

Legislators Sing and Snake-Dance As Unwin Enters

NEW ALBERTA FIELD CROPS CHIEF LIKELY

Government Giving Consideration To Appointment of Commissioner

Consideration is being by the government to appointment of a new Alberta field crops commissioner, Hon. D. B. Mullen, minister of agriculture informed the legislature sitting in committee of supply on Tuesday.

Present occupant of this post is O. S. Longman, who also acts as director of the special areas board of the province. When the new field crops commissioner is named, Mr. Longman will continue in his capacity as director of the special areas board.

VOTE OF \$20,075

Vote of \$20,075 for the board produced the announcement from the minister. It was also pointed out that there is an appropriation of \$24,535 under the lands and mines department for this board.

James Hartley, S.C., Macleod, contended that there "appears to be overlapping and overlapping. Why are these votes not given under the one job?"

A. W. Flamme, S.C., Cypress, questioned the government on votes for the municipal areas and special areas being dealt with separately.

In reply, Hon. N. E. Tanner, minister of lands and mines declared that certain responsibilities fell upon his department and some on agriculture. Some officials had specified duties to attend to.

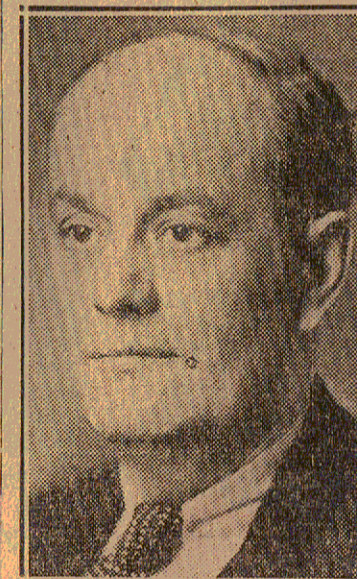
SALARY OF \$3,600

Discussion disclosed that a salary of \$3,600 was provided for the field crops commissioner and \$4,000 for the director of the special areas board.

Some criticism was directed at an appropriation of \$5,235 for fur farms and in reply the minister said that there were 1,000 fur farms in the province and the expenditure was well justified.

WHEELS PLACED ON POLAR PLANE

Who's Who



G. S. CROSSLEY

George S. Crossley, district freight and passenger agent, Canada Steamship Lines Ltd. Residence, 12430 111 avenue. Born in Montreal. Educated at Tuckwell's Private School, Winnipeg Man. Married on February 25, 1915, to Miss Kathleen Wood, of Fort Wayne, Ind., at Winnipeg. Has three sons and one daughter. Started business career at Winnipeg, with Canadian Pacific Railway, in 1910. Since with Canada Steamship Lines Ltd. Served overseas with 3rd Canadian Division C.E.F. Religion, Church of England. Recreations, motoring and golf. Societies, Masonic, Canadian Corps, Chamber of Commerce, Clubs, Kiwanis. Business address, Imperial Bank Annex, Edmonton.

Next: Gordon B. Keats.

WEATHER TO REMAIN FAIR, MILD IN CITY

Continuing its "hanging fire" attitude toward coming spring, and departing winter, Edmonton weather turned in a maximum temperature reading for Tuesday of 42 above, registered at 3 p.m. The overnight slide brought the mercury down to 26 above, registered from 2 to 7 a.m., but by 9 a.m. Wednesday it was back to 42.

PROBLEMS OF RELIEF AIRED ON WEDNESDAY

Lethbridge Makes Representations Before Agricultural Committee

Lethbridge unemployment relief problems were aired before the legislative agricultural committee on Wednesday, with Ald. J. A. Jardine and City Manager J. T. Watson appearing to present the case for the city.

It was submitted that the Dominion government grant constitutes 35 per cent of relief in this province and Lethbridge contributed 51.8 per cent of the total relief there.

"The provincial government then is not contributing their fair share of the Dominion grant," the officials said.

TEND TOWARD ABUSES

Present regulations, it was submitted, tend toward abuses by certain types of relief recipients with which it is impossible for the city to cope.

