

"WE MUST WIN THE WAR, NOTHING ELSE MATTERS" ---Premier Arsenault at Third Anniversary Celebration

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WHY "BIG INTERESTS" SUPPORT LAURIER

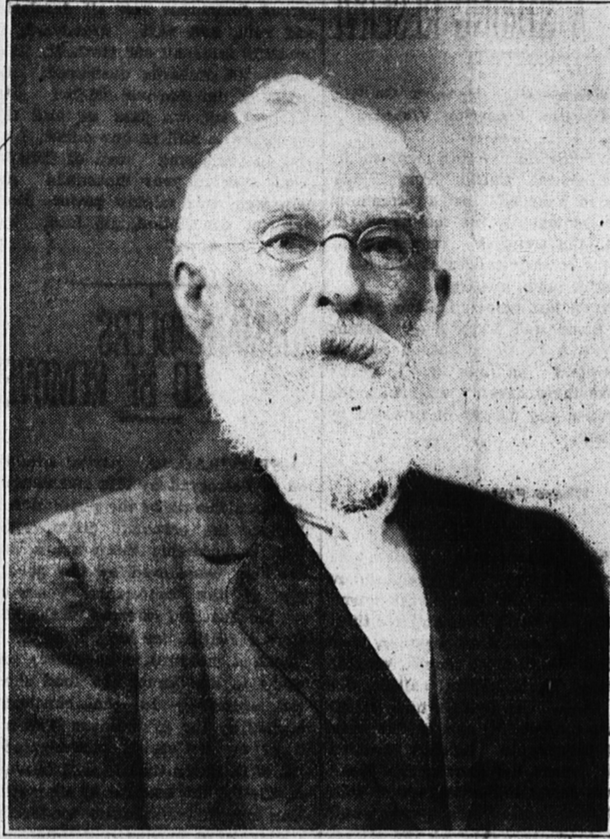
Baron Shaughnessy and the C.P.R. Support Laurier Because the Government is to Take Over the C.N.R., Preventing an Increase in Freight Rates.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA.—Another day was spent on the Canadian Northern Bill. Sir Thos. White gave the names of the stock holders of the Canadian Northern and the list afforded but little satisfaction to the Opposition. Of the \$100,000,000 stock 40 million is owned by the Dominion of Canada, \$334,000 by the British Empire Trust, \$1,000,000 held in trust by John Aird and H.V.F. Jones, \$58,614,000 by MacKenzie, Mann and Co., and the remainder, \$62,000 is distributed among several men to qualify as directors.

There is another factor in the fight between the C.P.R. and the government. The great railway corporation is seeking a 15 per cent increase in freight rates. Owing to its enormous earnings the C.P.R. cannot claim necessity for such an increase but was basing its demand on the necessity to bolster up the C.N.R. Now that the government is taking over the C.N.R. the C.P.R. must apply for the increase on its own merits and as it is paying 10 per cent dividends besides accumulating a great reserve it cannot put forward necessity as an argument in favor of the increase. If such an increase was granted government railway rates would correspondingly rise, so that all parts of Canada would be directly affected. Government ownership of the C.N.R. will, in preventing an increase in freight rates save to the people of Canada in six months the amount paid for the C.N.R. stock.

PATRIOTIC ACTION OF LT.-GOVERNOR

Places Government House at the Disposal of Hospital Commission for the Use of Convalescent Soldiers.



HIS HONOR LIEUT.-GOVERNOR McDONALD.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has offered to surrender Government House for the use of returned convalescent soldiers. The offer was made in a letter received by Premier Arsenault yesterday, and has given much satisfaction in official circles, and will, it is certain, be much appreciated by the public generally.

The movement to convert Government House into a convalescent home for wounded soldiers, originated with His Honour in April last, and when Premier Matheson and Col. the Hon. S. R. Jenkins went to Ottawa in May, they suggested to the Hospital Commission Government House as a suitable place, especially as in addition to an ideal situation it possesses magnificent grounds for camping, recreation, etc. Some constitutional difficulty subsequently arose about the right of the Governor for the time being to surrender the seat of government for any purpose other than that for which he enjoyed its use, and when this was properly adjusted, Premier Arsenault and Col. Jenkins again waited upon His Honour who promised his favourable consideration to their presentation of the case.

Yesterday the following correspondence between His Honour and the Premier took place:

August 23rd, 1917.
To His Hon. A. E. Arsenault,
Prime Minister,
Prince Edward Island.

