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Canada's Forestry Corps, London's Pigeons And Souvenir Hunters Of War Gain Mention In Sir Lionel Earle's New York.

(By Thomas T. Champion, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
 LONDON, March 16—A lively book of autobiography, containing several references to Canadian matters is offered by Sir Lionel Earle, who recently retired from the permanent secretaryship of the Office of Works, which he had filled for 20 years. The Office of Works has the care of the royal palaces, the royal parks, government buildings, embassies, legations, and consulates scattered all over the world. Sir Lionel had already seen much of men and cities when he became private secretary to Lord Crewe at the Colonial Office in 1908. He was promoted to the Office of Works in 1912.

In common with every state department the Office of Works turned almost exclusively to war effort in August, 1914, and Sir Lionel had much to do with the supply of timber for the war zone. The supplies for trenches, duck-boarding and pit props, rose to roughly 120 tons dead weight monthly. "When the submarine campaign became too intense, resort was made to forests in the Vosges, where Canadian timber gangs, who had been operating in forests in Great Britain, had to be transferred. The French, who have always been expert foresters, marked trees in the forests which were to be spared. This was a source of intense irritation to the Canadian gangs, who hitherto had always dealt with a forest like cutting through a cheese."

Sir Lionel, who was largely responsible for housing in Paris the British delegation to the Peace Conference, has a lurid tale to tell of souvenir-smashers. Coffee and tea sets, dish covers, etc., were taken as mementoes. "It was reported to me that a delegate from one of the Dominions had taken a whole tea service in plate. I wanted to prosecute, as an example, but I was not allowed to do so, and was wisely. Seventy large plate meat covers were missing, and I believe that every car driver attached to the Mission, who had come from the war zone where pinching had become a habit, had taken these articles as mementoes."

My words bear fruit: He then said, "Go away and return to your work and I will think over the matter." An hour or two later, Lord Curzon agreed to the proposal.

Tomb of the Pigeons

A curious little story relates to the decoration of the Nelson monument in Trafalgar Square for the Trafalgar centenary celebrations. The whole of the platform at the top of the column and just beneath the actual statue of Nelson, was covered with skeletons of pigeons. They evidently went up there to die. Eight tons of pigeon guano were removed in baskets, and nine hundredweight was found in the top of Nelson's hat.

"Since high commissioners have been appointed to the Dominions, the department has had to provide official residences in Canada, the Cape and Australia," Sir Lionel relates. "At Ottawa we were fortunate in being able to buy a property known as 'Earscliffe,' overlooking the river, the old home of Sir John Macdonald, probably the most famous of Canada's prime ministers. I believe Mr. Bennett, the present prime minister, was anxious to buy it for his own use, but with self-sacrifice stood aside, when he heard that the British government desired to possess it. Moreover, he generously presented a bust of Sir John Macdonald, by Sir W. Reynolds-Stephens, to be placed in the house."

Chemical Sterilization For Dairy Sanitation

(Experimental Farms Note)
 While chlorine sterilizing solutions are being used to an increasing extent by the dairy industry, the extent to which the numerous commercial products vary in their germicidal power has not always been realized. At the Division of Bacteriology, Central Experimental Farms, Ottawa, a number of testing methods have been tried and a new method evolved which has certain advantages. Using this method it was found that certain commercial hypochlorite products kill bacteria about ninety times as fast as other products at the same concentration of chlorine. This difference in speed was found to be due to the difference in alkalinity and a practical test was developed whereby the alkalinity of a number of these products could be compared.

The marked influence of the alkalinity of the solution upon germicidal speed suggests that the potency of hypochlorite solutions could be greatly increased by the addition of a small quantity of acid practical tests have confirmed this, good results being obtained with much lower concentrations of chlorine than are generally used. At such low concentrations the reaction of the water used in preparing the solution exerts a considerable influence; in certain cases this was sufficiently marked that dilute solutions were more effective than stronger concentrations.

