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THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY CONDEMNED

Mr. E. M. MacDonald of Pictou in a Slashing Speech Exposes the Short Comings of the Administration--Inefficiency, Incompetency, Graft and Favoriteism Charged--Mr. W. S. Loggie Supports the Conscription Bill.

Ottawa, July 4. — That the resort to conscription was the government's method of seeking to cover up its own sins of omission and commission and was not necessary because of any real Canada to measure up to the full failure on the part of the people of requirements of war needs, was the gravamen of a strong indictment against the Borden administration presented to parliament today by E. M. MacDonald of Pictou.

Mr. MacDonald's contribution to the conscription debate was probably the most plain spoken and smashing general attack on governmental "weakness, inefficiency and incompetency" yet delivered by any of the opponents of the conscription bill. He reviewed the whole record of lethargic war administration, pointed to the things which had been done badly, charged graft, political favoritism, lack of proper organization and mobilization of the national resources to meet war conditions, declared that the conditions of the conscription bill itself exempted the rich and bore heavily upon the poor, and drew the conclusion that the remedy for the falling off in recruiting lay rather in a change of administrative methods and the restoration of public confidence in governmental leadership.

W. S. Loggie Favors Bill.

Adoption of a different attitude with regard to conscription, although at the same time not mincing in his criticism of the government's mistakes in handling recruiting and war organization generally, W. S. Loggie, a New Brunswick Liberal, with two sons and a daughter at the front, advanced one appealing plea for the bill. He quoted a sentence from a letter written by his soldier son to his sister, a nurse in France:

"What is the news regarding conscription and coalition? I am strong for conscription myself. What does father think if it?"

"That settled the issue for me," continued Mr. Loggie.

Two of the French-speaking members who spoke today came out frankly on the Canada-has-done-enough platform. Roch Lanctot, speaking from the Liberal side, protested against "driving Canada into bankruptcy for the sake of England." He made one unique suggestion, namely, that the wealth of all millionaires who favored conscription should be conscripted, leaving them a mere pittance of \$100,000 to get along on. Millionaires who did not favor conscription, said Mr. Lanctot, might be exempted.

STEPS TOWARD RACE CIRCUIT

Park Association Directors Appoint Committee—St. John, Moncton and Chatham May Come In.

The directors of the Fredericton Park Association met last night and took the first step toward forming a Provincial harness racing circuit for August. A committee composed of Messrs. Hugh O'Neill, W. B. Lint and T. V. Monahan was appointed to take up the matter of forming a circuit. It is expected that St. John, Moncton and Chatham will come in to form a circuit which will fill in the month of August and the early part of September, making it possible for the horsemen racing in New Brunswick to go direct to Halifax for the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition races.

Local horsemen are commenting on the fact that Vanza, the mare trained here by Pat Doherty of Sydney, took a mark of 2.15½ in the 2.30 mixed pace at Houlton yesterday with McMannion driving. This is a pretty high mark for the first race of the season.

TORPEDO BOAT BLOWN UP

Petrograde, July 5. — Tripid, a Russian torpedo boat of an old type, was blown up by a mine in the Black Sea on June 30, according to an official statement made today.

That would test the loyalty of the rich who were shouting for conscription.

Joseph A. Descaries, speaking from the Conservative side in support of the Barrette amendment to kill the bill put up the new argument that it was ultra vires for the dominion parliament to pass the conscription measure since the British North America Act gave no authority to the Canadian government to conscript subjects of Canada for service in Europe.

What of Daylight Saving?

Hon. Wm. Pugsley in the house this afternoon, asked Sir George Foster what the government's proposals were regarding the daylight saving bill which has been given a first reading, and he thought that if it was to become effective this summer progress would have to be made at once. "The bill is not proceeding as rapidly as the summer," he said.

Sir George Foster replied that the debate on the military service bill had precedence and the daylight saving bill would follow in the wake of that measure.

E. M. MacDonald of Pictou, continued the debate on the conscription bill. He said that we should have two objects in view. One was to give our best energies so that we would play our part against the military despotism in Germany and second that we should keep peace at home and prevent discord.

Mr. MacDonald declared that all the forces of the country should have been mobilized long ago. He said the government should long ago have conferred with Great Britain and France as to what our part in the war should be, and to the best services we should render. Arrangements should have been made for transportation and for building ships. There should have been a conference with the Allies as to the number of men we should furnish, having regard to our population and needs of the men at the front.

Mr. MacDonald blamed the premier for delays in these matters. As a result today we were not giving full service and the recruiting response was not as enthusiastic as it otherwise would have been. Instead there had been a succession of hysteria. There was the machine gun hysteria. Then there was an hysteria over elections, three times there was evidence of elections. The ballot boxes were sent to England and arrangements made for voting.

The premier had looked at things from a political standpoint. Now he says, "forget politics."

A. G. TURNEY IN BOSTON

Provincial Horticulturist Investigating the Strawberry Market There—Crop This Week.

Mr. A. G. Turney, Provincial Horticulturist, who returned from Montreal early in the week, after spending some days there investigating conditions relating to the marketing of strawberries is now in Boston on the same errand. It is probable that the Boston market will take the bulk of the strawberry crop of New Brunswick, which promises to be a record one.

The Strawberry Crop.

The fine weather of the past few days has been of great benefit to the strawberry crop. The berries are ripening fast and will be on the market before the end of the week. Already quite a number have been gathered in local gardens. The crop promises to be a record one.

U.S. TRANSPORT LENT A HAND

Lisbon, July 5. — An American transport joined in the firing at the German submarine which bombarded Ponta Delgada, the Azores, today, says an official announcement by the Portuguese minister of marine. The transport which was discharging coal, aided the land batteries in forcing the submarine to withdraw out of range. The announcement says that the submarine is still off the port.

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matter of the unsuccessful salmon fishing above tidal waters in the St. John river during the present season on account of the summer freshet. He moved seconded by Coun. Manuel, the adoption of a resolution that a petition be forwarded to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to the effect that fishermen be permitted to put their nets out continuously until the end of the season instead of merely for a fortnight of each month. Carried.

Coun. Everett pointed out that by the time the resolution would reach the minister the salmon fishing season would be over.

Coun. Brewer replied that it was hoped to get the necessary permission for the latter part of the season.

The council then adjourned.

SOLDIER SHOT AT ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., July 5.—In a thick fog which enshrouded the Fort Howe magazine last night, once Corporal W. S. Hamm in charge of the guard there approached Private Arsenault, the sentry in a skylarking spirit and disobeyed the halt order. He ran away, calling out, "You can't get me now." Arsenault, not knowing Hamm, fired and he fell mortally wounded. He died early yesterday. Arsenault is under arrest. Hamm exonerated him.

SINN FEINER MAKES THREATS

London July 5.—Darrell Figgis, one of the prominent Sinn Feiners lately released from prison, said in a speech at Killaloe, Ireland, that steps to achieve Irish independence were being thought out and that the full policy would be disclosed at the proper time. Meantime, he said, the Sinn Feiners would not be idle. They would appoint a constituent assembly and appeal to the peace conference.

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