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PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

H. C. Hocken, M.P. for West Toronto, Creates Mild Sensation with Charges Against Civil Service Commission. Gossip as to Probable Liberal Leadership, MacKenzie King has the Pole on the Start.

(From our own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, Mar. 4.—For the first time since the House opened it has had a mild sensation. Speaking in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne on Monday evening, H. C. Hocken, Member for West Toronto and editor of the Orange Sentinel made serious charges against the Canadian Civil Service Commission, stating that favoritism was shown in the selection of candidates; that positions were practically filled before being advertised; that certain schools in Ottawa secured advance information as to the questions to be asked in examination papers, thus placing students in those schools at an advantage compared with others in the Dominion, and, finally, that there was trafficking in such information from the office of the Commissioner.

Mr. Hocken did not demand an investigation but intimated that William Foran, Secretary of the Commission should be displaced.

Today members of the Civil Commission as well as secretary Foran issued hot denials.

Hon. Dr. Roche, chairman, says Hocken's statement is the "minimum and maximum of distortion and lies." M. G. Laroshe of the Board said "we welcome an investigation."

Secretary Foran said "the charges are based on antagonism to me because I remain principal of business colleges and other schools in Ottawa making a specialty of preparing pupils for the civil service examinations. I also deny the allegation of discrimination."

Chairman Roche and secretary Foran were summoned to the cabinet this morning.

Sir Thos. White and Hon. A. K. Maclean and other officials denied the allegations made by Hocken.

A statement outlining Government's position will be made in the House and is expected to be a categorical denial of all Hocken's allegations.

Hocken when seen today did not recede from the position he took; "I gave them a thing to think about. It is high time some one spoke out," he said. It is not expected there will be a Government investigation as Hocken did not ask for it.

The general opinion here is that

the examinations are fairly conducted and that in every case possible returned soldiers are given advantage over civilian candidates.

It was decided that the National Liberal Convention which will give to Non-Coalition Liberals a policy and a leader will meet here in June. Until that time D. D. MacKenzie will continue to lead the party in the House while the temporary committee of management will set its policy.

The Mackenzie King boom gains momentum every day and it is a safe bet now that if the choice of a leader is left to the opposition members in parliament he would have a safe lead over all other contenders.

The Chief objection to Fielding is his age, while against Graham comes the Trent Valley Canal Scandals and other matters which he is alleged to be connected with and which might make capital against him in case of an election.

Premier Martin of Saskatchewan who is the only serious opponent against King in point of years is not popular with Quebec because of the recent school legislation and as the idea of the opposition party is that it is necessary to select a leader who to some degree will fill Sir Wilfrid Laurier's place in Quebec, while at the same time retaining the affection and support of other Provinces he is practically out of the running.

In youth, vigor, intellect and enthusiasm, MacKenzie King towers above the majority of his party and as his record in public life is not such as to invite criticism his prospects are good.

The debate will be continued this evening.

Possibly Sir Sam Hughes may be one of the speakers. Sir Sam returned from Detroit and it is understood desires to criticize the actions of a well known Canadian General as well as the methods employed in raising the Victory Loan.

It is not possible now for the debate to finish before the end of the week and it may run into next week, as the Hocken agitation may come in for much attention. To date, except for the remarks of Mr. Hocken it has been a particularly barren session and the absence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is particularly marked in this regard.

Foch Demands Delivery Of German Mercantile Fleet

(Special to the Guardian)
COPENHAGEN, Mar. 4.—Marshal Foch has demanded the immediate delivery of the German Mercantile fleet, without regard to the question of food supplies, according to a despatch from Weimar where the American National Assembly is in session.

16,000 BOATMEN STRIKE IN N.Y.

(Special to the Guardian)
NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—The strike of 16,000 boat men in New York Harbor halted January at the cable request of President Wilson, was resumed at 6 a. m. today and at that hour shipping virtually was at a stand still. According to a statement made by union officials only one ferry line was operated on the North River.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*I. O. O. F.—A special meeting of Port La Jolie encampment will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the G. R. and R. P. degrees. 4333

*A meeting will be held in the Hazelbrook School house on Friday evening March 7th at 7.30 for the purpose of organizing a Holstein Breeders Club. All interested are invited to attend. 4320-35M1pd.

AERIAL POSTAL SERVICE ENGLAND TO CONTINENT

Mails Carried in Ten Hours Instead of Five Days as Heretofore.

