

# The Western Guardian

## AN EXTENSION OF PARLIAMENT

(Special to the Guardian.)

OTTAWA, January 16.—Upon the threshold of the parliamentary session a very notable change has come over the political situation. Whereas a month or two ago there was considerable talk of the Opposition refusing an extension of Parliament and compelling a general election, there is now a growing belief, based upon reports from all over the country, that the Liberal leaders will shrink from throwing the Dominion into the turmoil and chaos of a contest at the polls, and that the session will likely be happily free from the petty bickerings and odious passions which marred the deliberations of the Commons last year. There are several very sufficient reasons for the general change of heart. In the first place Opposition leaders who have recently been engaged in taking the political temperature of the country are said to have found an almost passionate resentment against an election with the issues of the war are pending. Liberal leaders who have recently visited Ottawa to confer with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, freely admit that the country is sick and tired of partisan controversy, and there is good reason for believing that, with the exception of a few of the most militant, partisan types, they have pretty generally advised Sir Wilfrid that it will be both good politics and good patriotism to again accept an extension, and to help despatch the country's business at the coming session as expeditiously and unanimously as possible.

Another consideration that gives rise to expectation that an extension will be granted, and that the session will be brief, is the general acknowledgment, even in the camp of the Opposition, that the Government is meeting Parliament infinitely stronger in public confidence than it has been at any time since the early days of the war. A few months ago there undoubtedly was general unrest and irritation throughout the country. Without either the time or the inclination to indulge in partisan controversy, members of the Government were constrained to permit all kinds of reckless charges and insinuations to pass unanswered, with the inevitable, temporary result that their silence was in certain quarters mistaken for weakness and an admission of guilt. But, as time went on, and investigation after investigation exposed the falsity of the accusations and the petty calumny of the men behind them, public opinion steadily and nationally confidence in the administration's conduct of the war became stronger than before. The first readjustment in this direction came with the findings of the Royal Commission which inquired into the shell charges, findings which, not only exonerated the Government, but which exposed an Opposition campaign of falsehood and misrepresentation upon an unprecedented scale. Then, in quick succession, came the downfall of the Parliament buildings charges, the nickel charges and the Ross rifle charges, and the hard light which each explosion turned upon the scurvy motives of the men who engineered the attacks, left a profoundly unfavorable impression throughout the country, with respect to the methods of the Opposition. And, finally, in the general process of strengthening public confidence in the Government, was the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and some of his principal lieutenants. The much advertised conference of Liberal leaders in Ottawa, in November, was expected to produce some concrete, definite program with respect to the problems of the war and the issues of the future. Instead, it degenerated into a confusion of negative criticism, lacking in cohesive national purpose, and barren of constructive thought. This failure of Sir Wilfrid and his party to point in a single instance to what should have been done in the war by the Government that had not been done or to what had been done that should not have been done, coupled with Sir Wilfrid's unexplained refusal to join Sir Robert Borden in an appeal for recruits, his strange attitude toward National Service, and his wavering inconsistency on matters affecting the war accordingly as he addresses audiences in Ontario and Quebec, has not been without its effect upon public thought, and does not encourage hope in Liberal breasts of victory just now at the polls.

### WESTERN PERSONALS

—Mr. Leo Coyle of Holman's Ltd., is spending a few days visiting friends at Graham's Road.—H.

—Mr. M. Forsythe, Manager of the Telephone Co., at Summerside, returned on Monday morning after spending Sunday with friends in Charlottetown.—H.

—The friends of Fire Chief Johnston are most pleased to hear that he is gradually recovering from his illness after being confined to his home for several days.—H.

diverted from its proper destination, and in a manner that has won and deserved the highest praise of the press and statesmen of Great Britain. Fulfiling its expectations and justifying its foresight and its faith in Canadian resources, its taxation policy has produced adequate revenues with a minimum of hardship and a fair degree of equity. And while burdened with the immediate, pressing problems of war it has nevertheless found time to formulate measures for the welfare of returned and maimed soldiers on a scale of liberality consistent with the patriotic services they have rendered, as well as to effectively deal with other tasks whether foreign, or remotely connected with, the war.

Fortified by such a strong position the course of the Government in the coming session is clear. It is quite prepared, and, in fact, has announced its determination, to ask for an extension of the parliamentary term, believing, as it has reason to believe that the country is satisfied with its conduct of the war and has no desire for a change, especially when, at best, that change could only result in replacing the present administration with discredited professional politicians of pre-1911 days. But, upon the other hand, if the Opposition sees fit to disregard the perilous situation in Europe and, by refusing or haggling over an extension, seeks to embarrass the Administration and to weaken its conduct of the war, there is reason to believe that the Government would feel justified in testing its strength at the polls. Everything consistent with a regard to the duties of the war will be done to avoid an election, so far as the Government is concerned, but rather than have the national effort weakened by parliamentary obstruction in such a national crisis Sir Robert Borden would hardly hesitate to immediately submit his record to the country.

