925. Examination by this committee found several weaknesses in the Dominion Elections Act, and their report, which was adopted by the House, urged the appointment of a special committee this term to go thoroughly into the legislation.

Whether any more will be heard of the conference which met here recently between department officers of the United States charged with prohibition enforcement and Canadian Officials is problematical. The impression is that the last word has been said on this matter for the time being.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEM

The dissatisfaction expressed over the decision of the Minister of Immigration, Hon. Robert Forke, to restrict the number of non-preferred migrants to 30 per cent. of last year's total is something that will undoubtedly find an echo in the House of Commons. The Opposition contend that since Canada

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POWER PROJECT IS POSTPONED

Ottawa. — The Beauharnois power project will have to await the decision of the Dominion Government for a further period of ten days. At the conclusion of yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet, it was officially stated that the application for approval of plans under the Navigable Waters Act had not been finally decided upon. The next meeting of Cabinet is not scheduled to take place until February 4th.

The application, which is made by the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, was under consideration at yesterday's sitting; and it is understood that the majority of members of the Cabinet are in favor of sanctioning the scheme.

The proposal is to develop a minimum of 500,000 horsepower by utilizing water powers at Lake St. Francis and Lake St. Louis, on the St. Lawrence river, about twenty miles from Montreal. The project contemplated a maximum development of 2,000,000 horsepower.

Hon. J. E. Martin Dead; Head Of Civil Court

Was Acting Chief Justice, Superior Court Since 1922 — Had Reached Age of 69 — An Eminent Jurist.

FINE CAREER

Montreal. — Mr. Justice J. E. Martin, acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the district of Montreal, died Sunday afternoon, at his residence, 374 Wood Avenue Westmount, at the age of six-nine years. He had been ill since April last, but became bed-ridden only four days ago.

At 11.30 in the morning a service will be held in St. George's Church. The remains will be taken by the 12.30 p.m. train from Windsor station to Sweetsburg, Que., where interment will take place later in the afternoon.

Hon. J. E. Martin had established a high record as a lawyer throughout the province specially and generally throughout Canada, prior to his acceptance of the appointment of Justice of the King's Bench, Court of Appeal, in 1918. He was for many years a member of the then firm of Foster, Martin, Mann et al, and his knowledge of commercial law was wide. He served with the Court of Appeal, until 1922 when the retirement of acting-Chief Justice Archibald necessitated the appointment of a head of the Superior Court of the Montreal district, which embraces a majority of the Superior Court judges of the province. Sir Lomer Gouin had accepted office as Minister of Justice, and in seeking for a jurist to conduct the affairs of the Superior Court he was obliged to reckon with the fact that largely because of appeals against decisions of conscription exemption boards the rolls of the Superior Court had become encumbered, and the complaints of the legal profession, and of the business community were loud and frequent. Sir Lomer, with his long experience as Attorney-General of Quebec, met the situation by asking Mr. Justice Martin to transfer to the Superior Court as its chief, and the offer was accepted.

Mr. G. W. Stephens Was Here Yesterday

Mr. G. W. Stephens, former co-governor of the Saar Valley and now Commissioner of Commerce for Canada in South America, was in Drummondville, yesterday, and met the managers of the local manufacturers with whom he discussed many questions regarding the possibilities of exporting more Canadian goods to the southern countries.

Another \$25

The Drummondville hockey team has been pleased to receive another \$25 subscription, this time from the Butterfly Hosiery Co.

It's this way. Statistics prove that flying is safe for 99 per cent., and the others no longer care.

A Fire Alarm Index That Will Prove Handy in Case of Emergency — Our Protection Against Fire Improved — Duty of Every Citizen to do His Full Share — Commercial Establishments And Public Places to be Duly Inspected — Proposed by-law.

EXTINGUISHERS

Our readers will find, on page four of this issue, a complete list of all the fire alarm boxes in Drummondville, with their various number and their different location. We make it a duty to advise them to conserve that list which will help them know where fire is, when rings an alarm, and which, besides, contains many informations very useful, and even necessary to every citizen, as to what has to be done when a fire breaks out in this locality.

