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HON. A. K. MACLEAN QUILTS THE UNION GOVERNMENT

Halifax Minister Without Portfolio Tenders His Resignation
—His Action Created Little Surprise at the Capital—Entered the Government for the Duration of the War—Calder and Powell the Only Liberals Holding On.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Hon. A. K. Maclean has placed his resignation from the Union cabinet in the hands of Sir George Foster, acting premier. He has drawn no salary since the end of 1919 and is believed to have delayed his resignation to the present moment only in order that he would not embarrass his fellow ministers with whom he is on the best of terms. Hon. Mr. Maclean told his supporters in the election of December 1917, that he was entering the Union government for the duration of the war, and that as soon as reconstruction was well advanced, following the war period he would resign. There are other ministers occupying a similar position in the cabinet and Hon. Mr. Maclean's resignation will increase the untenability of their positions in the eyes of the public. One of them is reported to be holding on until the Franchise Act is disposed of while another is evincing some dissatisfaction with the trend of the government on the tariff question. Another resignation or even two, may possibly happen before the session about to begin is over.

Hon. Mr. Maclean will continue to give a general support to the Unionist administration during the coming session. It is said that he will remain in political life and that at the next general election he will contest Halifax county as a Liberal. Hon. Mr. Maclean has kept in close touch with his political friends in Halifax and it is believed that knowing it was his intention at the first convenient opportunity to resign there has been little criticism of him in the councils of the local organization for remaining as long as he did.

Hon. Mr. Maclean's resignation leaves no vacancies. He has fulfilled many important functions though never accepting a position at the head of a department. On October 3, 1917, he became a member of the inner, or war cabinet as vice chairman of the reconstruction and development committee. When Sir Thomas White took a long vacation for his health he became acting finance minister and delivered the 1918 budget speech. Last year he defended the civil service act against a host of believers in the patronage system and won through with his proposed amendments.

He was one of the prime movers in the formation of Union government looking after the province of Nova Scotia. His decision leaves the Un-

ion government without a single member from the maritime provinces in the cabinet. He was offered the portfolio of minister of public works, it is understood but he refused it.

Hon. A. K. Maclean's resignation marks another stage in the disintegration of the Union government. Other Liberal pillars of support, which still remain are Hon. N. W. Rowell, Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. A. L. Sifton. The last two on account of ill-health, have no political future beyond the Union government and the fiction of Liberal participation in Union government is sustained mainly by Hon. N. W. Rowell and Hon. J. A. Calder. If these two depart Union government collapses and Conservatives will govern the fortunes of the new party. Both of these men keep their own counsel, but it would not surprise some of his old friends if Hon. N. W. Rowell should retire although he is often mentioned as a possible successor to Sir Robert Borden. Until the session commences Ottawa will be on tip-toe to see if others follow Hon. Mr. Maclean to the comparative obscurity of the back benches. If none come, every crisis during the session, whether on financial policy, the vote on the franchise act, the leadership or any other question will be weighted with the possibility of a resignation. Almost certainly some resignations will occur immediately following the session if the break-up does not occur during the session. The real crisis comes in seeking a leader to succeed Sir Robert Borden. The determination to hang on still exists.

THE ISLE OF CONQUEST AT THE GAIETY

Concerning the motion picture play "The Isle of Conquest" now running at the Gaiety Theatre in this city, a critic of one of the New York papers says:

"This production certainly has the 'Talmadge touch.' Her every characteristic gesture is brought forth by the subtle direction of Mr. Jose. Then too, there are the combined efforts of Anita Loos and John Emerson, as scenarists. These two need no further comment, because their work is always worthy. Selznick films and William Bachtel may well be proud of this movie, for it is artistic.

In winter it is psychologically businesslike to present films of shipwrecks near tropical islands. Combined with the superheated theatres, this causes pleasure for the audience and they like the play. At least the crowd approved of this new film of a shipwrecked couple on an island. There are temptations to refer to "Male and Female" while seeing this film, for parts of each are not unlike.

"Man hates woman and woman hates man. This situation is brought out when the little star marries for money to please her mother, and when the hero is jilted by a girl who falls in supposed love with the eventual husband of the star. It so happens that little old coincidence turns up again to make a holiday of the author's thoughts. The dread movie disease, heart-failure, comes to the rescue of the plot and there is the inevitable scene a year after the husband's death. Happiness."

ENGAGEMENT WAS LENGTHY

Toronto, Feb. 22.—In giving judgment in favor of Miss Janetta Dickie for \$850 for breach of promise against Henry William Curtis, Mr. Justice Lennox commented as follows:

"When people become engaged, and particularly when the engagement is continued for duration of married life, neither party can be allowed to repudiate an engagement because of slight differences of opinion, frailties of temper and the like."

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