Where the period of contact with the sterilizing solution is short, as in bottle washing machines, spraying holding tanks, and rinsing cans, pails, etc. on the farm, it is necessary to use a stronger and quicker-killing solution than where more time is available. In the customary practice of pumping a quantity of chlorine solution through the equipment just before starting the day's run, better results may be obtained by using a larger quantity of a weaker solution, as under these conditions the chlorine has plenty of time to kill the bacteria which have grown on the surface of the equipment since it was washed the day before. Under these conditions, certain types of slower-acting chlorine sterilizing compounds which are not so satisfactory for shorter exposure periods, may be fairly effective.

N. B. Farmer Drops Dead

(C. F. By Guardian's Special Wire)
 MONCTON, March 15—Lowell Taylor, 56, farmer of North River, near Salisbury, dropped dead late today from shock brought on as a result of fire breaking out in his home. The house was completely destroyed although the contents and barns on the farm were saved. Taylor's wife, who is seriously ill, was in the home at the time she was also one of the children. Both were removed to safety at the home of neighbors.

PATHSARDUOUS FORAMENDMENT TO B.N.A. ACT

Committee Seeks Best Procedure For Getting Proposals Before British Gov't.

(By The Canadian Press)
 OTTAWA, March 16—How to amend Canada's constitution, the British North America Act, by determining what support an amendment must have before it can be presented to the British government for approval is one of the most intricate problems facing parliament this session.

Seven times the act has been amended, either the Dominion government or parliament making the request. The provinces were consulted on only one of these occasions. But the changes brought about by these amendments were not vital ones. Prime Minister R. B. Bennett's reform measures make the amending procedure important. Introduction of legislation which is questioned as being ultra vires of the Dominion has brought the B. N. A. act into the limelight. T. L. Church, Toronto, Conservative member and former Toronto mayor has dubbed it the "Pass-the-buck act" because it has been pointed to as an obstacle to social reform legislation before.

So the best procedure to be followed in amending the act is being sought by a committee of the commons, headed by F. W. Turnbull, (Cons. Regina). Leading constitutional lawyers and the views of the provinces will be heard on the question.

Many regard the act as a treaty among the provinces which entered confederation in 1867. On this basis any change in the treaty should have the sanction of all the provinces, which would make Canada's constitution probably the most rigid in the world. Another suggestion is that changes should be made when the Dominion and a majority of the provinces agree.

Dr. O. D. Skelton, under secretary for External Affairs, suggested different procedure should apply to different amendments. Some might be made at the request of the Dominion parliament without reference to the provinces. These would be changes which did not affect the provinces. Others should require the sanction of a majority of the provinces along with the Dominion. In the case of some clauses, which protected the right of minorities, changes should only be made when there was unanimity all round.

Dr. Skelton's Brief

The United Kingdom parliament is the only authority that can amend the B. N. A. act. One change being urged is that Canada should have the power within itself to amend its constitution. All the other self governing dominions of the empire have such power.

"No other country in the world looks to the parliament of another country for the changing of its constitution," Dr. Skelton said in a brief note before the committee.

"To retain permanently the intervention of the parliament of the United Kingdom is either superfluous or dangerous. If that parliament is to act automatically, its intervention is superfluous; if it is to exercise its own discretion its intervention is fraught with danger to continued good relations between Canada and the mother country.

"It would be unfair to the United Kingdom to ask it to intervene in our local differences and it is a task its parliament would not desire to exercise.

"It will of course be necessary, once we in Canada have reached a wide measure of agreement, as is possible on the method we desire to use in the future, to go to the British parliament and ask it to act once and for all but that is a very different thing from asking it to retain indefinitely this anomalous and outgrown arrangement."

Dr. Skelton traced the methods used in various Dominions to change their constitution. He also dealt with the United States system where the various state legislatures vote.