It is of the utmost importance for the citizens to know exactly what to do in such a case of emergency, inasmuch as the efficiency of our fire brigade will directly correspond to the advantages given it to rapidly locate the very spot of a fire.

The distribution in every home of that alarm boxes index, followed by other practical instructions, is in accordance with an extensive programme the municipal authorities intend to carry out without further delay in respect to fire prevention in Drummondville.

Our alarm system has of late been improved, many new boxes are installed at various places where needed, a fire siren has been bought, and projects are now pending concerning the erection of an appropriate fire station and the acquisition of modern and effective fire apparatus. But the citizens must do their generous bit and good share if our municipal representatives are to be seconded in their desire to check the dangers of fire in our town.

The local authorities have recently been informed that the cellars and sheds of certain commercial firms here are encumbered with all sorts of packing materials, such as paper, cardboard, straw, etc., which are as many fire menaces to the public security. Such existing conditions will not, under any consideration, be further tolerated and at the next meeting of the council a by-law is to be passed with the object of appointing an inspector whose duty will be to periodically visit all commercial establishments, hotels, public halls, restaurants, etc., and to see to it that the laws that forbid the piling of rubbish there be better respected from now on.

The authorities are desirous to impress upon the citizens, be they proprietors or tenants, the need for them to have fire extinguishers in their homes, with which flames can easily be put out before they spread. Such a sound advice is one the population here should pay heed to, for the welfare and security of everyone in particular and in the general interest of the town of Drummondville. The present fire prevention drive launched by our municipal councillors, has the approval and should have the full support of every citizen.

ADVERTISED GOODS ARE LOWER

ADVERTISING turns over stocks rapidly, and therefore multiplies profits. This means that prices in a shop which advertises can be short rather than long.

Of this you may be sure: Prices in a shop which advertises are not MORE than in a shop which does not advertise. The chances are that they are oftentimes lower.

This, also, is generally true: You will find better goods, better values and better service in those shops which turn over their stocks rapidly. This means, as a general thing, shops which advertise.

A NOTE TO MERCHANTS

Advertising costs you nothing — it is paid for by the profits on increased sales.

Advertising is easy — it is simply saying in writing what you say to the customers in your shop. Turn over stocks quickly, if you would make more money.

Read the Ads., Then Shop

KING'S PROGRESS IS MAINTAINED

London. — It was officially stated at Buckingham Palace this morning that King George's progress was maintained.

Only one doctor was in attendance this morning. He was Sir Hugh Rigby, the noted surgeon, who stayed in the palace for an hour. Lord Dawson of Penn did not call, but it is understood that he would be in the palace this evening when it is expected that a formal bulletin will be issued. Sir Stanley Hewitt has a cold and was still away.

Although the exact date of King George's departure for the seaside resort of Bognor has not been set definitely it will probably be during the first week of February. The weather will mainly decide the day. Wintery conditions, which have long prevailed, promised to continue, but it was understood today that the King would leave London on the first favorable day in February, unless other circumstances interfere.

Canada Had Record Wheat Crops In 1928

Passed Half-Billion Bushel Mark for First Time — More Prompt Marketing — Increase of \$49,000,000 Over Estimates.

BARLEY CROP

Ottawa. — The estimate of Canada's wheat crop for the year 1928 made public today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics is placed at 533,571,700 bushels. This is an increase of almost 33,000,000 bushels over the estimate of November last, and some 16,500,000 bushels less than the estimate announced in September. The total value of all field crops as compiled from today's report shows an increase of \$49,000,000, as compared with the estimate of values made public in December.

Today's estimate of the wheat crop shows that Canada last year for the first time in its history passed the half-billion bushel mark. In September the bureau estimated the crop at 550,000,000 bushels. After that, however, reports of frost and hail poured in and also criticisms that the Bureau's estimate was too high. The estimate in November was 500,613,000 bushels.

Since November, however, the information coming to the department from the prairies shows that the damage was largely in quality rather than in quantity. With the season's threshing completed and much of the wheat already marketed, the Bureau of Statistics is in a position to fairly accurately fix the total.

