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BOOT COMMITTEE CONTINUES ENQUIRY

Number of Witnesses Examined. Enquiry Burked by Opposition Members. Several Liberal Contractors and Officials Exposed and one Suspended Pending Further Enquiry.

(From Our Own Reporter.)

OTTAWA, April 1.—The parliamentary boot committee practically completed its evidence today. As far as is known no more witnesses are to be called. A sub-committee of inspectors was recently appointed to go over all the boots in store and report as to their quality and condition. This committee will report next Tuesday and their report may result in the calling of further witnesses. The next problem of the committee is to sift the mass of testimony which has been heard and to arrive at conclusions.

Mr. George Tetrault, of the Tetrault Shoe Co. of Montreal, was on the stand today. He started to read a letter of advice which he had received regarding conditions in the leather and shoe trade in England.

This was objected to by Mr. E. M. Macdonald. The letter was afterwards shown by Mr. Tetrault. It was written by Lobbet and Co., leading leather factors in Bristol, England, and reads in part as follows:

"Business here at the moment is marking time; one of the main reasons is an account of the British Government continually altering their mind with regard to the boots they require."

The letter shows that great difficulties are being met with in England in the same way as in other countries, but it is an enlightening commentary that the objection to eliciting all the facts relating to boots should be raised by the minority and opposition members alone.

Some pointed questions which he failed to satisfactorily answer were put to Mr. H. W. Brown, director of contracts, by Mr. F. B. McCurdy. Several days ago Mr. George A. Slater told the committee that in 1913 when tenders for army boots were called he was given but four days to fill twenty-five per cent. of the order. It was an impossible tender and he protested. This was the time when Mr. Charles Slater, the Liberal contractor who furnished the Laurier Government with boots without open tenders, secured the order for Gauthier on a basis whereby he got a big middleman's profit. Mr. Brown who admitted he was, before his appointment, in 1904, Private Secretary to Sir Fred-

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AIR THICK WITH AEROPLANES WATERS SOWN WITH WAR CRAFT

Is Condition Above and on Sea Coast of Holland. Indications Point to Another German Raid on England. Suspicious Ship Seized by British Torpedoboats and Brought to Port. French Steamer Torpedoed in English Channel. British Steamer Sunk.

(Special to The Guardian.)

AMSTERDAM, April 1.—During the last few days the sky above Holland has been thick with German airships, aeroplanes, hydro-aeroplanes, while waters round Holland are sown with a cordon of war craft, as proved by reports from Dutch trawlers and fishing smacks which have returned for the Easter holidays. There is every indication, therefore, that the recent German warning to await Easter Sunday is true. The Germans, it is thought, really intend another coup like the Hartlepool and Scarborough Raid.

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LONDON, April 1.—A despatch from Newhaven, a port on the English Channel in Sussex, says the large Dutch cargo boat, Lodewijk Van Nassau, has been brought into Newhaven by two British torpedo boats, under suspicion that she has been supplying German submarines with fuel oil. Torpedo boats gave chase to the Lodewijk Van Nassau and captured her near Brighton. It is said

members of her crew appear to be Germans. The name of the vessel is painted on each side in huge letters. She has cargo on board. This she is now being examined. When hailed by the British torpedo boats the Dutch steamer refused to stop, but eventually was brought to a halt.

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ELECTION LAW DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

Additional Hour Allowed Employees in Which to Vote Without Loss of Time. Amendments to Election Act Discussed Both Sides of the House Showing Desire to Improve the Law.

(From our own Reporter.)

OTTAWA, April 1.—The proposal to lengthen the hours for voting was discussed at length in the House of Commons to-day. Many of the members strongly advocated allowing a longer time for working men and office men in cities to cast their votes. Others declared that there was no need whatever for such extension in rural parts. The need was also voiced of providing, if possible, special facilities for voting to railwaymen, commercial travellers, and deep sea fishermen.

