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## SIFTON AND CONSCRIPTION.

In the course of a speech delivered at Chatham, Ont., a few days ago, Dr. Neely, M. P. for Humboldt, was able to show that Sir Clifford Sifton had made a right-about-face on the question of conscription since June last. Here is the way the doctor stated the case:

"I am making a statement here today which this country will hear for the first time. I am taking this opportunity of making it because I do not want my words to have the protection of Parliament. I want to say this, that since the first week in June Sir Clifford Sifton has had a right-about-face on this question of conscription. One day early in June I met Sir Clifford on the street in Ottawa, and he called me into his office because he had heard that several Liberals were going to oppose their leader on the Conscription Bill. He talked to me for an hour and a half, and strongly advised me against any such action. His last injunction to me was to go and round up the boys and try to dissuade them from voting against Laurier.

"Doctor," he said, "my boys are in the trenches. They have gone to the front like the others. But let me tell you this, that while we need men over there, this bill of Borden's will be the worst thing that could possibly happen to the country at the present time. We have spent fifty years in trying to build up a united Canada. This will spoil everything. It would take all the forces that we have in Canada just now to enforce conscription in Quebec. If it is practical results you want, you will get more recruits from Quebec under Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership than you will ever get from Borden. Borden has alienated the people of that province, and they will not trust him."

Dr. Neely continued:

"I am not asking you to accept this statement on my word alone. There are others who will substantiate what I have said. I will mention the names of two men, one of whom, at least, you all know well. They are William Charlton, M. P. for Norfolk, and William Power, of Quebec city. These men told me that before the second reading of the bill Sifton had approached them and expressed views similar to those which I have just outlined. Why, then, Sir Clifford Sifton's change of front? Why his letter to Senator Bostock? Why his trip to Western Canada? These are questions which he must answer and explain. He has never explained them to me from that time to this. I am sure that his reasons cannot be very patriotic, because his expressed opinions when he spoke to me in that first week of June were clearly that. Let him explain himself now."

Although Sir Clifford Sifton in a published interview has denied Dr. Neely's statements, they have been corroborated by Mr. W. A. Charlton, M. P. for Norfolk, Ont., and Mr. Wm. Power, M. P. for Quebec West. The latter has issued a statement over his own signature in which he says that the statements of Dr. Neely are quite justified.

Hon. Charles Macell, writing in the Montreal Herald, says: "There is a sensible man in the Tory ranks in British Columbia. His name is Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. He has long been in public life and comes of a family of politicians. Sir Hibbert states that the next election should be fought out on party lines. He knows whereof he talks. No other contest is possible in this country in the interest of the country itself. Attempts which have been made off and on in Canada to form third parties have all signally failed. There must be two parties in parliament—one in office and one in opposition. All other schemes are doomed to failure. If a member is not with the government he is reckoned against it, and vice versa."

Cornwall Freeholder: Is this a time to fling away millions into the bottomless pit of the Canadian Northern? From one end of Canada to the other is heard the appeal of the government to save; every newspaper is telling householders to reduce their living ex-

penses and invest their savings in war securities to help win the war. This is good advice, sensible advice, but what inducement is there for the average man to save dollars when the government throws away millions? It is saving with a teaspoon and wasting with a scoop shovel.

The Right Hon. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, made the statement this week in a public address that without the financial assistance of the United States the Allied Nations would have been in disastrous straits today. This ought to make the fervid Tory loyalists who went about Canada six years ago preaching the doctrine of "no truck or trade with the Yankees," feel kind of cheap.

The tragic death at Sussex of Mr. C. W. McDougall, provincial dairy superintendent, has occasioned much regret throughout the province. The deceased was a most capable official and was performing a most valuable work for the province in connection with the dairying and live stock industry. His death creates a vacancy which will not be easily filled.

## Through Our Sieve

Exhibition days—but not here.

This "eat less meat" propaganda is admirably aided by the price.

Don't bet on a sure thing unless you get the right odds.

About the oldest thing in the world is love's young dream.

"Italia Irredenta" makes a better slogan every passing hour.

In trench warfare it isn't until a soldier gets to the front that he finds himself in a hole.

A pessimist is a man who bets that if we were having an exhibition here this fall the weather wouldn't be half so nice.

When a policeman hears a girl scream after dark he doesn't know whether she is being kissed or only assassinated.

