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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Hon. N. K. Laflamme, Former M. P., For Drummond, Passes Away

Senator N. K. Laflamme, K. C., died Saturday, after a lingering illness — From 1921 to 1925 had been Liberal member at Ottawa for Drummond and Arthabaska — A noted lawyer — Was Senator since 1927.

IN NOTABLE CASES

After a lingering illness, Senator N. K. Laflamme, K. C., noted figure in Canadian legal circles and outstanding Montreal lawyer, passed away at his summer residence at St. Mathias de Richelieu, shortly after 7 o'clock Saturday morning. He had been unconscious Sunday previous.

Senator Laflamme had represented County of Drummond during four years, elected as our representative at Ottawa by the enormous majority of 8,126 votes. He was in Drummondville for the time three months ago, attending the funerals of late Mrs. Moine, mother of Mayor W. A. Moine. Invited at the recent manifestation to Hon. Laferte, a few weeks ago, he had written to the gazettes his regrets that health would not permit him to attend.

A NOTED LAWYER
Napoleon Kemner Laflamme, K. C., was a prominent figure in the public eye as one of the leading criminal lawyers in Canada. He is also a noted figure in the political arena, fighting on the Liberal side. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1921 to 1925, and had been a member of the Senate of Canada since 1927. His legal career was concerned with a number of the most important cases heard in Montreal and Quebec cities from 1900 until 1925. While his claim to fame rests primarily on his part as lawyer for the defence in many cases, he was also an authority on all other branches of the law of the Province of Quebec; and towards the end of life was known as a sound consulting lawyer. He enjoyed in equal measure confidence and esteem of both nationalities in this city and province.

A descendant of a distinguished French-Canadian family, and a nephew of the late Mgr. Laflamme, of Quebec, Mr. Laflamme was born at Lyster, in Megantic County, Que., on October 30, 1868, the son of Jacques Laflamme, and his wife, Marie Gagne.

He received his education at the Quebec Seminary and at Laval University, Quebec, where he graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1890. He also studied for a time at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He was called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in 1893.

RISE IN PROFESSION
Mr. Laflamme at once began the practice of his profession in Montreal. He was a member of the firm of Greenshields, Greenshields & Laflamme from 1894 to 1901; while from 1901 to the present year he had been associated with Hon. Walter G. Mitchell, the firm name being at first Laflamme, Mitchell & Callaghan, and latterly Laflamme, Mitchell and Kearney.

Mr. Laflamme speedily came to the front as a member of the Bar and rose in his profession until he won recognition as one of its leaders. He became a King's Counsel in 1909. On May 1, 1915, he was elected Batonnier of the Montreal Bar.

BEFORE CANNON COMMISSION
When a Royal Commission was appointed to enquire into the administration of Montreal's civic affairs in 1909, — the famous Cannon Commission — Mr. Laflamme was appointed one of the people's counsel. It was while this Commission was sitting that the public of Montreal came to recognize Mr. Laflamme as a man of capacity and character. He showed himself to be a lawyer of unusual ability and alertness, and the part he played in that celebrated investigation raised him greatly in the public esteem.

From that day onward, Mr. Laflamme was known, far and wide, as a man to be reckoned with, and his name appeared in the newspapers constantly as leading counsel in many noted cases, both civil and criminal.

SOME FAMOUS CASES
Among the notable cases in which Mr. Laflamme figured were his attempts of the New York authorities to secure the return of Harry K. Thaw, murderer of Stanford White, the architect, when Thaw escaped into Quebec from Matteawan Asylum in 1912. Mr.

Laflamme was one of a battery of counsel Thaw retained in an effort to remain in this country, an effort which would have been successful if the Canadian immigration authorities had not taken Thaw from the Sherbrooke jail and forcibly ejected him to the United States. He was also one of the lawyers retained by Mrs. James A. Stillman at a Montreal hearing into the unsuccessful divorce action her husband the New York financier, brought against her. He represented the defendants in the unsuccessful proceedings started under the Bank Act against the officials of the Merchants' Bank after its absorption by the Bank of Montreal.

METHODS IN COURT
Without a peer as a cross-examiner and pleader before juries, Mr. Laflamme was the terror of tricky witnesses, though his methods were the very reverse of the low brow-beating type of criminal lawyer. While quiet and restrained in style he was relentless in pursuit of a point he wanted to make, and many an adverse witness tottered from the stand thoroughly exhausted after fencing with him. On one occasion a witness and an interpreter both fainted during a particularly trying examination. Mr. Laflamme was fluent in both French and English.

