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MARITIME CONFERENCE AGRICULTURAL DEPT'S.

Departments of Agriculture of Maritime Provinces Confer with Dr. James, Dominion Commissioner of Agriculture, who Pays Glowing Tribute to P. E. Island's Educational Scheme.

Professor W. R. Reek returned yesterday morning from Truro where he attended a conference of the Agricultural Departments of the Maritime Provinces. He is accompanied by the Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, Commissioner of Agriculture, who was prevented from being present, he having made arrangements to go by the Stanley via Summerside on Tuesday. The Stanley, owing to ice conditions, was transferred to the Charlottetown route, where she arrived only on Tuesday morning, crossing to the mainland on the Wednesday, which was too late for him to attend the conference. Dr. C. C. James, Agricultural Commissioner for Canada, presided and there were also present Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia; Principal Cumming, Mr. De Wolfe, Director of Elementary Agriculture, representing Nova Scotia; Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick; Messrs. Daggett, Steeves, Carter and Hubbard, representing New Brunswick.

The subjects discussed were of general interprovincial interest, particularly agricultural education. The situation due to conditions in Europe was thoroughly canvassed and the prospects for 1916 carefully considered. The consensus of opinion was that greater responsibility rested upon every individual agriculturist to produce more intensively and extensively than ever before and that to this end every energy should be bent. Arrangements were made whereby steps will be taken to assist the farmer in every way possible. Ways and means of assisting the potato industry were carefully considered as well as the methods to be employed to further land drainage. The services which the Truro Agricultural College was giving the Maritime Provinces was thoroughly discussed, keeping in view the holding of Maritime men in these provinces for instructional and practical agriculture.

Opportunity was taken of Dr. James' presence to discuss the administration of the Federal grant for the Maritime Provinces. He is particularly pleased with certain phases of the work undertaken in P. E.—i.e. Short Courses in Agriculture as now being carried on; the drainage campaign, the building up of a rural science department at the University of New Brunswick, the introduction of elementary agriculture into the public schools and the work carried on by the Women's Institutes. He strongly urges advanced methods in education wherever the growing generation is included. The system of elementary agriculture into the schools was paid a glowing tribute, as also was the idea of carrying the Short Course in agriculture to the members of the P. E. I. He assured the members present that every support possible under the circumstances would be given the farmers of Canada by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, though that support might often be given through the medium of the provincial departments.

SURRENDER OF MONTENEGRO REGARDED AS INEVITABLE

Fall of Cetinje and Loss of Cattaro Practically Seal Fate of Little Country. New Turn of Affairs Regarded as Embarrassing to Italy whose Coast Line will be Threatened.

(Special to the Guardian.)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—Another decisive stage in the Balkan situation has been reached with Montenegro now following Serbia in virtual absorption by invading forces. It was learned to-night that Austria and Montenegro had come to an armistice, this being construed as the last act of the little country after having its capital, Cetinje, dominated by the Austrian army. Whether King Nicholas will continue the unequal struggle is considered doubtful here, but the accepted view among the best posted men in London is that Montenegro has practically passed under Austrian control. The chief significance of this does not lie in small territorial acquisition, which is less than Serbia, but in the Montenegro Adriatic front. Lying alongside the Austrian main offensive naval station of Cattaro, where to-day's despatches announce the entire Austrian fleet, including three dreadnaughts, is assembled and from which the recent naval raid was made against the Italian transports going to the relief of Serbia. This further extension of Austria's Adriatic front with the dominating naval centre of Cattaro, is viewed as a further tendency toward the realization of Austria's object of making the Adriatic an Austrian sea and thus checking Italy's ambition to make it an Italian sea. Italy had so much at stake that officials and diplomats had been waiting anxiously for the steps Italy would take to relieve Montenegro and at the same time avert another Austrian extension on the Adriatic. They were aware that Italy had once before prevented Austria from gaining territorial concessions from Montenegro near Cattaro by emphatically objecting to the treaty made in 1912. As Italy was then a member of the Triple Alliance, Austria reluctantly yielded to the Italian objections. It was believed that dynastic reasons would play a part in Italy's assistance of Montenegro, as King Nicholas's daughter is the wife of the King of Italy, but help from that quarter did not arrive, as the Italian expedition was landed further south in Albania and has not been heard from since.

The London Times asserts that Italy's interests in Montenegro are as important as England's in the opening of the Dardanelles and that the prospective annihilation of Montenegro will have far-reaching maritime consequences in the Eastern Mediterranean.