"It will not be an easy task for the members of the committee to decide upon a plan of amendment, neither so rigid as to make change impossible, nor so easy as to make it too frequent," Dr. Skelton said. "Some one has said the amending clause in the constitution ought to be like a safety valve. It will require a considerable pressure of steam before it will go off, but it will allow the steam to escape before the explosion occurs."

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plan or some other plan into effect. It cannot be effected in a month or a year. When effected, it will not be a perfect or eternal scheme, but it is a task no greater than that which faced the men of 1867, a task not beyond the capacity and reasonableness of the Canadian People."

CROSS ROADS AND VICINITY

Mrs. Katherine Molyneux is spending a few weeks visiting relatives in Orwell Cove.

Mrs. Lulu Clow, Charlottetown, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gard, Southport.

Mrs. Mary Judson, Alexandria, has arrived home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Drake, City.

Mrs. Annie McLennan, of Carter & Co.'s office staff spent the week-end at her home in Alexandria.

Mrs. Rae Judson, Alexandria, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. James MacPhee, Cross Roads.

Mrs. Willard Stewart, is visiting for some time at her former home at Milton.

Many friends of Mr. James MacPhee, Cross Roads are pleased to know that he is convalescing as his sisters' after his recent and long illness in the P. E. Island Hospital.

World Flier Wearies of Trip

TORONTO, March 16—(CP)—Weariness of boats and trains, Charles James Melrose, world flier on the loose, today said he wished someone would give him an aeroplane so he could complete his trip from Sydney, Australia, to London, England, with a flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

The crack Australian aviator, holder of two world records, in Toronto yesterday on his way East to Saint John, N. B., where he plans to take a boat to England, said he was fed-up with the 44-day journey from Sydney to Toronto.

Paraphrasing King Richard, Melrose said he would give his kingdom for an aeroplane.

Uniformity of Gasoline Rates

OTTAWA, March 16—(CP)—Establishment under the National Research Council of a Standards Committee representing the Council Provincial Governments and Industry, to prepare standards of quality, grades and methods of test of gasoline for adoption in connection with Provincial legislation, was recommended at a conference in the National Research Building here today.

The suggestion was that uniformity in Provincial Gasoline legislation be secured by adopting procedure followed in developing the Canadian Electrical Code which prescribes standards for electrical commodities and installations, was prepared by a Canadian Engineering Standards Association Committee that included representatives of the provinces, and is now the basis of regulations in all provinces. The question of Federal Law establishing Gasoline standards was not considered.

Representatives of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, of the Industry and the Council participated in the Conference. The Government of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, while unable to be represented, expressed sympathy with the movement to establish uniform standards throughout Canada.

Nova Scotia is already enforcing gasoline regulations based on grade and quality specifications prepared in co-operation with the National Research Council and other provinces have under consideration measures for further regulating Gasoline sale.

A draft of a national gasoline standard of specifications defining quality and grades was discussed at today's meeting. This draft in turn was based on the recommendation made last year to the Government of Nova Scotia and on the specifications recently adopted by the Canadian government Purchasing Standards Committee defining the quality of gasoline to be supplied to Dominion Government departments.

In opening today's confer-

ence which followed upon the action of Nova Scotia in consulting the Council last year, Dr. H. K. Tory, President of the Council, said in part: "our experience in the field of standardization has indicated to us that the drafting of any quality specification on a commodity may be approached from two widely variant angles. On the one hand, industrial organizations which do not believe in standards and consider them as unnecessary interference with business, naturally exert all the pressure they can to see that such specifications are made as lax as possible, preferring to put commodities on the market under trade names which lend themselves to excessive advertising.

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Will Divert Route To Carry Lumber

OTTAWA, March 16—(CP)—Eug. R. B. Hanson, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced today that a firm operating two steamships between Prince Rupert and the Orient had agreed without additional subsidy, to divert their two steamers on eight voyages a year in order to deliver lumber shipments from the British Columbia port.

