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The Parliament Preparing for the Coming Session

(Special Correspondence.)
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less than a month away there is a great rush of preparation. The Government has not had a great deal of time, since taking office, and there have been by-elections and other matters to take care of, but still the legislative programme will be well under way, it is believed, before the House meets. Estimates are getting into shape in the various government departments and these will come down to Council for an application of the pruning knife shortly, so that before they go to Parliament there will be little left which could be cut out. During the week the Party whips have been busy allotting seating and room accommodations to the members of the Commons, and practically the full cabinet is in attendance at

all meetings these days, the Ministers without portfolio having come in from their homes to lend their assistance in deciding the many knotty questions with which the Government is confronted. Soon the new Government will bring several of its policies into the light of day and offer them for the approval of parliament and the public.

The Ice Breaker.

An indication of the policy to be followed with regard to public expenditures is given in the cancellation of the ice-breaker contract awarded by the Meighen Government, in its dying days, in an effort to win a Montreal seat for Hon. C. C. Ballantyne. The Vickers people had secured the contract a few days before the election, and nothing having been done on it, and the new Government having learned that former Canadian ice-breaker could be bought at a saving of approximately a million dollars, work was ordered to stand over until the Government had been able to investigate the matter.

The investigation culminated in the purchase of the John D. Hazen, an ice-breaker built in Montreal and turned over during the war to the Russian Government, which vessel was lying at Cherbourg, France, for some time. To make sure that the Hazen was in good condition and a good buy, the Government had Lloyds shipping Agency send a representative over to Cherbourg and make a special survey of the vessel. His report was that the ship was as good as new and was worth approximately

£305,000. But the Government found they could buy her for £95,000, so the Vickers deal was off, much to the disappointment of some of the Montreal interests, but the result was a saving to the people of Canada of one million dollars.

There are one or two drydock contracts on the Pacific Coast, let in the pre-election days, which may meet a similar fate if the government finds that they are not necessary and that the expenditures can be averted now.

More By-elections.

Writs for the by-elections in Argenteuil and also in East Kootenay, where the new Minister of Public works, Hon. J. H. King, is to seek election, are expected shortly. There has been some talk of holding the Argenteuil seat open for a week or so to see whether it might serve as a vehicle for Hon. Charles Stewart's entry into parliament, but Mr. Stewart, while he has not yet definitely arranged for a seat in Alberta, has been offered seats in half a dozen Provinces and has not yet made his choice as to where he will stand. The Alberta farmer group have not apparently made up their minds for what they are going to do in the matter and the Minister of the Interior expects to make a statement within a day or two which will clear away all uncertainty as to his intentions in the matter.

Agriculture, as one of the basic industries of the Dominion should be assured of receiving the attention it merits, with the care of two men such as Hon. W. R. Motherwell, who was the father of the Grain Growers' Co-operative movement in the west as minister and Hon. Duncan Marshall of Olds, Alta, as Commissioner of Agriculture. As Minister of Agriculture in Alberta Mr. Marshall was an outstanding success, knowing the agricultural industry from beginning to end, and he is himself a successful farmer and rancher.

The new Commissioner of Agriculture, who is a former Ontario boy, has an international reputation both as a livestock judge and authority

and as a noted speaker on agricultural matters. At the present time he is in Florida doing good work for the Immigration Department and will take over his new duties on his return to Ottawa.

The Minister of Railways, Hon. W. C. Kennedy is on a tour of inspection of the Grand Trunk lines between Quebec and Winnipeg and at the conclusion of his trip will be in a position, it is anticipated, to give the Government some advice which will assist in drawing up a railway policy. The problem of railway operation and administration together with the need of giving the people of the whole Dominion the benefit of the lowest possible freight charges, is one of the most vital which the new Government has to face, and while it is not to be expected that within a few weeks of the time of taking office the Government will be able to come before the country with any policy which will revolutionize the whole railway situation, the matter is being given earnest consideration and all angles of the question are being looked into.