LONDON, Mar. 4.—An Aerial Postal Service has been instituted between England and the continent in order to carry mails to the army of occupation. The mails thus carried will reach Cologne in ten hours instead of five days as hitherto. The mails arrive at Folkestone by train and are taken by lorries to the airfield where the machines are in readiness to load up. Twenty three bags were taken on the first journey by four machines.

SPLENDID MUSICAL AT ST. JAMES

An audience that taxed the seating capacity of the Hall to its utmost assembled at St. James' last evening and were rewarded by one of the finest concerts ever given in Charlottetown. Every item on the programme was a veritable gem, and was listened to with close attention all through.

A splendid reception was given to Mrs. Lawson and Messrs. Ritchie and Bruce, each of whom sang with all their old-time brilliance and artistic finish. Mrs. Lawson sang Woodford Finden's beautiful song "The Song of the Lotus Lily," in the duet "Love Divine" with Mr. Ritchie, and in the wonderfully devotional quartette "Crossing the Bar," and in each instance further enhanced the splendid reputation she has already won. Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Bruce, who sang respectively "An Old-fashioned House," "Squire," and "Parted," "Tosti," showed that neither time nor their strenuous duties "at the front" had impaired the beauty of their voices. Mr. Malcom, a new addition to musical circles in Charlottetown, was heard for the first time, and charmed his audience by his expressive singing of Lambert's "She is far from the Land" and Germans' rollicking ditty "Rolling down to Rio." It is to be hoped that Mr. Malcom will be heard often in public, when he may be sure of a warm welcome.

Miss Jacqueline MacDonald's fine voice was never heard to better advantage than in her two Indian songs and in the beautifully rendered duet "Children pray this love to cherish" with Mr. Bruce. Miss Edna Gordon gave two exceedingly bright and interesting recitations in quite her best style, both of which were heartily applauded. The male quartette, Messrs Ritchie, Calder, Malcom and Barlow both surprised and delighted the audience by their harmonious ensemble in the ever-welcome "My Old Kentucky Home."

Mr. Watkins at the Piano did all that was expected of an artist of his great abilities and more. Of chief interest amongst his contributions was a movement from his lately composed sonata for the piano. The audience was so delighted with this that Mr. Watkins was induced to give a second movement from the same work. This number displayed at once a deep insight into music and a thorough knowledge of the capacities of the piano, and stirred the delighted audience to a great pitch of enthusiasm. Altogether a magnificent concert, and one which it is sincerely hoped will be repeated in the near future.

St. Dunstan's Won From Prince of Wales; Score was 3 to 1

St. Dunstan's University hockey team proved victorious in the hockey match last night at the Arena with Prince of Wales College. The score at the wind-up was 3 to 1 in favor of St. Dunstan's.

It was a close and fast game considering the soft ice.

Mr. James Herrell was the referee and Mr. Fred Moore was judge of play.

SYMPATHY FOR "NOBLE UNFORTUNATE KAISER"

Some German Moths Still Playing Around the Kaiser Flame and are Likely to Get Scorched.

(Special to the Guardian)
THE HAGUE, Mar. 4.—The reception given by the German legation here in honor of General Von Lettow Corbeck, the former German commander in German East Africa, before his departure for Berlin, resolved itself into a manifestation of sympathy for the former German Emperor. The chairman of the meeting, a German business man of Rotterdam, paid tribute to the noble and unfortunate Kaiser whose reign was the period in which

Germany became one of the first nations in the world and won a leading position in the domains of science and art. General Von Lettow Corbeck in reply said that he deeply resented the treatment of the former Emperor and added, "Is that all that thanks the German Fatherland has for all that the Hohenzollern dynasty has done for Germany? we must firmly keep to the principles of the former army if we wish the German Fatherland to recover its ancient power. Men not fate make history."

BRITISH WAR ESTIMATES 287,000,000 POUNDS

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Mar. 4.—In the House of Commons today Right Hon. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, introducing the army estimates of £287,000,000, emphasized the difficulties of farming estimates this year because every factor was uncertain and fluctuating. We were half way between peace and war; we were unable to fix the rate of demobilization; we did not know what arrangements affecting armaments would be embodied in the peace treaty nor how many men we must keep in the Middle East and on the Rhine, or for how long. We did not know whether the Germans would accept our conditions or refuse them, throwing responsibility for the future upon us and simply degenerate into ruin.

Dealing with demobilization he maintained that the plan under which three out of four men were being released and the fourth man was being paid double to finish the job was less objectionable and entailed fewer hardships than any other course. Referring to the rapid formation of the voluntary army for home and overseas service he said that enlistment at the rate of 1,000 daily was being well maintained and there were already 45,000 trained men besides 50,000 new young recruits. The men would proceed as formal units to the relief of overseas garrisons.