FORMAL OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

T.R.H. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia Graced Occasion. Speech from Throne Short Foreshadowing Extension of Term and Adoption of War Measures Exclusively.

(From our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Legislation to extend the term of the present Parliament for one year and for further cooperation by Canada in the defence of the Empire was foreshadowed in the speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament to-day. The war situation and with war measures exclusively. Such other legislation as will be brought down by the Government will be directed toward meeting war conditions in Canada in their various phases. It is not probable that the budget speech will be delivered as early as has been the case in the last two war sessions, as it is understood there will not be any tariff changes. There will be legislation, however, by farmers on live stock. Various notices of motion and of bills to be introduced were given to-day.

Mr. Turriff, the Liberal member for Assiniboia, intends to raise the question of the free admission of Canadian wheat into the United States market and has given notice that in the opinion of this House, in order to secure to the farmers and people of Canada the advantages of the American market for wheat, wheat products should be taken at once to put these articles on the free list in the Canadian tariff.

Although the purely social functions which characterize the opening of Parliament under normal conditions since the war began, to-day's opening ceremony was marked by the customary brilliance. It had been feared that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, a recent sufferer from grippe, might not be able to play the leading part in the function, but such anticipations turned out to be unfounded.

Sir Robert Borden, however, although he will be in the House on Monday, was unable to attend to-day. His place was taken by Sir George Foster. Accompanied by members of his staff, His Royal Highness arrived promptly at 3 o'clock and was received with hearty cheers by the crowd which had assembled on Parliament Hill. The mounted escort usual in other years and the firing of a royal salute were omitted to-day. Summoned by Black Rod, members of the Commons, headed by the newly elected Speaker, Hon. Albert Sevgiy, repaired to the Senate chamber, where the session was duly opened with the traditional ceremonial. The setting was as beautiful as ever, the galleries being thronged with spectators, while ladies in evening dress, representatives of friendly foreign governments, members of the Supreme Court and of the Senate, occupied the body of the Chamber within the bar.

His Royal Highness accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, occupied the Throne, at the right of which stood members of the Rideau Hall and headquarters staffs and the Acting Premier, Sir George Foster. H.R.H. the Princess Patricia sat to the left of the throne with several ladies-in-waiting. The ceremony was short, owing to the brevity of the speech from the Throne, but the speech itself was followed with unusual interest by members of both Houses.

Parliament then adjourned until Monday, when the debate on the address will begin. At the Speakers' reception held after the opening of Parliament, Madame Landy, wife of the Speaker of the Senate, was assisted by Mrs. T. S. Sproule and Mrs. P.E.I., while Mrs. Sevgiy, wife of the new Speaker of the Commons, was assisted by Madame Casgrain.

AUSTRO-GERMANS ABANDON HOPE OF RE-CAPTURING LOST TERRITORY

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Austro-Germans appear to have abandoned hope of the recapture of the territory lost in the recent fighting, according to the Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent, and as a result of Russian pressure a general evacuation of the forward bases by both Germans and Austrians is proceeding vigorously.

Recruiting at Pleasant Grove

Another rousing recruiting meeting was held last night at Pleasant Grove, when five young men responded to the call of King and country. Major Leigh already presided and he was supported by Rev. Dr. Bennett, Capt. Hardy, Capt. McCleod, Lieut. Paton and Col. Crockett, each of whom gave an excellent address. Professor Barlow sang a number of patriotic songs in his usual inspiring style, and Corp. Bertram gave an excellent reading. Mrs. Auld of Covehead accompanied Professor Barlow on the organ. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable and entertaining of the series. Following the singing of the national anthem, Frank Watts, Pleasant Grove; Golden Matthews, Pleasant Grove; John Bergigan, Cove Head Road; Ernest R. White, Cove Head Road; Gordon Brown, Little York. Three others signified their intention of enlisting later.

The Charlottetown party were hospitably entertained to supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Duck and returned to the city about 1.30 this morning.

Russia Can Keep Up Fight Indefinitely

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Times correspondent at Russian headquarters describes Russia's wonderful recuperative power as, in a large measure, due to the fact that three of four million inhabitants of Galicia migrated eastward before and during the Russian retreat.