NO TRIFLING WITH HIM
He could be harsh and forceful, too. He would stand no trifling, as many a light-hearted witness found to his cost. Though he might deviate from the legal path, he never for one moment lost sight of his goal. In his pleading he blended logic and emotion in a subtly calculated measure. His voice was not one possessing a wide range of emotional expression. He was, indeed, singularly cool and untheatrical. But he knew the full force and significance of tense utterance. He combined in his appeal to judge and jury a precise appreciation of the relative values and importance both of the human interest element and the legal acumen to strengthen its influence. He was careful, too, never to run the risk of weakening its effect by dwelling on secondary points. He permitted himself rare impassioned moments, but he never forgot that indulgence in an anticlimax after such moments incurred danger of nullifying their power with a jury.

IN POLITICAL ARENA
For a time it seemed that Mr. Laflamme would throw in his lot with Mr. Henri Bourassa and the Nationalists, who were then conducting a great campaign against the Gouin Government in general and the Hon. Adolphe Turgeon (then Minister of Lands and Forests) in particular but while he attacked Mr. Turgeon vehemently and bitterly he did not join Mr. Bourassa in the latter's violent attack on (the late) Sir Lomer Gouin. On the contrary, he took great pains at a great meeting at Longueville, to declare his belief in, and sympathy with, the then Premier of Quebec. After that he fought for Mr. Bourassa against Sir Lomer, but on that occasion also he was careful to differentiate between criticism of certain features of the Liberal regime towards which he was antipathetic, and wholesale opposition to Liberal principles.

SUBTLE PLATFORM SPEAKER
He was a very wary and a very subtle platform speaker. His voice was not a carrying one, nor did he possess the gift of stump oratory of the ordinary electioneer brand. He did not rely on popular methods to sway his audience. His appeals to their reasoning powers rather than to their political passions.

As an Independent Liberal, Mr. Laflamme contested the St. James Division of Montreal for the Legislative Assembly of Quebec on November 12, 1909, but he was defeated by Mr. Clement Robillard, Liberal, who had a majority of 286. In the Federal general election of December 6, 1921, Mr. Laflamme, running as a straight Liberal, was elected member of the House of Commons for Drummond and Arthabaska, carrying the constituency by a majority of 8,126. He retired from the House in 1925.

BOILING WAX BADLY BURNS LAD'S FACE, HERE, THURSDAY

Victim is Pierre Desilets, 15. — Opened a pot of hot wax while helping mechanical dentist — Eyes affected.

AT HOSPITAL
Pierre Desilets, 15, son of James Desilets, this City, was helping mechanical dentist L. Precourt, Thursday night, when he was the victim of a very serious accident. The lad, while working lifted the cover of a recipient full of hot wax and part of the latter, which was in a high degree of ebullition, gushed out and splashed all over his face.

Medical aid was immediately given to the victim, but fearing that he might lose his eyesight he was later conveyed to a Montreal hospital where he is being attended to by eye specialists who, it is reported, are hopeful to save both his eyes, one of which has been much affected by the boiling material.

Mrs. E. Larocque Laid to Rest Friday Morning

The deceased was the wife of Alderman Larocque — Leaves large family — Mayor and colleagues attended.

MANY TRIBUTES
The funeral of late Mrs. Edgar Larocque, who passed away Tuesday afternoon, after a long illness, took place at St. Frederick's Church, Friday morning, among a large concourse of friends and relatives.

The deceased, who was the wife of Alderman Larocque, wholesale fruit dealer, was well known in Drummondville, where she will long be regretted. Mayor Moisan and all the Councillors were in the numerous cortege that paid its last tribute to the deceased.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. Louis Huard, Ernest Huard, Alfred Huard, Napoleon Huard, brothers to late Mrs. Larocque, Willie Lemieux and J. St-Hilaire, her brothers-in-law.

The funeral service was presided by Father Odilon Huard, brother of the deceased, chaplain at the Sacred-Heart Orphanage, Sherbrooke. There were numerous floral tributes.

Mrs. Larocque, who was only 44 years old, leaves to mourn her, her husband, Mr. Edgar Larocque, and eight children: Dolores, Isabelle, Lucien, Olivette, Julienne, Guy, Charles and Jean-Claude; her father, Mr. Louis Huard, of St-David de Levis, five brothers and two sisters.

Work Progressing

A crew of men have started to open a deep trench in St. George St., where work in laying large sewer pipes is progressing satisfactorily. This sewer construction will hardly be completed before three months, it is expected. It is under the immediate direction of municipal engineer Honore Girouard.

