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## The Dominion Parliament Opened This Afternoon

The Speech From the Throne Refers to the Glorious Termination of the Great War—Demobilization of Army and Re-establishment of Men in Civil Life—Women to be Allowed to Sit in Parliament—Federal Aid in the Construction of the Country's Highways.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—Parliament was opened this afternoon by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire. The speech from the throne was as follows: Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

Since the last session of parliament events have transpired of the highest consequence to the Empire and to Canada. After withstanding with steadfast valor the repeated assaults pressed with the utmost vigor and determination, the Allied forces, taking the offensive in all theatres of action, advanced to decisive and overwhelming victory.

Upon terms of practically unconditional surrender on the part of the enemy, armistices were arranged and are now in effect under which extensive strategic territories have been evacuated, guns, ammunition and other war material and supplies surrendered on a vast scale and the greater part of the hostile fleets delivered up to the Allies.

A conference is now being held at Paris to determine the conditions upon which peace will be concluded. As the decision of this conference will be of vital importance to Canada as well as to other parts of the Empire, it is being attended by the Right Honorable the Prime Minister, accompanied by others of my advisers.

### CANADIAN TROOPS IN THE FIELD MAINTAINED

#### AT STRENGTH UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR

The notable victories leading to the glorious issue accomplished by the arms of the Allies, none of the forces engaged bore a more valorous or heroic part than those of Canada, whose achievements throughout the entire war have won imperishable renown for the country. It is most gratifying to be able to state that, in the final and decisive stages of the mighty struggle, our divisions in the field were maintained at over-strength and equipped in the highest degree with all the requirements of modern warfare. The appreciation and gratitude of the nation cannot be too earnestly and sincerely expressed to the gallant members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, whose sacrifices, sufferings and heroism have played so effective a part in vindicating the cause of civilization.

### NEW FRANCHISE WILL CONFER UPON WOMEN OF

#### CANADA THE RIGHT TO SIT IN PARLIAMENT

Prior to the armistice, plans and preparations had been made for the return, demobilization and re-establishment in civil life, after the close of the war, of our soldiers with their dependents overseas. These are now in operation and while this great undertaking presents, owing to after-war conditions, many difficulties and complications, it is confidently expected that it will be accomplished speedily and satisfactorily.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the armistice, steps were taken by my advisers to facilitate the readjustment of business to provide employment. Orders-in-council embodying the measures adopted will be laid before you.

A bill relating to the franchise, providing among other things for enabling women to vote, and conferring upon them the privilege of sitting in parliament, will be submitted to you.

### LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FOR A DEPARTMENT

#### OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS FORECASTED IN SPEECH

Your attention will also be invited to bills providing for aid in the construction of highways, for assisting returned soldiers in establishing themselves upon the land and for promoting desirable immigration and farm settlement.

Bills will also be submitted for the promotion of vocational education, for the erection of a department of public health, for the promoting of better housing conditions throughout the Dominion, by loans made for the purpose to the several provincial governments and for the validation by parliament of orders-in-council prohibiting the importation and manufacture of intoxicating beverages, and the transportation thereof into any community where their sale is contrary to law.

Further important measures, designed to promote the welfare and prosperity of the people in the new era of the reconstruction, social as well as material, upon which the world has entered, will be recommended to your consideration.

#### Stability Well Maintained.

After more than four years of war, and notwithstanding the sudden distraction brought about by the armis-

tice, Canada's industrial, commercial and financial stability has been well maintained. It is the expectation that in addition to business arising from the resumption of public and private undertakings in Canada which were suspended by the war, and needed improvement and betterment throughout the Dominion, Canada will obtain substantial participation in the expansion of export trade following the conclusion of the war and the liberation of commerce from the restraints which have existed during its continuance.

Steps have been taken by my advisers to promote and facilitate such participation.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

"The accounts of last and the estimates for the next fiscal year will be submitted to you without delay, and you will be asked to make the necessary financial provision for meeting the remaining expenditures arising out of the war, and connected with demobilization; also for the establishment of credits for the financing of the purchases of our agricultural, industrial and other products.

#### Dissoluble Union

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate. "It is appropriate that we should

## MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, Feb. 20.—The Knights of Pythias will entertain a number of friends and the members of Fredericton Lodge at their Castle Hall this evening. A very interesting programme has been prepared and a large number of invitations have been issued.

Mrs. Sherman Porter has returned to her home at Canning, N. S. after spending some months with her daughter Mrs. Arthur J. Lyons.

The Altogether Club of the Olivet Baptist Church met last evening at the home of Mrs. Fred White. A large number were present and a very interesting session was held.

Miss Doris McConnell has returned from a visit to St. John.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hamilton of Penniac were visitors in town yesterday.

Miss Maud Flanagan who has been ill is rapidly recovering.

