

## 4 DIVISIONS NOW AT STRENGTH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, Mar. 7. — In regard to the breaking up of the Fifth Canadian division overseas, it is authoritatively stated here, this action was in no wise contemplated on the operation of Military Service Act. The aim, under the Military Service Act, it is intimated, has been to maintain four divisions in the field. The four divisions are now at strength and there is every expectation that they will be kept at strength. Maintaining a fifth division by means of additional draftees it is understood, has not been under consideration.

## HUN ADVANCE WAS STOPPED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, Mar. 7. — The German advance eastward into Russia stopped early Tuesday, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd dated Wednesday, but was resumed during the night on several sectors, refusing to allow the Germans to reach and consolidate the line between Jamburg and Gdoff (east of Lake Veljevo and south of Narva). It is reported in Petrograd that banks have been reopened, the property of handlooms restored and other conditions approaching the old regime revived in the towns occupied by the Germans.

### Through Our Sieve

A senseless opening.  
A guard-of-honorless Governor.  
It was a Khaki opening, though.  
Don't kill the little brown Leghorn hen that lays the golden egg.  
Some of the civic possibilities seem to have contracted wet feet at the eleven o'clock hour.  
Whether a man can win a woman as he wins a card game depends on the hand he holds.  
The trouble with most true stories is that it is customary to add a few lines to make them interesting.  
The Kaiser seems to have had as many American dentists as Litz had favorite pupils.  
The dull man bores you and the sharp one skins you.  
Two well known varieties of kisses are the office-or-bust-morning variety and the peace-at-any-price evening kind.  
In the dead sure thing the emphasis usually ought to be on the "dead".  
Mendon is made of "the smoked ham of a horse" used somewhere for food. So long as it is not the hoof, judgment will be reserved pending further information.  
Hindenburg figures that no mere scrap of paper will prevent him eating bear steak in Petrograd on Easter.  
In Adams day a woman was merely a side issue, but at the present writing she passes as the whole show.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. F. J. Sweeney, M.P.P., of Moncton, arrived in the city this morning. He is at the Queen.  
Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John, is registered at the Queen.  
Mr. J. A. Sinclair of St. John, is in the city.  
Mr. A. A. Dysart, M.P.P., of Buckton, arrived in the city this morning.  
Mr. A. B. Copp, M. P. of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen.  
Mr. J. P. Barchill, M.P.P., of Nelson, is a guest at the Queen.  
Mr. A. B. Moore of Toronto, is in the city.  
Mr. John A. Humble of Moncton, C.G.W. claims agent, is at the Barker House.  
Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, M.P.P., and Mrs. Tilley of St. John, are registered at the Barker House.  
His Honor the Lieut. Governor has taken up his residence at the Queen Hotel for the session of the House of Assembly.  
His Worship Mayor Hayes of St. John, and Mrs. Hayes arrived in the city last night. They are at the Queen.  
Brig. General A. H. Macdonnell and Lt. Col. A. H. H. Powell of St. John, are at the Barker House.

Of 350 claims for British Government relief for air raid damage the smallest is \$1 for a doll's dress and the largest \$1,200 for furniture. One victim claims for the death of a monkey.

A silver shell-shaped reliquary containing a lock of the hair of Milton, together with a lock of hair of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, sold at auction in London recently for \$400.

The British admiralty makes a perfect model in paraffin wax of every naval vessel before it is built.

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### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The hackneyed phrase made use of by opposition critics that "the Speech from the Throne is remarkable for what it does not contain," will scarcely apply to the message read by Lieutenant Governor Pugsley when he opened the second session of the Seventh General Assembly of New Brunswick this afternoon. The Speech was an admirable one in every respect, and will be read with great interest by the people of this province. It shows that His Honor has advisers who are seized with a full sense of their responsibility to the public—men who are striving in an intelligent way to remedy the costly errors of the past, while at the same time they are giving earnest consideration to the problems of the present and future. The new government has been in office only eleven months and while it has not brought about any miracles, it has succeeded in giving the province sound, economic and honest administration—something which has been a welcome change from the carnival of graft that prevailed under the old regime.

The speech from the Throne, as well as the speeches delivered by the mover and seconder of the Address in reply, breathed a note of confidence and optimism which cannot fail to have a beneficial effect.

As was pointed out by His Honor's speech, this is the fourth meeting of the Legislature since the great war broke out, and all will agree with him that the determination of the people to win a victory and stamp out Prussian militarism is stronger than ever. The end of the great struggle is not yet in sight, and Great Britain and her faithful Allies are determined that there shall be no peace until the world is made safe for democracy.

A modest reference is made in the Speech to the Greater Production campaign so energetically carried on last year by the Provincial Agricultural Department, and the assurance is given that the campaign will be continued during the coming season.

