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PREMIER ARSENAULT HOME FROM OTTAWA

In Conference with Heads of Departments Received Promises of Generous Treatment for the Province in Matter of Railway, Roads, Land Settlement and Other Matters.

The Premier, Hon. A. E. Arsenault, returned from Ottawa Tuesday evening and yesterday gave a Guardian representative some particulars of his visit. He endorsed the report given by Mr. J. O. Hyndman (who accompanied him to Ottawa) in Monday's Guardian and gave some additional details.

SUBSIDY QUESTION

The Premier discussed the subsidy question with Sir Thomas White, and has reasonable expectation that his representation of our claims will receive favorable consideration. Mr. Arsenault also attended to a number of matters in connection with Returned Soldiers, Land Settlement, pensions, and other departmental matters.

SIR WILFRID'S FUNERAL

The Premier remained in Ottawa to keep an engagement on Friday with Sir Thomas White, acting Prime Minister, and attended the funeral of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The funeral was the largest ever held in Canada. The floral tributes filled ten large sleighs banked up four or five feet. The procession extended from the Museum to the Church, and took an hour to pass any given point. In addition to being represented by the Premier, the P. E. I. Government sent a beautiful cross as a floral tribute to the memory of the dead statesman.

THIRD RAIL TO GO

Discussing the widening of the gauge, particulars of which were given by Mr. Hyndman, the Premier said that the Board of Directors of the National Railways fully recognized that the third rail was only a temporary expedient and would be taken up just as soon as possible. They also recognize that nothing will be satisfactory from a railway standpoint until the whole gauge of the railway is widened. But as to the mode of doing this they intimated that they would follow their own counsel and the advice of their own engineers.

WATER POWER

The Premier had interviews with Mr. Shallice, of the Water Power Branch, and Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior and was given the assurance that at an early date steps would be taken to have a complete survey of the water power of the Province; in fact instructions have already been given to have the work begun.

ROAD GRANT

Legislation will be submitted by the Dominion Government with a view to a road grant for each province. The scheme has not definitely taken shape yet but it is promised that this Province will receive \$125,000 per annum for five years provided it puts up \$200,000 per annum. This is a large amount to furnish locally and it is up to the people to say whether they want to take advantage of the Dominion Grant under such conditions.

FIRST SHOTS FIRED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Opposition Leader Invites the Wanderers Back Assuring Them the Light is in the Window and the Latchstring Outside.

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—On the first day of his leadership of the Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons, Daniel D. McKenzie held out the olive branch to the Liberals who differed from the opposition on the conscription issue. He concluded his speech with these words: "I am glad that the war is over because our wandering boys who are here and there through out this house can now find their way home to the dear old place which they have left. Let me tell my good friends that the light is in the window for you, the latchstring is on the outside and you are all welcome."

and seconded by Major D.L. Redman of Calgary East, and Captain R.J. Manion of Fort William. Both are returned soldiers who covered themselves with glory on Flanders fields. Both were congratulated on their splendid speeches in Parliament. Major Redman is the youngest man in the commons. When the house met the draperies of mourning which covered the interior of the building while the remains of Sir Wilfrid Laurier lay in state, had been replaced by the flags of the Allies and the clock in the main hall was surrounded by a festoon of Union Jacks. The only symbols of sorrow were the wreath of laurel and bouquet of violets upon the dead Chief's chair and desk. Parliament commenced its first after war session with the consideration of the pressing problems of peace.

PRELIMINARY COMMENT

(From our own Correspondent) OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—Sir Robert Borden expects to return to Canada early in April and one of the first duties facing him will be cabinet reconstruction. This was under consideration last fall when the sudden termination of war compelled Sir Robert to leave for overseas. The question of continuance of union is also likely to be considered. At the same time there is a growing feeling in Government ranks among Conservatives and Liberal Unionists alike that the time is ripe for consolidation of the Union party upon permanent lines. The death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has increased this feeling.

