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EXPECT ELECTION ABOUT MIDDLE OF DECEMBER, REPORT

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—The impression prevails in Government circles that the general election will not be delayed longer than the month of December. No definite decision will be reached as regards the dissolution of Parliament or the fixing of the date of the election until after Sir Robert Borden returns to the capital early next week, but opinion still inclines to the view that an effort will be made to have the vote taken before the Christmas holiday season.

Owing to the counting of the soldiers' vote in England and France a month will elapse before the final results are known in all constituencies.

REGISTRATION BEGINS OCT. 6

W. E. Ewing, provincial registrar under the military service act for New Brunswick, has received official word to have everything in readiness by October 5 for the registration of men eligible for the first call. The offices of the provincial registrar will be in the Globe-Atlantic building in Prince William Street, St. John. It is understood that the proclamation calling the men to arms under the M. S. A. is to be issued on October 6.

Married

TAPLEY-DIBBLEE.
A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Luke's church, Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Ruth DuVernet Dibblee, daughter of the late Mr. J. T. A. Dibblee, and Mrs. Dibblee, was united in marriage with Lieut. John A. Tapley, of St. John. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. A. S. Hazel. The church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride, who was unattended, was brought in and given in marriage, by her brother, Mr. W. Jack Dibblee, and wore a gown of brown cloth with brown hat and carried a shower bouquet of roses. Immediately after the ceremony Lieut. and Mrs. Tapley drove to the C. P. R. station and left for Halifax. Miss Dibblee was a social favorite, and the good wishes of a host of friends follow her.

The out-of-town people attending the wedding were the groom's mother, Mrs. Tapley of St. John, Captain Hugh Bruce of St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, Ottawa, and Mr. Gilbert Tapley of N. Y.

LOUGHREY-HARPER.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Tilley, Jacksonville, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, when their niece, Grace E. Harper, of Woodstock, was united in marriage to Lieut. Theodore A. Loughrey of London, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Tilley of Hillsboro, a cousin of the bride.

The bride was married in her travelling suit of African brown with satin hat to match and wore a corsage bouquet of yellow roses and maiden hair fern. The happy couple left on the evening train for Montreal, Toronto, Niagara Falls and other places of interest.

The bride, who is a trained nurse, served as a Red Cross nurse in England and the groom is an officer of the 3rd Ontario Regiment, C. E. F. He was wounded in the battle of Vimy Ridge and received the Military Cross. They will reside in London, Ont.

Millinery Opening, Fall showing of Autumn Millinery, Oct. 4, 5 and 6, Millinery Parlours, Queen Street.

The session of the County Court appointed for Tuesday, 25th inst., was adjourned to Tuesday, Oct. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brittain of Rumbold, Me., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones.

Willard Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hayden, who went overseas with a Heavy Siege Battery, arrived home on Wednesday on sick leave.

Miss Isobel Chandler is visiting friend and relatives in St. John.

Miss Edith Shea of Houlton spent a few days in town this week the guest of Mrs. J. Carleton.

MR. CARVELL WANTS RIGHT OF WAY INTO UNITED STATES

Justice for People of Maritime Provinces—Carleton-Victoria Greatest Potato-Production Counties in Canada—Maritime Farmers Contributed \$380,000 to Revenue of United States.

(Hansard.)

Mr. Carvell: "I wish to direct the attention of the House particularly to the question of the export of potatoes. In New Brunswick our farmers are raising, not a few hundred bushels but thousands of barrels. Many farmers in my constituency last year raised from 1,000 to 3,000 and 4,000 barrels each—we reckon our potatoes altogether by barrels instead of by bushels. Therefore, when you add a small amount of ten cents a bushel, you have made a wonderful change in the income of the farmer. The duty on potatoes going into the United States is ten per cent ad valorem. If potatoes are worth \$2 per barrel, as they are in New Brunswick today, and we send them over to the United States, if everything went properly, we would pay twenty cents a barrel for the purpose of getting those potatoes into the United States; or in other words, the farmer would get twenty cents a barrel more than he can possibly receive under present conditions. That is the way in which it works out. I am not going to argue now whether the importer or the exporter pays the duty, because that very largely depends upon the special conditions existing regarding each particular transaction, but so far as we in the Maritime Provinces are concerned, there is not any question about the matter—the Canadian farmer pays the duty. I live within ten miles of the boundary line and our farmers live up and down along that line, and potatoes are being raised on both sides of it. In Aroostook you will find that potatoes are worth the value of potatoes on our side of the line plus the duty. There is no use making any argument about the matter; those are the facts. A man can argue as much as he chooses, but those who go into the Maritime Provinces and get to know what they are speaking about would not

listen to him. MR. MORPHY: What is your market, and how are your potatoes transported?

