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FIERCE FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

No Let Up to the German Drive for Verdun. They have Captured two Unimportant Points at Enormous Cost.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, March 7.—German infantry attacks have been greatly increased north-west of Verdun between Bethancourt and the Meuse and the Germans have made a gain in that important sector, getting a foothold in Corbeaux wood which lies southwest of Cole-de-Lote.

region of Douaumont but were immediately thrown out in counter attack. The recapture by the Germans of a position from the French in Champagne the pushing of the German line farther forward in Argonne forest, and the explosion of a small British detachment from captured German trenches northeast of Vermelles are related in the latest German official reports. The British are defending the famous Hunenlooper redoubt position against German bombing attacks.

In Argonne, in the region of Avocourt our special guns shelled German aeroplanes which fell within our lines. Two aviators who were wounded were made prisoners. West of Meuse, bombardment with big shells continued with great intensity. In the course of the day the enemy multiplied his infantry actions between Bethancourt and Meuse. These attacks were repulsed except in Corbeaux woods where he gained a heavy hold. East of Meuse, where there was violent artillery action, in Harcourt woods, the Germans succeeded in entering a redoubt from which they were ejected by our counter attack.

ANOTHER SIEGE BATTERY FOR P. E. ISLAND

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, March 7.—An order has been given to recruit a Siege Battery of Artillery at Charlottetown, consisting of Major C. C. C. and four Lieutenants, and about two hundred men.

ISLANDER WOUNDED

In the casualty list issued at Ottawa on Sunday the name of Edward Dickson of Charlottetown, appears among the wounded. He was attached to the Sixteenth Battalion.

THE WEATHER. TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.) TORONTO, March 8.—Morning: Strong breezes to moderate gales most easterly and south, occasional snow on.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was cloudy with snow at night. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 20 degrees above zero at nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 2 above; at nine last night 15 above. The coldest the previous night was 4 below.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 1:23 and tomorrow at 1:51; it rises tomorrow morning at 2:19 and Friday at 2:45.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5:57 and tomorrow at 5:58; it rises tomorrow morning at 6:23 and Friday at 6:21.

The moon sets tonight at 11:43. There was a new moon on Friday, March 3rd at 11:58 p. m.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, March 11th, at 2:23 p. m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and thirty-two minutes.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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A SPLENDID PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Highly Successful Gathering of Prince Edward Island's Most Progressive Citizens Discuss the Problems for the Development of the Province Along the Lines of its Various Activities, and Decide to Organize a Progressive Association to Keep the Supreme Interests of the Island in the Forefront. Many Valuable Suggestions Made and Discussed before Crowded Audiences.

The Conference called by the Government for the purpose of considering the conditions of the province now and to consider suggestions for the development and expansion of its resources after the war was held in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon and evening. The first session commenced at 2 o'clock and was attended by a very large number of gentlemen from all over the Province. Ex-Mayor Lyons presided and Premier Matheson spoke briefly outlining the object and aims of the conference.

SUB-SOIL DRAINAGE.

The Chairman, in introducing the first speaker, referred to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Justice Hazard, who was detained in Georgetown by the sitting of the Supreme Court there. He called upon Professor Reek to open the conference by a few remarks on Agriculture. Professor Reek said that while the subject that he intended to discuss pertained to Agriculture he did not propose to speak on Agriculture in its general sense. He wished to draw their special attention to the necessity of and benefit likely to accrue from the adoption of sub-soil drainage. He said a very large portion of the finest land in the province was rendered practically useless through lack of drainage. By the adoption of sub-soil drainage all this land could be reclaimed and made profitable and productive. He said he was not speaking from mere surmise or theory but from actual experience. He had seen the results of sub-soil drainage in Ontario where the value of land had risen from 300 to 500 per cent, as the result of the introduction of sub-soil drainage. The expense of introducing sub-soil drainage would be about \$9 per acre and for this purpose he recommended the development of our own enormous rights of clay to be present being clay fields which were at present being neglected. He had sent samples of our clay to Ottawa for testing and experimenting with and the reports he had received were to the effect that for the manufacture of tile drains, for roofing purposes and for works of art our clay could not be excelled anywhere. The prospect was that before long these clay fields would be under development and the farmers here would have the opportunity of acquiring sub-soil drains at the cheapest possible figure. But in addition to alter and improve the outlets and creeks to make the sub-soil drainage practicable. This could be done by cooperation on part of the farmers themselves. He strongly urged upon the necessity of getting together in their own interest and preparing for their means of the development of their great resources.