Only one newspaper man in the whole press gallery, Mr. Harry Anderson of the Globe, knew what was transpiring behind the scenes but he was bound to secrecy. The story never leaked out and as a matter of fact was not known to more than half a dozen of the Liberal leaders. Sir Wilfrid was known to have been very despondent about this time and to a correspondent who called upon him in Toronto, he said that informing newspapers in advance was something he was not accustomed to do but he was determined to speak on Mr. Lapointe's resolution whether it cost him his leadership or not and the speech which he did deliver was one of the most impassioned of all his utterances in later life.

Most of the Liberal Unionists had a strong personal attachment for their old chieftain, but with his death there is no particular tie. With the Opposition, the appointment of D. D. MacKenzie as liberal leader, even in a temporary capacity, has not increased the likelihood of any Liberal members of the Unionists Party walking across the floor of the House to cast their lot with him. Consequently it is corridor gossip today that Liberal-Unionists whom it was formerly feared might go back to Liberalism with Laurier, will now stick to the Government. Laurier hypnotized them but MacKenzie has no such power. His appointment, even as temporary leader, has been a great set back to the cause of Liberalism.

Deserters from military service are to be dealt with more sternly. It is understood that the Government has passed an Order in Council placing the minimum fine to be imposed upon such deserters at \$250 and the maximum fine at \$500. It is further understood that this Order in Council will be retroactive, that is to say, any deserter who has already given himself up and been let off with a fine less than \$250 can be re-arrested and fined at least to the minimum amount fixed in the new Order.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne proceeded this afternoon. Carvell was the principal speaker from the Government side. So far the debaters in the Liberal party have shown little debating strength and the main invitation of leader MacKenzie to all Liberal Unionists to return to the party resulted in nothing but amusement. "The war is over, the light is in the window and the latch string is out for all who care to return" and the whole House roared but no one walked across the floor.

Senator Raoul Dandurand merely disclosed what has long been an open secret among leaders of both parties when he told of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's resignation of the leadership. At the time, however, the incident was successfully kept secret although the newspapers would have paid a great deal for such a story. An army of reporters were on the look out for just such a development.

Dr. A. H. Scott Nominated As Synod Moderator

(Special to the Guardian) MONTREAL, Feb. 26.—The presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, Ont. has nominated Rev. Dr. A.H. Scott of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, as moderator of the next General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dr. Scott has already served as moderator of the synod of Montreal and Ottawa and has given more than forty years of service to the church.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

EMPTY BAGS FOR SALE FOR potatoes or oats. Joseph Wood & Co., Halifax. 3963-2-1419pd

DAIRYMEN'S SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed. "Fresh Dairy Butter"—35c per 100. Per post 40c. Guardian Occ. 3694-1-30MElf

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE KING Edward Institution will be held at Winslow Hall, Saturday, March 1st. Mr. Brodie is expected to address the meeting. Oliver Saunders, Secretary. 4228-2-272ipd.

HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE to the party who took a number of hens out of my hen house a few days ago to return them by the 5th day of March, otherwise legal proceedings will be commenced. Ronald A. McPherson, Fairville. 4295-2-27ME2f

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Feb. 27.—Fair and cold. The tide will be high this morning at 8.03 and tomorrow at 9; tonight at 6.47 and tomorrow at 8.05. First quarter of moon Saturday Feb. 22nd. New moon Sunday, March 2nd.

Moncton Protests Against Removal of I.C.R. Offices

(Special to the Guardian) MONCTON, Feb. 26.—The storm which has been gradually growing in this section of the Maritime Provinces against the railway policy of the Dominion Government in dismantling the I. C. R. general offices in this city and transferring direct control of the Intercolonial section from Moncton to Montreal and Toronto is apparently about to burst. The board of trade last night met to consider general business but in the view of those present there was only one business to consider and that was the question of the Maritime Provinces in their relation to the future of the Intercolonial section. There were only one or two speeches last night but they were strongly against the C. N. R. policy. Under the auspices of the Board of Trade a mass meeting was called to be held Friday night to discuss the whole question.

ANOTHER CRISIS IN IRISH AFFAIRS

(Special to the Guardian) DUBLIN, Feb. 26.—A serious crisis was believed to have arrived today as the result of the war cabinet's rejection of Lord French's request that the Irish Recruiting Council undertake the employment of 10,000 Irish soldiers in connection with demobilization in this country. Chief Secretary MacPherson has informed the council that its services are no longer required. "The soldiers may be so neglected that they will join the Sinn Feiners," said Capt. Gwynn, a member of the council. In addition to Gwynn the council included Sir Henry McLaughlin, Sir Maurice Dockrell and Sergeant Sullivan.