"The population of Lemberg," says the correspondent, "fell from 300,000 to 30,000. Millions of Galicians were safely sent through the southwestern armies, thanks to General Ivanoff's care and forethought, and have added about two million workmen and farm hands to Russia, not counting the prisoners of war. Due to them Russian industries are thriving and agriculture prospers, while the enemy on the other hand, unable to obtain necessary labor, is driven to the forcible illegal employment of Russian war prisoners."

In a statement to me, Gen. Ivanoff said: "We can go on as long as is wanted. Our technical services are constantly improving. With a great our output of munitions will be doubled. We are resuming the process of attrition on a larger scale. It does not matter much where the fighting line extends, because the war will be settled not by the occupation of territory, but by the destruction of the enemy's armies and resources."

Made Journey of 8,000 Miles in a Basket

ROSELAWN, Ind., Jan. 12.—A journey of 8,000 miles in a basket ended here to-day, when C. C. Smith, a mining engineer of Natal, South Africa, arrived at the home of his parents. He suffered a broken back in a mine accident and is paralyzed from the waist down, but nevertheless will wed Miss Amy Palmer, an English nurse, who cared for him in a hospital in Cardiff, Wales, and helped to bring him home.

Smith and a companion were repairing machinery in a South African workings when a huge rock fell, killing his companion. At Smith's request, the company started him home, appropriating \$25,000 for the surgical and other expenses of the trip. The journey was made in a basket, so that the injured man might receive special medical attention, and it was there that he met Miss Palmer.

Because of the size of the basket in which Smith traveled, it was necessary to take out the windows of a railway coach to get him aboard the train.

SIXTEEN AMERICANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT BY MEXICAN BANDITS

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 12.—Seventeen persons, all thought to be Americans, returning from Chihuahua City, were taken from a Mexican train, stripped and lined up along the track for execution, according to a message received here to-day from Thomas M. Holmes, one of the seventeen, who made his escape from the train, and notify his wife that he had reached Chihuahua City and was safe.

The Americans, it was said, were sent to reopen the mines on assurance of protection to the smelting company given by the Carranza government, through the United States State Department.

The train on which the Americans were travelling carried thousands of dollars in currency.

News of the raid caused consternation here, as many of the families of the men supposed to have been on board the raided train resided here.

GOVERNMENT WARNS LABOR UNIONS NOT TO ASK INCREASES

LONDON, Jan. 12, 4 a.m.—The government in the interests of national economy, has notified all trade unions in the country that in view of the pressing emergency, no further advance in wages should be considered, except those arising automatically from existing agreements and necessary adjustments of local.

Agricultural Short Course at Palmer Road

The Short Course being conducted at Palmer Road is being well attended by all the farmers of the surrounding country, and the lectures and discussions of the various subjects, given by the experts are being enthusiastically received by all.

On Tuesday morning Mr. Tennant gave a valuable talk on soils and their cultivation as it affected the crop-growing of the Province. This was followed by a talk on the value and care of farmyard manures by Mr. Reid. The afternoon session was devoted to judging dairy cattle, conducted by Mr. Reid, who was followed by Mr. Ross, on the subject of feeding. In the evening a valuable talk on poultry production and marketing was given by Mr. Reid and as a supplement to the judging of the afternoon a number of lantern slides of dairy animals were shown and explained by Mr. Reid.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Clark, of the Experimental Farm, gave a valuable talk on the growing of oats, including varieties, cultivation, seeding and general items of timely interest.

In the afternoon the judging of sheep was given in a practical way by Mr. Reid. This was followed with a talk on milk testing by Mr. Morrow. The evening session was devoted to talks on farm drainage by Mr. Clark, on the care of cream on the farm by Mr. Morrow. Following the talks lantern slides were given showing the breeds slides were given showing the breeds and types of sheep. They were fully explained by Mr. Reid.

The attendance has already reached the 250 mark, taking the limit of the two halls that are being used, of the live stock classes, the animals are supplied by the farmers of the vicinity and are a credit to the owners. Particular mention should be made of the sheep, for which Palmer Road is already noted.

Britain Lifts Embargo on Jamaican Logwood

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—American Consul Monaghan, at Kingston, cabled the State Department that the British Government had lifted the embargo on Jamaican logwood and logwood extract exports. No details were given.

Manufacturers in this country, unable to get dyestuffs, have been seriously handicapped by the recent embargo. In response to an urgent request for export 4,700 tons of Jamaican logwood, on condition that American extract manufacturers supply their product to Canadian purchasers at reasonable prices. An official statement announcing this action said one reason for the embargo was that manufacturers in the United States had put up their prices and in some cases had broken contracts with Canadian and British buyers.

