

# PROCEEDINGS IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

April 25th

## AFTERNOON SESSION

House met at 4 p.m. Dr. A. A. McDonald, Deputy Speaker, in the chair.

MR. J. H. BELL presented a petition from the Town of Kensington, asking for an amendment to the act incorporating the town. The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Premier Arsenault tabled the report on the Library of the Legislative Assembly for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918. According to the report the number of books and pamphlets in the Library is 20,000 and in the Dodd and general collection 3,400.

On motion of Premier Arsenault the debate on supply was resumed.

MR. J. H. BELL who had moved the adjournment of the debate Thursday night, resumed. He regretted that so many members were absent but was pleased to see among those present a distinguished son of the Province, Dr. McDonald, Provincial Secretary of British Columbia. Continuing Mr. Bell took up the thread of his discourse of the previous night, summarizing at considerable length the remarks he had made on that occasion. Going over again the question of teachers salaries he contended that there should be an increase, not necessarily a permanent increase but for the duration of the present high prices. Salaries at present are too low and as a result our teachers are leaving us. He contended that the normal training at present is deficient. Young boys and girls, with the meagre training they secure are not qualified to take charge of a school. This is one of the important improvements needed and he hoped to see these improvements carried into effect.

Some remarks had been made by the Leader of the Government about agriculture and he was pleased to see the Commissioner of Agriculture in his place as some of his remarks would doubtless be levelled at him. He contended that all the improvement in agriculture was due to the Liberal Government, farmers institutes, the Experimental Farm, seed fairs, standing grain competition, the dairy herd competition, cold storage, etc., the Liberal party had a live, energetic Secretary of Agriculture. What has become of all these? What became of the energetic Secretary, Theodore Ross? The Com. of Agriculture had quarreled with him and dispensed with his services. All these organizations that once were in evidence had disappeared. Last year we had no agricultural exhibition in Charlottetown. The Commissioner of Agriculture had not encouraged these. The seed fair prizes had not been paid until the present month of April.

HON. MR. MCKINNON. We did not pay these prizes at all. They were paid by those whose duty it was to pay them.

MR. BELL said he was informed that the Com of Agriculture had received from Ottawa \$600 which later was handed over to pay the prizes. The live stock associations have all died. Why? The fault lies with the Commission of Agriculture.

(What is needed in the Agricultural Department is a good intelligent farmer and also a good live intelligent secretary like Theodore Ross and he hoped some day to see such a secretary in the office.)

We have women's Institutes and encourage them by a grant of \$3,000. What do we give the Farmers Institutes?

HON. MR. MCKINNON. You will find by the agricultural report that we pay them twice as much as we do the Women's Institutes.

MR. BELL. The Central Farmers Institute, the Farmers Parliament should have their expenses paid when attending their occasional meetings. The farmers institutes today are under the leading strings of the Government.

Our agricultural grant is for the benefit of the farmers. Why should not the Central Farmer's Institute have a say in the appropriation of this grant?

We have three men in this country connected with this grant, country representatives. These men appropriate about a fifth of the total grant. These men are an unknown quantity in the agricultural life of the province. The fault for this lies with the Commissioner of Agriculture, in Ontario the District representative is one of the most important men in the country. In one province they are largely unknown. They are idle when they should be at work among the farmers.

Referring to mussel mud, it was well known that in Richmond Bay there is enough mussel mud to fertilize all the farms of this island for the next 100 years and yet we have never taken any steps towards utilizing this Klondyke. Last year a survey was made but nothing further was done. The Premier had reported on a recent visit to Ottawa and he had been told there that the people of this province had been complaining too much.

MR. BELL. The Hon gentleman has abandoned the idea of utilizing the Richmond Bay mud, and the only hope of the farmers of this province to get that mud is from the Liberal Government.

A VOICE. They will wait a long time.

MR. BELL. We can well learn a lesson from Germany in the matter of helping the farmers. The national policy of Germany was to assist the farmer, to procure fertilizer and supply it without cost of transportation. As a result the Germans were able to raise double the quantity of potatoes per acre that France produced. Mr. Bell criticized the system of railway transportation, the cost has been increased and with the result that farmers were discouraged from using mussel mud as a fertilizer. He believed that if the matter were properly presented to the Minister of Railways a spur line to Richmond Bay could be procured, and if the Minister refused he, with the united help of the farmers would compel him to give it.