Prodigal sons who return now must be satisfied with cheaper cuts from the old worn-out steer. The veal must be conserved.

The Germans intended to write the name "Verdun" on their battle monuments; they'll write it on their tombstones.

Efficiency gets a hard blow when it is recalled that the German soldiers marched out three years ago with extra suspender buttons sewed on their trousers to conquer the enemy.

## GIVES CREDIT TO LLOYD GEORGE

New York, Sept. 12.—The Tribune today publishes a despatch from its correspondent in London under yesterday's date, in which the text of an interview with Lord French, in the Paris Journal, it is stated:

"On the anniversary of the Battle of the Marne, in which he astonished Britain by praising Lloyd George as the man who accomplished in a few months what Lord French says Kitchener declared it would take eight years to do, was received here today. The frankness with which the former commander in chief discussed the mistakes of Great Britain in the early days of the war has produced a lively controversy."

## CAPT. BERNIER BACK AGAIN

Quebec, Sept. 12.—The steam schooner Guide, under Captain Joseph Bernier of this city, the noted far north explorer, has been reported to-day off Point Arthur, Labrador coast, and will be here within five days. Captain Bernier is now returning from his fifth cruise in the frozen polar regions and during this, his latest trip to the north, his wife died here. It is probable that Captain Bernier knows nothing yet of this sad occurrence. He sailed two years ago.

## STRIKE "SIEGE" IN PORTUGAL.

Madrid, Sept. 13.—Portugal has been declared in a state of siege, according to a telegram received here from Lisbon, on account of a general strike. All establishments in the Portuguese capital have been closed. Several persons, including a number of soldiers, have been wounded by the explosion of bombs.

## On Motor Boat Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of St. John, arrived by motor boat yesterday.

## COTTON MILL TO PAY BONUS IN NEAR FUTURE

Memorial Service at Marysville Reformed Baptist Church Next Sunday for Late Sapper W. Cain.

Marysville, Sept. 13.—The funeral of the late Samuel Bird took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. Service was conducted at the home by Rev. Dr. Harrison. Appropriate hymns were rendered by the choir of the Methodist church and kind words in memory of the deceased were spoken by the pastor. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, attesting to the esteem in which the deceased had been held by a large circle of friends. The pall bearers were Messrs. J. S. Inch, W. T. Day, George Eno, E. H. Allen, R. Manzer and J. Stephenson. Interment was made at the Methodist cemetery.

Mrs. A. Laird of Newcastle, Miss M. Staples of Chatham, and Mr. and Mrs. D. McElwain of Durham, were here yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Bird.

A memorial service for the late Sapper William Cain who was killed while on active service a weeks ago will be held in the Reformed Baptist church on Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Wister and Miss Edith Stafford are visiting friends at St. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Sherman left this morning for St. Stephen where they will visit friends and take in the fair.

Mrs. Fred McConnell and children and Miss Doris McConnell left yesterday for Hampstead.

Mrs. H. Gregg and Miss Pearl Rutledge left this morning on a visit to relatives at Belleisle, Kings county.

Messrs. John and Kenneth Arnold, and Dow Brewer left this morning for St. Stephen to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Higgs and party have returned to their home at Napan, N. S., after visiting friends here.

The Canadian Cottons have given notice to their employees that they will be paid a bonus equal to five per cent. of their wages for three months, in the near future. The Company has recently installed a dictaphone in the mill office.

## WON PRIZES ON POULTRY

York County Fanciers Made a Good Showing at the St. Stephen Exhibition.

The poultrymen of Fredericton and Devon seem to have made almost a clean-up on the birds which they are exhibiting at the Charlotte County Fair. Advices from St. Stephen today are to the effect that out of nineteen sections already judged local exhibitors had captured 15 first, ten second and four third prizes. Mr. J. N. Ferguson, president of the York and Sunbury Poultry Association, made a particularly fine showing with his White Leghorns and Buff Orpingtons.

The following is a list of awards so far made to York County exhibitors: J. N. Ferguson—S. C. White Leghorns: 1st and 2nd cocks; 1st and 2nd hens; 2nd and 4th cockerels; 2nd and 3rd pullets.

Buff Orpingtons: 1st and 2nd cockerels; 1st and 2nd pullets.

Walter S. Bailey—S. C. Rhode Island Reds: 1st and 3rd cocks; 1st and 2nd hens.

Percy L. Morgan—White Wyandottes: 1st cock, 1st hen.

