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THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS

(Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, April 11.—To get a vivid idea of the change made by the formation and election of Union Government, one must look down at the House of Commons today, bearing in mind what the scene was last session. Towards the Government, then, were turned the uncompromising faces of Oliver, Pugsley, Carvell, Guthrie, MacLean. These men clustered about Sir Wilfrid Laurier and stood ready for any call to service while, in the seat beside the Old Chief was Hon. Geo. P. Graham, his big voice and good-natured smile a feature of nearly every sitting. A few seats over was E. M. Macdonald of Pictou, always confident, never at a loss for a word or a two-hour speech. Today, the scene is changed indeed. One is moved to quote the poet. "All are gone, the old familiar faces."

The very personification of aggressive opposition, in appearance as in manner and speech, was the Hon. Frank Oliver of West Edmonton, who went down before a soldier on service, in the last election. The cartoonists loved to depict him as a pioneer cowboy "shooting up" the town. There was fearlessness or fight in the glint of his eye, the set of his jaw and the grizzled droop of his heavy, gray moustache. He gave no quarter and asked none. Possibly, his influence in Parliament was hurt by this refusal to allow his opponent any accidental honesty of motive, but the Hon. Frank had in him, like all Old Timers, a fine strain of native common sense and often his logic, applied to impersonal questions, was good to hear and better to heed.

To the Government front benches today has been carried some of the grimness and belligerency that formerly buttressed the Laurier stronghold. It sits personified in the Hon. F. B. Carvell, now Minister of Public Works, a sober man of stern dignity, whose every word and movement is a warning or a menace.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF TOWN COUNCIL

Discussion of Estimates Rather Breezy—Patriotic Assessment \$5519.09—Child Bitten by Vicious Dog—Civil Action Only Redress—No More Auto Speeding—Police Have Instructions?

A special meeting of the town council was held Monday night with all present and Mayor Burt with the exception of the reporter, or the part relating to the recent assessment, caused quite a stir. Coun. Leighton objected strenuously to the record showing that he, or the finance committee, submitted the estimates for the year. He wanted it distinctly understood that he did not approve of the \$60,000 assessment. Mayor Burt asked the councillor how he would run the business on any less. Coun. Leighton said he would undertake to run the poor dept. for \$1500 which is \$500, less than the appropriation. Fire, for \$3000—\$500, less than the appropriation. Streets \$2000—instead of \$4000 as appropriated.

Coun. Gallagher—"You can't run the streets for \$2000. If you think you can take the department over."

Coun. Leighton—"All right—You take my department."

The matter of the minutes was finally settled by being made to read "the town clerk submitted the estimates as given to him."

Mayor Burt wanted to know why we never had a report from the town marshal. He thought this officer should make a report same as any other official.

Coun. Fewer—"I will see to it that he makes a report regularly."

Coun. Gallagher had made enquiries as to cost of a street scraper and moved that one be bought at \$200. Carried.

Coun. Leighton—"The Imperial Products Co. will not pay \$100. as last year for patriotic assessment. The Dominion Tanneries who paid \$400. last year will do so this year. The Potato Products Co. and the C. P. R. have not been heard from yet. The patriotic assessment will be \$5519.09. Owing to the attitude of the Imperial Products Co., the council will have to take some action in the matter. They are not paying any taxes. Coun. Leighton said perhaps some arrangements could be made and suggested a committee conferring with the company. Coun. Gallagher moved that the finance committee interview the company and report at the next meeting—Monday night. Carried.

Mayor Burt had a letter from

Jones & Jones, which was passed around to the councillors for perusal. The contents were not divulged to the reporter but during the meeting it developed that Mrs. Margaret Sharp had employed the law firm of Jones & Jones to bring action against the town for injuries she received by falling on Wellington street—the amount being the sum of \$500. Coun. Gallagher said it "should be taken up by the Light committee, as the accident occurred owing to no lights being on. It was finally carried that the chairman of the Light, Streets and Mayor be a committee to look into the matter and consult with the town solicitor.

Mr. F. B. Armour was heard in reference to dogs running about the town. He spoke on behalf of the school children and the public. His child had been badly bitten by a dog and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment and was in a very serious condition. If persons are going to keep vicious dogs and children are attacked in innocent play it surely is time that this council take the matter into consideration and provide some protection. As it is now there seems to be no redress except in a civil action. Taxes were imposed on dogs and never collected.

Coun. Leighton said there was general dissatisfaction and the dog law was not enforced. A dog tax of \$1.00 was not enough. It's up to the license committee to take some 'action.

Coun. Fewer said the dog tax should be \$5 and \$10.

Coun. Brown reported that he had disposed of the pigs at the poor farm for \$170. and the money had been paid in to the town funds.

Coun. Gallagher reported a bad culvert on Connell street and asked for authority to put in a permanent culvert which was granted.

At this stage an animated exchange took place over expenditures. Coun. Leighton remarked that \$10,000 could be spent on the streets if the chairman wanted to do it. "I say I can take care of the streets for \$2000 and have them in better condition than they have been for 10 years."

Coun. Gallagher—"You can't do

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FOCH AND THE BRITISH GENERALS CONFIDENT

London, April 17.—In the British House of Commons last night Premier Lloyd, George, speaking of the situation in Flanders, said fluctuations must continue, but he was full of confidence. The premier added: "I have just seen a general who has returned from the front and I must ask the house to excuse my leaving the house immediately after my speech because he has to lay questions before me on which I have to reply tonight and I detained him only a few minutes to get his impressions. He told me he had seen generals who are fighting. 'That gallant old general, General Plumer—one of the doughtiest warriors this country has—is facing great odds, but he is quite confident. We have lost territory, but we have lost nothing vital. That is the view not merely of our generals, it is the view of General Foch, who is virtually calm and equally confident. He was seen also this afternoon by a distinguished general who is now waiting to see me. He is absolutely confident. 'They are aiming at destroying the British army and they see that if they can only get this army out of the way the path would be clear to victory. They have not yet got it out of the way.'"

"They have inflicted, I am sorry to say, heavy losses, but nothing to the losses they sustained. The French army is intact and the American army is pouring across. There may be hope and there may be despondency, but if we stand together firmly and steadfastly, not giving way to fear or panic, prepared to give and take in all measures, stand together, Irishmen in Ireland and fighting with Irishmen who are coming across the flood in millions to fight in brigades with British troops—if we do that we will win through in the end." All the latter part of the premier's speech was punctuated with cheers and he was given a great ovation as he left the house.

Gr. John McCready who left Woodstock with the first artillery bunch in August 1914, and later joined the 5th Battery in France is home on leave. He left Lens just ten days before his arrival in Woodstock, making sharp connections all the way. He gives a bright account of the morale of the troops and says there is no downheartedness at the front. He has three months leave. Civilians don't need to go down in their boots when the fighting men are in good courage. Evidently the soldiers have no fear that the war will end in favor of Fritz. It's a good tonic to talk to a returned man after consorting with the Jeremiahs who are fighting the war here in Woodstock.

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