Although the House was fairly evenly divided, the proposal to extend the voting hours so as to make them 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. was voted down. An amendment was adopted, however, to allow all employees an additional hour apart from the noon hour in which to vote. They will not suffer any reduction in wages for this hour off. This change will apply to all railways, including the Government railways, but it is specifically provided that it shall not apply in such a way as to affect the running of trains.

Mr. A. E. Macdonell (South Toronto) made a strong appeal for extending the hours for voting. This had been done, he said, in every other civilized country. As far as the congested centres were concerned, he held that

it would greatly lessen corruption. Men would go and vote without being paid for money spent on taking them to the polls if they had a chance to vote.

Mr. F. F. Pardee, Chief Liberal whip, on the other hand, argued that the extension of the hours of voting would do no real good. The allowing of an extra hour during the day was all that was necessary. To extend the hours would only weaken the organization work. Everything would be left to the end of the day.

The House also discussed the proposed amendments to the controverted elections act. These included the simplification of proceedings in connection with election protests and trials.

Hon. C. J. Doherty said it should not be possible for a member whose election is protested to sit all through a Parliament before the case is decided.

Shortly before midnight, and after a good deal of discussion on "preliminary objections" and the qualifications of petitioners, Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that "as this was an important subject it might be better if the members went home and slept over it and resume the discussion later."

Members of both sides showed an earnest desire to improve the election law and prevent the abuses that have existed so long and are so apparent after every election.

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PETROGRAD, April 1.—An official report to-day from the Russian headquarters in the Caucasus said that in the region of Artvin, 49 miles south of Batum, our troops occupied Tiflis. In fighting at Artvin we captured two guns from the Turks. Elsewhere there is no change in the situation.

(Special to The Guardian.)

MADRID, April 1.—Telegrams received here to-day from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, say the Hamburg American steamer, Macedonia, succeeded in making her escape and evading British cruisers and has sailed for South American waters. The Macedonia is taking supplies, it is believed, intended for German warships. The Macedonia was interned at Las Palmas on November 13. She is reported to have slipped out of the harbour there March 18, but this is denied and there are conflicting reports about her.

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SYDNEY, April 1.—Two miners were instantly killed by a fall of stone in the east slope of the Reserve Colliery this afternoon. The victims were Messrs Guthro and Flavin of Reserve.

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BERLIN, March 31.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Included in the items given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency is the following: "A special despatch received here from Constantinople says the first bombardment of the Turkish fortifications on the Bosphorus by the Russian Black Sea fleet consisted of the firing of 128 shots at the forts from a distance of seventeen kilometres (11 miles). The forts did not reply to this fire."

Petrograd official reports say the Bosphorus forts were bombarded by Russian warships last Sunday, and that the Russian fleet was accurate.

The vessels of the Black Sea fleet drove back some Turkish torpedo boats which attempted a sortie and they sent one Turkish ship to the bottom.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, March 31.—The Norwegian Cabinet is endangered by differences of opinion between the Minister of Defence and the Military Committee, says a despatch from Stockholm to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The Military Committee, the despatch adds, insists on reducing the cost of proposed military preparations by 1,000,000 kroner (approximately \$70,000), and several Ministers are said to be on the point of resigning.

TURKEY PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES

(Special to The Guardian.)

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 1.—Concentration of Turkish troops at Adrianople, the nearest important Turkish town to the Bulgarian frontier, is interpreted in Sofia as a Turkish precautionary measure in the event of war with Bulgaria. In addition to this concentration, Turkey is increasing her pieces of artillery on the Adrianople fortifications.

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LONDON, April 1.—War Secretary Kitchener is among the first prominent men in England to respond to the suggestion of abstention from the use of alcohol contained in a letter sent yesterday by King George to Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George. The War Secretary to-day issued instructions that no alcohol beverages be served in his household for the duration of the war.

(Special to The Guardian.)

LONDON, March 31.—Allotments of the Canadian Government loan to-day showed that applications for large amounts received only sixty-six per cent., while small applicants, ranging from £100 to £1,000 received full allotments. The successful result of the loan had a good effect on the market.

