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## LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME ADVANCED BY HON. J. A. CALDER

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—When the ministers attending the inter-provincial conference resumed their sittings this morning, Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, submitted a land colonization scheme which is distinct from soldiers' settlement. Its chief object is the development of undeveloped land now held for speculative purposes. Mr. Calder proposes that the Dominion should lend money to the provinces for the purchase of private-owned land, which would be sold to intending settlers. The purchasers will be expected to put up in cash, or, in personal value, security amounting to 20 per cent. of the value of the land bought. The settler would then get easy terms of payment.

It is proposed that the land will be sold to the settler at a slight advance over the purchase price in order to insure against possible loss. In the case of loss, it is proposed that it be equally divided between the Dominion and the province.

According to a calculation submitted to the conference by Mr. Calder, there are from fifteen to twenty million acres of undeveloped land near the railways in the western provinces.

The question of assisting men who desire to settle on farm lands in the eastern provinces was also before the conference this morning, the discussion not being concluded.

The conference adjourned at one o'clock, the premiers of the various provinces remaining in session for the purpose of drafting a proposal covering the handing over to the western provinces of their natural resources.

## LIQUOR INTERESTS NOT IDLE AT PRESENT TIME

Gathering Statistics to Prove to the Authorities That Prohibition Does not Prohibit—Federal Prohibition Will Expire a Year After the Close of the War—Province of Quebec will Go Dry on the First of Next May—Conference will be Held in a Short Time.

(Montreal Star)

Something seems to be developing with regard to the liquor law, both for the Province of Quebec and for the Dominion as a whole. What it is nobody will say, but there is a rumor around the city that the brewing, distilling and other interests have not been idle. It is known that they have been gathering statistics in supposedly dry provinces and there, they claim will prove to the authorities that the mere passing of a law of prohibition whether it be of sale or of importation does not produce the desired effect. In fact they claim that there is more drunkenness in many cities under prohibitory law than before.

The liquor men will also argue that the present prohibitory laws favor the well-to-do and that in prohibiting wines, French treaty rights are affected.

During the war, when shipping facilities were at a premium and the French people were occupied in more important affairs, they did not raise any objection to the Dominion legislation prohibiting the importation of wines or liquors into Canada. But now the war is over dealers say it is a different matter, and they would not be surprised if the French exporters soon draw the attention of the Federal Government and request the removal of the embargo placed on their products.

And finally there is the wording of the Federal law itself, which by order-in-council placed prohibition on the importation of alcoholic liquor during the war and for one year after. The war is practically over. The next licensing year in the Province of Quebec commences on May 1, which is six months hence. On that day if the Provincial Government which gains a big revenue from the licenses, decides to fall into line with the rest of Canada, it will cancel all licenses for 1919. But when that year is half gone the Federal prohibition will expire—unless it is amended at the next session of Parliament—as the one year after the war will have ended. And able that the government would put the hundreds of licenses out of business for six months only, and then allow them to open up again.

### In Quebec Province

Rumor has it also that a member of the Quebec cabinet is at present engaged in drafting a new license bill which will provide for the licensing of beer only, and for the establishment of government controlled stores for the sale of spirits where only good quality liquor would be sold, and which would be under a system of rigid inspection.

If this is to be the law the legitimate liquor dealers say that they will be well pleased, for it would put the business on a good basis, and would do away with the tampering and re-filling of bottles which it is admitted is now a curse to the trade and to the consumers.

Failing such a law and with the continuation of the licensing system, there will surely be a demand for a revision of the present law, along with lines of that which exists in Great Britain, where it is an offense punishable with heavy fines and even imprisonment, to substitute one liquor for another in bottles bearing registered names and trademarks. The government will be asked to appoint inspectors who will have the right to enter any hotel, demand samples of what is being sold as a particular brand, divide it into three parts, seal it, deliver one sample to the hotel keeper send another to the laboratory and retain the third, in just the same way as milk is now tested in Montreal.

It is stated that there will be a meeting of those interested in the liquor trade either in Ottawa or Toronto within the next week or ten days, when they will discuss the future and decide on what recommendations to make to the Federal and provincial governments.

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## EX-PRESIDENT

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A man who had been promoted for a series of hazardous and successful battles with German airmen. He was as gentle and clean and lovable as a girl yet terrible in his battle, and no more high and fearless soul ever fronted death joyously in the high heavens.

### All on Same Level of Honor

My mind has, because of facts like this turned toward the deaths of the men on the firing line, and I regret that I did not make it evident as I meant to make it, and but for this oversight would have made it, that all who have given their lives or the lives dearest to them in this war stand on an exact level of service and sacrifice and honor and glory.

The men who have died of pneumonia or fever in the hospitals, the men who have been killed in accidents on the airplane fields, are as much heroes as those who were killed at the front, and their shining souls shall hereafter light up all to a clearer and greater view of the duties of life.

The war is over now. The time of frightful losses among the men at the front and of heartbreaking anxiety for their mothers and wives, their sisters and sweethearts at home, has passed. No great triumph is ever won save by the payment of the necessary cost. All of us who have stayed at home and all others who have returned safe will as long as life shall last think of the men who died as having purchased for us and for our children's children as long as this country shall last, a heritage so precious that even their precious blood was not too great a price to pay.

### All Were Doing Their Duty

Whether they fell in battle or how they died matters not at all and it matters not what they were doing as long as, high of soul, they were doing their duty with all the strength and fervor of their natures. The mother or the wife whose son or husband has died, whether in battle or by fever or in the accident inevitable in hurriedly preparing a modern army for war, must never feel that the sacrifice has been laid "on a cold altar."

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### PRACTICAL GRAMMAR

Papa—Bobby if you had a little more spunk you would stand better in your class. Do you know what spunk is?

Bobby—Yes; the past participle of spank.

### NOT OVER THE TOP.

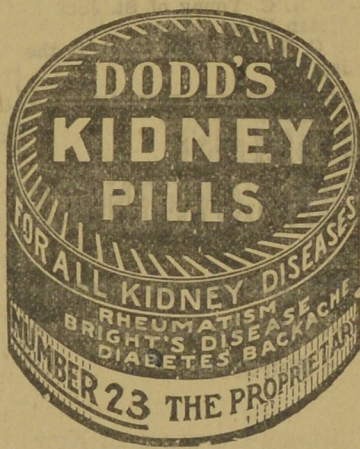
"Clarence" said the teacher, "where is the north pole?"

"At the top of the map," promptly answered the youthful student.

### PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

I sneezed a sneeze into the air. It fell to earth I know not where. But keen and strong were the looks of those

In whose vicinity I snoze. They knew from whom the sneeze had risen, And could have killed the one who'd snized.



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