The more general use of combines which reap and thresh the grain at the same time, as well as the excellent wheat last autumn, enabled a much more prompt marketing of the wheat this fall than last.

The estimate of barley is also the highest on record. It is estimated at 186,391,400 bushels.

Larger Grant Given Girls' Institution

Provincial Government to Contribute \$160 Yearly for Each Girl at Sweetsburg Industrial School — Progress Reviewed.

HON. H. MARLER

News that the Provincial Government will increase its per capita grant to the Girls' Cottage Industrial School at Sweetsburg from \$120 to \$160 per annum was announced at the annual meeting of the institution, held in Montreal. Information to this effect was received last Saturday, it was stated by Miss Kathleen Moore, and was very gratifying to the officials.

"This is an act of no small generosity on the part of the Govern-

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COMMITTEES WILL STUDY MAJOR BILLS THIS WEEK

Only Few Minor Bills Were Disposed of During Past Week at Quebec Legislature — Warning Issued by Hon. Mercier to Opposition — Amendment to Speech From Throne Beaten by Large Majority — Press Libel Bill — Says Hull County Neglected.

AMERICAN CAPITAL

Quebec. — Legislation before the Quebec Legislature is moving forward, and indications are that the committees of the Assembly will commence in earnest this week only the odd minor bill having been disposed of last week.

The Soulanges Power Company is asking to have its charter granted in 1910 by the Legislature, amended, but the bill, as now available, does not indicate the changes in location which are desired. The company was incorporated to develop water power in the counties of Soulanges and Vaudreuil, through the construction and maintenance of a canal starting from the River St. Lawrence at a point above and west of the village of Cedars, and extending through the counties in an easterly direction to a point on Lake St. Louis not mentioned. A new section to the charter is added, to the effect that as regards the expropriation of the lands required proceedings shall commence within a delay of three years.

UNIVERSITY FUND

The University of Montreal wishes to create an endowment fund destined solely for education, and to that end asks that a section of its charter of incorporation passed by the Legislature in 1920, be added to so as to provide that the administrative commission may also create the endowment fund in question.

The Roberval & Saguenay Railway Company wishes to make Arvida its headquarters.

PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTS

The Association of Professional Chemists of Quebec have a bill. This organization was incorporated by the Legislature in 1926, and in this act was a paragraph which stated that "the practice of professional chemistry means the practice for hire, gain or hope of reward, of any branch of chemistry, including organic, inorganic, metallurgical, biological, and analytical chemistry." This paragraph is now dropped in the present measure.

Those who have been practising their profession five years from now will be entitled to be registered as members of the association, and the time in which to furnish such proof is extended to April of 1930. The 1926 bill limited the time to April of 1927. Chemists registered in accordance with the Quebec Pharmacy Act are exempted from the restrictions as to those who may call themselves chemists. This is another concession as compared with the 1926 Act, which, incidentally, has been found hard to enforce. There is also a concession for assistants. The 1926 act said that any person acting as an assistant to a professional chemist, where such person is directly responsible for the technical quality of work, must be a professional worker. This was dropped. Provision is also made for chemists not residing in the province, whom the 1926 act would have adversely affected.

PRESS BILL

First reading was given in the Legislative Assembly Friday to Premier Taschereau's bill providing for a libel law for the press. From what can be learned the Government has not yet decided on all the clauses of such a measure and what is definitely known is only what is contained in the speech from the Throne. The question of newspapers published outside the province has been raised, but it is understood that while

the Government has given some consideration to such outside publications, nothing will be done as regards them.

AIME GUERTIN

Speeches by Aime Guertin, Conservative, Hull, and Hon. Honoré Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests, featured Wednesday's proceedings in the Legislative Assembly when the debate on the address was resumed, and in the course of the latter's contribution to the debate he warned the Conservative speakers that the Government with the language used by the Opposition members of the substance of some of their speeches. "There is a limit to patience," he said, "and some day we may be carried away and descend into the mud with them so as to give those who attack us a lesson in language and conduct."