The province should not "force" municipalities to furnish relief the province itself is not prepared to pay for.

It was submitted that farmers had been known to sell their farms and machinery, move to cities and maintain themselves for 12 months and then apply for relief. The city has not power to refuse these people relief, it was claimed.

GROSS EXPENDITURE

From 1930 to 1937 inclusive the gross expenditure for relief in Lethbridge was \$1,293,947.68, of which the Dominion and provincial governments contributed \$654,006.10 and Lethbridge itself paying \$639,941.58.

Largest grant in aid ever received by Lethbridge was \$11,750 monthly and at present the city is receiving \$7,765 a month, less provincial deductions for employees at the co-operative coal mine. Contending that the relief burden is too heavy, Lethbridge submitted that tax recovery caveats were filed against 753 residences, as to Dec. 31 last, and there will be about 200 more filed by April 30 of the current year.

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE

Edson Member Is Wildly Acclaimed When He Returns

Unprecedented Scenes Enacted in Legislative Chamber as Members and Gallery Cheer and Chant Choruses

Amid ringing cheers, thumping of desks by members, huzzas from the galleries, Joseph H. Unwin, Social Credit member of the legislature for Edson, took his seat in the legislature on Tuesday afternoon, after being absent from the house since the day the session opened on Thursday, Feb. 10.

Unprecedented scenes were enacted as the Edson member, back from the Fort Saskatchewan jail, resumed his seat as a representative of the people on the floor of the legislative assembly. He was released from the jail about half-way through his three months' sentence, imposed following conviction for defamatory libel "well knowing the same to be false."

HOLD SNAKE DANCE

With calls for "three cheers," the spectacle of a cabinet minister leading the enthusiastic throng in singing "He's a jolly good fellow," and a "snake dance" around the legislative chamber, the sedate atmosphere became surcharged with vitality and the whole sight resembled the winning of the Stanley cup rather than the spot upon which the province's laws are made.

There was expectation that the returning member would receive the acclaim of his colleagues. Thus, galleries were crowded to an extent not equalled since the session opened.

Orvis A. Kennedy, Social Credit member of parliament for East Edmonton, entered the speaker's gallery at 2.45 p.m. and received a hearty ovation from the galleries, many spectators in which recognized him.

At 3 p.m. the house convened in regular fashion with Mr. Speaker taking the chair and Sergeant-at-Arms H. S. Newby laying the mace on the table.

Routine matters were proceeded with until orders-of-the-day were reached.

SPEAKER LEAVES CHAMBER

Then Mr. Speaker left his chair

The Inquiring Reporter

Prosecution of pedestrians for overtime "parking" was suggested by aldermen at council Monday evening. Recalling the often muttered threats made when trying to make way through a throng of loiterers at the Tegler building corner, The Bulletin's Inquiring Reporter asked a few citizens what they thought of taking action against these people who stand around in groups on the city thoroughfares.

Here are their answers:

CHIEF A. G. SHUTE, chief of Police: "Tagging" pedestrians might be a way out of the difficulty, but I don't think you could make it general. Something must be done about the loitering persons on busy corners. My idea is to start a campaign really soon, and educate the people in the way to act on the streets. They should be educated rather than prosecuted. Where there is a flagrant violation of the law, then prosecution should immediately follow. On Monday we had a man up for walking against the traffic lights. He had been asked to wait by the constable on duty, but said he was in too much of a hurry and went on. He was haled into court and fined for his violation of the traffic laws. We don't want a wholesale prosecution of persons for minor infractions of the law, because I think we can still do it the easy way. Warn them that

UNWIN CLASHES WITH PREMIER OVER PENSIONS

Aberhart Defends Vote Of \$21,295 For University Professors

Premier William Aberhart warmly defended a vote of \$21,295 for pensions for University of Alberta professors, while education department estimates were under consideration in the legislature on Tuesday. This amount represents an increase of \$695 over the previous year.

Explanation of the item was requested by J. H. Unwin, S.C., Edson.

In reply the Premier declared that "It is for the pension fund for professors at the University."

