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## PARLIAMENT.

Although the Canadian Parliament was formally opened yesterday by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, it will not get settled down to business before the early part of next week. Dr. Albert Seigney, M. P. for Dorchester, P. Q., aptly described by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as "the ardent Nationalist," succeeded Hon. Dr. Sproule as Speaker, the latter retiring to the serenity of the Senate Chamber. Mr. Seigney's appointment had been forecasted in despatches from Ottawa, and it did not come as a surprise. If precedent had been followed the appointment would have gone to an English speaking member, but the Borden government cares nothing for precedents when it comes to dealing with the claims of its Nationalist allies. It was the Nationalist leaders of Quebec who put the present government into power, and they are no ways slow in exacting their pound of flesh. Mr. Seigney's appointment gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier an opportunity to make a characteristic play of humor and deft sarcasm at the Government's expense, and he did not allow the opportunity to escape.

The speech from the throne, although brief, is a document of importance, and the sentiment which it breathes is one from which no loyal Canadian will dissent. It refers to the noble part which Canadians are playing in the great world war, praises the valor of the men of the army and navy, and alludes to the splendid loyalty and unflinching devotion of India and the overseas dominions in co-operating with the Mother Country in defence of our great and beloved Empire.

There was much election talk in the air last spring, and the Government press throughout the country, inspired from Ottawa, declared over and over again that the Government would be justified in appealing to the people. Hon. Bob Rogers, the Minister of Elections, in a public address in the city of Montreal, practically threw down the gauntlet to the Liberals. A little later he received a hurry-up call to Winnipeg, but before he reached there the whole country was stunned by the announcement of the resignation of the Manitoba Conservative government, led by Sir R. P. Roblin. Then came the startling disclosures of graft and public robbery in Manitoba. It knocked all the fight out of Rogers and the element in the cabinet which was backing him, and since that time there has been little or no election talk. Now we find the government putting into the mouth of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, these words: "My advisers are of the opinion that the wishes of the Canadian people and the present requirements of the war would be best met by avoiding the distraction and confusion consequent on a general election at so critical a time." The braggadocio of nine months ago has disappeared, and we are told that an

amendment will be sought to the B. N. A. Act extending the life of Parliament for one year. We believe that the Liberals will readily consent to an extension of the parliamentary term, but they will not be doing their duty to the country if they do not exercise the right which belongs to them and turn the searchlight on the war expenditures of last year, and expose the crookedness and rascality which has been rampant in all sections of the country. Whether or not the session just opened is to be a lengthy one depends entirely on the Government, but, long or short, it will be one of the most important in the history of Canada.

The St. John Conservative Club, of which Mr. F. L. Potts is president, recently forwarded a telegram to Sir Robt. L. Borden, Sir Sam Hughes and Hon. J. D. Hazen, expressing appreciation of "your services to the great Conservative party and to this fair Dominion." As the St. John Times points out, it is a case of putting party before country. The "great Conservative party" comes first, and then "this fair Dominion." There are many who seem to think that this great war, so far as Canada is concerned, is being waged for the express benefit of the Conservative party, and have governed themselves accordingly. There has been too much of this sort of patriotism and the country is getting sick of it.

It seems to be very difficult to please the press supporting the Local Government. One paper tells us that the recent convention was dominated by "the same old crowd," which controlled provincial affairs previous to 1908, and another paper complains because members of the "old guard" were conspicuous by their absence.

## METHODIST SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT

Enjoyable Supper and Program in School Room of Church.