St. John G.W.V.A. Lays Complaint re Treatment of Soldiers

(Special to the Guardian) ST. JOHN, Feb. 26.—For the purpose of laying complaints of soldiers who came over on the steamer Metegama before the military authorities at Ottawa Captain G. Earl Logan, President of the G W V A and Allan Schofield left for the capital last evening.

PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS ON THE DECLINE

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Feb. 26.—That the whole sale and consequently the retail prices of foodstuffs will be on the decline during the year is the opinion expressed by a number of representatives of wholesale houses at the first annual convention of the wholesale grocers of Ontario in the King Edward Hotel today. For instance, said one wholesaler, the price of starch and syrup is down, lard is down four cents a pound also, and the price of cereal products, such as oatmeal, is also down. During the past month the price of flour came down \$1.50 a barrel. These prices will also affect the retail grocers and consequently the consumer.

MINERS CONSIDERING STRIKE SITUATION

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Triple Alliance of miners, railwaymen and transport workers at a meeting held yesterday decided, "in view of the serious position a strike would necessitate," to adjourn until a date prior to March 15th, the day upon which the miners strike notices expire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Moving Pictures Union Hall Friday Feb. 28th. 42192-27M2ipd.
*Tea and sale in St. Paul's Parish Hall this afternoon. Doors open 4 p. m. Tea served 5-7 p. m. Admission 10c. Tea 25c. 4200-2-26M2f.

PROGRESS TOWARDS FINAL PEACE TERMS

Armistice Negotiations will Form Basis of Final Peace Terms. Formal Settlement will Probably be at Treves and will be Hastened.

(Special to the Guardian) PARIS, Feb. 26.—A great step has been made, if not toward imminent, at any rate toward a rapid, preparation of the basic factors of the Armistice terms. There are so many councils, committees, delegations and conferences sitting in Paris that there might have been some danger of the enthusiasm of experts for their own subjects and of statesmen, in pleading their own national causes, leading to peace with Germany being rather overlooked.

They had two alternatives, either they could gamble and allow Germany to go utterly to wreck and ruin as the result of internal agitations and trust to their statesmanship to prevent the spread of Bolshevism and to exploit politically Germany's complete disruption, or they could give the sober elements in Germany a chance of maintaining some degree of order and unity.

It is probably no Peace Conference has really itself made peace and the Paris Conference in this respect is not singular, for real peace, in all its most important aspects, may turn out to be the work of the armistice commission and the posthumous child of the old Allied Council of Versailles.

Attention has been drawn to the importance of the armistice negotiations as an impetus of peace, for the tendency to use Treves in the final settlement has been very clear to all the observers of the negotiations here. Treves has indeed become the advanced general headquarters of peace. It has acquired this character first of all by reason of the military situation. The desire of all countries to demobilize as quickly as possible made it imperative for the Allies to determine

INTERNATIONAL LABOR BUREAU PLANS READY.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The peace conference committee on international labor legislation expects to complete the proposal for an International Labor Bureau by Friday. The conclusions reached by the commission will then be ready for presentation at the next plenary session of the peace conference, some knotty problems have been encountered by the commission and there have been numerous conflicting views to harmonize but those difficulties have been overcome and the British proposals as a whole have been accepted. There still remain some matters more or less extraneous to the constitution for settlement such as the question of immigration but these will be taken up later.

ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER GROUP OF ISLAND SOLDIERS

The train from Borden last evening brought another consignment of returned Island heroes, men who arrived in Halifax on Tuesday morning by the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain which brought 71 officers and 3073 other ranks of the C. E. F.

Q M S. J. Gordon Worth Quarter Master Sergeant Worth is one of the Charlottetown boys who marched away with the 2nd Sago Battery and played his part ably in the late conflict. The Battery was right with the tide of victory and reached Mons when the armistice was signed. The Sergeant is looking fine.

