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AN ELECTION IMMINENT.

In Parliament yesterday Sir Robert Borden made his motion for the extension of the life of Parliament for one year from October next. Contrary to the expectations of the Tories, the Liberals lined up against it almost to a man, and after a spirited debate it carried by the majority of twenty, which is the smallest the government has had on an important division during its term of office. In moving his resolution, Sir Robert Borden stated that if it met with opposition it would not be pressed, which means that it will not be forwarded to the Imperial Parliament. The life of the present Parliament expires on October 7th, and yesterday's vote in the House of Commons means that Canada is in for a war time election within three months.

The Tory papers, which have been telling their readers during the past week that a union cabinet was to be formed, will now have to change their tune. They were no doubt hopeful that some "loyal Liberals," as they called them, would come to the rescue of the moribund government and help to prolong its life, but in this they have been disappointed. As Mr. Pardee, the chief Liberal whip, pointed out in his speech there can be no coalition "in view of the different and conflicting elements on both sides of the House." This effectively knocks in the head all prospects of a union or coalition government. An election is imminent and Sir Robert Borden must appeal to the record of his government and stand or fall by it.

The bungling and incompetency of the Borden government has undoubtedly brought Canada face to face with the most serious situation it has had to deal with since Confederation. Much of the trouble could have been averted had Sir Robert Borden formed a National government at the beginning of the war. The ablest men on both sides should have been called to the councils of the nation, and all matters having to do with the war should have been dealt with in a non-partisan manner. Sir Robert and his government chose the opposite course, and the country has paid dearly for it, in more ways than one.

The Liberals, in opposing an extension of the present parliament, adopted the proper course. The present parliament has outlived its usefulness and is no longer representative of the people, and the atmosphere can only be cleared by an appeal to the country.

LEARN TO SWIM.

As the Cleveland Plain Dealer truthfully says, we cannot all fly, and even the fortunate who can may get little of genuine pleasure from the practice. Roaring engines and whirling propellers deafen them, and a stinging spray of oil blinds their goggled, smarting eyes to the beauty of what lies below. They do not soar like birds. They see the country, not as those who ride leisurely in top buggies, but rather as do those who profane the quiet countryside in sporting racing cars. If we would share, in some small measure, the pleasures of the birds, the water, not the air, must serve our turn. And swimming is the nearest thing to flying that men can hope to learn, a substitute indeed which is not to be despised. There is the purest of sense pleasures in the feel of clear, cool water, a freedom of motion, a sheer delight in muscular exertion which one may not know on land. You enter the water gingerly, shocked a little by the cold splash on your ankles. You wade in, delicately an Agag walked, plunging your wrists into the water and dashing it upon your head and shoulders. As the bottom falls away you rub your stomach vigorously, Indian fashion, as a preventive of dreaded cramps, and then, your courage revived, you duck completely and rise, splutteringly, to find the world is yours.

Those on the beach who do not know the wonders of the lake, believe you swim. In truth you fly. You start out with old-fashioned breast stroke, sailor fashion, turn on your side for increased speed, practice at will the trudgeon and the crawl, whirl round and round, splashing lustily. You know an utter freedom which ends

only when your toes touch the sand. Swimming, you are as the bird, master of a fluid element. You do not sing, rather you grunt lustily as you expel your breath after each strenuous kick, but you would carol cheerily if you had wind enough.

There is no exercise like swimming. The breast stroke builds the arm and shoulder muscles; the forward thrust is guaranteed to develop those back muscles which cure the scholar's stoop and the scissors kick of the side stroke will do more for the legs than all the gymnasium tricks yet invented. And when one's wind, grown short in office chair, or work bench, is spent, you turn upon your back and rock, as in a cradle, looking at the sky. You come out in cool comfort; you have an appetite and you will sleep that night.

Some important changes in the British cabinet are announced in a London cable. Sir Edward Carson, First Lord of the Admiralty, has retired and is succeeded by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, who has been director general of munitions supply. Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, a former First Lord of the Admiralty, who has been serving in France, succeeds Dr. Christopher Addison as Minister of Munitions. The new Secretary of State for India is Mr. Ewen Samuel Montague, who succeeds Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who lately retired because of the Mesopotamia report.

Through Our Sieve

Really the iceman is a-niceman.

Ice is one thing that just now is as good as it's cracked up to be.

Keep the home fires burning; keep the jam spoon turning.

Should Fortune with a smiling face strawberries on our way—

What is the best red dye for green tomatoes?

If Holland is really hungry she might eat her food instead of sending it into Germany.

When his subjects ask for food all the Kaiser can answer is: "Cheer up, the wurst is yet to come!"