Mr. Guertin, at the outset of his address, referred to comments earlier in the session by Premier Taschereau.

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Remarks Were Deserving And Appropriate

Dr. Drouin, of St. Johnsbury, Issues Statement to Boston Herald in Answer to an Editorial Attacking French-Canadians' Tongue.

WAR WHOOPS?

Boston, Mass. — In a statement issued to the Boston Herald today, Dr. John A. Drouin, a prominent St. Johnsbury physician and one of the most influential and best known men in the medical profession of the Green Mountain State, interestingly comments upon and defends the recent remarks of Monsieur Knight, the eminent French minister to Canada.

Dr. Drouin has the following to state: "In a recent editorial of your esteemed journal, you allude to the remarks of Monsieur Knight, the French minister to Canada. The editorial and this official's statement are both appropriate and deserving. Mr. Knight, a man of high literary attainment in France, stated just this: That the French-Canadian would be perfectly at home (chez soi) in Normandy or in Brittany, as far as speech is concerned, and that he could not be considered a stranger nor a foreigner in Paris, which is very true.

"Witness the latest triumph of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House at Ottawa, just back home in Canada after delivering a series of conferences at the Sorbonne on the history of French evolution in America. It may be said that of the 50 or 60 conferences held daily in the French capital upon literature and scientific subjects, Mr. Lemieux's were the best attended and the most enthusiastically received. The elite of Paris heard this lecturer, and let our home friends and neighbors believe it or not, Mr. Lemieux's style of delivery and his native linguistic ability were not regarded over there as a combination of Indian war whoops, a delicate thought cheerfully imparted by many when I attended school.

"The French-Canadian is at home in Normandy and no stranger in Paris, very aptly stated, Mr. Le Consul-General, and thanks for the illuminating information. It is well justified."

THE ONLY AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE FORD AUTO IN DRUMMONDVILLE AND DISTRICT IS NOW **R. ARTHUR PINARD**

Ye Towne Gossip

"Mr the Editor:
In the last issue of your paper I read the word "received". Do you not think that "received" would have been more in accordance with the rules of spelling?"
—A Reader.

You are right. What the modern typewriter needs is a noncommittal wiggle to use when you don't know whether its "ie" or "ei".

Who will please tell us the reason of Freddie West being on the casualty list last week?

We know a certain businessman here who looks so cross, every morning, that his companions, and even his stenographer, hesitate to speak to him. One way he should avoid quarrelling at breakfast would be to cook his own while the wife has another nap.

Body checks hereafter will have to be checked, on the Celanese rink, or else the Kellogg peace treaty will be insignificant in its effect.

Drummondville dogs are getting sore about the way they are being treated by the town council. Since they have been muzzled, without having been informed why, it is barked out that even the local cats take mocking attitudes when they meet them on the streets.

If ever you see a half-drunken flapper smoking a cigarette in a coupe, you will almost understand why the Chinese used to drown girl babies.

Dying processes play an important part in the economical and domestic life of progressive Drummondville. In our town, at any rate, some of the good blondes dye young.

It's a sad life and a hard one, and by the time a man gets into pretty good shape, he's lost his shape.

Well, the local slugger, K. O. Therrien, will be in Three Rivers, to-morrow night, and his coloured opponent must watch his steps and everything else if he doesn't want to be put to sleep and dream he's canoeing around the Thousand Isles. So say those who know K. O. well.

How nice it would be if people could labor to improve their neighbor's morals and not neglect little things like being honest.

Those who claim that the farce-comedy "Abie's Irish Rose" has run longer than any other, evidently have overlooked the indulgence with which the police executives deal with the "Monte Carlos" of this our peaceful town.

By the way, there should be a good gate at the next boxing bout here. Louis K... will then make up a bit for his losses, last Friday night.

If he uses his napkin to wipe out his plate at a res-

taurant, people began to call him a bachelor six years ago.

The tariff is being studied just now in Ottawa. It would be nice to have a commission qualified to be natural about it, if Mars would lend us one.

In 2029, according to Lord Birkenhead, babies will be born in test tubes. And the society blue-books will contain the names of only those who are the products of the world's very best laboratories.

