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The Weather

 West and northwest gales decreasing tonight, fair and much colder today and on Friday.

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PUBLIC ATTENTION IS NOW FOCUSED ON OTTAWA; GOVERNMENT STILL STRONG

Retirement of Hon. A. K. MacLean Did Not Come as a Thunderbolt, But It Furnishes a Theme for Fresh Comment—Great Need for a Stabilizing Influence in the Government—Little Chance of an Improvement.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The retirement from the Union government of Hon. A. K. MacLean comes as no thunderbolt, because he has been talking retirement for a long time. Nevertheless it furnishes a fresh theme for comment among the sessional people now flowing into the Capital for the opening.

It is accepted as a sign of the times and an indication of internal conditions in the government which soon must call for a new deal and complete reorganization.

There is no doubt this would have occurred long ago but for the continued absence of Sir Robert Borden. It is difficult, almost impossible, it appears, to do anything while Sir Robert is away.

The acting Premier is vested with all the ordinary functions that are attached to the Premiership, but though technically these might include the power of reconstruction of the Cabinet, Sir George Foster is not one who under existing conditions would exercise such a power until such time as the government and the unionist party take their bearings and determine their future course.

Stability is Needed.

The need for some stabilizing influence and for the removal of the existing uncertainty is very generally recognized and this is one of the imperative problems now facing the government and the Unionist party.

No one imagines that conditions will improve till such time as a policy is settled on and this is not the easiest matter considering the varied make-up of the Unionist following.

No immediate development may be expected, for it always takes a while to get settled and there will be need for much discussion and negotiation, but the problem will be tackled and the outcome will go far to govern future political conditions.

GOOD TIMES FOR BREWERS

Toronto, Feb. 26.—It is a matter of common knowledge that the brewing industry is kept very busy supplying the demand which has arisen since the opportunity to buy the "hard stuff" has been removed without breaking the law. With plants working to capacity and all imported goods barred from the market, the turn-over is necessarily very large, which makes profits high.

The forthcoming annual statement of National Breweries to be presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting next month will show this to a marked degree, but of course it is not the only company enjoying this great prosperity, but less is heard of the others, owing to the fact that one of the big concerns is a close corporation.

ENTENTE ASKS LEAGUE TO MAKE ENQUIRY INTO SOVIET CRIMES

London, Feb. 26.—First definite steps toward settlement of the Russian question, universally regarded as the biggest of international problems, were taken by the Entente today.

The council of Premiers, meeting here, decided: To send an official commission into Russia to study conditions, under supervision of the League of Nations.

To encourage commerce between the Soviet government and the rest of Europe.

To discourage warfare between the Bolsheviks and the border states, but to aid the latter if attacked by the Red armies.

To withhold diplomatic recognition of the Soviets "until convinced that the Bolshevik horrors have ended."

GUIDE HARRY ALLEN MAKES A BIG HIT WITH FISH AND GAME DEVOTEES AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Lecturing on the Game Resources of New Brunswick and Exhibiting the Real Thing in Movies—World's Attendance Record Said to Have Been Broken—How Bear and Moose are Roped in New Brunswick Wilds.

Mr. W. Harry Allen, the well known guide, of Penniac, and President of the New Brunswick Guides' Association, is now in Ohio getting in some effective publicity work in regard to fishing and hunting in New Brunswick. He has with him several reels of films depicting hunting and fishing scenes in this province and is exhibiting them to large crowds of enthusiastic sportsmen. The Plain Dealer, of Cleveland, publishes the following report of a gathering held in that city:

"Cleveland last Friday night broke the world's attendance record for a gathering of the devotees of hunting and fishing, when every available foot of standing and sitting space in the Grays Armory was filled by over 3,000 men, women and children who came to hear Guide Harry Allen tell of his experiences in the wild country of New Brunswick and be thrilled by his moving pictures. The crowd even packed the entrances, and scores were turned away because there was no room left.