MR. CARVELL: Our potatoes in New Brunswick go practically altogether to New England points, and they go almost wholly by rail. Potatoes from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are carried by water to a great extent. In Nova Scotia a limited trade has been carried on for many years, but that with the West Indian islands trade is only a bagatelle as compared with the trade with the United States. We have, however, 'a big trade' with Cuba, and that goes partly by water and partly by rail. I am satisfied, if you investigate the details of the returns, you will find that a great proportion of the potatoes sent to Cuba last year, which came from my constituency and along the river St. John, were shipped by rail to Boston and from Boston to Cuba by water. That is the ordinary route of travel. I have one client and constituent who last year to my knowledge, sold considerably over \$100,000 worth of potatoes to Cuba Boston and thence by steamer. I have another client and constituent who must have handled \$50,000 worth of potatoes in the same market, and from my knowledge, I believe a large proportion of those potatoes came from New Brunswick. I find that during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1917, and the first five months of this year, we have sent to the United States about \$380,000 worth of potatoes upon which we have paid a duty of 10 per cent, or \$380,000. We have simply contributed that amount of money to the revenues of the United States. In addition to that, we have sent to Cuba over \$1,500,000 worth of potatoes, practically all of which went through American ports. If the duty were removed from po-

SAFETY FIRST JOBS FOR MEN WITH A PULL

One of the boys at the front in France, who went from this province and is on the firing line, tells in a recent letter how pets of the tory party who have the "pull" get positions that should go to real fighting men. He says:—

"Several Canadian officers have recently landed soft jobs, mostly 'bomb proof' over here; majors and captains who did not care to revert to sub's rank, though hardly one of them has had as much experience as most of the subalterns of units who have been in the line. They have jobs on 'lines of communication', which are certainly soft. Some of the seniors from New Brunswick are in the lot, though other seniors who have been in France with its hardships for a year or two have been wondering how it comes that such should be the reward of those who have only seen England, while they, weary of the steady grind, must still remain in the line."

This writer, whose name would instantly give weight to his words, also protests against accounts in the press telling of wonderful deeds, that are purely mythical, by officers who never performed them. Of one such case he says:—

"There is frequent mention of an officer, detailing wonderful deeds of which he may have read during his stay in England for endless months now, after a short trip over here in which he 'took sick before the show.'"

WOODSTOCK BOYS ARE MAKING GOOD

Word has been received that Robt. E. Mooers, Douglas Tompkins and Kenneth Morrison have each earned a Lieutenant's rank. They have been in France almost since the beginning of the war and will make sterling young officers. The town is proud of the distinguished young men who are REAL SOLDIERS.

potatoes going into the United States we would save the duty on that portion as well, because the United States have a preferential treaty with Cuba—that is, potatoes from the United States can be sent into Cuba at a lower rate of duty than potatoes coming from any other part of the continent. If potatoes were made free into the United States, of course our potatoes would all go to the United States and none of them direct to Cuba; they would be exported to the United States and then when they were properly in that country they could be sold to Cuba or wherever the buyers chose to send them. The result would be that all the potatoes going to Cuba, as well as to the United States, would go free of duty, and that would mean, on the figures I have given, about \$500,000 of extra money in the pockets of the people of New Brunswick.

MR. MORPHY: What advantage does the hon. gentleman find in shipping potatoes to Boston? Is there an increased price to any extent, and what is it?

MR. CARVELL: There is an increased price and an increased market. Last year potatoes reached an exorbitant, outrageous price.

MR. MORPHY: But in an average year?

MR. CARVELL: I do not take last years as a guide, because when farmers are getting \$6 or \$7 a barrel for potatoes they have no cause to complain of tariff regulations or regulations of any other kind. I am dismaying that from my argument, and I am trying to discuss the matter under ordinary conditions.

MR. WRIGHT: What is the difference in quantity and value between the potatoes exported from Canada to the United States and the potatoes from the United States into Canada?

