

Members Gather At Ottawa For the Session of the House

PARTY CAUCUSES WILL BE HELD

The Speech from the Throne is Being Given Trial Consideration.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—With the opening of parliament less than two days away, preparations for the ceremony are being accelerated. Every train brings in its quota of members, and it is expected by the end of the week that all them members will be here with the notable exception of those from Quebec province, where they are remaining to have a part in the provincial elections, voting for which takes place next Monday.

Party organization, too, is enlivening and caucuses are being arranged. It is announced that the progressives will meet on Wednesday and the Liberals will meet the following morning. Conservative plans will be completed after the arrival of W. A. Boys, K. C., the whip.

It is understood that Robert Forke, the Progressive leader, will have something rather pronounced to say to his colleagues on the question of immigration, and that some official statement on this question may be expected from him shortly.

Another cabinet meeting was held today at which, it is understood, the speech from the throne was given final consideration.

Until March 1 there will be one vacant seat in the House of Commons, that of the late Hon. W. C. Kennedy. The liberal nomination convention in North Essex has been called for Thursday of this week.

It is not expected that any of the cabinet ministers will attend. Three names are already mentioned in connection with the nomination, those of A. F. Haley, who ran the late Mr. Kennedy a close second in the nomination convention of 1917; Major J. C. Tolmie and Mr. MacGregor.

W. J. Hammell, M. P. for Muskoka, who recently left the progressive party to join the Liberals called on George W. Kyte, the government whip this afternoon and had his room and seat allotted him.

LEAVES SCHOOL TO GET MARRIED

London, Jan. 29.—The son of John Berricloth, a fish huckster of Eastbourne, is leaving school, though only 14 years old, because he is to be married within two years. What's more his dad who did the same thing himself when 16 stands by his boy. The father summoned before the magistrates of Eastbourne for not sending his son to school regularly, said defiantly, "You can make an order to send him to school if you like, but I shant send him."

Asked if he believed in early marriages, Berricloth, emphatically replied, "Certainly: I was married myself when I'd just turned sixteen and now at 52 I'm married three times. An early marriage keeps a man straight and helps him on in life."

Neither does Berricloth see any sense in keeping a boy in school after 14. He says that when he was 14 he owned three ponies with carts. The higher education in Berricloth's opinion, is a sheer waste of time.

LOVED WINE LADY, IN JAIL

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—With a hatchet resting across his knees Samuel Doe, Clearfield and Garnet streets sat on the steps of his home and announced that he was waiting for his wife Rose.

Relatives of his wife told her about it. She arrived with a patrolman and Doe was arrested.

"My husband is in love with a woman who had 10 barrels of wine," Mrs. Doe told Magistrate Dorn. "He said that he would visit the lady of the wine until it was gone. He came home only for meals. Then he beat me if I didn't have what he liked."

Doe was sent to the house of correction for six months.

LEADER PALMER MAY HAVE TO WALK THE PLANK

ANOTHER CONVENTION SOON TO BE HELD

A Show Down on the Question of Leadership Will be Demanded.

St. John, Jan. 30.—Dissatisfied with the present position of the party, with its leadership and the general direction in which it is travelling, many of the members and supporters of the provincial opposition party are calling for a new deal, according to current rumors.

It is said that a provincial convention is about to be called to deal with the situation, and that the various constituencies will be invited to send their representatives to St. John probably on or about February 20. At that meeting the matter of leadership, it is reported, will be the chief subject for debate, while political policies will be discussed, and perhaps also matters generally classed under the heading of "practical politics" will receive the attention of the members of the inner circle.

It will be remembered that when Hon. J. B. M. Baxter retired from the Provincial legislature, after serving for one term in that capacity, C. D. Richards, of Fredericton, was selected as "house leader" for the party and fulfilled those duties at the last session. Before the session was over however, another convention had been held and J. D. Palmer, also of Fredericton had been selected as provincial leader in spite of the vigorous opposition of many members of the party.

Since then there have been three by-elections and now another is pending; but so far Mr. Palmer has made no move to take advantage of any of these opportunities to secure a seat in the legislature. This is one of the reasons, it is said, why a show down in the matter of leadership is being demanded.

According to street talk, the St. John members of the party and many others from this section of the province are advancing the claims of L. P. D. Tilley for the office of leader and will vigorously oppose his cause at the coming convention.

PERSONAL.

L. A. Gagnon, Chief Game Warden is in St. John preparing for the fish and game exhibit in St. Malachi's Hall in connection with the Winter Carnival.

Mrs. E. A. Pugsley and R. G. Moore of Moncton are registered at the Barker House.