.....when the Cadillacs Walk with the Rolls's And the Rolls's Snub the Ford."

A classical imitation of Kipling's lines:
Jack Greenspon — "A Chrysler is a Chrysler."

Alexandre Grise — "... and a Dodge is a Dodge..."

* Both (after their cars collided, last week): "...And now and then the twain shall meet!"

In this Province where we expect no old age pension it's well to have one boy in the family who doesn't amount to anything. Somebody must feel humble enough to care for the old folks.

The shortest line between two points is the straight one. A hockey team leaving Victoriaville at 6 o'clock in the evening, per example, cannot expect to be in Drummondville at 8 the same night if it has to go to Asbestos, Richmond and divers out of the D'ville - Victoriaville road localities to pick up the best hockey players these have.

1888 (The very year Drummondville was incorporated a town): "My dear, you are fortunate to have won the love of such a fine man." 1928 (and 1929 shan't prove different): "You sure are lucky, kid; that ring is grand."

Well known former wrestler Timand Toupin, now the local expert in electrical appliances, says he prefers summer to winter. He explains that sticking a man's shoulders to the mat is an easy trick compared to the one of sticking to heavy wool underwears. Beauty, he adds, is skin deep, and so is itcheness.

Often heard and always believed: My wife said there was something about me in "Ye Towne Gossip" last week, but I didn't look it up.

Nothing's in a name; all's in the game. The Belcoils could not see their way through to victory, in the first game played here, this year; the Ste. Brigittes vainly tried to bridge it in the second and, in the third, the Deltas dealt in the best they could, but without avail. Now to-morrow night we'll see what the Eastern Garage, Montreal, can do. The Drum'em lads will also see what they can do for themselves.

And Friday night this week one of the University of Montreal Clubs will pay

us a visit and rub elbows with the local players. Who said this town is not on the hockey map?

A cigarette lighter is a sign of wealth. Of course, anybody can afford one, but only the idle rich have time to make them work.

We know one particular man with a fine vocabulary, in this town. The smaller the idea, the bigger the words needed to express them.

Committees Will Study Major Bills This Week

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chereau in connection with a proposed Conservative convention in Hull and the possible resignation of Arthur Sauve, Conservative leader, had his party been defeated in the last election. Mr. Guertin said that as a matter of fact, Mr. Sauve had placed his resignation in the hands of his colleagues, but had been persuaded to remain at the head of the party. He suggested that "people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones" and declared that if what he read in the newspapers had been correct, all was not well within the Liberal ranks.

HYDRO POLICY

Complaining that Hull county was neglected in the matter of hospitals and refuges, and declaring his belief that the county should be divided into two counties, Mr. Guertin scored the Government on its hydro policy and charged that power developed at Paugan Falls on the Gatineau river did not serve Quebec, but was all going to benefit Ontario. He complained that people living in Quebec where power was developed were forced to use oil lamps while the power was all carried into Ontario rural sections.

HON. MERCIER

Hon. Mercier dealt with matters in his own department and charges that have been made against it by members of the Opposition, particularly with reference to the Lake St. John floods last spring, which William Tremblay, Conservative, Maisonneuve, had discussed last week, claiming that the disaster at Lake St. John had been due in part to the exploitation of the people's rights among "American Capitalists." Mr. Mercier said the floods had been caused by extraordinary rains and snow falls that season, and that the power development works in that section, instead of contributing to the flood situation, had facilitated the drainage of the districts concerned, and that the floods would have been more serious had the works not been carried out, providing as it did, two exits for the overflow.

Since a period some twenty years ago, Mr. Mercier said, the yearly revenue in his Department had increased from a million and a half to \$6,800,000, the figures for last year. Of this latter amount, he said, \$5,600,000 was from the forests alone.

AMENDMENT BEATEN

By a vote of sixty to eight, the Legislative Assembly turned down an Opposition amendment to the motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne.