MR. KENNEDY. (Why did you not do all this when you were in power?)

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MR. BELL continuing said that a mud digging plant like that in St. Peters Bay should be at work summer and winter. How would you get the mud to the shore? You can do it by teams and so employ a great many men. His hon. friend the Commissioner of Agriculture had introduced the use of tractors in this province—a good move and one which he commended. Why not use these tractors in hauling mussel mud? Why not hitch a tractor to, say a dozen sleds and haul them ashore.

Reference had been made to the offer of the Federal Government to supplement an appropriation for road construction. He did not think that the people of the province would be satisfied to construct a road from one end of the Island to the other, for two reasons, it would parallel the railway and would not benefit the great majority of the people. He agreed with the Leader of the Government that any appropriation made for road construction should be made on the general roads of the province. He did not think the federal government would allow the grant on this condition yet this is the only condition on which the proposed grant would be of any benefit to the province.

He understood that by agreement between the auto owners and the government the auto tax was to be ap-

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## German Trying to Plunder Food ships

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, April 26—New attempts have been made to plunder the food ships in the harbor of Hamburg, an exchange telegraph despatch from Berlin says. As a result a number of warships have arrived and guns have been placed in the streets leading to the docks.

## Hungarian Premier Dies in Prison

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, April 26—A despatch to the central news says that Vienna newspapers report that Dr. Alexander Wekerle, the former Hungarian Premier and Minister of Finance, has died in prison.

## The Great Army Of Unemployed

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, April 26—Authorities of the British Isles are now facing the problem of how to demobilize the new army within their shores and army of over a billion, the army of the unemployed.

According to the official figures of those paying the out of work donation, there are exactly one million and sixty six men and women today who are jobless. The total number of unemployed is somewhat greater than this as there are some who under the law are not entitled to out of work pay, but for this class there is no official estimate. In London and the south-eastern districts alone there are 240,015 persons receiving an unemployment benefit.

## Czecho-Slovaks Attack Waltzen

(Special to The Guardian.)  
GENEVA, April 25—Czecho-Slovak forces have attacked the city of Waltzen, twenty miles north east of Budapest which is expected to fall soon. French troops are said to be supporting the Rumanians, in their advance in Eastern Hungary according to advices received here from Vienna.

## German Couriers At Versailles

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, April 26—German official couriers in advance of the German delegation to the peace congress arrived at Versailles today. The Germans travelled by special train from Creil near Compiègne. They were received at Versailles by Colonel Henry and other French officials and taken to the Hotel Des Reservoirs which has been assigned to the German delegation.

## Belgian Rulers Take Air Trip to Germany

(Special to The Guardian.)  
BRUSSELS, April 25—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium left today by airplane for Bochum, Germany. Bochum is in the province of Westphalia, about nine miles north east of Essen. Belgian and British troops are occupying German territory in this region.

## Italian Premier in Touch with Conference

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, April 26—Although Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, has withdrawn temporarily at least from the peace conference and returned to Italy to confer with the Italian Parliament he still is in communication with conference circles in Paris. The French Premier Georges Clemenceau was in a receipt of message from the Italian statesman Friday morning but no hint as to its contents has been divulged. Signor Orlando despatched the message while on his way to Rome.

## Sir Arthur Currie, L.L.D., of Toronto University

(Special to The Guardian.)  
TORONTO, April 26—Sir Arthur Currie, Commander of the Canadian forces in France, is to be honored by degree of L.L.D. of the University of Toronto.

The Senate of the University met last night and decided to offer the degree to Sir Arthur and acceptance has not yet been received from the General but it is hoped that it will be possible to confer the honor upon him at a special convocation in the autumn when the degrees will be conferred upon the members of the forces overseas.

# HOUSE OF COMMONS GETTING IN EARNEST

## Closure Applied in Connection with Canadian Railways Discussion. Both Sides in Fighting Trim and Lively Debates are Predicted.

(From our own Correspondent)  
OTTAWA, April 27—Following the development of Friday night last when the closure motion was made in the House by Hon. Meighen it is likely the continuance of the debate on the Canadian National Railways bill, which resumes Monday afternoon will be productive of interesting scenes. In fact from now on the session can be depended upon to warm up.