Mr. Churchill pointed out the necessity of developing a new type of officers who would make all classes of war his province and be drawn from every part of the empire.

MEN FROM OVERSEAS WHO RETURNED THIS WEEK

PTE. R. WALSH, M. M.
Pte. Walsh is a son of Dr. Walsh, Mount Stewart. He enlisted in the original 26th Battalion in 1914, signing up in Charlottetown with 28 others at the commencement of the war. He was twice wounded and was also gassed at Hill 70. At Cambrai an explosive bullet tore away a portion of the back of his leg. He participated in the battle of Ypres, Hill 70, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele and Amiens. For conspicuous bravery at Passchendaele he was awarded the Military Medal.

PTE. W. W. RUSSEL MASON
Pte. Mason is a Charlottetown boy, son of Mrs. Daniel Mason, Richmond Street. He left here with the original 105th and transferred to the 13th Battalion and later to the 1st Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He served 2 years and 9 months in France until taken ill with influenza. He left France in October last. Before going overseas he was employed in the mechanical department of the Guardian.

STRETCHER BEARER A. CHAPPELL
Is a son of Mrs. Theo. L. Chappell, Charlottetown. He has been twice overseas. He first went over with the Canadian Army Dental Corps in 1915 and was invalided home. He enlisted again in 1916 in the 6th Canadian Field Ambulance and transferred to the 22nd Montreal Battalion as stretcher bearer. He spent over 19 months in France and was gassed at Wally near Arras. He has a sister, Edna, a nurse in the 45th American Base Hospital near Paris.

PTE. WM. HUGHES, M. M.
Pte. Hughes enlisted in the 9th Battalion, Edmonton in 1914. He belongs to Charlottetown the son of Mr. F. W. Hughes, the well-known horseman. He was wounded by shrapnel in the leg in June, 1916, at Ypres and was three months in hospital. He was back again in time for the big push at Amiens and was again wounded, this time in the arm and side. He fought with the 3rd Battalion, Toronto Regiment during the summer of 1916. He put in a total of 40 months in France and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry at Amiens in August last.

CORPORAL H. A. LUND
Corp. Lund is the son of Mr. James Lund, 11 Bayfield Street, city. He enlisted in the 55th Battalion and went overseas in November, 1915. He took part in the second battle of Ypres June 2nd, 1916, and was wounded in the head and left side, back, knees, right shoulder and right ankle. As the result of this terrible mutilating he put in eight months in the King George Hospital in London. He made a good recovery however went back again to France where he put in two more years with No. 2 Canadian Labor Battalion afterwards known as the 12th Canadian Railway troops.

GUNNER J. W. CAMPBELL
Gunner Campbell belongs to Montague. He enlisted in the 24th Battery, Fredericton, N. B., with Major A. T. McKay, in December, 1914. He fought at Loos in 1914. The Somme, Passchendaele, Vimy Ridge, Amiens and Arras, putting in three years of strenuous warfare.

SAPPER HARRY CUMMINGS
Sapper Cummings who belongs to Milton enlisted in the 1st Canadian Pioneers in Winnipeg in 1917. He served eleven months in France until knocked out by trench fever after the battle of Passchendaele. He has been absent from the island for eight years, and was in St. Paul, Minn., when he decided to enlist.

GUNNER E. D. BERRIGAN
Gunner Berrigan enlisted in 1916 in the Canadian Army Service Corps

FRENCH DELEGATES OUTLINE THEIR TERMS

Demand Punishment of Enemy Rulers. Refuse Recognition of Berlin and Weimar Governments; West Bank of Rhine to be German Frontier.

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Mar. 4.—With the adoption of resolutions declaring that France must refuse to recognize the German Imperial republic or treat with either the Berlin or the Weimar government and calling for the evacuation of the entire territory West of the Rhine and advocating an international army and navy as an essential addition to the League of Nations, the sessions

for three days of the French national congress came to an end Saturday. The final session was held in the Sorbonne the feature of which was the solemn declaration by each delegate of the three hundred associations taking part and representing twelve million Frenchmen of all shades of political opinion, that Germany must pay, based on reports presented to the congress by experts. On each question a series of resolutions was adopted which may be summarized as follows:

QUARTERLY MEETING P.E.I. PRESBYTERY

The quarterly meeting of the P. E. Island Presbytery was held in this city yesterday and was very largely attended. The moderator, Mr. J. A. Greenlee presided.