The boys who came to Charlottetown were met at the station by Mayor Wright and representatives of the G W V A, and the various other organizations.

Sapper F. Yates. Sapper Yates of Charlottetown left here with the 105th. Transferred to the 26th and later to the Canadian Engineers. Was badly gassed at Lievan, and reduced to point of death by hemorrhage. Was unconscious eight hours, so far gone indeed that his grave was dug. Hospitalized. Spent five months in hospital. Now recovering in good shape.

Mr. P.S. Brown for the K of C met them at Sackville and Mr. C.B. Appleton of Halifax military representative of the Y M C A who is to be stationed here, accompanied them to the city. Lt. Robert Messervy for the War Veterans met them at Emerald.

Pte. Edwin F. Huges. Pte. Huges belongs to Ruskin. Enlisted in the Engineers in London Ont. in 1916. Was wounded in the leg and gassed at Hill 70. Spent 10-12 months in hospital. Lately has been in the C. A. M. C.

The band of the 4th Regiment was also on hand and a large number of the home-comers conveyed in Mayor Wright's teams were taken to the G W V A Hall where they were given a luncheon by the Ladies Aid and welcomed home in speeches by the Premier, on behalf of the province, the Mayor for the city, Mr. E. D. Sterns for the Y M C A and Lieut. P. E. Palm. er for the G W V A. At the close of their short but excellent addresses cheers were given for the returned men and for the Ladies Auxiliary who had prepared the refreshments.

Pte. J. M. McPherson. Belongs to New Perth. Enlisted in 181st Bn., Brandon, Man., Transferred to 44th Bn. Fought in all battles from Passchendaele to Cambrai. Wounded in wrist at Cambrai.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Pte. C. C. McDougall. Son of Mr. Colin McDougall, Charlottetown, formerly of Morell. Left here with first reinforcements of 105th Was in fighting at Amiens and Arras. Wounded in chest and right leg at Arras.

SOME OF THE RETURNED MEN

Lieut. W. M. Harris. Belongs to Elmira. Left with 106th Transferred to 26th Bn. Fought in all battles from Vimy to Cambrai and Mons. Wounded at Arras.

Lieut. Harris is a native of Rosemeath and left the Island for the West 15 years ago. He is the son of Mr. James Harris who still resides at Rosemeath. Lieut. Harris was conducting a successful grocery business in Cranbrook, B.C., when the war broke out. He sold out the business to enlist in the 225th Battalion. In France he transferred to the 2nd C. M. R. He saw a great deal of service and was severely wounded in the arm at Amiens. Before going West Lt. Harris was associated with the P.E.I. Militia and came to camp in Charlottetown annually with the Montague Company for training and was well known among most of the Charlottetown boys. He expects to return West shortly.

Pte. D. Peters. Belongs to Rocky Point. Enlisted in 1917 in Forestry Battalion and has been engaged since in forestry work in South of France.

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Pte. D. Livingstone. Belongs to Clyde River. Was with the 28th Railway troops. Spent four months in France.

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Pte. A. A. McNeill. Belongs to Auburn, Lot 36. Left here with 106th. Was badly gassed and was buried by shell explosion.

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Pte. Fred Harper. Is the son of Mr. Charles Harper of the P. E. I. R. Enlisted in the 105th troops and was twice wounded. He is now the picture of health and his many friends will be delighted to see him home again. Particulars of other returned men will appear later.

DAYLIGHT SAVING DEPENDS ON U.S.

United States Farmers Opposed to Bill Which May be Repealed by Next Congress.

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—Continuation of daylight saving in Canada will depend on the stand taken by the United States Congress. If Congress declines to repeal its daylight saving measure it is felt here that merely confusion would be created by putting Canadian clocks forward an hour during the summer months. The legislative situation in the two countries differs, the act passed by the Dominion Parliament last season to bring daylight saving into effect

empowered the Governor-in-Council or last year only a new act will be necessary for continuation of daylight saving. This year in the United States daylight again comes into effect on the last Sunday of March unless repealed by act of Congress, but as a result of protests from farmers, considerable opposition has already developed at Washington. A motion favoring repeal of the act was unanimously carried out by the Senate committee on agriculture and some doubt is felt whether the act will be permitted to stand.