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## YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

### Postmaster-General Gives Report of His Department Effectively Answering Opposition Charges of Extravagance. End of Session in Sight.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 22.—The record of the Canadian Post Office Department during the last year was spread on Hansard to-day by Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General. The minister prefaced the bringing down of his estimates with a vigorous speech in which he answered several charges of extravagant administration made against his department by the opposition, and gave some idea of the growth of the postal service during the past twelve months.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain pointed out that not only was there a normal growth in post office expenditure of over 11 per cent from one year to another, but that as a result of the great extension of the rural mail delivery service, the increased remuneration given to the railways for the carriage of the mails, the establishment of the parcels post and increases of salaries in all branches of the service, expenses had received some unusual additions during the past year. The increase in the cost of transporting the mails by rail amounted to \$1,200,000. Salary advances accounted for \$600,000 per year. The extension of the rural mail delivery system between 1912 and 1915 had entailed an additional expenditure of \$355,000, to which must also be added \$305,000 for additional boxes purchased for the service. Mr. Casgrain also pointed out that the in-

crease in the territory to be covered by mail delivery in the cities had involved an extra expenditure of \$92,000 per year. The Postmaster-General devoted considerable time to the Montreal Post Office where, in spite of increased revenues, the staff had been decreased. He made the statement that the Montreal institution was the best administered post office in Canada and spoke of the urgent need for enlarged quarters. Some nine millions worth of estimates were passed before the House adjourned, after considerable discussion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 22.—The approach of the close of the session is signified in a notice of motion in the name of the Prime Minister for morning sittings on the date set in Monday next. All the government legislation of any importance is before parliament and has been for some weeks. The private legislation has been advanced so far that there is very little committee work remaining. The budget resolution and the bills will be all disposed of within the next few days and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resolution for an investigation of the British government's shell purchases in Canada will be disposed of perhaps during the present week. The estimates contain no new material and should not incur much lengthy discussion, prorogation should be reached by Easter.

## STILL FIGHTING AROUND VERDUN

### All German Attacks Except at one Point were Repulsed by French, and German Organizations Badly Battered. Heavy Fighting in Northwest Russia the Russians Winning. Galloper Lightship at Mouth of Thames Torpedoed and Sunk.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, March 22.—German infantry attacks were again directed today against the French front between Avocourt wood and the village of Malancourt. All German attempts to debouch from Avocourt, however, were checked, according to the official statement tonight from the French war office. The Germans succeeded in gaining a foothold on the small hill of Haucourt. The full text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium our artillery shelled the trenches and the communicating trenches of the enemy in the region of Steenstraete. North of Aisne we bombarded a sector of Ville Aux Bois. In Argonne our concentrated fire was directed on German organizations north of Four De Paris, La Fille Morte and the region of Montfaucon and Nantillois, between Haute Chevauchee and Hill 285 mine fighting was to our advantage. We have particularly bombarded Malancourt the official statement declared fighting was developing in favour of the Russian forces. Here the Russians, despite asphyxiating gases and a murderous fire, forced three lines of wire entanglements and made their gain in a series of fierce hand-to-hand encounters. The Russian War Office officially says they captured Espanin, in Persia, after an engagement. An unofficial report received by way of

Rome at London says the Austrians abandoned Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina. Bad weather again prevails over the Austro-Italian front, but has not put a stop to violent bombardments. The Austrians delivered surprise attacks of infantry against the Italian positions at various points, but these, according to Rome, have been repulsed.

The famous Galloper lightship at the mouth of the Thames has been sunk, according to Lloyds report. The lightship was torpedoed.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, March 22.—Infantry attacks north-west of Verdun preceded by vigorous bombardments enabled the Germans to gain a foothold on the small hill of Haucourt, which lies south of the village of Malancourt, between that town and eastern edge of Malancourt woods. The entire sector about two and a half miles north-east of Verdun, an intense bombardment and several German infantry attacks. Except in the immediate vicinity of Malancourt the Germans were held by a French barrier of fire and were unable to advance.

North-east of Verdun, an intense artillery bombardment was in progress, and infantry forces inactive. From the west in the forest of Argonne the French are shelling Malancourt wood, which is in the hands of the Germans. At various points in