The amendment, moved by Alderic Blain, Conservative M. L. A. for Dorion, Montreal, voiced the griefs of the Opposition in regards development of natural resources, the refusal of the Government to adopt the suggestion of the Opposition as regards the Workmen's Compensation Act, asked for the appointment of an independent commission to inventory natural resources, and for a re-organization of the Department of Lands and Forests. The amendment came at the close of a speech by Mr. Blain, which took the entire afternoon. The amendment was notable,

however, in that there was no reference to old age pensions in it, though Opposition members have been pleading with the Government during the debate to accept the Federal old age pension law. This omission is the more notable in view of an incident during the afternoon. Irence Vautrin, Liberal M.L.A., for St. James, Montreal, challenged Mr. Blain to declare that he favored the Provincial Government passing legislation to accept the Federal law. Mr. Blain refused to commit himself in the matter.

AN EXPERT FARMER

Ernest Ouellette, Liberal M. L. A., for Dorchester, demonstrated in the Legislative Assembly Friday, that farmers, such as himself — and he is an expert — are capable of making speeches on agricultural conditions in the province of Quebec, as are those of other callings, such for example, lawyers of Montreal and elsewhere who are members of the House.

Mr. Ouellette said that the growth of industry in the province had aided much in helping agricultural conditions, but that in itself it was not a panacea for all the ills which afflict agricultural life. Still, he said, it meant that local markets were created to purchase the products of the farmers, farmers to study and learn, and to but it was necessary to teach the end of the campaign of education which had commenced fifteen years ago, or thereabouts, should be continued. The campaign which the Hon. J. E. Caron, Minister of Agriculture, had commenced fifteen years ago, had met with success, and he felt that the time which had been lost prior to fifteen years ago must be made up, and that agricultural education must be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The farmer of Quebec, and of other provinces, had a right to-day to more of the comforts of life, said Mr. Ouellette; and this was specially the fact because the line of demarcation between the city and the village in the rural section was less sharply defined than it had hitherto been. Since the farmers had to have more comforts than before, it followed that they must produce more products through scientific methods, otherwise ruin would follow expenditure larger than income.

The Government, said Mr. Ouellette, had done much, but could not do everything for the farmers; and it was necessary that the farmers help themselves, otherwise profitable results could not be expected.

Larger Grant Given Girls Institution

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ernment, as our contract does not expire until 1931, and it is to the intervention of Walter Mitchell, K.C., that our success is undoubtedly due," the report continued.

The Hon. Herbert M. Marler, Canada's minister-designate to Japan, presided the meeting, stressing the value of the institution. He paid high tribute to those whom have directed the school since its inception, and to the superintendent and staff.

"What would have happened if this care had not been given to those girls in this institution?" Mr. Marler asked. "There cannot be any question in our minds as to the absolute necessity of such an institution as this.

"The welfare and health of our whole Dominion is affected by such care as is given these girls. Unfortunately, some of our governments do not seem to grasp the fact that the first essential is to preserve the health of the population of this country.

"What is the use of our talking about a big immigration policy or of talking gib economic ideas unless we get the health of this country into proper condition? Governments are somewhat difficult of persuasion and it takes some time to persuade them. The one way in which Governments can be made to do the things they ought to do, is by pressure of public opinion," said Mr. Marler, who urged all those agencies in need of greater aid to do all they could to form such public opinion. He joined with the officers of the institution in expressing appreciation to Mr. Mitchell for securing the increased grant.

Richmond Town Council Held Busy Session

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with the offer of Prof. H. Barnes, of McGill University, of his services free of charge for the next two years to combat the ice conditions which Richmond faces practically every spring were then read to the council, and while it was proposed, that Prof. Barnes be requested to look over the ice in the St. Francis River, it was decided to hold this action until the next meeting on February 4th, as present conditions due to the open winter would not permit him to make an accurate survey or preparations to clear any jam which might occur. The matter of the lights which the Southern Canada Power is placing on poles on Main street under approval was again discussed and it was the opinion of a majority of the council that the number of lights already placed would increase the light bill too much, and the light committee is to make a thorough inspection with a view to replacing some of the new lights with those originally on the poles. Meeting was adjourned at ten p.m., to the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 4th.