On December 21, 1927, Mr. Laflamme was summoned to the Senate, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. L. O. David.

Mr. Laflamme, on July 29, 1909, married Miss Eugenie Surveyrer, daughter of (the late) Mr. L. J. A. Surveyrer, of Montreal, and a sister of the present Mr. Justice E. F. Surveyrer, of the Superior Court. There are two sons, Jacques and Arthur.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF MAN

Sweetsburg. — The Attorney-General has been asked to conduct an investigation in connection with the death of Edward Gladding, twenty-one year old English home boy, who was found lying dead in the pantry of the home of Herbert Parsons, which is situated between this place and West Shefford last evening at 6.39 o'clock. A twelve gauge shotgun with an exploded shell in the chamber was lying beside the body of the young man, while a wound over the heart told the story of the manner in which Gladding met his death.

No one was in the house at the time of the tragedy, Mr. Parsons and his family being in the barn. On returning to the house Mr. Parsons discovered Gladding lying in the pantry.

Harmony Band Pays Tribute to Late Member

Georges-Henri St-Germain's interment took place here, Saturday — Was only 19 years old.

SHORT ILLNESS
Late Georges-Henri St. Germain, for many years accountant at the offices of the Drummond Coal, of which his uncle, Mr. J. H. Hains, is the manager, was buried here, Saturday. The deceased was 19 years old and had been ill only one month. He died Tuesday night, at the St. Sacrement Hospital, Quebec City, and his funeral service was chanted at Asbestos where his mother resides.

The Harmony Band headed the cortege, from the C. N. R. Station to St. Frederick's church where a Libera was chanted. The deceased was one of the youngest members of the local musical corps.

The bearers were Messrs. Henri Bergeron, Irene Sawyer, Girard Leblanc, Rene Brind'Amour, Ernest Leclerc and L. Parenteau.

Two Thousand Attempts Made at Smuggling

Summary of Activities of Customs Department in St-Albans District During Past Year Shows that 2,543 Violations of Customs Laws Were Detected.

BIG VALUE
St-Albans. — In summarizing the law enforcement activities in the Vermont Customs district for the fiscal year, Collector Harry C. Whitehill states that 2,542 violations of customs laws were discovered by his officers during that period and appropriate legal action taken against the offending parties.

In the course of their activities against smuggling, border patrol and other customs officers throughout the district seized merchandise and vehicles aggregating \$78,188.04 in value, and confiscated 113,551 bottles of contraband liquor. Included in these seizures were 198 automobiles, valued at \$66,524; one motor boat and five row-boats, valued at ninety-seven dollars; and sixteen horses with wagons and tackle, valued at \$975, all of which were seized while being used in transporting liquor. Among the seizures of merchandise, the more important items were eighteen silver fox skins, valued at \$3,315, two fur coats, valued at \$675, and four diamond rings, amounting to \$990 in value. Two head of cattle and two sheep were also taken by the customs men, as well as numerous articles.

More than two thousand attempts by individuals to smuggle one or two bottles of liquor were detected by customs officers on trains and at highway ports, and, in instances where the owners failed to declare the same, fines of five dollars a bottle for spirituous liquor, and two dollars a bottle for beer or ale, were collected, in addition to seizure of the liquor.

DRUMMONDVILLE COTTON ENLARGING THEIR PLANT

The Dominion Textile Company are enlarging their factory here, purchased from the Manville-Jenckles Corporation last Fall and incorporated under the name of Drummondville Cotton, Ltd. Messrs. Anglin - Norcross Company are putting up an addition of two storeys to the south west end of the original mill and connected thereto. The foundations of concrete are four feet wide so the evident intention is to further increase the capacity of the plant at some future day. The present erection is for a cotton storage and the Superintendent of Construction is Mr. Cox, who, in 1924-25 built the Marconi Station in East Wickham, the contractors then being Messrs. A. F. Byers Company.

GIRL FALLS FROM BALCONY AND SUSTAINS BROKEN WRIST

Miss Bertha Melancon, the victim — Hand-rail gives away from balcony, twenty feet above the street.

A very painful accident took place here, Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Bertha Melancon, daughter of Mr. O. E. Belancon, well-known jeweler, Heriot Street, made a fall from a twenty feet high balcony and sustained a broken wrist.