The Opposition Party is in fighting trim as the members feel that Leader MacKenzie is developing better than they had hoped. At best they cannot but realize the great difference between the present incumbent in office leadership and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but as time goes on the sharpness of contrast is being reduced to some extent and they are commencing to accept the Cape Bretoner as the nearest approach to a real leader they are likely to get for some time.

The Government party also is in fine fettle. There was a disposition for a short time, following the death of Laurier, to avoid contention as much as possible but as the Opposition seems to seek it the Government will not let that wish go unfulfilled. This is very evident in the Canadian National Railways debate.

## Hungarian Communists Are in Flight

(Special to The Guardian.)  
BERNE, April 26—Part of the Hungarian communist army facing the Rumanians southeast of Budapest has surrendered and the rest is in flight, according to a Rumanian official statement received here.

West of Budapest the Czecho-Slovaks have occupied Keomorn on the Danube and Raab.

## Centennial Celebration By Local Odd Fellows

The Odd Fellows of Charlottetown observed the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order last evening by attending divine service at Zion Church.

It was the largest turnout of the brethren for some years—both local lodges—Willey and St. Lawrence having a very large representation of members present.

The Fourth Regiment Band headed the parade to and from the church and disco-versed appropriate sacred music. The parade which presented a fine appearance, was ably marshalled by Colonel Davison.

There was a very large congregation at the service in Zion Church. The preacher, Rev. (Major) Taylor, delivered an able and appropriate sermon for the occasion dealing with the three attributes of the Order—Love, Friendship and Truth. He dealt with the story of the man at the Pool at Bethesda ill with an infirmity for 38 years who had no friends to place him in the pool to be healed and the paralytic who had four friends, drawing a comparison of the same and showing where friendship should be the attitude of each to his fellow-man and the placing of our selves on the side of Truth as our attitude to the world. He showed that the winning of the world to the side of Truth is the only hope of the salvation of men from the miseries of the world as we know them today. He also emphasized strongly the attribute of Love—the crowning grace of the Order.

After returning to the Lodge Rooms brief addresses were made and votes of thanks tendered to the preacher, and to the session of Zion Church and the choir and Colonel Davison for marshalling the parade.

Before adjourning the members bowed their heads in silence for a period to the memory of their late brother, Mr. Andrew McNair and Rev. Brother Taylor pronounced the Benediction.

The anniversary will be further marked by a social entertainment in the Prince of Wales College this evening.

## JAPANESE DENY ANY CRUELITIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—An official statement by the Japanese embassy today characterizing an exaggerated current reports of cruel measures, employed by the Japanese authorities, says one person was killed and six wounded in outbreaks at Zoul, and that the total number of casualties in the province has been 331 killed and 735 wounded.

For the first two days of that discussion the government treated the opposition criticism with good natured tolerance and proceeded with the business of considering the bill. As the opposition became more vicious however the government forces felt they might just as well have a fight, as that was what was wanted, and on Friday night, the sharpest interchanges of the session occurred in which the opposition was severely worsted. The climax came when Mr. Meighen announced that, commencing Monday the bill will be proceeded with without further postponement.

This means the discussion of each section will be limited to 20 minutes and the bill must be finished in the committee stage by Tuesday night. This announcement was made at 2.50 Saturday morning and was greeted with much desk pounding by government members, thus manifesting their applause and the Opposition expressing its derision.

From now on, no matter what legislation is before the House, it will likely be the subject of bitter discussion. The session will correspondingly increase in interest and partake more of the character of pre-war sessions.

## German Report On the Blockade

(Special to The Guardian.)  
BERLIN, April 26—The Imperial Health Ministry has issued a memorandum on the results of the blockade. It says from 1915 to 1918, as a result of under nourishment, 763,000 persons died in Germany and a further 150,000 died from influenza, owing to the loss of their power of resistance.

## S.S. Stanley For Ch'town Picou Route

In reply to a telegram to the Superintendent at Moncton concerning the taking away of the Car Ferry and to representations made to the Premier by farmers, merchants and shippers, that there was likely to be some congestion at Summerside owing to the insufficient capacity of the steamer Northumberland, the Premier received the following telegram:

Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Your wire received. I do not fear but what we will be able to take care of any freight offering from the Island while the Prince Edward Island is off. I have asked our General Manager to secure, if possible, the steamer Stanley for the Charlottetown Picou route.

(sgd) L. S. Brown.