Sir:—Since I have learned that a Convalescent Home for our invalided soldiers might be established in this province if a suitable place could be secured, I have had under consideration offering to your Government to surrender Government House for that purpose.

When you and Hon. Colonel Jenkins and the Commissioner of Agriculture waited upon me on the 3rd inst. to discuss the question I must say that I was very deeply impressed by the clear presentation of the case and the fairness of the proposals you made. Unfortunately, owing to serious illness in my family, I felt obliged to defer a final answer. I have now come to the conclusion that the cause is too urgent and too sacred to allow any considerations to have weight except the welfare of our brave men.

I therefore unreservedly place at the disposal of your Government the Governor's residence and grounds for the establishment of a Convalescent Home coupled with the request that such other provisions be made for an official residence as may be fit.

Faithfully Yours,
(Signed) A. C. McDONALD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

August 23rd, 1917
To the Honourable Augustine C. MacDonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island.

Sir:—Your patriotic and generous offer of

Government House and grounds is gladly accepted by the Government and will immediately be communicated to the proper authorities.

Your action in this regard is one that will long be held in grateful remembrance by the people of this province.

On behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island and of our stricken soldiers I desire to tender sincerest thanks.

I have the honour to subscribe myself

Faithfully yours,
(Sgd.) A. E. ARSENAULT,
President Executive Council.

Yesterday forenoon a deputation from the Retail Merchant's Association waited upon His Honour to urge him to place Government House at the disposal of the Hospital Commission for this purpose. Mr. E. H. Beer, Secretary, introduced the deputation, and Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Mr. C. H. Black and Mr. S. A. MacDonald expressed the views they had to offer.

His Honour regretted that he had not known earlier that the delegation was to approach him on this subject, otherwise he would have been in a position to give them a definite answer, but indicated that his reply would be favourable.

His Honour waited for a reply from the Premier before formally making public his generous, patriotic and public-spirited offer.

ALLIES CAPTURE MOUNT UP

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON—During the past three days the Entente Allies have taken twenty five thousand prisoners and since July 31 about 32,500. Before the end of August, the total will exceed German captures of Russians, which total forty thousand.

BRITISH SUCCESS AT YPRES

(Canadian Press Despatch)
BRITISH FRONT—After the uncertainty of yesterday's fierce resistance by the Germans, definite success was announced this morning for the latest British operations east and northeast of Ypres.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
AMSTERDAM—Peru has sent an ultimatum to Germany.

SIR WILFRID'S REPLY

To the Secretary of the Toronto Win-The-War League Testifies That He is as Stoutly Opposed as Ever to Democratic Selection Conscriptio and That if He be Returned He Will Insist Upon Voluntary Enlistment Which Means "Canada Sneaking Out of the War."

OTTAWA.—The following letter has been sent by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Mr. Frank Wise, honorary secretary of the Win-the-War League at Toronto:

Ottawa, Aug. 21.
Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 14th inst., enclosing a resolution of the Hamilton Branch of the Win-the-War League to which my attention is desired. The resolution is addressed to me in the following language:

"We understand that you have again been approached to join the formation of a union national government, and as you have on more than one occasion stated that you are in this war to a finish we appeal to you to co-operate by putting a definite limit on the time you desire for the continuation of voluntary enlistment, and by stating the methods you wish to have followed. We appeal to you also to state that if this effort for volunteers should fail to produce the men for the necessary re-inforcements of the forces at the front you will agree to support conscriptive measures."

What Laurier Says

I would have thought that my recorded utterances in and out of parliament would have left no one in doubt as to my opinion on the different enquiries of the above resolution. But since there are some of my fellow citizens who express the idea for a further explicit declaration, I deem it my duty at once to comply with the request. At the opening of participation of Canada in support of Great Britain and her allies, it seemed evident that even at that early moment the war was above all else a struggle not only for supremacy but for the very existence of democracy and of civilization itself, and this truth has become more and more manifest as events developed, until even the American people, though strongly averse to war had also to enter the conflict.

I then held, and still hold, that the reasons were paramount for Canada to exert its full strength to assist through an intelligent organization and mobilization of all its resources.

Blair Borden

Whist willing and ready to make every allowance for mistakes and even serious errors, I am forced to state that in my judgment the administration now in office through lack of proper appreciation of its responsibility hopelessly blundered in that it had not long ago definitely ascertained the scope and character of the services that could best be rendered by Canada for war purposes.

I would infer that the Hamilton branch of the Win-the-War League have reached the same conclusion since by their resolution there is implied a reproach that I have refused to join what they term a union national government, and a wish that I should now do so.