Miss Melancon was leaning on the hand-rail of the balcony, at her parents' home, located at the first storey of the building, when the hand-rail gave away and Miss Melancon fell in the street where passers-by immediately ran to her help. Dr. Jos. Garon was summoned and found the victim was suffering from a broken wrist and several minor body injuries.

CITIZEN, DISAPPEARED IN EARLY JULY, NOT SINCE HEARD OF

Police search in vain for Wilfrid Landry in all this district — Married and father of three small children.

A wife and her three small children living on Brock street are anxiously awaiting for the return of their husband and dad, Wilfrid Landry, who left them to go to his work, one morning, a month ago, but who has not returned to them since.

Landry, aged 44, lived here during the past ten years and was employed for the city corporation as a day-laborer. July the 16th he left his home, Brock street East, for his work, but did not go to work.

Police authorities have made a district-wide search for Landry, but without success. Anyone giving information as to his whereabouts will have the hearty gratitude and prayers of the family which is in dire distress.

CHAUTAUQUA, HELD HERE AT END OF THIS MONTH, WILL BE A TREAT

Drummondville Chautauqua will be held Saturday, August 31st, Monday, September 2nd, and Tuesday, September 3rd. Tickets will be on sale in the very near future by the Committee.

The first part of the three days program will be the following: The afternoon's program will be Russian songs and melodies by the Russian Balalaika Company, and junior Chautauqua.

The evening's program will be "Prelude" by Russian Balalaika Company and lecture entitled "The New World Discovers the Old" by Letha Coleman. The Russian Balalaika Company will render a most colorful program of real music and we feel sure it will be a musical treat for Drummondville. So be sure to purchase your ticket in advance for the season. Tickets will be on sale in a few days by the Committee at the popular prices: \$1.50 for Season Tickets, and 50c for Junior Season Tickets. These tickets include everything for the three days of Chautauqua.

It is understood that the railway officials will carry out an investigation.

HEAVY STORM HERE AND IN DISTRICT, SUNDAY NIGHT

EARTH TREMOR NOT FELT HERE

Earth tremors said to have lasted upwards of thirty seconds were reported from various western sections of the Province of Quebec as occurring about 7.20 (E.D.T.) yesterday morning. In Toronto the disturbance was sufficient to awaken many persons. Houses were badly shaken, but little if any damage was reported. The tremors were felt with greater intensity in south Buffalo, but there was no report of any disturbance in the downtown section.

The tremor was reported at about 7.20 in Batavia, when a series of severe shocks occurred. Several chimneys were shaken down. In Ithaca the earthquake was felt with greater intensity. Nearly one hundred chimneys in dwelling houses and business blocks fell and walls in many houses were cracked.

E. T. NEWS OF INTEREST

FATAL INJURIES
Sherbrooke. — The coroner's jury, under the direction of Conner Bachand, returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Emile Cote, aged forty-two years, who died in the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital Thursday morning from injuries received when he fell from a scaffold while painting the tower of the hospital.

The principal witness heard was Joseph Pichette, a mechanic working at the hospital. He saw Cote working on a scaffold painting the tower. The painter then started to lower the device and Pichette thought that the rope slipped and struck Cote on the head, causing him to lose his balance and fall to the ground. He called for assistance and rushed to the aid of the injured man. A nurse and doctor were soon on the scene of the accident. The man was dead.

WAS FROM RICHMOND
Montreal. — The death has occurred in Westmount of Mrs. Benjamin Hugman, once a resident of Richmond, in her 87th year. Mrs. Hugman was born at St-Johns, Que., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fessenden, and married Mr. Benjamin Hugman in 1866. Thirteen years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Hugman died in 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugman lived in Richmond and then at St. Lambert before moving to Montreal. She is survived by two sons, Arthur W. and Charles Hugman, both of Montreal, and four daughters, Mrs. A. F. Bell, Westmount, with whom she lived; Mrs. G. R. Ewing and Mrs. J. F. Elkin, of St. John, N.B., and Mrs. J. F. Fetherston, Westmount. One brother, Mr. William Fessenden, of Westmount, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Chalmers and Mrs. Max Kollmer, also survive. Mrs. Hugman was an active worker in the United Church.

HELD RESPONSIBLE
Stanstead. — The jury sitting under the district coroner to inquire into the death of Dora Larocque, into the death of Dora Larocque, fobia, caused when the team in which she was driving was run into by an automobile in Stanstead on Saturday evening rendered a verdict yesterday afternoon holding John Raymond Allard, of Coaticook, driver of the car, "responsible for having exceeded the speed limit allowed to automobiles by virtue of the law".