OPPOSITION WRONG

Mr. Unwin expressed his opposition and the Premier said this opposition was "wrong." He said that "The professors are not paid as well as teachers in the high schools."

Mr. Unwin said, "I accept the Premier's statement. Do the apple shiners at the University also get pensions. I understand they are the toadies to the professors?"

There was laughter from opposition benches.

Mr. Unwin: "Why laugh? I would like to know if these toadies get pensions?" There was no answer.

A clash soon occurred between Mr. Unwin and W. N. Chant, Independent, Camrose, who raised the question of the committee "rushing through estimates." Mr. Unwin rose to a point of order and Rev. Roy C. Taylor, chairman of the committee, over-ruled the objection.

SCHOOL CLOSING TALKED

The closing of the Normal School at Camrose was discussed and the matter was stood over for further consideration. The estimates for this school provide for keeping it open only until June of this year.

The votes in the education department included \$1,110,992 for elementary and secondary schools, \$340,000 for equalization grants, \$128,876 for consolidated schools and \$75,000 in aid of technical education.

10,655 Unemployed
Persons Registered

I Saw Today



O. S. LONGMAN

discussing season's agricultural prospects with visitors at the legislative buildings;

AND

Bill Butters walking north along 103 street; **Donald Dewar** giving his views on public affairs to a couple of friends at Jasper and McDougall avenues; **Alice Jones** crossing from the South Side to the North by way of the high level bridge; **Jack Bond** heading toward the centre of the city from the Highlands; **Cyril Cormack**, **Stan Smith** and **Charlie McDonald** partaking of some light refreshment at their favorite main stem restaurant; **Bill Hawker** pausing for traffic to pass at Jasper and 104 street; **Ed. McHugh** contemplating various summer sports activities as he wended his way along the main boulevard.

A decree absolute of divorce was granted Isaac Conlin, Edmonton, from Laurabelle Conlin by Mr. Justice S. J. Shepherd in supreme court Wednesday morning.

INQUIRY INTO SPREAD IN OIL PRICES URGED

Government Also Asked to Consider Going Into Oil Business

A proposal that the Alberta government be asked to consider taking over the wholesale and retail distribution of petroleum products in Alberta has been filed with the clerk of the legislative assembly by Mrs. Edith Rogers (S.C., Ponoka).

Either as an alternative or incidental to the proposal, Mrs. Rogers' motion suggests an inquiry into the spread between the field price of crude oil and the wholesale and retail prices of refined petroleum products with a view to bringing about a reduction in the price paid by consumers.

Mrs. Rogers' motion contends there is an unwarranted spread in price between the cost of the raw product at Turner Valley oil field and the price which the consumer pays. It contends there is excessive duplication and costs of petroleum products in both wholesale and retail fields.

The motion is seconded by James Hartley (S.C., Macleod).

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Skis of the huge twin-motored monoplane Sir Hubert Wilkins and his party used in their search for the six missing Soviet aviators have been replaced by wheels and test flights with the new equipment are scheduled for this afternoon.

Four members of the party, Wilkins, Pilot Herbert Hollick-Kenyon, co-pilot Al Cheesman of Port Arthur, Ont., and Air Engineer Al Dyne of Winnipeg, expect to take off for Winnipeg at 8 a.m., M.S.T., tomorrow en route to New York.

The 1,000-mile flight to Winnipeg will take six or seven hours, Cheesman said. After clearing customs at Winnipeg the party intends to fly direct to New York.

Premier William Aberhart was one of the speakers at Orvis A. Kennedy's committee rooms on Monday evening, addressing the crowd assembled therein from a platform. He took part in the celebrations at the committee room.

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ture reading for Tuesday of above, registered at 3 p.m. The overnight slide brought the mercury down to 26 above, registered from 2 to 7 a.m., but by 9 a.m. Wednesday the red line was back up to 31 above, and the forecast as given at that time was "Fair and mild".

Grouard stepped out of line in the near north readings at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday and sagged down to zero, taking the coldest reading in the district without any other point coming near that mark. The rest of the reporting towns were in the teens and twenties, the highest reading of the lot being 26 above, registered at Falher and Slave Lake.