An amateur gardener wants to know how he can tell when his potatoes are ripe enough to dig. Is there a potato hound to attend to this?

The Austrians could not get across the names of the rivers on the eastern front quick enough when the Russians started that new drive.

A man is no patriot who refuses to enlist for fear he will have to wear some of the socks he sees the women knitting.

French girls in their enthusiasm are kissing American soldiers. The baldheads are pained to be reminded that they are past the age limit.

Has Joined Navy.

Leo John Chambers, aged 23, of Marysville, left St. John Tuesday for Halifax to join the H.M.C.S. Niobe. He enlisted at St. John.

Garrison Sergeant Major.

Sergeant-Major Warren, R. C. R., has been detailed to act as garrison sergeant major during the period of his term of instruction in St. John.

Draft for Valcartier.

Another draft of fifty men is to be sent to Valcartier tomorrow night by the 236th Highlanders Depot.

236TH PIPERS THROUGH BOSTON

(Boston Globe, Monday.)

Swelled by the recruits obtained in Boston, so that it is now the largest bagpipe organization in America, the famous band of the New Brunswick Kilts paid a visit to this city yesterday before departing to New York, where it will open a campaign to stimulate recruiting for the British forces in general.

Accompanying the band was the battalion commander, Col. Percy A. Guthrie, who has recently returned from Valcartier Camp, Que., where the Kilts are putting the finishing touch on their training for active service.

Col. Guthrie declared that the Boston recruits are so anxious to catch up with the men in the battalion who had had previous training that they voluntarily asked for an extra hour's drill every evening.

Mr. W. B. Bishop of Montreal, is at the Queen.

RETIREMENT

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and he has been desirous for some time of retiring to the Bench.

It also is reported that Hon. Mr. Hazen may go to the Supreme Court of Canada and not to the New Brunswick Bench.

FINAL REPORT OF WETMORE COMMISSION

Finds That There Were Frauds in Connection With the Highways Branch in Saskatchewan.

Regina, Sask., July 19.—The Wetmore royal commission, which has been investigating the highways branch of the provincial government, has issued its final report and submitted it to the government.

Referring to the Brown frauds, the commissioner states that there was no evidence that such frauds were started for campaign funds, or that any part of the proceeds were applied any such purpose. So far as the proceeds of the fraudulent checks received and retained by Lindsay are concerned, the commissioner finds the evidence does not warrant coming to any other conclusion than that they were appropriated to his own private purposes. The commissioners censure Mr. McPherson for acting in the dual capacity as chairman of the Highways board and share holder in the contracting company, but state that neither the minister, Mr. Carpenter, and acting chairman, nor any other official of the government was aware that the time or until some time after the claims had been adjusted, that Mr. McPherson was a shareholder of the company.

MANY MOTOR PARTIES ARRIVE

The fine weather yesterday brought a number of motorists to Fredericton.

Miss Lena Doherty, Mr. F. J. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Best arrived by car yesterday and are at the Barker House.

Mr. H. C. Wright of Minto, Mr. W. A. Wiley of Chipman, were at the Barker House last night coming by motor. They returned this morning.

Messrs. E. G. Horne and L. A. Flewelling arrived yesterday from St. John by motor.

Mr. C. F. Hagermon of Houlton, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Allen of Oldtown, Me., arrived by car last night. They are at the Barker House.

Mrs. Thomas Cozzolino, of Sydney, and Mr. J. A. Gillis of Halifax arrived this morning by motor and are registered at the Queen.

Mr. Edward V. McGuire of New York and Mr. Thomas B. Reynolds of St. John came here from St. John yesterday and registered at the Queen. They returned this morning.

On Motor Tour.

Mr. W. A. McMillan, of Oklahoma, who is on a tour of the Maritime Provinces, arrived here yesterday, registering at the Barker House. He left for Chatham this morning.

Can Solemnize Marriages.

Rev. James W. Howe of Oromocto, and Rev. Desire T. Allain of Buctouche have been registered under provincial statute to solemnize marriages.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	124
C. P. R.....	162
Crucible steel.....	79
Erie.....	24
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	85
Union Pac.....	136
U. S. Steel.....	121
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	42
Marine Com.....	30
Reading.....	97
Rubber.....	58 1/2
Studebaker.....	56
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

MONTREAL

Civic.....	76
Detroit.....	109
Quebec.....	19
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	39 1/2
Cement.....	60 1/2
Iron.....	61
Steel Co.....	55
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	1-2
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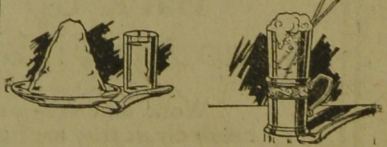
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