

# The Central Guardian

IT PAYS to buy in this province.

**AN IMPORTANT POSITION.**—The many friends of Mr. John McDonald, Pinette, who was at one time a familiar politician around Pinette, will be most pleased to learn that he is Superintendent of the Parkdale Brewing Co., of Winnipeg.—O.

**MINISTER INDUCTED.**—There was a large gathering in the Presbyterian Church Murray Harbor South last Thursday (16th) when Rev. Wm. H. Sweet was inducted in the pastoral charge of Murray Harbor, Murray River and Little Sands Congregations. Rev. M. D. McLeod of Calcutta conducted the inductive service. Rev. Mr. McVicar of Cardigan preached. Rev. E. S. Weeks (Methodist of Murray Harbor) led in prayer. D. Wright, Montague addressed the newly inducted Minister, and Rev. A. Sutherland, Murray Harbor North addressed the people while Rev. Mr. McLeod, Dundas spoke words of welcome assuring Mr. Sweet of the kindest fellowship as he enters the Presbytery of P. E. I. Mr. Sweet is a native of this province and after a term of some eight years in Blue Mountain, N. S., congregation he returns to take up work here under most favorable circumstances.

**STANDING FIELD OF GRAIN COMPETITION.**—The Department of Agriculture will be receiving entries for the Standing Field of Grain Competition until August 29. Judging will commence next week. 5091-8-25M2L.

**THE DORIS** will run an excursion from Bonshaw on Wednesday 29th, leaving at 7 a. m. and calling at McArthur's, W. R. Bridge and McEwens, Westville, for Governor Island. Bagpipes and other music on board. 5007-8-27M2L.

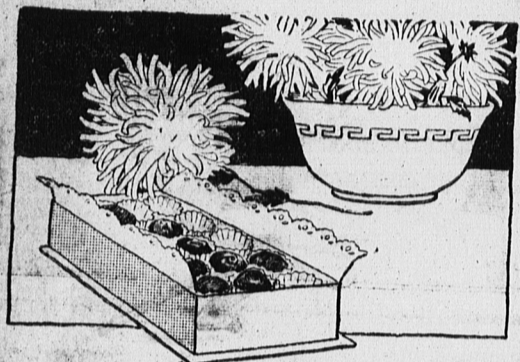
**BUSINESS CHANGES.**—Owing to increasing business and other important duties, Mr. John Buchanan, who had charge of the Piarte Telephone Station, has resigned and disposed of his business which is now in the store of Mr. R. E. McDonald, who does a large merchandising business. The general public of Pinette were sorry to lose such an obliging official as Mr. Buchanan, who was ever ready to give a helping hand. O.

The many friends of Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, former assistant at St. Peters Cathedral, Charlottetown, are pleased to see him once more. He arrived by the Aranmore on Saturday night and expects to spend a couple of weeks on the island. Rev. Mr. Scott-Smith is now rector of the Anglican Church in Melinocket, Maine.

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## MR. ROGERS' RESIGNATION

### Full Correspondence Between Hon. Mr. Robert Rogers and Premier Borden Regarding Former's Resignation.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): I desire to inform the House that the Minister of Public Works has resigned, and that his resignation has been accepted. The correspondence, which has taken place is under my hand, and His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to give me his permission to communicate it to the House. I shall accordingly read it:

Ottawa, August 15, 1917.  
My dear Sir Robert,—  
Never during the six years that I have endeavored to faithfully and loyally serve you as leader of our party do I know of any part of my efforts that have ever been kept secret from you. In that same spirit of loyalty and devotion let me say a plain word, and it is this—that, in my opinion, as a party we are face to face with very serious difficulties, difficulties, to my mind, that have largely been created by our kindness to our opponents. The question with me is, "What are we doing about it?" Our opponents are strong, active and hopeful. They do not hesitate in adopting the most sordid methods imaginable. They have been covering the country for months past with literature of the most damnable character. They have a strong press, through which they are promoting a most cowardly malevolent campaign. I am often made the target for many of their attacks—attacks which they are unable to support with any substance. However, with them it is not a question of substance, of truth, or of common decency. They simply follow their instructions to attack any one that they regard as a menace to their success.

### TREATING SLANDERERS AS GENTLEMEN.

And what are we doing? Nothing that I know of except going on treating the promoters of this slanderous campaign as gentlemen. Surely it is plain that there is only one end to all this. Hard and difficult as it is for me to do so, let me say that if our present inaction and indecision are to continue, may I with feelings of the greatest possible respect and with

### PERSONALS

Mr. Fred Murphy, City, left Saturday for St. John.

Rev. Mgr. Gillis, Indian River, was in town on Saturday.

Lieut. Keith Rogers left Saturday on return to Halifax.

Mr. Samuel McWilliams, formerly of Pinette, is now living in Charlottetown.

Prof. Gordon Laird and son, of Madison, Wisconsin, are visiting P. E. Island.

Miss Kitty Bruce of the Bank of Montreal staff, New Glasgow, is visiting her home in Charlottetown.

Pte. Ernest McCarvill, Kinkora, of the A. M. C., left Saturday for Halifax and expects to go overseas shortly.

Commandant and Mrs. Square-briggs left Saturday morning en route to Campbellton, N. B., on their way to their home in Windsor, Ont.

Dr. L. U. Christopher and his brother J. Edward, of Boston, the latter engaged for the past ten years in the Cab and Taxi transportation business of the Hub city, are visiting friends in their native province. The doctor, formerly a public school teacher on the Island is staying at the home of his sister Mrs. Ernest Wade, Kildare, and his brother accompanied by his wife are staying at the home of his father, Mr. Michael McPherson, lobster packer, Haliburton, Lot 7.