The Methodist boys of the 104th Battalion and the 36th Battery were pleasantly entertained in the lecture room of the Methodist church last evening. Through the diligence of the young ladies the room was attractively decorated and the two long tables loaded with tempting viands naturally contributed to the pleasure of the interesting occasion. About 6.30 o'clock Rev. Thomas Marshall took the chair and the military guests occupied alternate chairs on each side of the long table, the others enabling the ladies and officials of the church to look well after the boys. With Prof. Harrison presiding at the piano, grace was sung and then the dinner provided by Mrs. John Kilburn and her associate helpers was tasted and pronounced very good. The young ladies were equal to the occasion and proved to be most active in supplying the desires of their guests. Pastor Marshall addressed the happy gathering and his cheery words had an excellent effect upon all present. He extended a warm welcome to the soldiers and assured them that his parishioners were very desirous of making their stay in Fredericton a happy one. He then called upon Mr. J. J. Weddall, circuit steward, who occupied the vice chair, and he extended a formal welcome to the guests and at the same time gave them the freedom of the church and all its privileges. In response to the chairman's request, Mrs. W. J. Osborne, wife of Major Osborne, who expects to leave England in a few days for the firing line, and also mother of Capt. H. P. Osborne of the 104th Battalion, made a graceful address and won the hearts of all the soldier boys. While there was no formal program it seemed that anybody present was liable to be called to the front by the ever-ready presiding officer. Mrs. John Kilburn modestly responded to the call. Rev. J. J. Colter, who is a favorite with the military, gave a fine address which was greatly enjoyed by the boys. Mr. G. N. C. Hawkins, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, who

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## FREDERICTON BOY IN NEW GLASGOW, N. S.

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Mr. F. R. Clayden's new drug store in Trenton is certainly one of the finest in the province of Nova Scotia. This splendid building is located on corner of Main and Pleasant streets, directly opposite the Steel Works office. It is a two storey building and the two large plate-glass windows command a fine view of the business section of this thriving town. The building, which is of brick, is a splendid piece of architectural work, and reflects much credit upon Mr. Garnet McKay, of Stellarton, under whose skillful and competent supervision the work was carried out. The interior of the store is nicely finished in polished oak. Several large store fixtures are well arranged and the entire premises present a refined and attractive appearance. At the rear of the store is an up-to-date dispensary where all prescriptions are compounded by expert hands. Seven large 200 candle-power nitrogen electric lamps flood the store with an abundance of pure white light. The lamps were installed by the Pictou County Electric Co., so it is therefore needless to say that the work was well done. Mr. Clayden, the proprietor, is a native of Fredericton, N. B., as is also Mr. Frank Bowlen, his assistant. In order to keep up with the ever-increasing volume of business it has lately been found necessary to secure additional help, and so Mr. Harry Dobson, of Trenton, has taken a position with the popular pharmacy. Close attention to business, coupled with courtesy and fair treatment of customers is the secret of Mr. F. R. Clayden's success.

## 36TH BATTERY

(Continued from page eight.) Its had been enlisted here for the Canadian forces. The last two recruits were Benson Fanning, 22, of Lower Wakefield; Roy B. Reid, 23, of Upham.

Private Fanning is for the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers in garrison at Halifax. Private Reid is for the 104th Battalion.

A. Whitlock, C. H. Mowatt and W. H. Styra went to Sussex to join the 104th; W. J. Eddington, sr., and W. J. Eddington, jr., went to St. John last night to join the 10th Siege Battery. H. Melton went to Sussex to join the 104th.

## SHOCKING TRAGEDY

(Continued from Page One.) house when the tragedy occurred, but escaped by the windows.

The first story which came to the city this morning stated that the woman had been killed with a pick-axe, which the infuriated husband had driven into her neck.

A later story stated that the woman was struck with the pick after being shot. . . . Bartholomew is about forty years of age and settled at Minto about four years ago, and taking up the work of a miner.

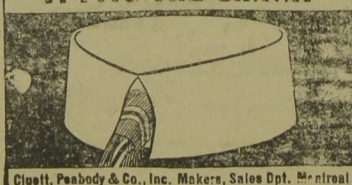
His wife was about the same age.

has a son at the front, made some good points and was gladly listened to. Several other addresses were delivered and Mr. C. A. Sampson proposed the toast, "The boys in khaki," which was responded to by Sgt. R. W. Gregory, who for more than fifty years has been serving his king and country.

The absence of Capt. and Adj. H. P. Osborne, who found it impossible to be present, was regretted.

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