Mr. J. S. McKay was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months and Mr. T. C. James was re-appointed clerk.

Grants were asked from the Home Mission Fund as follows: Covehead, \$400; Rose Valley, \$300; Hampton, \$350; the grants to Georgetown and Richmond Bay East being deferred.

A commission with Presbyterial powers to visit Richmond Bay East and West was appointed and is composed of Messrs. McQuarrie, Mitchell, Sterling, Gillespie, Ross and Dr. Fullerton. Messrs. J. M. McLeod and D. McVicar were appointed to visit Georgetown on Monday next at 2 p. m. The Committee on the Forward

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Minstrel Show Again Proved Big Attraction

The big Minstrel Show was repeated last night in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall before an audience which taxed the capacity of the building. It was pronounced even better than the first night's performance.

In fact it was one of the very best shows of the kind ever seen in this city. It was a case of—good clean wholesome fun all through and if anyone knows of a better cure for gloom and woe, as Tambo would say, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

There was no lack of variety to this entertainment. To use a common expression there was something doing all the time. When songs were not being sung there was a steady rattle fire of lively jokes between end men which kept the audience convulsed with laughter, and there were also splendid dancing numbers with a lot of juggling and acrobatic work thrown in making altogether a splendid programme. Mr. W. J. Brown was intercomedian. Miss B. Blanchard, pianist; 1st Tambo—Mr. J. A. Trainor, 1st Bones Mr. Edward Duffy; 2nd Tambo, Mr. Wm. Morgan; 2nd Bones, Mr. Wm. Trainor.

The young ladies, forming the first circle, made a pretty sight in their picturesque costumes.

Solos by Miss George Kelly, Miss Amy Byrne, Miss Louise Arsenault, Miss Rose Ryan, Mr. Albert Blanchard, Mr. Jas. McInnis, Mr. Arthur Bruce, and Mr. E. Duffy, were all nicely rendered.

The 20 minute sketch, "The Hotel Hajj-Back" wound up a great evening of fun, and all taking part acquitted themselves in fine style. The proceeds are in aid of the poor, and all who helped make the affair the success it was are indeed deserving of credit.

and put in sixteen months service in France on transport work chiefly. He is a son of Mr. Andrew Berrigan Fitzroy Street, Charlottetown.

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Enemy rulers must be called before an international tribunal and condemned to expiate the actions ordered by them in the course of the war and by their military and civil subordinates who also are adjudged guilty.

The West bank of the Rhine must be the frontier of Germany and not a single German soldier must remain there.

The Ruhr Basin must be taken over by France for exploitation until complete payment of the indemnity and must not be recognized as a political unity by the Entente.

Industrial Promotion Committee and the House Scheme Proposition

A meeting of the citizens Industrial Promotion Committee was held on Monday evening, Mayor Wright presiding.

Mr. R. E. Mutch, chairman of the sub-committee on the housing proposition of the Dominion Government gave a brief outline of the proposition as set forth in the communication submitted by the Dominion Government. Twenty-five million dollars was to be set aside by the Dominion Government, for this Housing Scheme of which sum \$325,000.00 was allotted to Prince Edward Island. This was for housing in industrial centres. The money is to be loaned by the Dominion Government to the Local Government. Then in turn the money is loaned by the Local Government to City Corporations, Building Societies, or individuals to build houses. Eighty-five per cent. of the cost is advanced, and is payable in 20 annual instalments, the principal to bear interest at 5 per cent.

Mr. Mutch, moved the following resolution:

"Your sub-committee to whom was referred the proposed Housing Scheme of the Federal and Local Governments, beg to report that in their opinion, some Housing Scheme, should be prepared for this Province, and to that end would suggest that the Local Government appoint an independent commission to carry into effect whatever scheme may be adopted; and your sub-committee would further recommend that inasmuch as the entire proposition is intended to relieve the need of better housing conditions in congested centres, that requirements of Charlottetown should receive full consideration."

Mr. George S. Inman, in seconding the resolution pointed out that this committee was merely advisory and the matter would have to be dealt with by a local statute. He referred to the fact that both Ontario and Quebec, had introduced legislation on this question and that it would be necessary for our Local Legislature to do likewise, in order to handle this matter.

The resolution moved by Mr. Mutch was carried unanimously.

It was further Resolved that this Resolution be forwarded to the Local Government.

The following Resolution was moved by Dr. Ira Yeo and seconded by Mr. J. P. Gordon, and carried unanimously:

"Resolved that in the opinion of the Citizens' Industrial Promotion Committee, the sum 225,000, should be allotted to Charlottetown."