

# Cabinet Reconstruction Is Talked of at Ottawa

**Sir Robert Borden May Become a Member of the Imperial Privy Council--Hon. Bob Rogers May Soon Quit the Ship and be Succeeded as Western Leader by Hon. Meaghen--R. B. Bennett May Then Come in.**

(By H. F. Gadsby.)  
Ottawa, May 3.—Corridor gossip occupies itself with strange matters these days. No doubt much of it is wild speculation, but on the other hand, there is no doubt that the wildest speculation has a substratum of fact. Most of the gossip is based on hints which have appeared from time to time in the Tory press as to what the Borden Government might do if the Opposition squeezed it too hard.

One of the threats is a reconstructed government. Reconstructions are always great sport for the reconstructors and this one is no exception to the rule. Every reconstruction that fancy can suggest has been put forward by the cabinet makers during the last two weeks. Most of the reconstructions let Premier Borden out.

**Canadian Law Lord.**  
Sir Robert is to become Canadian law lord on the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council—that is to say, the cabinet makers have picked out that job for him. Some of the more liberal-minded Conservatives say that Sir Robert put his foot in it in his Manchester speech, in which he outlined a sort of preferential trade among the Entente Allies—in short, the programme drafted at the trade conference in Paris. The chief trouble with this is that the United States has since come into the war as an ally, and no readjustment could contemplate keeping Uncle Sam out.

Another statesman who is booked by the rumor-mongers for retirement is the Hon. Bob Rogers—that is to say, if he will let himself be retired. As he is said to have the Federal campaign fund in his own name he may take a lot of convincing. There is a brisk division of opinion in the party in regard to the Hon. Bob's possible withdrawal from the affairs of the Government. Some say that if Bob goes he takes all the "pep" with him. Others say that if he goes a heavy load goes.

**Tastes Are Peculiar.**  
Meanwhile Bob's own party newspapers refrain from defending him, and his name is not put forward in the campaign literature. Stagnely enough the person who is mentioned as his successor in the affections of the West is Arthur Meaghen, at present Solicitor-General. One would think that Arthur would be about as popular in the West as a dozen lemons, but there's no accounting for tastes. The Hon. Bob is by way of being real folks, but Arthur is a knife-edge.

In fact, Arthur lets the hair-splitting habit run away with him. His latest feat of overplaying a fine point was when he argued that the Government couldn't get out of its Ross Rifle contract when, at the very same time, Sir Charles Ross was protesting that he didn't want to stick to any contract that was not beneficial to the Empire. Such is Arthur Meaghen, who is booked by the cabinet reconstructors to fill Bob's shoes in the West. Arthur is to become Minister of Justice, vice Doherty resigned—R. B. Bennett being slated for Solicitor General. The Hon. Bob is to be High Commissioner at London, if he will take it. It is felt that he could do work over there, handling the ballots which are now stacked up in the High Commissioner's

office against the day the British Government will permit a Canadian general election at the battle front. If an election disturbs the attention of the fighting man from his real job it might be possible to mark the ballots in London, and save the soldiers the trouble.

**Cochrane May Quit.**  
Rumor has also picked out the Hon. Frank Cochrane for the seclusion of private life. The Hon. Frank is no addition to the debating strength of the Government—in fact he is as dumb as an oyster—and the party is kicking because this office Napoleon has no gift of eloquence. With a thing as hard as his connection with the Nickel Trust to explain it is felt that Mr. Cochrane ought to cut loose and explain or get out. Sir Harry Drayton, chairman of the Railway Commission, is said to be the party choice for the portfolio of Railways and Canals.

It is said that Dr. Roche would be willing to quit if he could get a place in the Senate, and he will probably get his wish, because the Conservative majority of two in the Senate is just now very precarious. Only last week two Conservative senators died and the majority disappeared. More senators must be appointed if the off-again on-again habit of the Conservative majority in the Red Chamber is to be overcome.

**Burrell May Go.**  
The Hon. Mr. Burrell is willing to quit, too. All he wants is to be postmaster at Ottawa. He likes the society here, the golfing and the tango teas, and would trade ambition for a pleasant life almost any day. Rumor does not say who would take his place from British Columbia—perhaps Mr. Green, who is known to fame as the man who looks like Sir William Mackenzie. The cabinet reconstructors also intimate that Mr. Crothers would make a good High Court Judge and that a real labor man as Minister of Labor would do better work in that department and inspire greater confidence in the masses than a corporation lawyer.

But if Premier Borden drops out, who? Well, the wise ones say Sir Thomas White, with perhaps Mr. J. W. Flavelle, his idus Acates, as Minister of Finance. Can you beat it? Imagine how the high cost of living would moan with Mr. Flavelle arranging the tariff! The Nationalist alliance is to be maintained. Not only maintained but strengthened. The Government believes that it has a prodigy in young Mr. Seigny—an infant phenomenon not second even to Vincent Crummies.

**To Be Disfranchised.**  
Another story, which shows how desperately the wind blows for the Borden Government, is to the effect that alien enemies in Canada who cannot read or write are to be denaturalized and deprived of their votes. This is to be an offset against the four hundred thousand brave men who are overseas fighting for our freedom, and whose votes the Borden Government has now discovered cannot be taken, because three-quarters of them would be cast against the Government of a thousand scandals. This measure, so the gossips say, will be put through, if necessary, under closure.

This story is hardly worth crediting, because any such measure of disfranchisement would wipe out what little there is left of the Conservative party in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is only mentioned here to show what sad, bad, mad thoughts get into the heads of people when they are staring defeat in the face.