Legislative Forecast.

Already there are indications of some of the legislation which is likely to be forthcoming, though it is yet ahead of the time when the legislative programme can be brought before Cabinet Council for a full discussion of matters there. The Immigration Act is being gone over and it is thought to be more than likely that some changes will be made, and also that a straightforward immigration policy will be laid down by the Government during the session which is to open in a month or so. The matters of immigration and colonization is regarded as an important one, and also one which merits the closest attention, as more people must undoubtedly be brought into the country in order to bring land, presently vacant under cultivation and provide business for some of the thousands of miles of railways with which the people are saddled.

There is no lack of would-be immigrants, it is known, but many of those who seek to come to Canada are not of the type which Canada needs. The question of where to draw the line in immigration is important and is one of which must be solved before the Government can lay down a policy before Parliament.

Legislation covering the re-establishment of soldiers is also bound to follow the sittings of the special parliamentary committee which the Government has announced its intention of appointing shortly after the opening of the session. That committee will have a heavy task ahead of it, but it will be able to profit by much of the work carried out by the members of former committees who have dealt with the problems more or less exhaustively. Veterans' organizations and officials of the departments concerned will all be called upon to outline what they think are necessary changes in the existing legislation and matters such as disposal of surplus canteen funds etc., are expected to be dealt with as the committee sessions continue.

Just what form it will take is yet uncertain, but it is expected also that there will be some legislation which will seek to guard the public against the operations and machinations of combines and monopolies. There was such a measure on the statute books a few years ago, but with the appointment of the Board of Commerce this was wiped out. Then the Board of Commerce died and the public was left without any protection. This feature was touched upon by the present Prime Minister during his election campaign and it is known to have received considerable attention at the hands of various members of the Government since they took office. With Hon. James Murdock, a former commissioner of the Board of Commerce, on hand to advise the other members of the Government as to the protection necessary for the consumer, it is expected that whatever measure is brought in it will give the citizens of Canada sufficient justification to feel that they are no longer at the mercy of profiteers as in the past.

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After seeing Leon Barry as Athos, George Seigmann as Porthos and Eugene Paulette as Aramis the three guardsmen of the King, clear all before them with their swords, one is inclined to feel the seventeenth century when knights were bold and ladies' fair held much more excitement than the automobile age, with our d'Artagnans going forth to battle in six-cylinder machines and aeroplanes. The settings in "The Three Musketeers" must have cost a fortune. In motion picture circles we are so apt to speak of a million or two much as ordinary persons would speak of \$5 that few people are intrigued by the mention of money in connection with films, but "The Three Musketeers" is different.

It is like a genuine diamond compared with glittering glass. The scenes are magnificent without being garish, historically correct without being overdecorative, and the costumes are in keeping with the high tone of the background.

Whether it was Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Knoblock or Mr. Niblo who designed these costumes and settings, or a combination of the three, or an art decorator, we believe he has scored one of the big successes in motion pictures.

"The Three Musketeers" will go into film history as a great picture and in the future, when a director is inspired to make a historical production, he will use the Douglas Fairbanks picture as his goal. We have never seen anything finer than Buckingham's palace.

One tribute to Mr. Fairbank's good judgment in closing, he gave every one of the vital characters—Richelieu, King Louis XIII., Queen Anne, Constance and the three musketeers—every opportunity and sensibly took no chance of spoiling a great story by trying to overbuild his own in-

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Out of the woods they brought me bitter-sweet today.
Orange-red berries on dull branches, thing and gray.
They trudged to me on happy, baby feet,

And asked, "What are these branches mother. Can you say?
They grow just where the woods and pasture meet."
I smiled and answered softly, "Bitter-sweet."

Idid not tell them it was life itself they brought,
Nor could I preach to them the sermon that it taught.

"Tom said, 'I like the berries 'cause they're red!'"

Ruth cried "I like the branches when they're gnarled and caught."
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