## Chain of Office For Charlottetown

Some time ago His Worship Mayor Wright made the announcement that he intended to present the city with a tangible memorial of his period of office as Chief Magistrate of this city by the gift of a chain of office. He has kept his word. On his arrival home last week from abroad he brought the chain and it is certainly a beautiful example of the gold and silver smiths art. It is of sterling silver finished in heavy rolled plate. Every second link of the chain has a maple leaf neatly enclosed in a wreath of leaves. The other links have the letter "C" enclosed, that letter standing for Charlottetown. The centre medallion contains the Prince Edward Island coat of arms surmounted by a beaver. The pendant is a sunburst surrounding the seal of the city of Charlottetown and contains, engraved in the centre the words, "City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Incorporated 1855." The pendant is especially artistic in the manner of the make-up and reflects much credit upon Mayor Wright who designed it. This beautiful piece of work was made by the well known firm of H. Birks, Ltd., Montreal. Mayor Wright is certainly to be commended for his enterprise and public spirit in securing for the city this beautiful piece of work which will no doubt be used for many years to come in the formal inauguration ceremony of Charlottetown Mayors of the future.

# SERIOUS SITUATION IN PEACE CONFERENCE

## Italian Situation Assumes Threatening Attitude. Fourteen Italian Divisions Sent to Fiume. The Situation Extremely Critical.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, April 27.—The majority of afternoon newspapers continued today to devote their leading articles to discussions of the Italian situation. The Westminster Gazette asserts that this is the first test case of the League of Nations. It is undoubtedly the break with the past which conventional minds find exceedingly disturbing. Yet it is the new world order to which we are pledged is to be more than a name we may make up our minds that we shall all on occasion have to submit to the process now applied to Italy. The Pall Mall Gazette thinks the Adriatic difficulty is moving towards a solution. "In which case," it says, "President Wilson will have no reason to repeat the innovation by which he called in the judgment of a wider tribunal than the Council of Four."

ITALIANS SEND TROOPS TO FIUME  
PARIS, April 27.—An American officer who left Fiume three days ago, and who has just arrived in Paris, says it was reported there that a total of fourteen divisions had been moved to Fiume by the Italians. He said the city was full of Italian soldiers who were arriving constantly. Virtually all the inhabitants of Fiume, except Italians, had left the city before the officer departed. Even many of the Italian civilians, the officer added, have departed.

ITALY APPEALS TO FRANCE  
ROME, April 27.—Professor Luigi

Luzzatti, Former Premier and Minister of Interior, has sent a telegram to Premier Clemenceau of France appealing to his friendly sentiments toward Italy and asking him to exert his best efforts to obtain satisfaction of Italy's demands. The telegram concluded: "All Italy in this hour of passion trusts in you."

PARIS, April 27.—Military and economic experts were called in during the session of Council yesterday afternoon. The council is understood to have discussed the reports of the drafting committee for the Peace Treaty to make sure that the draft, so far as it has proceeded, is in proper order and form.

## PEACE CONFERENCE SEVERELY SHAKEN

PARIS, April 27.—The Peace Conference has been severely shaken by the Italian crisis, and the extent to which its work will be affected is receiving the anxious attention of the delegates. The American storm has broken and the air has cleared in that quarter, but in other quarters a less optimistic view is taken, the feeling being that an element of confusion has been introduced which will result in more or less delay at the moment the German delegates are arriving. In French and Italian circles the situation is regarded as serious, and some quarters even represent it as desperate, but this extreme view is not generally held.

## Italian Press Criticizes Wilson

(Special to The Guardian.)  
ROME, April 26.—The newspaper Tempo strongly attacks President Wilson in leading articles accused him of being the chief obstacle to the realization of Italian aspirations, he being the arbiter of the situation behind which Clemenceau and Lloyd George astutely take cover. The President contests the right of the Italians to Fiume, and the validity of the Italian positions in Dalmatia guaranteed by the pact of London. In fact, it says, he favors Jugo Slavia which it must be remembered has not yet been recognized as a nation and has no political past which can offer a guarantee of security and which hides in her heterogeneous composition the unquenchable sources of discord.

## British Business Men Coming to America

(Special to The Guardian.)  
NEW YORK, April 26.—A deputation of fifteen Liverpool business men and members of the City Council will leave England May 31 aboard the steamship Caronia according to advices received here today, for the purpose of studying electric railways, lighting equipment and improvements in Canadian and United States cities, including Toronto, Montreal, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, Buffalo, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Toledo and Detroit.

