

UNITED STATES MATERIAL AID TO GIVE BRITAIN SUPREMACY, DECLARES PEPPER

Conservatives Open Attack In House

Maitland Flays Liberal Government For Failure To Present Plan For Rehabilitation Of Soldiers

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VICTORIA, Nov. 1.—“We seem in this province to be stumbling along backward in agriculture, unconscious of the Rowell Report, still maintaining the Health Insurance Commission, whose usefulness can never be justified in view of the expense.”

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

By A. H. WILLIAMSON

Harold Winch, C.C.F. house leader, is scheduled to enter debate on the Throne Speech in the Legislature today. Mr. Winch confided to the newsman that he would have spoken earlier but he wanted to hear the “new radicalism” expounded Thursday by R. L. Maitland, K.C., Conservative opposition leader.

Ald. George C. Miller, veteran of many a lobby on behalf of civic and municipal affairs, headed a Union of B. C. Municipalities delegation interviewing the executive council Thursday and reported one of the best receptions within his memory. But the premier didn't promise anything. Annual meeting resolutions were presented to the cabinet.

Tom Uphill, permanent member of Fernie, has two items on the agenda. One is

the hardy annual asking for reduction of the old age pension age limit from 70 to 65 and to increase the pension from \$20 to \$30. The other is a novel idea, it may have some merit. Mr. Uphill proposes to have the motor license year in interior points set back to Jan. 1. This, he maintains, would eliminate all the expense entailed by the present system of rebates on licenses for unused periods of the year—notably November, December and January. And the government revenue would gain to the extent of one month's license fee. At present motorists usually turn their plates in in November and do not take them out again until February. They pay for only three-quarters of the license year and the expense involved in cheque fees, book-keeping and maintenance of records is considerable.

Thus R. L. Maitland, K.C., leader of the official Opposition in the Legislature, turned the newly reloaded Conservative guns on the Pattullo government when he joined debate on the Speech from the Throne, Thursday.

In a lengthy address, into which he threw much of the eloquence for which he is noted, Mr. Maitland dwelt upon Canada's war effort, its duty to men in active service; the Rowell Commission, finances, land settlement, mining and a dozen other phases of provincial activities.

A SAD THING

All of which, he maintained, called for a change of government in British Columbia “at the earliest possible moment.” This session, he felt, should be the last one for the present administration.

Mr. Maitland, referring to the Speech from the Throne, declared it “a rather sad thing” that it did not mention a single scheme or a single move being made, “or thought of” to take care of the returned soldier problem after the war.

“They will want something better than the black stumps of the Merville Settlement scheme,” he said.

The leader of the Opposition devoted the major part of his address to the Rowell Commission, being critical of the government for lack of action in regard to its recommendations.

CITES ROWELL REPORT

“To my utter amazement,” he said, “the Rowell Report was not even mentioned in the Speech from the Throne. Aid to municipalities waited for the Rowell Report. Health insurance waited for the Rowell Report. The balancing of our budget waited for the Rowell Report, and the solution of our problems and debts waited for the Rowell Report.”

“We spent more than \$40,000 in legal fees and gratuities to be represented before the Rowell Commission,” he continued. “Not a word in the Speech from the Throne about this report. I would have thought the government would have placed in the hands of every member of this House a copy of this report for immediate and serious consideration.”



SYLVIA VOLUNTEERS
One of Canada's youngest war workers is six-year-old Sylvia Datner of Calgary. She wrote to Prime Minister King, offering to organize her playmates to save tin cans for scrap metal, and signing herself, “Your friend Sylvia.” Told that other metals were more valuable, she has started a club whose members save copper, aluminum and iron, and store them in the Datner basement.

Chambers Asks Troop Insurance

NANAIMO, B. C., Nov. 1.—(BUP)—Alan Chambers, M. P. for Nanaimo constituency, said Thursday night he would urge government leaders to arrange with large insurance companies for insurance policies covering combatant service.

Chambers added that he hoped the government would be able to arrange such protective policies, and said that he would also attempt to obtain parity of treatment for Canadians enlisted in the Imperial forces, who now fail to get the tariff remission allowed members of the Canadian Active Service Force on gifts from this country.

Conservative Leader Says Japs Given Priority For Herring Licenses

VICTORIA, Nov. 1.—Twice during the course of his lengthy debate in the Legislature on Thursday, R. L. Maitland, K.C., leader of the official Opposition, touched upon the Japanese situation in this province.

In regard to Japanese within the province, Mr. Maitland stressed the duty of the government to see that this province was kept British “in ideals, in loyalty and in constitution.”

“I feel that the time has come when we must insist,” he said, “that no industries in this province be dominated by any foreign race.”

Hon. George H. Pearson, as commissioner of fisheries, rose to deny that any white company had ever had to await requirements of Japanese fishermen. Mr. Maitland insisted they had. The incident had happened at Steveston “two or three years ago,” he said.

Later Mr. Maitland referred in slightly critical vein to Hon. W. J. Asselstine's attitude when copper shipments to Japan were very much before the public eye. The minister had given eight reasons, he said, to show that it was good business to continue the shipments.

“I say that there is no such thing as good business shipping any material useful in war to Japan at this time.”

Giving Help Against 'Evil'

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SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 1.—The United States shall “so quicken and increase its aid in a material way to Great Britain that there will be no question about the ability of that country to withstand the savage assault waged against it.” Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, Florida, said in an exclusive interview here Thursday night. Pepper is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

“It is an American resolution not to come into the war in the sense of sending troops, but we are determined not to permit Canada, Great Britain or Central and South America to be conquered,” Pepper declared.

The United States will give Great Britain air supremacy and supremacy in armaments, the Senator said. “We have no misgivings about aiding in a war being waged by sinister and evil conspirators for loot.”

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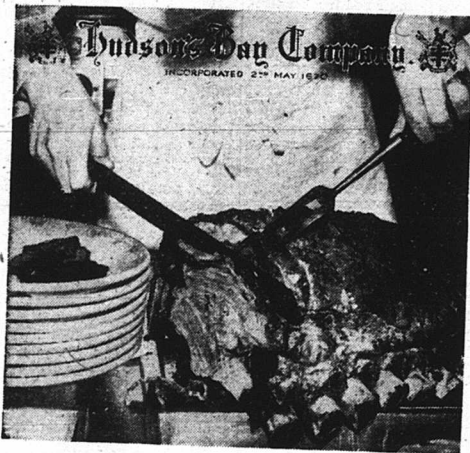
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