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feelings of the deepest regret, ask that at your convenience I be relieved from sharing the responsibility for the results that will be sure to follow continued inaction and indecision.

Never in my long experience have I witnessed more clearly than I do today the opportunity that rests with us for great good. We have only to remember that we are in a war in which Canada's life is at stake. If we do not win then the plans for Canada's future development will not be made in our own capital city of Ottawa, but in the capital city of some foreign country. There is no use deluding ourselves upon this point, for a great, fat, tempting prize like Canada would never be allowed to escape the grasp of a victorious British Empire.

Canada's hope for the fulfillment of her full share in this great struggle largely rests with the party that you represent. Therefore, our responsibilities are great. We must demand of them, and above all we must be equal to our obligations to our gallant soldiers. Under the banner of loyalty, decision and action, we can accomplish these high purposes. We cannot afford to delay. We should waste no time tarrying and disputing with opponents whose apparent purpose is to delay us by prolonging Parliament until the end of its term, in the hope that if they succeed in this they will be able to add a new chapter to their slanderous campaign by attempting to make it appear to the country that we are hopelessly helpless.

**SIR WILFRID'S SORDID MEANS.**  
When Sir Wilfrid Laurier two months ago refused your most generous proposal for coalition, surely, then there was only one course left, and that was to proceed determinedly and fearlessly with our task. I can, of course, realize that you delayed in hope, next, hopeful expectation that some strong action for union would be taken at the Winnipeg convention. True, you have or had the opportunity to know and understand the methods and the designs of those in Western Canada who stood up in that convention in support of Laurierism. Under normal conditions, in times of peace, it is always inadvisable and dangerous to have either truck or trade with your enemies when you know them to be such. It is a million times more dangerous at this solemn moment when the fate of our country is hanging in the balance.

The Canadian people understand that at the outbreak of the war, and every day since the Government have had forced upon them conditions the like of which no Government in Canada had ever before been called upon to meet. Loyal Canadians everywhere realize this, and I am confident the Government have had to contend with, and above all they know and understand the sordid means being employed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as the leader of our domestic and foreign enemies to defeat our honest efforts to faithfully fulfil, in Canada's name, a full and worthy part in this great war. Therefore, to my mind, our course is plain. It is this:

"Carry on" without delay and with resolute determination to assist to the fullest extent of Canada's power in preserving the unity of the Empire and the future destinies of our own country.

As for myself, let me say whatever the outcome may be, I will in the future as in the past ever remain loyal and devoted to my friends, prepared at all times to respond whenever and wherever duty calls.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd.) R. Rogers.  
Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden,  
Prime Minister,  
Ottawa.

**SIR ROBERT'S REPLY.**  
To that I made the following reply: Ottawa, August 17th, 1917.

My dear Mr. Rogers,—  
I have given attentive consideration to the views expressed in your letter of the 15th inst. which reached me last evening.

You do not specifically define the lack of action of which you complain, but you do in general terms declare that there has been during the past three months continued inaction and indecision and that you desire to be relieved from responsibility therefor, or for its continuance. I am unable to accept your conclusion nor am I aware of the slightest foundation for the view, which you have thus expressed.

As to inaction let me call the following considerations to your attention: Since my return to Ottawa in the middle of May numerous questions of the very highest national importance have been taken up and dealt with. I realize that you have not taken so active a part in their consideration as some other members of the Government, but I know you appreciate the immense difficulties and complexities by which many of them have been surrounded, and the vast amount of labour which has been involved in their determination. To refresh your memory let me enumerate some of these matters.

**WORK ACCOMPLISHED.**  
1. Compulsory Military Service. All my colleagues know the enormous amount of time and labour bestowed upon this question and in the preparation of the measure in which it is embodied. That measure was introduced by me on the 11th June and has passed the House of Commons and the Senate, and it now stands for the consideration of some minor amendments made in the Senate. Its importance in providing needed reinforcements for our gallant men in the trenches cannot be over-estimated.

2. The imposition of a Tax upon incomes above a certain amount. This subject required the most attentive study in the consideration of its scope and details. After much deliberation the measure was perfected, passed through its various stages in the House of Commons, and now stands for Third Reading.

3. Extension of the Parliamentary term. While this subject did not involve long debate the course of the Government had to be most carefully considered, and you will agree that in importance it does not rank below any of the great questions which have been determined by the Government during the present session.

4. Railway Legislation. Only those who have been called upon to face the problems with which the Government have been confronted can realize the difficulties and complexities which had to be met in dealing with this question. It has demanded and received the most earnest and unremitting study and attention ever since my return. After long deliberation the policy of the Government has been formulated in the Bill which has recently received its Second Reading in the House of Commons and which I believe embodies a policy greatly in the interest of the country. This subject alone would under ordinary circumstances have been regarded as sufficient to engage the attention of a government during an entire session.

**OVERSEAS ELECTION.**  
5. Military Voters Bill. It is ap-

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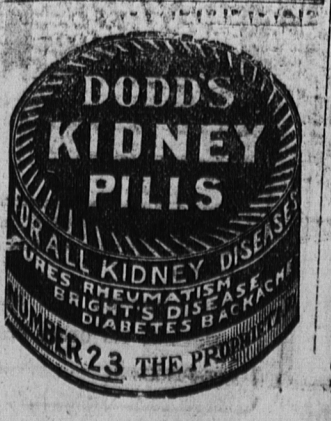
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