Far north folks can still use long underwear, the lowest reading in the area Wednesday being 14 below, at Aklavik and Dawson, while Lower Post was almost as cold with 12 below. Also under the zero line were Fort Norman, with 4 below, and Fort Smith with 2 below.

Police Court

Two youths, who said they came from Vancouver, pleaded guilty to vagrancy charges in police court Wednesday. They were John Hardy and Edward Hoffert and when they appeared before Magistrate A. H. Gibson they were given the opportunity of leaving Edmonton within 12 hours or of spending the next six months in Fort Saskatchewan jail.

Betty Wilson pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy and was sentenced to serve two months in Fort Saskatchewan jail.

Furman Meyer pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining aid from the city relief department by false pretenses and was remanded until March 24 for sentence.

against 753 residences, as of Dec. 31 last, and there will be about 200 more filed by April 30 of the current year.

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE

There are no funds available from the sinking fund toward taxation reduction.

Unemployment relief in 1937 cost Lethbridge \$47,457.07 and indigent relief and social services cost \$52,587.97 or a total of \$100,045.04.

This total is a per capita payment toward relief of \$7.41 and a per taxpayer payment of \$38.13.

There were 318 heads of families with 1,004 dependents and 30 single persons or a total of 1,352 receiving relief. There is an average of 1,618 persons receiving relief each month.

Increasing tax burdens have been responsible for the reduction in the city's gross revenue and tax arrears as at Dec. 31 last totalled \$382,041.10.

A system of unemployment insurance was urged.

Mrs. R. Lindsay Dies At Age 86

Resident of the Clover Bar district, for many years, and active in United Church work there, Mrs. Robert Lindsay died Tuesday at the age of 86 years.

Born Ann Elizabeth Knapp, at Augusta, Ontario, she married in 1883, when she went to Cardinal, Ontario. Forty years ago she left Cardinal and came to Alberta. With the exception of a few years spent in Edmonton, she lived at Clover Bar until the time of her death.

Mrs. Lindsay was a member of the United Church and worked in the Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the Clover Bar United Church, with Rev. W. J. Kidd officiating. Interment to take place in the Clover Bar cemetery. Andrews Brothers are in charge of arrangements.



ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE
The St. John Ambulance Brigade, Edmonton Ambulance Division No. 61, will parade in uniform at police gym on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Team work, inspection practice and further air raid precaution instructions will be held.—By order of the divisional superintendent, G. S. Moreau, Div. Sec.

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house matters were proceeded with until orders-of-the-day were reached.

SPEAKER LEAVES CHAMBER

Then Mr. Speaker left his chair and the chamber, followed by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Hon. Lucien Maynard, minister of municipal affairs also left the chamber.

There was a pause and then Mr. Unwin entered the chamber. He was greeted by loud thumping of desks and cheers. Mrs. Edith Gostick, Calgary, stood up in her place, smiling and awaited cessation of the applause barrage.

Then she said "It is my pleasure and my privilege to call for three cheers for Mr. Unwin."

Without waiting for her to finish the sentence members again thumped their desks and three loud cheers were given, in which spectators in the galleries joined.

Mr. Maynard stood up in his chair and turning toward the back-benchers he commenced singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and commenced conducting, his arms going through John Barbirolli-like actions, while his chorus proved responsive and enthusiastic to a degree.

CALLS FOR CHEERS

Alfred J. Hooke, S.C., Red Deer and successor to Mr. Unwin as party whip in the house then called for "Three cheers for Kennedy" and the response was equally enthusiastic.

In the gallery, Rice Sheppard, who had acted as chairman of the special committee investigating the milk situation in the province last year, stood up and called for "Three cheers for Powell," and again there was a hearty response.

Then Mr. Hooke left his place and commenced a snake dance around the chamber, singing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." Many members of the government side of the house joined in the dance, including Mrs. Edith Rogers, S.C., Ponoka; Dr. Harry Brown, S.C., Pembina and many others. None of the cabinet ministers joined in, all remaining seated save Mr. Maynard, who stood up and sang lustily, his voice being readily heard.