### CURLING

A very interesting and closely contested match was played Monday night in the Curling Rink between the following teams—  
H. M. Hunter S. Crockett  
James Paton F. H. Beer  
D. B. Stewart C. H. Black  
R. E. Spillart E. P. Sterns  
Skipp 12 Skipp 14

### ICE RACING

The New London Driving Club held their first meet on the Stanley River on the 12th instant. There was a large number of spectators considering the uncertainty of the condition of the weather and ice, which fact also affected the number of entries. However, those present witnessed some good sport. There were two classes, viz. 2.50 Trot and Pace and 3 Minute Trot and Pace. In the 2.50 class Medium Happy; Della Park and Merry, Wood faced the starter, Mr. George Woodside, who got them away on the second score. Della, leading on the start, Merry and Happy in a clinch; this was a good heat. Happy, winning Della second and Merry third. The second and third heats, although a race from start to finish, were won amid cheers, by Happy. In the 3 Minute Trot and Pace, there were 4 starters, Frenchie, Ruthier, Lady Macy and Kalo. The first three named making their debut, and were a little bashful. Consequently, Kalo captured the first heat, Frenchie second, Ruthier third, Lady Mac fourth. This trio are going to make some sport this winter. Ruthier has had no work and went a little unsteady. But when her owner gets her in the contraption skirts she, no doubt, will uphold the reputation of the Commodore's. Seldom, if ever, spectators ever witnessed a better race in green horses. The following is the summary:

3 MINUTE TROT AND PACE.  
Frenchie, A. J. MacNeil 2 1 1 1  
Kalo, Chas. MacLeod 1 4 4 3  
Lady Mac, John. W. Mac 4 2 2 2  
Key 3 3 3 4  
Time 1.20, 1.15, 1.18.

2.50 CLASS, TROT AND PACE  
Medium Happy, A. G. Mac 1 1 1  
Key 2 3 2  
Merry Widow, Wm. Proffitt 3 2 3  
Della Park, Wm. Ferrish 3 2 3  
Time, 1.16, 1.15, 1.14.  
The officials were: judges, G. R. Harding, Edward Orchard, and John Quinn.  
Timer, H. F. Morrison.  
Starter, George Woodside.

## 105TH DRAFT NOW READY FOR ACTION

Mrs. Roderick Williams, Victoria, has received the following letter from her son now overseas:—

Dear Mother:— I thought I would drop a line to let you know I am well hoping this will find you all the same. I have not got any mail since I came to France but there must be a lot of it somewhere for me and I expect I will get it some of these days. Well mother, I have not been to the trenches yet but we are handy to them here. We are in an old French village which has been all broken up. It was a nice little village once but almost every building is smashed down now. We can hear the guns all the time and can see the star shells go up by night. We haven't joined our Battalion yet and are attached to a trencher Battalion. We will be going up with a working party some of these nights so I will be able to tell you how I like it the next letter.

Well mother, how did you spend Xmas? We have not had it here but I think it will be pretty dull so far as I can see now. One thing, we have good quarters now but don't know how long we will stay here. I have no news at all but will write again as soon as I get my mail. I expect about a bushel of it. Love to all from Earl.  
A Merry Xmas to all and a Happy New Year.  
PTE. R. E. WILLIAMS,  
No. 712236,  
13th Canadian Batt.  
B. E. F.  
France.

Warts on the hand is a disfigurement that troubles many ladies. Holroyd's Cure will remove the blemishes without pain.

## SEQUEL TO A HOG HUNT

When a hog is fattened, killed, its carcass sold and the money invested in a town house and lot, or some such equivalent in these times, the farmer usually considers that he is done with that one and must set about raising another to pay next year's current expenses. That, however, is not the case with one marketed at Summerside a few days ago, as some Summerside lawyers are likely to come by it or its equivalent, or even more, unless the matter can be settled out of court. It seems that a farmer living not far west of Summerside had decided that a hog of his was about ripe for the knife, coincident with the top notch in the price of pork; but the animal thought otherwise, and when the pen door was opened made for the woods. That was quite early in the morning and the wild boar hunts they used to have in Austria before the War was a fool to what followed in this instance. All including the pig, were about done up, after many adventures, which it would take too long to tell, when the animal finally took refuge in the barn of a not very near neighbor, and the farmer followed in the dusk and took it by the ear. Possibly he had not heard the injunction of George the Fourth, a better farmer than he was a monarch, who used to advise his statesmen to be sure all ways that they had "the right sow by the ear." At any rate he took the one with apparently the right ear home and was seen smiling very contentedly as he drove along the road next day, sitting on its carcass, on the way to market. The animal weighed out somewhat better than he expected, which added to the aforesaid smile. It now transpires, however, that the hog marketed was really the property of his not too near neighbor and that hog No. 1 still lives to allow us to tell this simple tale on its behalf.—Island Farmer.