The steamers City of Vancouver and City of Victoria will make the necessary special calls in the Orient to deliver British Columbia lumber, whenever cargoes offer. Prince Rupert authorities had asked the Minister to secure the service and when Mr. Hanson took the matter up with the steamship owners they immediately agreed to make the necessary calls. It will require a diversion from the regular route of about 80 miles.

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BRINGING UP FATHER

—BY GEORGE MCMANUS

ORWELL COVE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Orwell Cove Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Macdonald with the attendance of eight members and seven visitors present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. MacLean, took the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Government grant of \$2.00 was reported received by secretary. Play was decided.

The programme consisted of: Two contests put on by Mrs. W. MacLean; reading, Mrs. J. H. Macdonald; solo, Jack Griffiths; reading, Mrs. J. A. MacLeod; duet, Hazel MacLeod and Jack Griffiths; sword dance, Mr. Buchanan.

Program committee for next month, Mrs. John A. MacLeod and Miss Catherine MacDonald. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. John A. MacLeod; roll call to be answered by "Health Hints." The meeting then adjourned. Lunch was served by the hostess and a pleasant hour was spent in dancing and singing.

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"Mr. Ralph Billard, Murray Harbor, underwent an operation in the Montague Hospital.

"Mrs. Andrew Landry, Lower Montague, who was a patient in the Montague Hospital, returned to her home Friday.

"Mr. Louis Byrnes, Morell, who was so seriously ill in the Montague Hospital, was able to return to his home Saturday.

"The many friends of Miss Mary Sharkey, Coraville, who underwent a serious operation in the Montague Hospital Monday, will be glad to know she is doing as well as can be expected.

Would Equalize Division of Profits

OTTAWA, March 16—(C P)—Control and regulation of profits in each industry or commercial activity has been suggested to the Price Spreads Commission by Hon. H. E. Stevens, it was learned today. The profits of all corporations over and above an allowed maximum should be divided into three parts, it is understood the former Trade Minister has recommended. Proposal made, it was learned, is one-third should go to the state; one-third to employees or workers in the undertaking which would not include executives; and one-third to the company.

The suggestion is made, it was learned, to remedy the situation of huge profits and provide a more equitable distribution of wealth and increase purchasing power.

On the question of one-third excess profits going to the state, it is understood the recommendation states it was the existence of the state that made possible the productive elements which enabled the company or individual to earn substantial returns on capital invested.

It was learned the proposal argues the worker has not been receiving a fair return for his labor and the worker was worthy of his hire. Where there were excess winnings, if the worker shared in them there would be a wider distribution of purchasing power, the memorandum states, it is understood. The giving of one-third of the excess profits to the company, it was learned, is suggested as providing an incentive for putting forward the best effort and for economical management.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. THOMAS EASTON

At Hampshire, Friday, February 22nd. Mrs. Thomas Easton passed from our midst. Her maiden name was Mary Grace Clark, daughter of the late William Clark and Elizabeth Easton.

Although her husband predeceased her twenty years she continued to live in the home and took much interest in her farm and especially her flower garden which was always a picture to behold.

Besides her home interest she was a member of St. John's Anglican Church and a member of the Ladies Guild. Whenever possible she attended Church at Hampshire.

A short funeral service was held from her late residence, on Sunday, February 24th, followed by service in the Hampshire Church. Services were conducted by the Rev'd. Mr. Boothroyd of Hunter River, and the Rev'd. E. O. Lancaster of Milton. The remains were interred in Hampshire cemetery.

She leaves to mourn two sisters, Mrs. John Edwards, North Wiltshire, and Miss Bessie on the homestead. The pall bearers were her four nephews, William, Walter and George Clark, Edwin Edwards and Robert Edwards; and Cecil Stewart. The floral tributes consisted of: Crescent; Mr. and Mrs. John Clark; Spray; Mr. and Mrs. William Clark; Spray; Miss Bessie Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark; Spray; Miss Ella Edwards.

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