Sir George Perley, together with other representatives of the overseas dominions, recently met Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and discussed financial arrangements, the decision arrived at being that loans to be floated were to be devoted only to the payment of maturing indebtedness and the carrying on of works under construction and contract.

The Imperial Government, says Sir George Perley, is acting fairly all round, as indicated by the fact that the Manchester City Corporation's application for permission to float a loan was recently turned down.

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IN THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE SECOND READING LADY WOOD ESTATE BILL

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The House met this morning at 11 o'clock.

MR. MARTIN asked the following questions of the Commissioner of Public Works, Hon. J. McNeill:

"If any action is to be taken in answer to a petition of certain inhabitants of Bellevue, Caledonia and Brooklyn, praying for a grant to open the grade on a road leading from Murray Harbour Road to Brooklyn Road."

"If he has received a petition from certain farmers and fishermen of Wood Island East, praying for a grant for renewing the Packet Service between Wood Island and Charlottetown and what is the intention of the Government in the matter?"

"If he has received a petition from residents of Wood Islands and vicinity praying for the opening of a road from the main road at Wood Island East to Gray's Road, a distance of about one mile, and what is the intention of the Government in the matter?"

The Commissioner in reply stated that his Department was giving the matters referred to its immediate attention.

THE PREMIER moved the second reading of a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for Compensation to the Trustees of the Estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, for Certain Lands on Township No. 67, sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands." The Bill having had second reading, the House resolved itself into committee (Mr. Gallant in the chair) and considered it.

THE PREMIER informed the House that the whole object of the Bill was explained in the preamble. The Bill is as follows:

"WHEREAS the Commission of Public Lands for the Province of Prince Edward Island has sold and conveyed the reversionary interest in 2570 acres of land, part of Township Number Sixty-seven in Queen's County, belonging to the estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, to the tenants and other persons holding the Leases of the said lands, and received the full consideration money on that behalf, which has been paid into the Treasury of the said Island.

"AND WHEREAS by an Act of the General Assembly of said Island made and passed in the Third year of the reign of His Majesty King George V., entitled, 'An Act to confirm the titles to certain purchasers of lands on Township Number Sixty-seven, from the Commission of Public Lands,' All Deeds and Conveyances executed by the said 2500 acres of land were confirmed declared to be sufficient and valid for the passing and vesting in the several guarantees named and described in such Deeds an indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in the lands and premises thereby respectively conveyed or purporting to be conveyed.

"AND WHEREAS the said recited Act contains a proviso to the effect that nothing therein contained shall prejudice or affect any claim which the Trustees of the Will of the said Dame Louisa Augusta Wood or those now representing the Trustees of that will or the Survivor of them or any other person or persons may have against His Majesty the King in his

Government of Prince Edward Island for or in respect of the lands so sold and conveyed by the said The Commissioner of Public Lands as aforesaid.

"AND WHEREAS the said Dame Louisa Augusta Wood by her last Will and Testament devised her said lands on Township Number Sixty-seven upon trust to sell and convert the same into money and to invest the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of Government stocks, Funds or Securities of Great Britain, or of the Government of the Dominion of Canada or of any British Colonies and to pay and apply the interest, dividends and annual income to arise from such investments for certain charitable purposes in her said will mentioned.

"AND WHEREAS the said Trustees of the Estate of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood have agreed to allow the compensation money due to them in respect of said Township Number Sixty-seven, lands so sold by the Commissioner of Public Lands as aforesaid, amounting to the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars, to remain in the Treasury of said Province of Prince Edward Island, as an investment to be secured by Debentures of \$500, each redeemable in 25 years, on which interest shall be payable half yearly on the second days of July and January in each and every year."

"BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Government of Prince Edward Island to issue Debentures to the Trustees of the Last Will and Testament of Dame Louisa Augusta Wood, to the amount of eight thousand five hundred dollars, in denominations of five hundred each and to bear interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the second days of July and January in each year, such Debentures to run for a period of 25 years and the said Debentures with the coupons attached thereto shall be in the form in the Schedule to this Act and shall be made payable at the office of the Provincial Secretary Treasurer in Charlottetown.</