I may observe that I never was approached to join a union national government, whose first duty, I conceive would have been to discuss and frame a policy adopted to our national situation, with the object of rallying all the forces of the nation towards the end of helping to win the war.

The Invitation

I was invited, it is true, by the Prime Minister to join his government when he had already committed himself to a policy which had never been suggested, but rather deprecated, in all his previous utterances, and which according to evidences not a few and not inconsiderable, was repugnant to a large proportion of our fellow citizens in all the provinces, such an invitation I could not accept, but since the policy has been deliberately adopted by the administration, my opinion was, and still is, that the best and only thing to do was to submit it to the people by a referendum.

AERIAL WARFARE THRILLS SPECTATORS

Glowing Account of a Battle in the Air Which Amazed and Enthused the Up-lookers. Crowd Cheered as Enemy Aircraft Fell.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON—Reports from the places raided yesterday by German airplanes concur in praising the efficiency of the guns and aircraft defenses, the enterprise of the German raiders being balked and casualties minimized. Owing to clear weather their operations were visible for long distances and were watched with excited interest by crowds of visitors at Deal and Folkstone as well as by people of the towns attacked. In the fight over

Dover the spectators say aeroplanes were so intermixed that it was impossible to distinguish friend from foe. Similarly, airplanes fought fiercely off Ramsgate while shells burst all around the machines, some of them being hidden in the smoke from shrapnel. The manoeuvres amazed the on-lookers, machines seeming to be all topsy turvy. There were cheers from the crowd when a raider was seen to wobble and burst into flames, falling helplessly to the earth.

ITALY PUNISHES AUSTRIANS

(Canadian Press Despatch)
NEW YORK—For weeks the Austrians have been preparing to evacuate Trieste.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
ROME—The Italians made further gains today on both the Northern and southern wings.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
UDINE, ITALY—During the first two days of the Italian advance the enemy lost 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

and I here again express my regret that this view was not accepted.

Life of Parliament

Though no mention is made in the resolution of the extension of parliament I should also add, since the subject is still much discussed, that the present condition of the representation in the House of Commons makes a general election imperative, and the reasons are obvious. Apart from the fact that the western provinces are deprived of some twenty-two members to which they are entitled, by reason of their increased population as determined by the last census, in the House, as composed by the verdict of the people in 1911, there are no less than twenty-four constituencies unrepresented, those vacancies having been caused by death or appointment to office, three members having been elevated to the Senate within the last month.

Leader's Duty

In the new parliament I hold that it must be the duty of the majority leader, whoever he may be:

1. To confer immediately with Great Britain and her allies with a view to ascertaining how and to what extent the participation of Canada can be utilized to the greatest advantage in the prosecution of the war, regard being had on the one hand to the necessities of the allies for men, and on the other hand to our population, resources, industries, geographical and other essential considerations.

2. To bring into being a government composed, as far as possible, of the ablest men in all classes, whose immediate task would be the efficient and non-partisan organization of the whole nation on the lines determined upon.

3. To organize a vigorous and compact system of voluntary enlistment conceived and carried out in strictly non-partisan and broadly national methods.

4. To devise and apply ways and means so that the full duty of Canada be generously performed toward our returned soldiers and their dependents; the wealth of Canada compelled to contribute its just and proper share of our burdens; and the mass of the people efficiently safeguarded from the greed of the war profiteers.

The above views I hold and express, not in deviation, but in fulfillment of the course which I marked down at the outset, and which never was at any moment absent from my thoughts.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
Wilfrid Laurier.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT SALONIKA 60,000 HOMELESS

(Canadian Press Despatch)
LONDON—Details of the great fire at Salonika on Sunday show that 60,000 people are homeless. The property loss is enormous. Insurance companies lose from ten to fifteen million dollars. The British have 10,000 destitute people in their charge. The Allies and others are caring for the remainder. The whole sea front, including famous churches and mosques, was destroyed. Three enemy airplanes flew over to the city dropping incendiary bombs where the fire was burning.

FRENCH SUCCESS AT VERDUN

(Canadian Press Despatch)
PARIS—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their offensive operations on the Verdun front have been increased to 7,638, the war office reports. The French last night captured a fortified German position north of Mortmont farm. The announcement follows:—The German artillery was very active north of the Aisne, especially in the sector between Brayenne Laonnais and Hurbise. Several enemy attacks in the region of Laffaux mill, Ailles and Cerny were repulsed. On the left bank of the Meuse, Verdun front, our artillery which had the upper hand was very active during the night. On the right bank of the river, a detail operation enabled us to reduce a small point of resistance of the enemy north of Mortmont Farm. We took seventeen prisoners.