MR. CARVELL: It is very great. Take the year ended March, 1917, and the first five months of this year. During that period we imported from the United States 1,000,000 bushels, and we exported to the United States about 2,800,000 bushels. You would have to add to that, if you want to get a real understanding of what the difference would be in case the duty were removed, the quantity of duty were removed, the quantity of

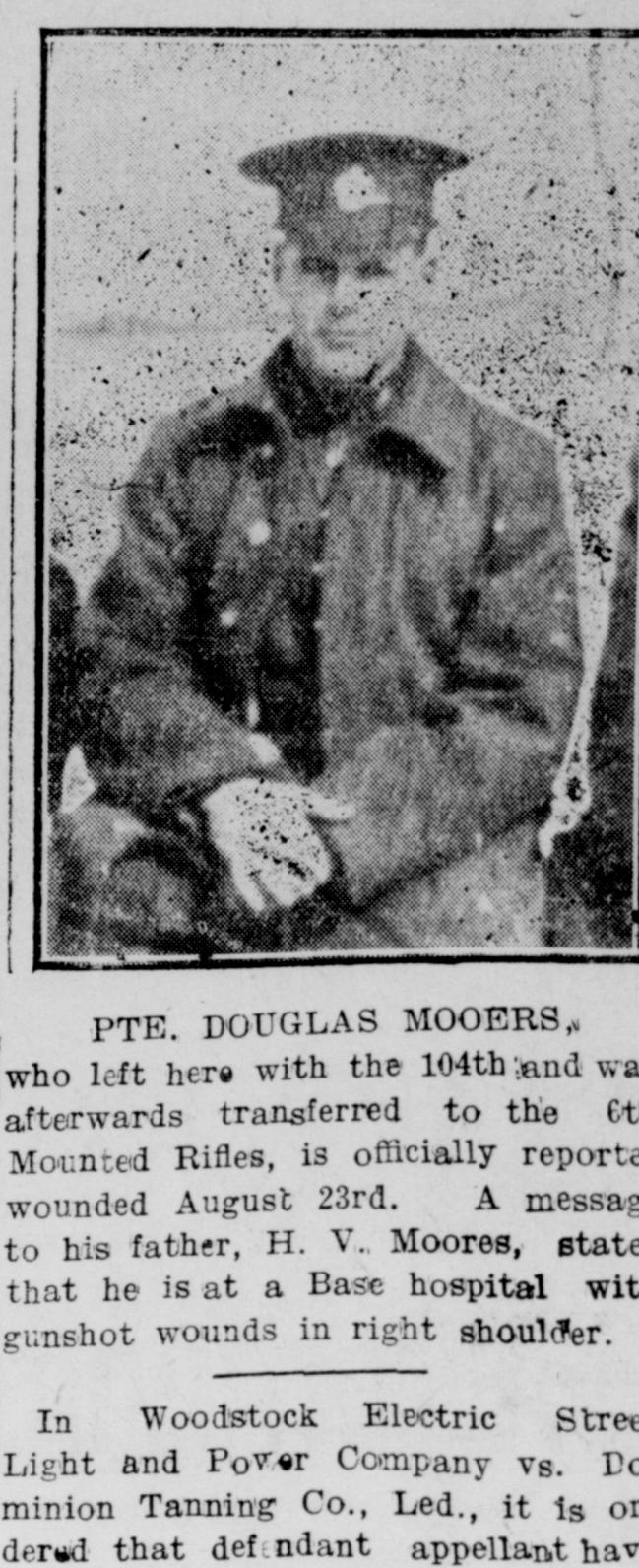
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These Brothers Are Doing Their Bit



LIEUT. ROBERT E. MOOERS

16th Battalion, Scottish, one of the best known Canadian battalions in the field.



PTE. DOUGLAS MOOERS

who left here with the 104th and was afterwards transferred to the 6th Mounted Rifles, is officially reported wounded August 23rd. A message to his father, H. V. Mooers, states that he is at a Base hospital with gunshot wounds in right shoulder.

In Woodstock Electric Street Light and Power Company vs. Dominion Tanning Co., Ltd., it is ordered that defendant appellant have leave to enter the appeal and except taxation of costs, proceedings be stayed on terms that defendant company pay into court the amount of verdict and costs.

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