Mr. J. W. MacPherson has returned from a trip to St. John.

The Women's Missionary Aid of the Methodist Church held a meeting at the home of Mrs. John Gibson last evening.

Miss Mary Wade formerly of this place, who recently underwent an operation at Victoria Hospital has sufficiently recovered to be removed to Stanley where she is rapidly regaining her good health.

## BRITAIN TO OPEN SCHOOLS FOR BRIDES

London, Feb. 15.—Schools for war brides and soldiers' fiancées are being planned by the demobilization department.

Domestic science, food chemistry, marketing and care of children will be taught. The Government will pay all expenses of the pupils.

The schools will be open only to wives of soldiers and women engaged to marry soldiers. More than 400,000 young women are eligible, it is estimated.

Department officials explain the schools are expected to pay for themselves as social experiments by training women to be helpful wives. The schools are needed, it is believed, because thousands of young girls left their homes to work in munition factories at a time when they ordinarily would have begun to learn household duties.

Of 1,500,000 women who entered industry in the war, thousands now are jobless through the closing of munition factories. Hundreds are unable to find other employment because peace industries have not yet got into full swing. The schools are expected to give occupation to hundreds of women who otherwise would have nothing to do.

Those who own hens are now doing a little watchful waiting.

acknowledge our thankfulness to Divine Providence for the successful issue of the terrible struggle in which for so long a period our armies have been engaged and for the restoration of peace to the world. Through the long conflict with its dire vicissitudes and varying fortunes, our people never allowed themselves to doubt that victory would finally crown our cause, which was that of truth and justice. The deeply loyal and earnest co-operation of the overseas dominions and dependencies with the Mother country must more firmly cement for all time these ties which bind the Empire in dissoluble union. The spirit born of common sacrifice suffering and heroic endeavor will also, it is confidently hoped, permanently unite the allies by the bonds of a great memory and tradition and effectually promote the formation of a league of nations which will assure for all time the peace of the world.

At the conclusion of the speech the House adjourned until Tuesday as a mark of respect to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

## HON. MR. VENIOT AND FEDERAL AID TO ROADS

Provincial Minister of Public Works Explains Some Features of New Federal Road Policy.

(St. John Telegraph.)

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, who was in the city yesterday, says that the new policy of the federal government in advancing to the provinces forty per cent of the amount expended for the improvement of trunk roads does an injustice to the maritime provinces. In order that New Brunswick would get anything like a fair share of the total amount for the whole dominion, spread over a period of five years, as contemplated, it would be necessary to expend at least \$700,000 annually. To do this the province would have to issue bonds, and as the funding of automobile fees would not meet the sinking fund and interest during the five years on \$3,500,000 it would be necessary to meet this sinking fund and interest out of ordinary revenue. Mr. Veniot's views are as follows:

This forty per cent policy would work out all right in Quebec and Ontario, where municipalities are compelled to contribute one-half, if not more, of the cost of construction and upkeep of trunk roads. In New Brunswick where the government pays the entire cost of construction and upkeep of trunk roads the forty per cent policy will be an injustice.

The policy suitable to New Brunswick and, it is believed, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia, would be a fixed amount to be expended in five years—say \$2,000,000 for New Brunswick, the province to expend \$400,000 yearly; and binding the province to expend a minimum of say \$250,000, or as much more as it would like, but nothing less than the minimum fixed. In this way the ordinary revenue would not be called upon to meet sinking fund and interest. Or let the Dominion fix the bulk sum to be expended in five years based on the trunk road mileage of the maritime provinces, allowing an expenditure of so much per cent of this bulk sum annually, with a minimum percentage expenditure annually by the province.

Under the forty per cent basis the larger and richer provinces would capture the bulk of the appropriation because the municipalities incorporated towns and cities contribute a very large percentage of the expenditure, and in this way they would have more than enough from automobile fees—by finding the same—to meet the sinking fund and interest on any sum they might borrow for road purposes.

## REPORT ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN CANADA

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Weekly returns as to employment conditions in Canada, are now being reached by the department of labor from a representative number of Canadian employers. The results of these are summarized in a statement issued today by the employment service branch of the department. The statement shows that for the week ending February 1—reports were received from 331 establishments employing 59,515 persons. All provinces, except Quebec were represented, though slightly over forty-five per cent of the returns were from Ontario. The 331 firms reporting anticipated for the week ending February 8, a reduction in their staffs of 389 persons. The reduction, is of course a slight one, but it is slightly larger than the anticipated reduction of the previous week. If it should continue it would represent a considerable total for a full month.

Over 80 per cent of the net loss, according to statement occurs in Ontario where the mining industry expected to lay off 253 men. The winding up of shipbuilding contracts accounts for considerable decline in Nova Scotia. New Brunswick also shows a decline.