DAIRYING.

Professor Ross followed with the remainder was consumed at home. He said that the census returns for 1915 gave the number of milk cows in the province as 47,043. These gave in the vicinity of 169 million pounds of milk or 3,385 pounds each. Of this amount, about 3,500 million pounds went to the factories and creameries and was exported as cheese and butter. The remainder was consumed at home. In the herd competition conducted by Dairywomen's Association last year 17 patrons owning 120 milk cows sent 1,700 pounds of milk to the factories and creameries 885,339 lbs or 7,357 lbs per cow while one of these patrons with a herd of ten cows averaged 9,900 lbs per cow. These facts without any special effort had doubled the average milk production per cow and what they had done could be done by others were more labor available.

CO-OPERATION.

Rev. Dr. Gauthier delivered an address on co-operation. The Rev. Doctor did not deal with the subject particularly as applicable to any part of our industries but made a strong appeal for co-operation along general lines in the interest and advancement of our great resources. He pointed out that one of the greatest and most influential was the partnership and jointness from the end of the island to the other end of the island to consider means of developing our resources he took it as an indication that people were beginning to realize that co-operation was of greater value and importance than almost anything else that could be thought of. He made a strong appeal to every one to assist by every means within their power a spirit of co-operation of the Province. A general discussion of the subject of the drainage. A general discussion of the subject of the drainage. A general discussion of the subject of the drainage.

FISHERIES.

Mr. A. J. McFadyen introduced a most interesting discussion on the subject of the fisheries. At the outset he referred to the wisdom of convening a conference of that kind and enabling the different interests to come together to discuss what best could be done in the way of fostering the industries we already have and developing new ones. He spoke of the great opportunities there were for making P. E. Island one of the greatest fishing centres in North America. He pointed out one or two of the difficulties that retarded progress in the experience of fishermen, the lack of a proper succession of fish, the lack of the whole of the employed throughout the whole of the year when our waters were open, and suggested means that could be adopted to make this practicable. He thought that the fishing industry was essentially one for which immigration and employment were necessary. He suggested that the work of suitable remuneration to keep men in the industry was sometimes hampered when men were brought in from the provinces to work on a temporary character for which insufficient wages were paid to keep men and their families in the off season.

TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. Nelson Rattenbury spoke on the improved transportation facilities which the car ferry would introduce into the province and showed what would mean in the development of our agricultural products, especially in the district of production of potatoes with that of Aroostook County and Scotland and showed that we had still a great leeway to make up. He suggested that the work of suitable remuneration to keep men in the industry was sometimes hampered when men were brought in from the provinces to work on a temporary character for which insufficient wages were paid to keep men and their families in the off season.

INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. W. K. Rogers resumed the discussion on transportation, dealing more especially with internal transportation. He said that the main arteries of transportation was by the roads, and he thought that during the past year they had the best roads for any time during the last twenty-five years. He referred to the advantages of adopting modern means of transportation, such as motor trucks. A beginning could be made between Hunter River and Rustico, a motor truck costing \$2,000 could be utilized day at an expense of one gallon of petrol. He also pointed out the advantage of encouraging tourists, and the best way was to encourage the introduction of automobiles.

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REPORTED RAID FROM KIEL CANAL

Report that 20 German Ships have Made a Bolt from Kiel Lacks Confirmation, but Great Activity Noted in North Sea.

ROME, March 7.—Twenty-five German Dreadnoughts have left Kiel, according to information received here. This dispatch was held up by the British Censor for two days. Another despatch was filed in London today said a fleet of twenty-five German ships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. It was added that the vessels approached from the Northeast and later disappeared into the Northwest.

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