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WAR VETERANS MAKE ATTACK UPON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Claim That the Country Can Easily Pay the Gratuity Asked For—Returned Officers Who Never Seen France All Being Given Soft Jobs, Says Flynn.

Niagara, Falls, Ont., Feb. 26.—A mass meeting was held in the Queen's Theatre recently in the interest of the increased gratuity of \$2,000 for returned men. The theatre was packed. Mayor Stephens acted as Chairman, and in a happy speech introduced the speakers J. Anderson President of the Veterans of France, and Harry Flynn President of the U. V. L., and Dr. Musgrove, ex-M. P.

Mr. Anderson claimed that the country can easily pay the \$2,000 asked for, as Canada is now a lending nation, and advocated getting the money out of the profiteers. He claimed that the returned men should be placed in the same position as the slacker who stayed at home.

ATTACKS GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Flynn made an attack on the Government and especially on Premier Borden. "The D. S. C. R. is the biggest bunch of camouflage ever allowed," he claimed, "the only good it has done being to give returned officers, many of whom had never seen France, soft jobs."

Attacking the Government, he claimed that the Commission appointed to investigate the gratuity question was composed of "creatures of Borden." He averred that it was known what the opinion of the Commission would be before it ever sat.

HOUSE CAT FUR BRINGS GOOD PRICE

New York, Feb. 26.—Bidding was so active at the opening session of the second week of the fur auction in the Masonic Hall here that eight kinds of pelts brought prices higher than had ever before been paid for them.

Notable among the record makers was American opossum, the best of which brought five dollars and sixty cents each. The other record breakers were ringtail opossum, wallaby, fitch, hair seal, leopard, ringtail cat and kolinsky.

The best house cats fetched \$124. Sales for the day were \$1,150,000, and the grand total to date is \$7,850,000.

advocate of Maritime Union and of Vocational Education. He is chairman of the Vocational Committee of New Brunswick and in that capacity has accomplished marked results.

He also is chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts.

The Seconder
 P. P. Melanson who will second the address, is a general merchant at Legerville, Kent County. Prior to his election to the present Legislature he was prominent in municipal politics in his own county. He represented the Parish of St. Paul for six years as municipal councillor, two years of which he was Warden of the county. He was elected to the Legislature in 1917 as a Liberal. According to the time-honored custom he will represent the French-Canadian population of the province in the presentation of the reply to the Speech of His Honor the Lieut. Governor.

ADVOCATE MADE IN CANADA FOOTWEAR

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Canadian shoe manufacturers and allied trades have decided to take concerted action to place before the public facts and figures regarding the Canadian shoe industry. The committee in charge of this week and is already vigorously at the campaign held a two day session work clearing away the preliminaries and working out detailed plans.

The making of boots and shoes in Canada is an important and far-reaching industry, touching and affecting a very large percentage of the Canadian people. The manufacturers feel that many misleading and unfounded statements have been circulated regarding this industry which should be corrected by publication of the facts. They intend to show that the "Made in Canada" principle applied to boots and shoes is worthy of public support from every standpoint.

VETERANS' AIM NOT POLITICAL

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Great War Veterans' Association general meeting last night passed the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that the Great War Veterans' Association places itself on record as being in favor of affiliation with other associations of veterans, excepting those with political aims." This resolution will go before the Dominion convention which meets in Montreal on March 6th, and until Dominion-wide action is taken at that convention, the affiliation proposal so far as the G. W. V. A. is concerned cannot be carried through.

QUESTION OF EMBARGOING THE IMPORT OF LUXURIES SUGGESTION BY BOND MEN

No Action Has Yet Been Taken by the Government, and None May be Contemplated—Investors Have Always Been Protected—Canadian Securities Held Overseas Amount to an Enormous Sum at the Present Time.

INCREASE IN SALARIES ASKED BY TEACHERS

DELEGATION BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD

Plans of Proposed Doak School Considered—Extra Expenditure to be Presented to City Council.

The regular meeting of the School Board was held yesterday in the Board Room and much business was considered. Two delegations were promised a hearing but only one arrived that of the city teachers. Delegates from Doak Settlement were snowbound somewhere south of Wilsey road.