## Home From Overseas

Five men from overseas who came via St. John, N. B. by the S. S. Corsican, after a ten days voyage arrived in Prince Edward Island Saturday night. Three were for Summerside, one for Bradabane and the other for Vernon River.

The last mentioned was Driver J. F. VanDerstine, who served in the Third Division, Canadian Engineers, having enlisted in March, 1916. He served a year in France and took part in the big drive at Amiens in August last, also in the fighting at Bourlon Wood, Anchy, Cambrai, Valenciennes and Mons. He came through it without receiving any wounds.

Pte. VanDerstine is the son of Mrs. Florence VanDerstine of Vernon River.

He brought home with him a wife from England, he having been married in January. His wife was Miss Edith Baldoek, a native of Eastbourne, Sussex. They leave for his home in Vernon tomorrow.

The names of the other soldiers who came could not be ascertained.

The men from the hospital ship Araguaya who were reported due Saturday night did not come. No word has been received since regarding them.

## Slow German Mine Explodes on Railway

(Special to The Guardian.)  
AMIENS, April 26.—A slow mine left by the Germans exploded today on the railroad between Miramont and the Achlet. The explosion cut the main line of the road running between Paris and Belgium for a distance of 100 yards. Nobody was hurt by the explosion.

## Giant Troopship Narrowly Escapes Mine

(Special to The Guardian.)  
NEW YORK, April 26.—The giant troopship Leviathan with 12,000 soldiers and passengers, the last of six transports to arrive here today bringing 32,972 men, missed a mine by only thirty feet while of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, Tuesday morning. Her officers reported when she docked tonight.

## To Consider Revised Draft of League

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, April 27.—A plenary session of the peace conference will be held tomorrow to consider the revised draft of the League of Nations covenant and also such portions of the peace treaty as may be completed by that time. The session will be open to the public if it is understood that if the covenant is approved it will immediately be made public.

## ORLANDO WILL APPEAL TO ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

PARIS, April 27.—Premier Orlando and his colleagues of the Italian delegation to the Peace Conference will appear before the Italian Parliament on Monday next, according to the Petit Parisien. This newspaper says: "We are able to affirm that whatever the outcome of this session of the Italian Parliament, the Premier and his fellow delegates will be in full strength at Versailles on May 1st."

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

TORONTO, April 28.—Fair and cool.

Tide will be high this morning at 5.31 and tomorrow at 9.34; it will be high tonight at 9.33 and tomorrow at 10.27.

Sun sets this evening at 7.15 and tomorrow at 7.17; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.14 and Wednesday at 5.13.

Last quarter of the moon Wednesday, April 28th.

New moon Wednesday, April 30.

## CONDENCED SPECIALS

WANTED.—IMMEDIATELY TWO hens for hatching purposes. Apply 22 Pleasant Street.

\*BOY WANTED FOR PRINTING OFFICE. Apply Guardian Office. 5129-4-17Mf.

\*WANTED BY YOUNG COUPLE, A nice house, centrally located. Apply "B" c/o Guardian. 55114-4-17Mf.

DRAFT HORSE FOR SALE.—choice of three, seven to 10 years old; M. C. McGowan, Killmuir, P. E. I. 5289-4-26me31

\*WANTED BY LADY BOARD AND room in private family. Centrally located on ground floor. Apply at Guardian Office. 5146-4-18tr.

WANTED—AT ONCE MAID FOR general house work. Apply to Mrs. Bruce Stewart, 14 Water Street. 5228-4-23Mf.

SINGLE COMB BLACK MINORCA eggs for hatching. \$2.00 per 15 eggs. William J. Cudmore, 82 Elm Ave., Charlottetown, P. E. I. 53194-28M61pd.

FOR SALE.—NEW HOUSE ON UPPER Hillsborough St. 3 rooms. All modern conveniences. Lot 50 x 150 ft. Apply, MacKinnon & McNeill, 90 Great George St. Charlottetown. 5306-4-26M4f.

WANTED A GOOD GENERAL PURPOSE mare, six year old 1200 or 1250 weight. Must be perfectly sound. Apply stating particulars and price. A. J. McKinnon, Margaree Harbor, N. S. 5320-4-28M4f.

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