Mr. Allard, who is an automobile demonstrator and salesman in Coaticook, was arraigned before Mayor J. S. Tetreault, of Sherbrooke, Justice of the Peace, later yesterday on the charge laid by the jury, and let out on bail of \$1,000. He will face his trial before the criminal courts.

GUTTED BY FIRE

The Clubhouse and headquarters of 'Tuque Rouge' on Montreal road was completely gutted by fire Friday evening. First notice of fire was seen by a near by farmer at about seven o'clock who immediately called the fire department but found it was too late to have any part of the building which contained many valuable trophies.

The original house was built forty-two years ago and was of log structure, many dollars have been spent to make this a very attractive

No serious damage registered in town — Played havoc in Richmond — Electrical Service disrupted. — Voc Richmond — Electrical Service disrupted.

IN DISTRICT

Havoc was caused throughout the Eastern Townships by the worst storm of the year, which swept over the district between eight and ten o'clock Sunday evening and lasted in almost every place for over an hour. A torrential downpour that soon overflowed rivers and brooks was accompanied by heavy and continued thunder and vivid lightning, which struck houses, barns, cattle, trees and poles and did much damage. All parts of the district suffered from the storm though it seems to have been worst from Richmond and Magog eastward than on the Montreal side of the town. Sherbrooke was in the centre of the storm belt and suffered badly.

IN D'VILLE

Here the only damage reported was a burnt transformer on the S. C. Power transmission line, in the rear of Des Forges street. The firemen were called out but were back to their quarters in no time. Electrical service was disrupted in the north-east part of the town, and so was the water service, for nearly an hour.

OTHER TOWNS

Damage from fire caused by lightning is reported from Richmond, Cookshire and other places, while in Sherbrooke several such fires occurred. A house in East Sherbrooke was badly damaged and two of the fire brigade were called out. Another house was struck on the upper Belvidere Street, and burned to the ground. A small barn was burned outside of Richmond, and a large one, belonging to Mr. F. R. Cromwell, in Cookshire. The house in East Sherbrooke belonged to Mr. P. A. Benoit. The farm house on the Belvidere road was not occupied.

HIGHWAYS SUFFERED
Nothing was put into worse shape during the evening than the streets and highways in all parts of the Townships. Washouts occurred every where, with large gashes being made through the roads by roaring torrents which an hour before had been almost dried-up brooks. On every road, especially in the eastern part of the district, where the storm was worst, scores of automobiles had their engines stalled by the rain. Dozens of others were to be seen in the ditches, placed there when the edges of the roads had caved in or when the drivers had been unable to see properly and had accidentally run off the roadway. Many motorists stopped their machines entirely, refusing to take a chance, and waiting for the heavy rain to stop. Others proceeded at a snail's pace, and even then had to be wary to keep on the road. The brilliant lightning helped them on their way at one minute but left occupants of cars blinded when it went out for a minute.

CROPS
Crops in the district suffered to some extent, lighter plants being beaten down and gardens being flooded. The rain itself was needed generally, as there had been a dry period for some weeks, but the unusually heavy rain was destructive in certain cases.

Council Meeting

The municipal Council will meet, to-night, at 8 o'clock. Several important questions will probably come up for discussion. The council has not sat for the past three weeks, having its summer recess, as in all other towns.

Recovering

Leo Asselin, the lad who received terrible burns when he came in contact with electrical cables while climbing a S. C. P. street tower, on Bellevue street, three weeks ago, is making a good recovery at the Ste. Croix Hospital where he is being treated since his accident.

Club quarters. The directors are making plans to rebuild and have some ready for the winter season and hope to have everything in readiness during November. The cause of the fire is not yet known.

LOCAL PERSONAL NEWS

Messrs. Horsfield and McCormick arrived in D'ville, last week, after a visit to their homes in Yorkshire, England. They made a happy return trip aboard the liner "D'ville". They were met at Quebec by M. and Mrs. B. Prince.

Miss Anita Lemaire, of Heriot, who has been on the staff of the Canadian Celanese Company for a long time is leaving to enter the Hospital de la Misericorde, 1001 St. George Street, New York City, to be trained as a nurse and is reporting herself there on the second of September.

Mr. H. Leclair, of New Bedford, Mass., is presently visiting friends and relatives in D'ville.

Mr. Spénard, formerly manager here of the Bank of Montreal, has been sitting at his old desk during the absence on holiday of Captain Harry Babin.