The Department of Commerce announced recently that logwood, found by its agents in Central America, ultimately would make the United States independent of British supplies.

Two Mills of Dupont Powder Co. Blown Up

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 12.—Following the explosion of the Dupont Powder plant, Carney's Point, N. J., early today, in which three workmen were killed, two mills blew up at the Upper Hagley yard near here this afternoon. In one of the latter accidents one workman was slightly injured. The other explosions within one day have had the effect of making the secret service and police departments of the Dupont Powder Company unusually active in looking for possible clues indicating outside interference.

A press mill blew up at three o'clock this afternoon. It was in this explosion that the workman was hurt. Fifty minutes later a mixing mill, near the press mill, also exploded. It contained 500 pounds of powder. No one was injured. Both mills were blown to atoms, the shocks being heard for at least twenty-five miles.

The disaster at Carney's Point was due to an explosion of smokeless powder, while at the Upper Hagley yard it was black powder that went off. Up to late hour tonight there were no developments as to the causes of the three explosions. While expressing the belief that all the blasts were due to accidents, officials of the company have issued instructions for a searching investigation.

"God's Hour Not Yet Struck," Says French Deputy

PARIS, Jan. 11, 3 p.m.—The 131st session of parliament opened this afternoon in the chambers of deputies, with Baron De Mackau, dean of the chamber, presiding. Paul Deschanel was re-elected president of the chamber. De Mackau, who is the oldest of the deputies, said:

"God's hour has not yet struck; the country's trials will continue, but it accepts the trials with the confidence and tenacity of the first days, follows without hesitation the vigilant guardian of its honour, Gallieni, Joffre, Sarraill, and looks tenderly towards the army, in which all social conditions—workmen in the towns, country priests, sons of the families of France, both ancient and modern, who have won by science and labor their titles to nobility—are united in the same passionate enthusiasm, and march in step toward glory and supreme sacrifice."

"Worthy of the best days of their country, they engrave afresh the sacred name of France on the tablets of history."

The speaker paid a tribute to the French women in town and country, who had taken up the work of their relatives at the front, and all who had liberally contributed to the national loan, concluded by calling on the nation to forget all party questions and work for one thing alone the safety of the country, and the victory of right and liberty.

A similarly stirring address was delivered in the senate, where the veteran Senator, La Tappay, who presided, attributed France's state of unpreparedness for a German invasion to a long series of ministerial catastrophes, which, with every change of ministry, had at the present time, he said, the Great Britain is approximately £72,000,000. The value of German-owned property in Great Britain was given as £105,000,000.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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**Best assortment at Charlottetown Fish Supply Co.—To-day, fresh codfish, haddock, smelts, and halibut also pickled, salt, smoked and dried fish. 6570.

**Grand Basket Social and entertainment at Kensington Hall Friday Jan. 21st, beginning at 7.30 p. m. A good time assured. Admission 15 cents ladies with baskets free. Come help along a good cause. 6569.

**PATRIOTIC WHIST—On Friday evening January 14th, a whist party under the auspices of the Assumption Society given in the A. O. H. Hall. All Academics are invited. Whist begins at 8 o'clock sharp. Prizes to be given at patriotic fund. 6517-1-11 Mall.

**The Ladies of Covehead Methodist Church will hold a supper at Parkman's home on Wednesday Jan. 19th at 6 p. m. Price 25c. Should the weather prove unfavorable the supper will be held the first fine evening following. 6563-1-14Mall.

**THE Pen Written business letter is out of date. Its use suggests antiquated methods. If you have no typewriter, why not buy one of my REBUILDERS to state with low price and good service. A. Milne Fraser, Half-road service. 6565-1-14Mall.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)
TORONTO, January 14.—Maritime: Strong winds, shifting to north-west; some light snow falls or snow flurries; turning much colder.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was clear and cool with snow at night. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 39 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 28 degrees above zero; at nine last night 28 degrees above. The coldest the previous night was 27 deg. above zero.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 5.37 and tomorrow at 6.21; it will be high tomorrow morning at 7.22 and Saturday at 8.26.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4.41 and tomorrow at 4.42; it rises tomorrow at 7.38 and Sunday at 7.37.

The moon rises today at noon.

The first quarter of the moon was on Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 11.38 p. m.

There was a full moon on Thursday, Jan. 20th, at 8.35 p. m.

The length of today will be nine hours and three minutes.

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