SCHOOL MEETING

The Protestant school commissioners held their regular meeting in the town office Monday evening,

NO SUCH INSURANCE

No Measure This Season to Force Owners of Motor Cars to Carry Insurance, Says Hon. Nicol.

A WISE POLICY

The question of compulsory automobile insurance is very much to the fore at the present time, and arguments for and against the proposal are frequently heard. However, there is no intention on the part of the Government to bring in a measure this session to force owners of motor cars to carry insurance to cover any damage to life and property their machines might do, according to a statement made last week to our representative by Hon. Jacob Nicol, Provincial Treasurer.

All of us, when we hear of suffering caused by an arming motorist who has no insurance or who is financially not able to compensate for the injury he has done, are justly indignant that there is no way under our present law to ensure that the wrong be righted. But is compulsory insurance the solution to the problem? Outside the Massachusetts experiment, which it is claimed is apparently on the verge of breaking down, there is no way in which it can be proven that compulsory insurance is the right move.

It is pointed out that in Canada at the present time there are no statistics of any practical value concerning automobile accidents, outside of the list of fatalities compiled by the Ottawa Bureau of Statistics, the local records of police forces and the incomplete tabulations of insurance companies; and not one of these is of real value when it comes to analyzing automobile accidents in relation to compulsory insurance.

More information must be secured before a definite move is made, and the Government has adopted the wise policy of proceeding carefully.

January 21st, with the following present: Messrs. J. D. Smith, W. J. Stevens, W. J. Ewing, P. Tanner, and L. R. Boast. Meeting opened at 7 p.m., at which time Mr. A. G. Manning, president of the Canadian National Recreation Association and Mr. W. Damant, who is organizing the Rifle Club of that association, appeared before the com-

missioners with the request to use the basement of the college on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings for miniature rifle matches until the proposed gallery is erected by the C.N.R.A. This was granted by the commissioners, with the provision that extra expense for lights and any other incidental expenses would be borne by the

List of Numbers and Location Fire Alarm Boxes In The City Of Drummondville

Box Numbers	Location
23 —	Corner St. George & Lindsay (Dr. Rajotte).
24 —	" Cockburn & Lindsay (J. N. Pepin).
25 —	" Cockburn & Heriot (E. Pelletier).
26 —	" Convent & Lindsay (L. A. Ferland).
27 —	" Convent Street (Near
32 —	" Convent & Heriot (C. Halikas).
33 —	" Berard & Heriot (J. A. Gendron).
34 —	" Des Forges & Lindsay (Drummond Coal Co.).
35 —	" St. Edward & Heriot (E. Pinard).
42 —	" St. John & Lindsay (H. Gosselin).
43 —	" Drummondville Cotton Company.
45 —	" End of Lindsay St. (J. C. Duchesne).

If you happen to be too far from the alarm box and you have the phone in your house, give the number of nearest box; if, however, you do not hear the fire siren, phone to the station.

General Instructions

- 1.—If a fire breaks out in the neighbourhood, run to the nearest box.
- 2.—When there is a fire at night, look for the red light on the posts.
- 3.—Wait at the box for the firemen so as to show them where the fire is.
- 4.—If you do not hear the siren alarm, go to the nearest other box and give a second alarm.
- 5.—Pull down the lever in a continuous move, then let it go.
- 6.—The alarm, if necessary, will be peated by phone to the central.
- 7.—The fire station bell will ring the place where the firemen are called.
- 8.—After each fire the siren will announce when the fire is out.
- 9.—The attendants at the fire station works will see to it to advise the repairs of the system, as soon as the bells do not ring regularly.

Precautions to Take

- 1.—Ring alarm only in case of fire.
- 2.—Do not ring alarm for a fire you see at a distance.
- 3.—Never open an alarm box and do not touch it unless in case of fire.
- 4.—Be sure that the box is well closed leave.

All person pulling in a false alarm will be severely dealt with. The Corporation will disclose the guilty parties. For other informations see the alarm system repaired. Drummondville, Jan. 23 1929.

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