In St. George's Church, Mr. Arthur Watson was married to Miss C. Hickton, Lake of Long Eaton Derby, England. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell of Lindsay Street, lent their home for a reception after the ceremony which was largely attended. The Rev. Isaac Newton Kerr, Rector of St. George's Church, officiated at the ceremony.

A considerable part of the progress of the industry in the last few years is due to the activities of governments. By establishment of the air-mail service and tendering contracts to private companies for an industrial system that is marked by a high degree of centralization; and, although the airplane may speed up the process in some of its stages and greatly enhance the intensity of this system of distribution, it will do so merely by furthering the operation of the same fundamental principles that are embraced in many of our modern business facilities.

The chief benefit of business of the more extensive use of the airplane will be found mostly in purely commercial operations. The air mail has already been used extensively to speed the clearance of goods and delivery of commercial papers; business executives may travel by air in give personal

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Will Aviation Aid Industry? Use of Aircraft Unlikely to Produce Any Revolution in Commercial Methods—Limitation is Cheap Transport of Bulky Basic Commodities—Present Dilemma Not Incapable of Solution.

It is the general impression that aviation has undergone a very rapid development in the last few years. The automobile was introduced only shortly before Orville Wright made the first successful flight in a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903. Yet in this comparatively short time the automobile has so injected itself into economic and social life as to be considered a necessity. The achievements of aviation can boast of no such record; but, when the radical revolution that aviation has brought about in methods and reliable fighting is considered, the airplane has indeed made notable progress.

The development of the airplane was comparatively slow prior to 1914, but during the war it advanced to the point of a honeymoon trip. Mr. Twells was the groomsmen and Miss Webberly was in attendance at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will make their honeymoon in the Cordeau Apartments Lindsay St., on return from their holiday.

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Make Them Safe

The startling fact that there were 4,388 automobile accidents in the Province of Quebec in 1928, resulting in 1,322 persons injured, is brought to light by the official semi-monthly bulletin recently issued by the Provincial Department of Roads. These accidents were, according to the bulletin, to a variety of causes, the principal of which were drivers' neglect and speeding, which accounted for 3,063 accidents; pedestrians' negligence, which is held responsible for 508; and drunkenness, which 381 are charged.

The bulletin then calls attention to the situation in the United States, where last year over twenty-seven thousand people were killed in automobile accidents, including over a thousand at level crossing smashes, and where there were over 700,000 persons injured. During the past ten years, it is stated, nearly 180,000 persons have lost their lives in automobile accidents in the United States.

After remarking that even the impressiveness of these apparently fails to lessen the number of accidents, the bulletin says: "The Roads Department, as in former years, wishes to warn the travelling public. Traffic is continually increasing, and there is an ever-growing element of danger. Traffic officers are constantly on the alert, but without co-operation, they are unable to make the roads safely. The co-operation and the care exercised by motorists are the most effective means of reducing the number of tragedies."

Reckless and careless driving are the main causes of deplorable fatalities on the highways. A driver that fuses to exercise caution is a menace, and should not be allowed to hold a license to drive a car.

British Unemployment

Probably the most pressing problem that the new British Labor Government has to tackle is that of unemployment. Premier Ramsay MacDonald has entrusted this important task to Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas and the latter's announcement regarding his plans to reduce the volume of unemployed in Great Britain, made recently during the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, is of more than ordinary interest.

In presenting his proposals the Minister of Unemployment stressed the fact that schemes must not be considered with a view merely to giving work, but also from a standpoint of stimulating trade at home, he stated: "What we import we should make for ourselves." In support of this contention Mr. Thomas declared that English always imported wooden track sleepers when examining had shown that only technical difficulties prevented them from using steel sleepers which could be made in Britain, and he announced that the railways had already agreed to substitute steel sleepers where practicable.

Road schemes costing \$187,500,000 and providing work for five or six years are to be speeded up, Mr. Thomas said, the Government's contribution to be paid out of a road fund. Arrangements are also to be made for the immediate reconstruction of the Waterloo Bridge, on which depended the great Charing Cross bridge scheme, which would involve expenditure of \$55,000,000, while other schemes to be submitted to the railway companies include the electrification of the Liverpool street services, be extensions, improvements in docks and harbors, and a light railway around outer London to avoid cross-London traffic.

The natural resources of the country are to be developed, including land drainage, reforestation and fisheries, while a committee of business men is to be established to amine schemes for work by public utilities companies, connection with this latter work Mr. Thomas intimated at he would immediately seek power to guarantee \$125,000,000 for loan purposes.

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