The returns received do not include metal working trades and other industries less important have also not yet reported.

## MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The acting Prime Minister received today the following telegram from Hon. W. A. Watt, acting Prime Minister of Australia, expressing the commonwealth's sympathy in the death of Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

"Government and people of Australia deeply regret the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In this portion of His Majesty's Dominions he was held in the highest esteem on account of his talents and distinguished services. Please convey to his widow and family an expression of our sincere sympathy."

The trouble with lots of people who try to assert themselves is that they haven't any selves.

## INACCURACIES IN THE DECLARATIONS HANDED OUT TO PRESS BY HUNS

Published Text of Scheidemann's Note Differs Notably From the Original Text Handed to Marshal Foch at Treves on February 16th—Looks as if It Had Been Deliberately Distorted for the Benefit of the Huns.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Communications and declarations made to the press by the German government or Mathias Ersberger, chairman of the German armistice delegation, contain "flagrant inaccuracies which require immediate correction" declares an official note issued late last night. The note says: "First, the text of Chancellor Scheidemann's protest communicated to the press by the German government differs notably from the original text handed to Marshal Foch by Ersberger at Treves on Feb. 16 at six o'clock p. m. The first phase as communicated to the press follows:

"The German government is conscious of the grave consequences that acceptance of the convention must entail."

### A WHOLE NEW PHRASE HAS BEEN INSERTED INTO THE TEXT COMMUNICATED TO THE PRESS

The first phrase of the text as handed to Marshal Foch by Herr Ersberger reads: "The German government is conscious of the grave consequences that either acceptance or refusal of the convention must entail."

In the same way a whole new phrase has been inserted into the text communicated to the press as follows: "It cannot yet be said if we are able to follow the instructions of the Allied high command." This phrase does not figure in the text as given to Marshal Foch by Ersberger.

Secretary Herr Ersberger declared at Weimar, in reference to this protest: "This German note was handed to Marshal Foch before the signing of the convention was accepted by him. From our point of view then it must be considered as forming part of the new armistice convention."

### THE HUN NOTE IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE PURELY PLATONIC ACTIVITY OF SCHEIDEMANN

Marshal Foch has already informed the president of the German delegation several times that the texts duly signed by the Allied and enemy plenipotentiary states alone formed part of the armistice conventions. This note does not come within that category. It is absolutely independent of the convention. It constitutes a mere manifestation of the purely platonic activity of Scheidemann.

Finally, Ersberger, alleging certain pretended declarations of Marshal Foch, has affirmed that pour paroles would be opened at an early date on the question of peace preliminaries.

The fact is that Marshal Foch categorically refused to give the slightest intimation on this subject, notwithstanding the lively insistence of Ersberger.

## TRANSPORT ROYAL GEORGE IS AT HALIFAX WITH TROOPS ON BOARD

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—With 64 officers, 50 cadets and 1,310 other ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, the transport Royal George arrived here last night, nine and a half days from Liverpool, and docked this morning at pier No. 2.

Following is the list of officers arriving:

District No. 6—2nd Lieut. J. O. Huddart, Pictou, N. S.; 2nd Lieut. J. B. Palmeter, North Grand Pre, N. S.; 2nd Lieut. S. W. Jackson, Amherst, N. S.; 2nd Lieut. Hayler, Halifax.

District No. 7—Capt. W. W. McNair, Westville, N. S.; Lieut. J. W. DeBow, Forest Glen, N. B.; Lieut. C. M. Cudlip, St. John; Nursing Sister M. C. Maxwell, St. John; Nursing Sister J. S. Smith, West Bathurst.

## SIR E. KEMP BEREAVED

London Feb. 20.—Much sympathy is felt for Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian Overseas Minister, in the loss within four months of his second son-in-law, Lieut. Walter Scott Waldie, who died from pneumonia, following influenza, at Mimmel Camp on Wednesday.

## WANT PRICE OF WHEAT FIXED

Winnipeg, Feb. 19.—The Manitoba Agricultural Society in convention here today, adopted a resolution asking that a price be fixed for the 1919 wheat crop.

Mr. J. Nolman of Montreal is in the city today.

## CLEMENCEAU IS IMPROVING

Paris, Feb. 19.—According to latest published reports tonight, Premier Clemenceau's condition is improving, but owing to his fatigued condition, an X-ray examination will not be taken until tomorrow morning. Doctors Cossett, Tuffier, Laubry and Paul have made a complete examination, and despite M. Clemenceau's appeal for an immediate rest, M. Clemenceau told the physicians during the examination that he wanted the work done as soon as possible so he could go back to work in a few days. Expressions of sympathy reached the premier from all quarters today.

### SHOT BY ANARCHISTS.

Paris, Feb. 19.—Cottin, the would-be assassin of M. Clemenceau, belongs to the group of Anarchists known as the Communist Federation.