Mr. R. H. Hayes of Stanley is in the city today.

Heavy Wind Made Weather Bad

A heavy wind which blew Monday night and all day today made the fairly low temperature felt severely. The thermometer did not reach a remarkably low point but the wind was piercing. Drifting of snow occurred in many places. Between South Devon and Marysville the line was filed in to such a depth at one place that their morning train for Newcastle and the suburban which left some minutes afterward were stalled. It finally was necessary to get a plow to clear the line.

Storm Affected the Press.

A heavy storm on the North Shore a few days ago had a serious effect on the Chatham Gazette. The latest issue of that paper contained the following notice: "Owing to the terrific snowstorm three members of our composing staff who live in Douglastown were unable to return to the office this morning—Hence we have to go to press in a somewhat abbreviated fashion."

To Make Representations.

Major J. S. Scott, Lieut. C. R. Hawkins and others went to St. John this morning to present certain cases of returned soldiers in this vicinity before the Central Committee for New Brunswick. William McCormick accompanied them. His case is one in question from this section. There are several others.

Left For Boston.

Mrs. J. T. Astor and child left Monday night for Boston to join Mr. Astor who went there some weeks ago.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FACES A CRISIS

PROPOSED CHANGES THREATEN A SPLIT

Described as Greatest Crisis in History Since the Reformation.

London, Jan. 30.—The Church of England faces what is being called the greatest crisis in its history since the Reformation. The fight which has long been brewing between the high and low church threatens to come to a head over the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer. A bitter conflict between the two factions is looked for when the national convocation of the church meets next week to consider the changes.

Among the sweeping changes proposed are in the prayer for the dead the shortening of six of the Commandments and omission of the use of certain vestments. Also the exhortation of the bridegroom and bride in the marriage service is to be altered in accordance with the softened version of the plain spoken King James text, as first used in the marriage of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles. The word "obey" is to be retained.

The framers of these measures propose that they be incorporated in an alternative prayer book and this will probably split the church. Should their idea be carried out the much wanted uniformity of the Anglican Church service would be destroyed. The use of two prayer books would be grievously confusing to congregations. The Bishop of Exeter says that no such change is lawful unless ordained by the synod of the church.

But the real fight is expected to come over the proposed prayer for the dead. This is likely to result in an open clash between the Anglo-Catholic and Protestant elements in the church a clash which has been foreseen ever since the inception of the famous Oxford reform movement. For a long time it has been the practice of ritualists to invest the service with symbolic ceremonials and to embody elements which are regarded by the low churchmen as smacking too much of Roman Catholic ritual, such as the adoration of the sacrament and the elaboration of vestments.

The London Diocesan Conference recently urged the incorporation in the prayer book of suggestions made by the English Church Union, an organization composed of Anglo-Catholics. It is proposed in the new prayer book to substitute for the present calendar a table of lessons the table containing the names and titles of numerous saints. The Commandments to be shortened are the second, third, fourth, fifth, ninth and tenth. Many new prayers are proposed, including one for industrial peace.

OLDEST SCHOOL BURNS TO GROUND

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Union Academy at Belleville, the oldest educational institution in northern New York and in continuous use as a school for more than a century burned to the ground this morning. The loss of \$50,000 is partly covered by insurance. No children were injured, but one man was badly burned.

NO THREATS TO BURN COLLEGE

Toronto, Jan. 29.—Rev. Father Carr principal of St. Michael's College denied today that there was any truth in the rumor in circulation that the authorities of the college board received a letter or letters threatening the destruction of their building. "No, we have not received any letters," said Father Carr. "We have heard rumors that have come back to us from various quarters, that is all."

MAY GO TO ITALY

London, Jan. 29.—Announcement is made that their Majesties King George and Queen Mary are contemplating a visit to Italy in the spring.

Four Liberals Were Returned Unopposed In Quebec Elections

STEEL INDUSTRY SUFFERS FROM COAL SHORTAGE

Forges and Blast Furnaces in Alsace-Lorraine Compelled to Suspend.

Paris, Jan. 30.—Many forges and blast furnaces in Alsace-Lorraine have suspended because of the cessation of German coke and coal deliveries. A list compiled by the Journal Industriel shows that more than a score of furnaces have been damped down in Lorraine, though in the Saar Basin furnaces have continued blasting consuming locally burned coke. The paper points out that this proves the peril to which the Lorraine steel industry would have been exposed if it had continued to rely upon German good faith in reparations deliveries.