—IT PAYS to buy in this Province.  
—TWO CENTS per word each in section for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents.

—NEW SHIPMENT OF SILVERWARE RECEIVED.—Late style, including Community Design—the real kind for gift purposes. See the display at HOLMAN'S, Summerside. 3938-1-16M21E11

—SPECIAL SUMMERSIDE SKATE next Friday Jan. 19th. Special train leaves Charlottetown at 4.15 returning after skate. Return fare \$1.00.—3925-1-13M51

—CASE ADJOURNED.—The trial of the young man, charged with perjury, was continued on Monday afternoon in the Prince County Court House before Stipendiary Magistrate Wright. After some further evidence was taken the Court again adjourned till Wednesday the 17th, inst., at 11 a. m.—H.

—INSPECTOR OF CHIMNEYS, ETC.—Since the recent fires in Summerside, Chief of Police Oakes has been appointed Inspector of chimneys, stoves and stove pipe for the town. Chief Oakes has just completed his contract, which in every respect, has been done in a most creditable manner and the number of defective flues and pipes found in the town is amazing. These however are now all repaired, something which should bring a sense of easiness to Insurance Companies.—H.

—NOW ON FIRING LINE.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clow of Freetown have just received a letter from their son Private Benj. L. Clow now in France who enlisted in the 105th and went overseas last summer. He and his friend Ellis Hooper from Middleton, P. E. I., have been drafted to reinforce the "14th Batt." He says in his letter that they have been up to the firing line and had quite an interesting time. Last year the "14th Batt." spent Xmas in the trenches but this year they are back at the base for a three weeks rest. Private Clow who is well and likes the place fine is quite a young soldier, not yet 17 years of age.

**Mrs. Able Says:**  
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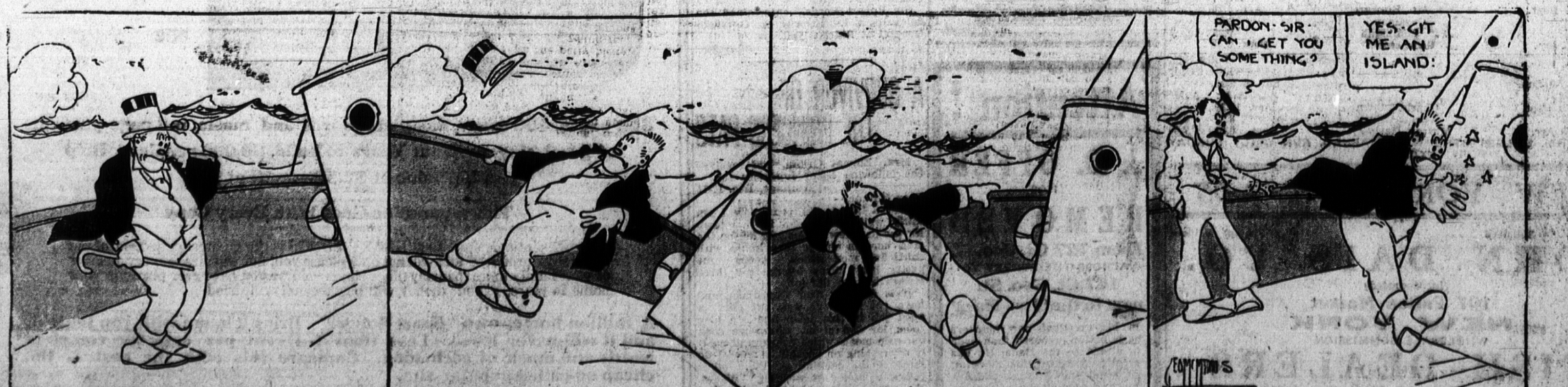
"It was astonishing how my strength and fitness came back," says Mr. G. C. Inman, Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and I got some to try. The first result was that I could sleep at night, and then my health rapidly improved. It was really astonishing how my strength and fitness came back. "I may add that some time ago my mother was very ill with pernicious anemia. I urged her to take Dr. Cassell's Tablets, but she would not, so I crushed them down and gave them in food without her knowing. She was unable to bed before she was very disturbed. Everything, in well and bright."

Mr. Inman is now in England, having had to return there some little time ago to take control of the well-known firm of A. W. Inman and Son, Printers and Publishers, Leeds. Letters will reach him there.



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