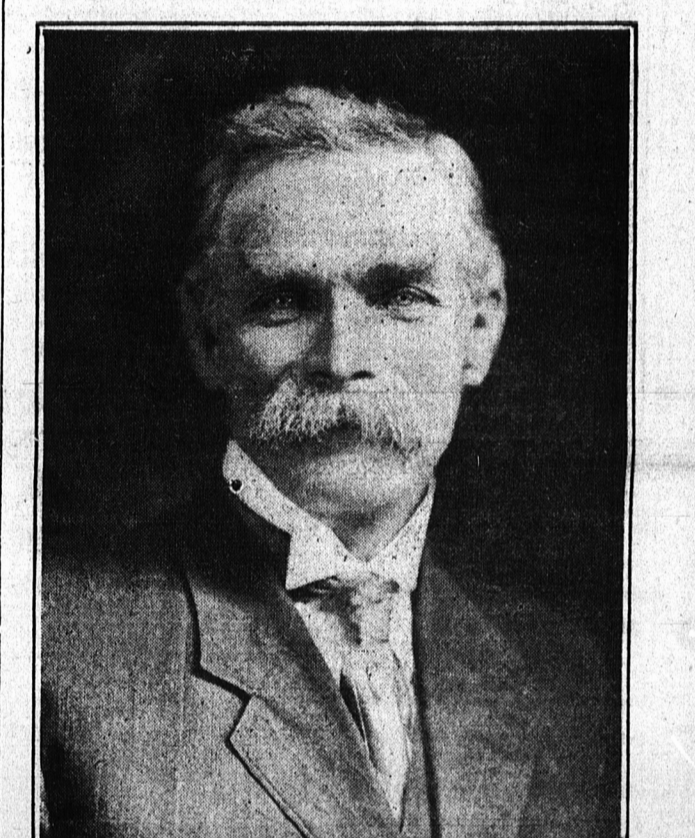
the forest they bombarded German organizations, especially at Foul de Pas, La Fille Morte and Montfaucon. A Russian offensive against the Germans in north-west Russia increased in intensity and fighting is in progress day and night. The latest official statement from the British general headquarters says there was desperate infantry fighting north of the town of Postavy, where the Germans launched violent counter-attacks in an attempt to dislodge the Russians from the trenches which they had previously captured.

Respecting this operation a Berlin communication says at this point the Russians delivered their heaviest attack and their losses were extraordinarily high figures even for the number of Russians in action. The Russians captured three lines of German trenches on the southwestern shore of Lake Narocz, where wood, west of Meuse. After a violent bombardment lasting the whole day the Germans directed several attacks against our front between the corner of Avocourt wood and the village of Malancourt all attempts of the enemy to debouch from Avocourt wood were arrested by our barrier of fire and the fire of our infantry. The enemy was able to gain a footing on the small hill of Haucourt, east of Meuse there was intense bombardment in the region of Douaumont and Vaux.

## THE DALTON SANITORIUM TO BE OPENED IN MAY

### Two Cars of Furnishings to Complete the Institution Go to North Wiltshire To-day and Dr. Garrison, the Superintendent, Takes Over His Duties on Monday.

The Dalton Sanatorium of which the missionaries are prepared to consider applications for the admission of patients cases and application should be sent to Dr. Garrison, North Wiltshire Preparations are being made for the complete equipment of the institution and today two carloads of furnishings will be despatched to North Wiltshire Station for conveyance to the Sanatorium which is dis-



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## ANNUAL MEETING P. E. ISLAND EGG AND POULTRY ASSOCIATION

### Record of Most Successful Year Presented by President. Excellent Addresses by Prominent Agriculturists.

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association was held yesterday in Prince of Wales College Hall, the President, Rev. P. P. Arsenault, in the chair. There was a large attendance. The President having delivered a splendid address, in which he gave a comprehensive review of the year's work, the minutes were read and adopted. Reports were submitted by the Secretary, the Egg Candler, Station Manager, and the different committees. The question of finance was settled and other business discussed. The Secretary's report was as follows:

To the President.  
Sir,—I have the honour to present the following report of The Prince Edward Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association for the year ending December 31st, 1915.

The business conducted since the last annual meeting covers the period from April 21st, 1915, to December 31st, 1915, being 8 months and 9 days approximately.

The Association has been unfortunate in that it has lost the services of its late Secretary, Mr. T. A. Benson, whose untiring zeal and administrative ability will ever be remembered as the motive force behind Egg Circle activity in Prince Edward Island in the first three years of our existence.

Mr. Benson has gone to the west, where his efforts along kindred lines will hasten the day to which we all look forward when a cord of co-operative organizations will reach across Canada, and the maximum of social and economic prosperity will prevail among all classes of our people. A year ago the Central Candlering Station was in the experimental stage and much speculation existed as to its ultimate success. To-day after eight months of strenuous effort, some discouragement and considerable uphill work, I have to report the business in most satisfactory terms. The system has arisen out of chaos, markets have been developed, equipment acquired, and above all, a healthy confidence inspired in the country. While much has been done, still greater efforts are needed, in order that our past experience may come to full fruition in the future. We have lost some of our Circles for various reasons, chiefly, I believe, from the lack of adequate help to man the country and place before the people the basic principles of co-operation upon which our organization rests. We have experienced inconvenience and loss from Circles that have departed from their pledge, and have sold independently, often using Association cases and equipment to market their eggs. Many of our patrons have neglected to pay their annual circle dues, and are therefore being carried out of organizations. This I feel is unjust. Some of our egg collectors are buying other than circle

eggs, and at times are paying prices for store eggs that are in advance of circle prices. Thus our servants become our competitors. They are trying to serve two masters. In almost every case where this is done, the circle members are dissatisfied, and some circles have been practically destroyed by this practice. In some cases collectors are not paying the patrons on a quality basis, but are averaging the price and paying a flat rate per dozen, thus defeating the purpose for which an egg circle exists. I would like to emphasize most strongly the advice of the past year, that the financial provision guaranteed by the Provincial Government is not sufficient to conduct the business for 1916. Some scheme will have to be adopted to provide finance. These and other questions will be submitted for your consideration.