The first provision of the plan drafted by Minister of Public Works Le Trocquer, who has just returned from the Ruhr, concerns assurances of delivery of coal and coke to these industries. No details of the plan, which was evolved in collaboration with French military and engineering chiefs in the Ruhr has been announced but it is said it will be put into effect progressively. Evidently the plan calls for French control from the pithead to the foundry and from coke ovens to furnace because coal hitherto consigned to France has vanished while en route by rail or river and ultimately has reached other parts of Germany or Holland.

Gen. Weygand made a report today to the cabinet on conditions in the Ruhr, which he had just visited. According to the 'Oeuvre', French railwaymen through their federation are ailing for reference of the rail situation in the Ruhr to the league of Nations, asserting that they will be unable to operate the German lines because of unfamiliarity with the system. The paper adds that diminution of traffic on French railways is likely to follow transference of workers to Ruhr duty.

French marines have left Brest to man coal barges on the Ruhr and the Rhine.

It is expected that new measures for a semi-permanent occupation of the Ruhr, following the blanket default decided yesterday by the Reparations Commission, will be ready within a few days.

DINNER OF BOARD OF TRADE TO BE HELD

Committee of Executive in Charge—Chairman and Officers of Standing Committees Selected.

The committees of the Board of Trade met last night and proceeded to organize for the year. After the committees organized the executive met. One of them affairs dealt by it was the annual dinner of the Board which was suggested some time ago. The matter was referred to a committee with power to act. It is probable that the dinner will take place in February.

The transportation committee selected R. L. Phillips as its chairman. The entertainment committee selected W. T. Gerald as chairman.

The Tourist Committee selected the following officers:—Chairman Col. W. J. Osborne; treasurer, H. S. Campbell; Secretary, H. S. Campbell.

In Evangelistic Campaign.

Rev. P. J. Trafton has returned from a three weeks evangelistic campaign at Perth where he assisted Rev. H. S. Mullin. M. S. Trafton of Vancouver is the guest of his brother Rev. P. J. Trafton. Mr. Trafton has been touring California and expects to return to Vancouver the latter part of this week.

CANDIDATES PUT IN NOMINATION

The Premier Promises to Resign if Ten Conservatives are Returned.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—Four candidates all Liberals and supporters of the Taschereau government, were announced by returning officers elected by acclamation at the nominations held today in connection with the provincial general elections, voting in which takes place next Monday February 5. The acclamations announced were: Hon. J. E. Caron, minister, of agriculture, in the Magdalen Islands; A. Leclerc, in Quebec county, and Louis Letourneau, in Quebec East.

Opposition to the official government candidates is expected in the eighty-one remaining seats, though in several cases it is being provided by Liberals who, though describing themselves as independent, will probably support the Taschereau administration on most questions. Thus in five seats two Liberals are running besides Opposition. In each of two seats there are three Liberals in Chambley these Liberals have no opposition.

The Farmers are not running candidates as a party and have men on both sides. The Conservatives predominate in the ranks of the Opposition though in most cases they have styled themselves as followers of Arthur Sauve, leader of the Opposition.

Premier Taschereau will be opposed by Armand Lavergne, the defender of John H. Roberts, editor of the Axe, now serving a year's imprisonment for violating the privileges of members of the Legislature by comments on the Garneau case. Except in the case of Mr. Caron opponents have appeared against the remainder of the members of Mr. Taschereau's government. Labor candidates filed their papers in two Montreal constituencies.

Advices to the Conservative headquarters in Montreal this evening were to the effect that preparations had been made to place Opposition candidates in every constituency in the province.

A Joint Meeting.

Chateau Richer, Que., Jan. 29.—That he would resign his seat in Montmorency county, for which, with Armand Lavergne, he was nominated today, if "there are ten Conservatives elected in the Province of Quebec," was the declaration of Premier Taschereau here today at a controversial meeting in which both nominees spoke. Considerable tumult marked the meeting, and though order was restored several times, the tumult always broke out afresh until the controversial gathering was abandoned and the speakers on both sides held separate meetings.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—Grouped the nominations for the Quebec provincial general elections today show the following approximate figures:

Seats eighty-five
Elected by acclamation (Liberals and government supporters), four.
Liberal candidates, eighty one.
Independent Liberals, twelve.
Conservative or Opposition, eighty.
Independent and Labor, seven.
Authoritative returns were not available to night because some places notably Matapedia, Bonaventure and Temiscouata on the St. Lawrence, and Temiskaming in the north country, could not reach as the wires were down.

WOLVES ALARM THE VILLAGERS

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The appearance of timber wolves on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain, near here for the first time since pioneer days, spread alarm today through the village of Wilmington and the surrounding country. Carl Lawrence, of that village brought down a full grown wolf. Protective measures against depredations of the pack were taken by village authorities.