A delegation from the city teachers, composed of J. A. Hughes, principal of Regent St. School, J. E. Page, of the High School staff and Miss Betts, Secretary of the Teachers' Association, with Mr. Hughes as spokesman, appeared and requested a substantial increase of salary. The following petition signed by practically all the teachers, was presented by Mr. Hughes:

"The undersigned members of the teaching staff of Fredericton have decided to ask your Board for a substantial increase in their salaries for the current year, such increase to start from January 1st, 1920 and they hereby make that request.

"The St. John Board has granted to all their teachers sums ranging from \$100 to \$250 each and has placed the salary of the city superintendent at \$4,000.

"Should your Board not be in a position to grant our request, we wish to notify your Board that before renewing our contracts for next year we will press for the salaries laid down in the schedule to be issued by the N. B. Teachers' Association at Easter next, the scale of salaries in which will probably be advanced about 25 per cent.

Quoted Data

The members of the delegation were well fortified with data showing the great increase in the cost of all the necessities of life, and Miss Betts submitted lists showing the salaries paid by the Trustees in St. John and Moncton. Mr. Page supported the statements of his associates and urged upon the Trustees careful consideration of the request of the teachers. Dr. Foster was a delegate but was unable to attend. After some questions from the Trustees the chairman informed the delegation that the Board would give attention to the request of the teachers. They then withdrew.

Extra Expenditure
 Mr. Lemont submitted an outline of many extra expenditures to be included in this year's requisition to the City Council for the assessment. He

(Special to the Mail.)

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The question of embargoing the import of luxuries has got no further than a suggestion emanating in particular from the bond people. No action has been taken by the government in the matter and Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, will not say whether any is in contemplation.

In the matter of securities, Canada it is pointed out has always protected the investor. This policy has worked out well and has been commended the world over. It has received particular commendation in the United States where there is no protection of government securities given, and where liberty bonds have sold off all the way from five to nine points. During the last Victory Loan campaign assurance was given everywhere that stabilization of securities would be continued, and this has been done.

Canadian Securities.

No country, it is pointed out, however, can stabilize and at the same time retire and absorb its deferred obligations. It is impossible to say definitely what the exact amount of Canadian securities held overseas is. It undoubtedly, however, amounts to a very large sum and has been conservatively estimated at \$1,250,000. These securities, consisting as they do of railway, industrial, municipal and governmental issues of pre-war days, were purchased by overseas investors on a varying basis of return, many of them as low as 4 per cent, and running as high as 5.

Meeting Was Postponed

The meeting of the Publicity Committee of the Board of Trade to have taken place last evening was postponed on account of the storm.

will continue this work in order to have it ready to forward to the City Council next month.

Miss E. Beatrice Jewett, for the past four years on the teaching staff of the Smythe St. School staff, has resigned her position to take effect in a few weeks. The trustees accepted the resignation and sent best wishes for a bright future.

New Doak School

Blue prints of the proposed new school at Doak Settlement were examined by the Trustees and seemed to meet with general approval. It is a neat looking structure and will certainly be appreciated by the sturdy people of the settlement. However with the "high cost of living" and lumber, it may not mature.

Mr. Spurdin and Mr. Shute submitted their report as auditors of the Secretary's accounts, which were found correct.

After passing a number of bills the meeting was adjourned.

COMMERCE BOARD RESIGNATIONS IN SIGHT IS REPORT FROM OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—There is more trouble in the Board of Commerce. That body is always a storm centre, but this time the trouble is both internal and external.

Some days ago a report was published to the effect that the board contemplated the abandonment of one of its most important lines of activity as the result of friction with the Civil Service Commission. This brought forth a denial from both the board and the commission, but the news as published was substantially true and the denial was merely evasive, relating to a different matter.

As a matter of fact the friction between the two bodies exists and as a consequence it is stated today that there will be some resignations from the staff and there is even a probability that one if not more of the members of the Board of Commerce itself will resign.