During the year 7,000 circulars and letters were issued from the Secretary's Office, and 41 meetings held, 25 of which were addressed by Mr. T. A. Benson. In addition to this, valuable assistance was rendered by Messrs Mallett, Logan and Florin in country work.

Much better methods are being followed in the care and marketing of poultry products than heretofore, and the quality of the eggs as received from the farmers is very much superior to what it was in the not far past. Many new poultry houses have been built throughout the country, indicating an interest in and understanding of the approved methods of poultry culture.

While the average net price paid by the Candlering Station to egg collectors for the past year has not in all cases been the highest retail price that has been paid on Prince Edward Island, nevertheless it is much higher than that received in places where no circles existed, and considerably above what could have been expected had circle competition and circle quality been absent.

### APPENDIX.

Since the books of the Association have been closed at the 31st of December, some new developments have taken place and some work has been done that will be of interest at this moment, a report of which is as follows:

Since January 1st, 1916, 32 meetings have been held, at which assistance has been given by officers connected with the Secretary's Office. Owing to favourable circumstances, only three meetings have been missed, one by Mr. Curran, and two by myself. Two of these disappointments were caused

## FOUR PEOPLE KILLED IN COLLISION ON I.C.R.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
QUEBEC, March 22.—Four men are dead and several others are injured following a head-on collision last night at Valbrillant on the I.C.R. The two trains that collided were freight trains. One was at a standstill on the main line at the Valbrillant station, bound east from Levis, while the other was coming up from Campbellton.

The dead are: A. Chalem, of Campbellton, engineer; Legouffre, fireman, Campbellton; Starnand, St. Moise, who was in charge of a carload of horses, five of which were killed; and A. Thibodeau, of Sayabé, who was with Starnand.

Legouffre was killed instantly while jumping from the train. The others were pinned under the wreckage and passed the entire night there, calling for help until late this morning when their dead bodies were recovered horribly mangled. The accident is attributed to a frozen and open switch.

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## CHARLOTTETOWN MAN ON TORPEDOED SHIP

Mr. J. J. Davies, jr., Was One of the Victims of the S.S. Port Dalhousie Torpedoed in English Channel.

A telegram received in Charlottetown yesterday brought the sad news that Mr. J. J. Davies, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davies of this city was one of the victims of the steamer Port Dalhousie which was torpedoed some time ago on a voyage between Wales and France. The Port Dalhousie sailed from Picton in December with a cargo of deal for the Old Country. She arrived safely and was later engaged in freighting between Wales and France. She was torpedoed, as reported, some time ago somewhere between England and France. Mr. Davies was an engineer on the steamer and had previously been on the winter steamers, Stanley and Minto and last year was employed on the Car Ferry Works at Carleton. The last letter received from him was written in France, probably during his last visit there. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to his widow, formerly Miss Huggan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huggan, City, and her four young children, Willie, Helen, Dorothy, and Tom, besides whom there are left to mourn his father and mother and one brother Mr. William Davies who is attached to the 105th Regiment.

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## GERMAN REICHSTAG WILL DISCUSS PEACE RESOLUTION

(Special to the Guardian.)  
BERLIN, March 22.—The Socialist membership in the Reichstag has decided to present the following resolution: "The Reichstag expresses the expectation that in consenting to the employment of submarine weapons everything will be avoided which could damage the interests of neutral states and result in the unnecessary sharpening and extension of the war. The Reichstag expects on the other hand that the Government will do everything to bring about an early peace which will ensure the integrity of the Empire, its political independence and economy and freedom of development."

## THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
TORONTO, March 23.—Maritime: Winds shifting to north-west, gradually decreasing clearing and cold. THE WEATHER Yesterday was fair and milder with snow flurries at night.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 24 degrees above zero at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 10 above; at nine last night it was zero. The coldest previous night was zero.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.41 and tomorrow at 1.12; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.03 and Saturday at 2.54.

The sun sets this evening at 6.17 and tomorrow at 6.15; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.54 and Saturday at 5.52.

The moon rises tonight at 11.44. There was a full moon on Sunday March 19th at 1.27 p. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be on Sunday, March 26th at 12.32 p. m.

The length of today will be twelve hours and twenty-one minutes.

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