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Blouses \$1.25 to \$15.75	Purses 40c. to \$3.25
Sweaters \$4.50 to \$14.75	Boudoir Caps 50c. to 85c.
Underskirts \$1.50 to \$6.75	Fancy Handkerchiefs 10c. to 75c.
Kimono \$2.75 to \$3.00	Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$8.50
Bathrobes \$6.50 to \$10.25	Fancy Linens 12c. to \$1.75
Whitewear 25c. to \$4.50	Silks \$1.00 to \$3.00
Aprons 25c. to \$1.50	Feather Ruffs \$2.25 to \$6.00
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Dress Goods, 30c. to \$5.75 yard	Wool Mufflers 90c. to \$1.75
Hose 25c. to \$2.00 pair	Silk Mufflers 50c. to \$4.50
Underwear 50c. to \$2.55 pair	Camisoles \$1.25 to \$3.75
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SOME QUARTER BARGAINS

4 rolls Toilet Paper 25c	1 lb. Layer Raisins 25c
6 lbs. Common Cornmeal 25c	1 lb. can Good Salmon 25c
3 lbs. Granulated Cornmeal 25c	3 cakes Gold Soap 25c
2 pkgs Bird Seed 25c	3 cakes Surprise Soap 25c
4 lbs. Baking Soda 25c	2 pkgs Corn Starch 25c
5 lbs. Washing Soda 25c	4 cakes Goblin Soap 25c
3 cakes Rising Sun 25c	1 quart White Beans 25c

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THE UNION GOVERNMENT MAY SOON BE DISSOLVED

Was Placed in Power for a War Job and Has About Finished Its Work—Sir Robert Borden May Seek Relief from His Troubles on the Supreme Court Bench—Pre-election Pact with Liberals Has Not Been Carried Out—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Said to be Wililing to Quit Leadership of the Liberal Party.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The union government under Sir Robert Borden, placed in power for a war job, has nearly completed its task and will dissolve into its component parts—Liberal and Conservative—within six months. That is the almost certain outcome of present complications in the body politic as diagnosed by the cabinet ministers themselves. Sir Robert Borden himself was given to understand by some of his colleagues that there would likely be a destructive rifling and rending of his cabinet as soon as peace was declared and the immediate problems of reconstruction and demobilization were temporarily solved.

It is stated that Sir Robert Borden realizing the political difficulties and dangers ahead and personally wearied of the constant worries of fortuitous leadership under especially trying times, is also preparing to unburden himself and will resign the premiership within a few months. It is generally believed in inner circles here that he will retire to the serenity, dignity and emoluments of either the chief justiceship of Canada or the imperial bench as Canada's representative to the privy council. A general election and the return of a straight party government—either Liberal or Conservative—is scheduled for next summer.

Conservatives Predominate

The causes making for this and the political conditions in which an election is likely to be fought may be briefly summed up: For some months past it has been evident to close political observers here that all has not been harmony in the union government. After patiently waiting for seven or eight months for Sir Robert to carry out his pre-election pact with his Liberal colleagues and make a fifty-fifty division of the cabinet, the latter began to press for some definite action. Reorganization on the fifty-fifty basis was frankly but forcibly discussed with Sir Robert as soon as it became evident that a military decision had been reached at the front and that plans must be laid for reconstruction in Canada.

The tariff issue with its bearing on many other problems to be solved, made it necessary in the minds of some at least of the Liberal members of the cabinet that their representation should be strengthened unless their views were to be altogether submerged by the prepondering Conservative element. Furthermore, they felt they had a right to demand the fulfillment of Sir Robert's and their own public pledges for an equalizing of political representation in the ministry. But when the quest was discussed as to who was to come in and who was to go out there came dissension.

Sir Robert apparently was in difficulties not only with his party but also with his colleagues in regard to asking any of the latter to make way for Liberal successors. The upshot of the whole discussion, said to be rather acrimonious at times, was that nothing was agreed upon and the prime minister left for England with everything still in ferment. It is understood the only agreement was that there should be no "bust up" while he was away and that matters would be left in abeyance until his return. If he does return as premier. Meanwhile each of the political parties is looking towards the reconstruction of the party fences and defences.