The snake dance wove its way to the opposite side of the house and the opposition members sat mostly with faces set and betraying no sign of feeling, although Gerald O'Connor, Liberal, Edmonton appeared to be enjoying it.

WILL OF PEOPLE

As the dance came to an end, Mr. Unwin rose in his place and smiled. "Thanks," he said. "The will of the people of Alberta has gained its point. The will of the people, their determined voice, got me out of jail, it was not the Liberals. They didn't do it, it was the will of the people."

"And I am here to demand the release of G. F. Powell."

Mr. Maynard: "We want Powell." There was applause and cheering from the galleries.

Mr. O'Connor: "Will the premier

fine for his violation of the traffic laws. We don't want a wholesale prosecution of persons for minor infractions of the law, because I think we can still do it the easy way. Warn them that they shall be prosecuted and educate them in the proper way. That is the best plan to follow."

FRED C. CASSELMAN, alderman:

The remark I made in council about "tagging" pedestrians for loitering was more or less facetious. A lot of the loitering in Edmonton is due to pure thoughtlessness, and is not deliberate. The worst type of loiterers are those who stop to gossip and greet old friends while they hold up the traffic for half a block. They just don't realize the trouble they are causing. If this type of person were educated to gossip on the streets which are not so busy, it would be much more to the point. I think The Bulletin is doing a service in drawing this matter to the attention of the public, as something will certainly have to be done about it.

ANNE FILLION, bakery employee:

Women are by no means the only offenders in this regard. Men are just as bad. You see as many men as women idling around the corners gossiping with one another. This doesn't mean, of course, that this practice should be allowed to continue. I think that on the busy corners pedestrians should be controlled in the same way vehicular traffic, so that sidewalks will not be blocked. There's something in Ald. Casselman's idea.

There is one automobile in the United States for every 4.8 persons.

Municipal Golf Links Are Opened For Season

Municipal golf links was opened for the season at noon Wednesday—the earliest opening date in the history of the course, according to Chief Accountant Arthur Spiller, of the city engineering department. The previous earliest opening date was March 27 in 1926, play commencing on March 29 in both 1929 and 1930.

Use of the links by a large number of pre-season golfers taking practice swings during the past week resulted in the decision by the engineering department to officially throw open the links for play.

The rate schedule shows a slight increase this year, due to improvements made on the course during the past two years, including new greens on the thirteenth and fifteenth holes and new sand traps. Further improvements are planned for this season.

Schedule of rates follows: nine holes, 25 cents; 18 holes, 50 cents; 20 nine-hole games, increased from \$4 to \$4.50; junior season ticket (under 16 years), \$8; intermediate ladies' season ticket (16 to 21 years), \$10; adult ladies' season ticket, increased from \$12 to \$14; husband and wife season ticket, increased from \$25 to \$28; lockers, \$1.50 for the season.

The above prices were the original tariff, rates being reduced in 1933 and restored this year due to facilities for better playing.

Bert Gee is the golf pro for the municipal links.

10,655 Unemployed Persons Registered At Saturday Last

Unemployed registered in this province at Saturday last totalled 10,655, according to figures released on Wednesday by officials of the Alberta Employment Service. This is an increase over the figures for the previous week, which showed a total of 10,385.

Calgary retained its place at the head of the unemployment column with 4,360 males and 524 females registered.

This city was second with 3,709 males and 785 females. Lethbridge registered 568 males and 44 females; Medicine Hat 431 males and 63 females and Drumheller 168 males and three females.

During the week there were positions found for 229 males and 87 females.

Petty Thugs Enter Two More Homes

Two more reports of housebreaking appeared on police files at headquarters Wednesday.

M. Flowers, 11154 97 street, reported that someone broke into his home, took \$3.35 which had been lying on a table, and ransacked drawers in a vain attempt to find more cash.

Hugh Peden, 10003 96 avenue, reported that his house had been broken into and \$7.75 taken. Of that amount, \$5.10 was taken from a china teapot, and \$2.65 from a child's bank.

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