**What About Extension?**  
Gossip revolves about a third matter—extension. Will the Government accept the counsel of some of its more pig-headed advisers and try, in defiance of the British North America Act, custom, precedent, good taste and common decency, to extend its own life by making use of its majority of forty-seven in the House of Commons and its present majority of one in the Senate, or will it take its medicine at a

general election? The latter, I think, a Government cannot prolong its own life indefinitely. Sooner or later it has to get back to democratic principles—the people have got to vote. Even in Great Britain the latest extension takes the Government only to November. The Borden Government has an extension which is valid until October. Some of its best friends are saying that that ought to be long enough. Its profiteering friends will have got all there is out of the war by that time. Why, then, linger superfluous?

## A WISE SELECTION.

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## MEXICANS KILLED IN A SHAM BATTLE

Mexico City, May 7.—Several persons have been killed and about one hundred injured as the result of a sham battle in which 14,000 school boys took part yesterday. The battle was the closing act of the week's festivities in honor of the inauguration of President Carranza and the celebration of the great national holiday of May 5, in memory of the defeat of the French in 1862. One of those killed, was a Red Cross nurse. The accidental mixing of ball cartridges with blanks is believed to have been responsible for the tragedy.

## MANY CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, May 7.—Noon casualties roll of 281 names lists 136 as killed in action, four died of wounds, 53 missing, 77 wounded and six previously reported missing, who have since rejoined their units. The total of casualties since Easter is now 15,076.

**Infantry—**  
Killed in action—A. Grierson, Kentville, N. S.  
**Mounted Rifles—**  
Reported wounded, April 22, Private Donald Stewart, Taymouth, N. S.

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The Germans are frantically bombarding Rheims again. This is a sign of a retirement. Every time the Germans get a setback they whirl in and win another military victory over that cathedral.

Flour is now many laps ahead of sugar in the high jump championship.

# The Great Importance of Prohibition!



**Hon. Nicholas Iserguine**  
Inspector of State Savings Banks of Russian Empire states, in regard to effect of Prohibition:  
"We have about doubled in less than three years the amount accumulated in seventy-three years previous to the outbreak of the war, for our State banks are about seventy-five years old."

**Former Attor.-Gen. Baxter**  
in introducing the Prohibition Act said: "I do not think that I need discuss the question of whether Prohibition prohibits. That depends upon you and me. If those in the community who hold the moral forces under their particular care—if they do their duty—if they let petty things go and if they stand back of the men who live under the law and persistently and insistently urge these men to respect the law—for without respect the law becomes of no value whatever—to respect this law as they would any other law, if the moral and social leaders of our country will but rise to the occasion and do their duty, there is no fear but that a prohibitory law, like any other law, can be enforced within the Province of New Brunswick."

**Premier Foster**  
as leader of the Opposition, in speaking of Prohibition said: "That in his opinion the Temperance question is not a question of party politics. Prohibition, after all, affects everyone directly or indirectly and is therefore too big and broad a matter to be dealt with politically. The law is to-day on the Statute Books, and if we are returned to power when May 1st comes the Prohibition bill will be put into effect, and we will enforce it as far as it lies in our power to do so."

In these critical days when governing bodies the world over are imploring everyone to increase production of food, when our armies are crying for men, munitions, ships—when every resource, however small, is a vital asset—waste is intolerable.

New Brunswick stands second to none in her loyalty to the vital cause of the Empire. Of her sacrifices of precious boys, her wealth and resources she is justly proud. With effective Prohibition laws in force throughout the province, she will tolerate no waste due to lax enforcement of Prohibition. Her resolve, however, demands a united public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement.

## Help to Enforce Prohibition

The "PIONEER" (published in Toronto) is authority for the statement that in Canada the total value of foodstuffs destroyed by the liquor traffic in 1916 was approximately \$4,244,090.22. Add to this the immense loss of transportation facilities, clogged and hindered by carrying the grain to destruction, and again conveying the product of the breweries and distilleries to make precious men less efficient in this solemn hour!

## Russia—

Some idea of the enormous effect of Prohibition is afforded by the wonderful example of Russia. The whole country is "bone dry." The people declare they never will backslide to vodka. In spite of the fact that millions of producers have been in the army the savings of the people enormously increased. In 1912 and 1913 they were saving, per year, about \$20,000,000. In the first five months under Prohibition they saved \$60,000,000. In 1915 the banks took in \$265,000,000. For the first half of 1916, the Russian people saved \$300,000,000!

The shortage of revenue from the tax on vodka is gradually being made up by increase in other revenue, due to the savings and greater efficiency of the people. In spite of the ravages of war there is less begging and misery. "With vodka on her back, she could never

have held the Germans back. Russia has helped to save Europe."

On May 1st 1917, the putting into effect of the Prohibitory Act in New Brunswick placed in our hands a powerful instrument. The success of Prohibition depends upon our use of the instrument, just the same as success in battle depends upon the general's intelligent, vigorous use of his forces.

No matter where you live, whether your district is under the Canada Temperance Act or under the new Prohibitory Act, you are urged to use every legitimate means within your power of support and aid the officers of the law in their sworn duty of enforcement.

Use your influence to build up such a weight of public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement of both the Scott Act and the Prohibitory Act that the success of Province-wide Prohibition will be permanent.

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whether the cigar you smoke has been thoroughly cured and matured.

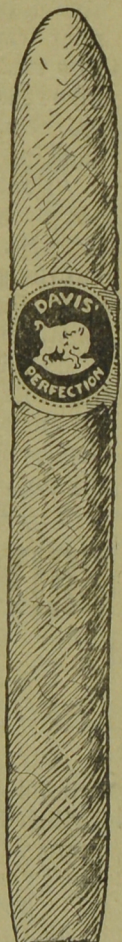
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