Liberals Getting Together

The Liberal Unionists and the Laurier Liberals are having some quiet pour parlors looking towards reconciliation and a reunited party to face the problems of peace. Quebec Liberals have declared their willingness to fall in behind an English-speaking Protestant leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid who is said to be ready to retire as soon as the keystone for the new mosaic can be found. The "old chief" is reported to be willing to unite his following with that of the Liberal Unionists headed by Hon. Frank Carvell. It is this approach which is now moving those of the Liberals in the Union cabinet, who can hope to be taken in on it to keep to one side when policies and preparations are discussed in the cabinet these days. They see an election ahead after a short and lively session, and they

know on which side they will cast their lot. They are still Liberal by conviction.

On the Conservative side of the cabinet there is also a welcoming look being directed towards the straight party man for it is realized that in the inevitable party conflict to come they will have to look to party consolidation and organization if they are to survive the tangles and difficulties of the reconstruction period.

The question as to the party leadership is being quietly canvassed but with extreme caution. There are several rivals and factions in both parties. At present Sir Thomas White is the acting prime minister and looks a likely figure for a mantle to be cast over. On the Liberal side Premier Martin of Saskatchewan, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hon. Frank Carvell, E. M. Macdonald or Hon. W. S. Fielding are all said to be acceptable to Sir Wilfrid's Quebec following.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB FORMALLY OPENED SAT.

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Mrs. W. P. Keenan, Miss Grace Gibson, Miss Bertha Harvey, Miss Marion Gibson, and Miss Louise Sterling.

In the future these rooms will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon until late in the evening, a light lunch being obtainable at any time for a small fee. The Returned Soldiers' Aid will be in charge of the rooms this week.

Mr. T. A. McDonald is the Secretary of the club. Mr. McDonald is a returned soldier with an enviable record. He went overseas with the 1st Siege Battery in 1915 and went to France with his battery as a bombardier. He was seriously wounded at the Battle of the Somme in August 1916 and gained the Military Medal for keeping up the line of communication, under shell fire. In May 1917 he returned to Halifax and spent some time there and at St. John doing Y. M. C. A. work. Thence he proceeded to Sussex where he has been in charge of Y. M. C. A. work. He spent a month carrying on the work at Aldershot and then came to Fredericton. Mr. McDonald is a graduate of Mt. Allison University and formerly was connected with the Sackville Tribune.

Only Two Left

Telegraph: The last few years have taken heavy toll of men formerly active in the public life of the province. A subscriber, in commenting upon the death of Ernest Hutchison, says that of the men in the Legislature of 1878 only two remain, Senator Thompson and Hon. R. J. Ritchie.

Death at Victoria Hospital

The death occurred Sunday morning at the Victoria Public Hospital of Mr. H. F. Larsen after a short illness. The deceased is survived by five sons, Roy F. of Hillsboro, William of Albert, Carl of Beverly, Mass., Gordon of Goodridge, Me., and Archie at home, and by three daughters Mrs. Annie Orman, at home, Mrs. Thomas Trites of Moncton, Alice at home, also one brother Jens of Mapleton. The funeral service will be held at the late home on Charlotte Street at 7.45 this evening, the remains to be taken to Albert for interment. Rev. G. C. Warren will conduct the service.

COMPLAINS OF PROFANITY.

Fredericton, 7th Dec., 1918.
To the editor of the Mail:
Sir,—It is difficult to understand the regrettable prevalence of so much profanity amongst certain returned soldiers, as anyone can testify who daily travels the streets of our fair little town. One would almost imagine that their experiences would have been such as to instil graver and nobler thoughts than ever into their minds, but it seems that many have returned with the notion that in order to be a "man among men" a fellow must practice the use of slang and "cuss" words. This, happily, does not apply to all of the brave men and true who crossed and re-crossed, but one does feel sorry for the thoughtlessness of some of them.

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