J. W. Stickels—White Wyandottes: 2nd hen.

H. M. McMonagle—Barred Rocks: 2nd hen; Partridge Wyandottes: 2nd cock, 2nd hen; R. C. Rhode Island Reds: 1st hen; S. C. Brown Leghorns: 1st cock, 1st hen; S. C. White Leghorns: 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet; S. C. Black Minorcas: 1st and 2nd cockerels, 1st and 3rd pullets. White Crested Black Polish: 1st hen.

## PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Gillis, Jr., of Halifax, is at the Barker House.

Mrs. (Dr.) J. W. MacNeill and children, who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Campbell of Kingscler, left last evening for their home at North Battleford, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron W. Maxwell of Devon, left last evening for St. Stephen, where they will attend the exhibition.

## Notified of Discharge.

It is said in military circles that many of the returned officers are beginning to receive notification from Ottawa to the effect that they are discharged from future military activities and may retire into private life. They will be exempt under the proposed Military Act as men "having seen service overseas."

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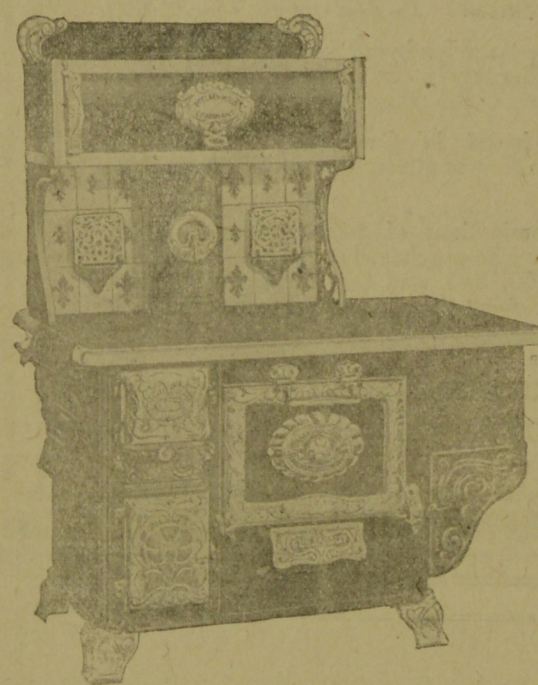
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## MUCH DAMAGE TO CORN CROP

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Boston, Sept. 13.—Eighty per cent. of the bumper crop of corn of New England was destroyed by the two nights of frost this week, and squash, beans and tomatoes suffered in a proportionate degree, according to an estimate made last night by Wilfrid J. Wheeler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

Also in the West.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Wet weather in Iowa and frost of unsettled conditions in other important corn producing territories, where good weather was required to mature the crop, made the corn market swing upward today.

There were persistent reports of frost damage.

## FRANCHISE BILL PASSES HOUSE

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—On the motion to report the franchise bill from committee in the House last night, Hon. Mr. Pugsley claimed the right to speak, and that the bill was again open to debate and amendment. Speaker E. N. Rhodes ruled against Mr. Pugsley. The amendments were then concurred in and the bill stands for third reading.

## Deposit Forfeited.

A drunk arrested last night by the police forfeited an eight dollar deposit in the police court this morning.

## STOCK MARKET

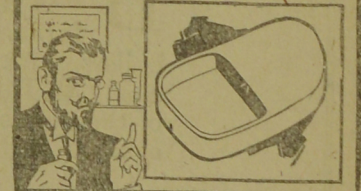
NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	85
C. P. R.....	152 1/2
Crucible steel.....	68
Erie.....	20 1/2
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1/2
Marine Pfd.....	84 1/2
Union Pac.....	127 1/2
U. S. Steel.....	103 1/2
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	39 1/2
Marine Com.....	25 1/2
Reading.....	80
Rubber.....	59
Studebaker.....	43 1/2
Bethlehem.....	103 1/2
Wool.....	47 1/2

MONTREAL

Civic.....	74
Detroit.....	107
Quebec.....	18
Toronto.....	74
Braz.....	38 7/8
Cement.....	61 1/2
Iron.....	62 1/2
Steel Co.....	56
Spanish.....	16
Shaw.....	119
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	92

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Mr. John Henderson of Minto, was in the city last night. He returned to Minto this morning.

Mr. Colin MacKenzie of Campbellton, has returned to resume his studies the University of New Brunswick.