When the old government went out of power the war had been in progress for two and one half years, and it is a regrettable fact that during that long period not the slightest effort was made to stimulate and increase the agricultural output of this province with a view of meeting the constantly increasing demand for foodstuffs. The advent to power of Hon. Mr. Foster and his colleagues soon brought about a change in this respect. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale had scarcely taken the oath as Minister of Agriculture before he began to make use of the telegraph wires in a search for seed grain. The season was already well advanced, but he was fortunate in obtaining a liberal supply which he brought to the province and distributed among the farmers. The result was that the yield of grain in New Brunswick last year, despite an unfavorable season, was increased by many thousands of bushels.

Already a vigorous campaign for greater production next season has been inaugurated by the Agricultural Department, and with the handicap of last year eliminated, it cannot fail to prove a great success.

Fitting reference is made in the speech to the lamented death of the late Governor Ganong, the Halifax disaster, the case of the returned soldiers, the success of the Prohibition Act, and the affairs of the Valley Railway. In reference to the latter, the hope is expressed that the section between Gagetown and Westfield will be ready for traffic next autumn.

Reference is made to the Valley Railway enquiry conducted by Commissioner Stevens, and an intimation is given that there will be legislation enacted with a view of securing redress for wrongs committed against the province. Any steps which the government may take to compel the Valley Railway boarders to disgorge their ill-gotten gains will be certain to meet with the hearty approbation of the people.

The survey made by Mr. John Hall into health conditions of the province

is the subject of a paragraph in the Speech, and there is a promise of legislation based on the report. Enlightened public sentiment will strongly support the government in any effort it may put forth to protect the public health. In this connection New Brunswick is behind many of the states of the American Union, and there is no reason why this should continue. While the province is rich in natural resources, its greatest asset is its people, and with a view of giving this asset the protection its importance deserves, a progressive policy will be crystallized into legislation during the present session.

The financial situation confronting New Brunswick today is a serious one, and will be grappled with in a earnest and business-like way during the present session. New sources of revenue must be found if the equilibrium between expenditures and receipts is to be restored. To impose new taxes is not an agreeable task for any government, but it as got to be done. The men who made the additional taxation necessary were voted out of office a year ago, and the indications are that they will remain out for long years to come.

New legislation forecasted includes a Highway Act to replace the last patchwork creation of the old government, and the reorganization of the Crown Land Department. Hon. Mr. Veniot has given his undivided attention during the last year to the road problem, and the result of his labors will be embodied in an act which he will shortly submit to the Legislature.

An Act to be introduced during the session by Hon. Mr. Smith will practically reorganize the Crown Land Department. The minister has been giving this important subject a great deal of attention and the changes he proposes to make will be along the lines of greater conservation. Some of the methods of forest protection it is proposed to adopt have been given a trial in Quebec and British Columbia and have worked very satisfactorily. Those provinces easily lead the Dominion in the matter of forest protection.

The government is to be heartily congratulated on the extensive programme of constructive legislation it has prepared for the session, and the people of the province are to be congratulated on having a government which is studying their interests and administering the affairs of the province in a careful and business-like way.

The vacancy in the Senate caused by the death of Hon. Daniel Gilmor has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Irving Todd, of St. Stephen. Mr. Todd is a prominent business man, and although new to public life is undoubtedly well fitted for a seat in the Red Chamber.

## MR. REDMOND'S SUCCESSOR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, March 7.—The choice of a successor to John E. Redmond, as leader of the Irish Nationalists, is believed to be between John Dillon and Joseph Devlin, although the former might possibly decline the nomination.

### HUNS GETTING IN THEIR WORK.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Havre, Mar. 7. — The Germans continue to dynamite the engines, machines and foundations in factories around Mons, according to Belgians who have recently escaped from Belgium. They are also carrying off the rails from street and local railway tracks. The rails on one line have disappeared entirely. It is said the rails are being shipped to Germany. Deportations of Belgians continue and have extended to children thirteen years of age.

### SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. W. L. Skillen of Woodstock, is visiting Mrs. C. D. Richards.  
Mrs. T. Rand McNally will hold her post nuptial reception on Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock at her home, 224 Brunswick street.  
Mrs. G. N. C. Hawkins entertained a few friends last evening at bridge.  
Mrs. W. E. Foster, wife of the premier, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.  
Mrs. J. P. Byrne of Bathurst, is stopping at the Queen.  
Miss Marjorie Manning of St. John, was an over Sunday guest in the city.  
Mrs. C. D. Richards has invitations out for a bridge party on Saturday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Skillen.  
Mrs. C. W. Hall is entertaining at a patriotic bridge this evening.  
Mrs. W. C. Crockett entertained at a bridge of three tables on Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Melrose of St. John and Mrs. Babbitt of St. Andrews.

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### Notice of Legislation.

Public Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, for the passage of an Act authorizing and empowering the City Council of the City of Fredericton to grant further exemptions in respect of Free Water, Free Sewerage and Free Taxation on the site, plant, equipment, stock in trade and property generally of The Hart Boot & Shoe Company, Limited.  
Dated at Fredericton, N.B., this 6th day of February, A. D. 1918.

MOSES MITCHELL,  
Mayor.

G. R. PERKINS,  
City Clerk.

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