The number of prisoners taken since August 20 has reached 7,639, including 185 officers and 600 wounded. The captured material listed includes 24 cannons of all calibres and more than 20 machine guns, in addition to nine cannons which were destroyed. There is nothing more to report from the remainder of the front.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.02 and tomorrow at 3.53; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2.26 and Sunday at 2.55.

The sun sets this evening at 7.12, and tomorrow at 7.10; it rises tomorrow morning at 5.31 and Sunday at 5.32.

The moon sets tonight at 9.49. There was a new moon on Friday, Aug. 17th at 1.21 p. m.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**The Women's Patriotic Society of Cove Head intends holding an ice cream Festival Wednesday August 29 on the Presbyterian Church Grounds in aid of Red Cross. It will fine the next fine day. 5061-M11.

**The Annual St. Johns Church picnic will be held on the Rectory grounds at Crapaud on Wednesday next August 29th. A field will be provided for Autos. 5063-SP1eat.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE HON. J. D. MCINNIS, M.L.A.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. D. McInnis, M. L. A., at St. Peter's Bay on Wednesday was one of the largest ever seen in that section.

The services in the commodious Catholic Church at that place were attended by a large gathering, the edifice being crowded. Rev. Dr. McLellan, Rector of St. Dunstan's College preached an able sermon for the occasion from the following text: "The days of man are short, and the number of his months is with Thee; Thou hast appointed his bounds which cannot be passed." Job. 14:5. Dr. McLellan spoke earnestly, eloquently and impressively, paying a warm tribute to the deceased. He referred to his sterling integrity, and the loss which the community has sustained in the death of so estimable a man.

The sermon was preceded by a solemn Requiem High Mass, celebrated by Rev. A. McAulay with Rev. Dr. McLellan, Deacon, Rev. K. C. McPherson, sub-deacon, Dr. W. V. McDonald Master of Ceremonies and Rev. A. P. McLellan in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Gillis led the choir.

The members of the St. Peter's Branch of the Holy Name Society preceded the hearse. There were 228 carriages and a great number of people on foot forming a procession of over a mile in length.

The pall bearers were Messrs A. J. McAdam, James P. Larkin, Judson Webster, A. D. McKinnon, Henry McKenzie, and John Steele. Many sections of the province were represented at the funeral. Among those in attendance were Messrs J. H. Bell, K. C., M. P., Hon. James A. McNeill, Commissioner of Public Works, J. J. Hughes, M. P., George E. Hughes, M. L. A., R. J. McLellan, M. L. A., Dr. A. A. McDonald, M. L. A., James McIsaac, G. S. Inman, K. C., Capt. Thos. Kieckham, W. W. Jenkins, L. B. McMillan, G. J. McCormac, S. S. Hessian and other men of prominence in professional and business life.

The floral tributes included a large wreath from the Provincial Government.

Regret at the death of Mr. McInnis was all the deeper on account of its suddenness. On Sunday he had attended both services in the church and appeared to be in his usual health and good spirits. He took ill about

ACCIDENT AT RACES PROVED FATAL

Mr. James Campbell of New Glasgow, N. S., Died Yesterday.

The victim of the accident at the New Annapolis races, Mr. James Campbell, of New Glasgow, N. S., died in the Prince County Hospital about 1 o'clock yesterday. The sad affair is deeply to be regretted. The physicians who examined the body are inclined to believe that his death was due more from the shock of the kick received from the horse than actual injury.

Deceased was forty-five years of age and leaves a wife and two children. The remains were conveyed to the home of deceased's father at Indian River where he had been visiting before meeting his untimely end.

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MISSIONARIES TO CHINA RELEASED BY U. S. MARINES

Peking.—Twelve American missionaries and a dozen other foreigners, mostly women and children, who were besieged by Chinese bandits at Tabul, a town about 160 miles northwest of Peking have been rescued by officers of the United States Marine Corps.

Captain Calvin B. Mathews and Lieutenant Thomas M. Luby of the Marine Corps who are attached to the Peking legation left Kalgan early this month accompanied by a detachment of Chinese soldiers to bring out the besieged missionaries. Word was received here today that the American officers and missionaries had arrived at Kalgan from Tabul.

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

two o'clock on Monday morning and a few hours later passed away.

There was many a sorrowing heart among the hundreds who assembled at St. Peter's to pay the last tributes of respect and many expressions of sympathy for the loved ones he left behind.