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ALL PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT; PREMIER KING GLAD TO BE HOME

Ottawa, Dec. 8—There was a full meeting of the cabinet today for the first time since the general elections.

Premier Mackenzie King and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, just back from the Imperial Conference, in London, were present, and incidentally were sworn in as members of the sixteenth Parliament of Canada.

At the close of the meeting no official announcement was made. The Prime Minister stated that he had nothing to say except that "it is good to be home again." He had found, he said, that all preparations had been made for the first meeting of the House of Commons tomorrow, when a Speaker will be chosen. The Speech from the Throne, to be delivered by the Governor-General Lord Willingdon on Friday, is understood to be complete.

Estimates Are Waiting.

What will happen in the next ten days is still very much a matter of guesswork. The pre-Christmas meeting of Parliament will be necessarily short. It was called primarily to dispose of the unvoiced estimates of last session. The government hoped to get these voted next week and do away with the practice of providing money for the public services through Governor-General's warrants. If the debate on the address in reply to the

Speech from the Throne, which will begin Monday afternoon, is prolonged, the House will not be able to go into committee of supply.

Won't Shelve Discussion.

Premier King stated today that he would not ask the House to shelve discussion of the address in reply so that he might bring on estimates. This had been suggested as a possibility. He thought that the usual procedure would be followed, but he added that he would rather not make too definite statements about what was really only a possible contingency. The matter, he pointed out, was one for the House to decide.

The Premier had no announcement to make regarding appointments to the Senate (in which there are four vacancies) nor could he say who will succeed the Hon. Harry Cockshutt, as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The latter appointment, he said, will be made early in the new year.

Mr. King stated that he had had a long talk with the Governor-General with whom he lunched at Government House. They discussed the results of the Imperial Conference. "We had a very satisfactory talk," said Mr. King. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, acting leader of the Opposition, made a courtesy call on Mr. King this afternoon at the latter's office.

HANGMAN IN ENGLAND LEFT GRUESOME NOTES

Bradford, Eng., Dec. 8—Visions of a hangman do not make pleasant reading, as revealed in the notes of one executioner, which have just come to light. The notes were written by James Berry of Bradford, who died some years ago. He was credited with 134 executions and his weird experiences and sensations are detailed fully in a diary covering several hundred pages.

Berry's most celebrated case, and most trying ordeal, was that of John Lee, of which the hangman makes notes at length. Berry and an assistant, in Exeter Prison, tried in vain on four occasions to hang Lee. Each time the drop refused to function and finally Lee was reprieved.

Of one execution, Berry wrote: "I am sick at stomach, sick at heart. I am always like that after an execution. I have had no sleep for two nights. I never closed my eyes in Oxford Gaol, where the execution took place, all night long. I could not sleep a wink last night either. Time and again—a hundred times it seemed—just as I was about to drift into slumberland—I saw my latest victim before me."

LOOKING FOR CUT IN TAXES

Ottawa, Dec. 9—Prospects are bright for further tax reduction in the coming year as the result, largely, of the compulsory economy practiced during the last five or six months when money for Federal purposes was available only through Governor-General's warrants. With Dominion finances running true to their present form, the burdened taxpayers may look for a reduction in the sales tax from its present rate of 5 per cent. to 2½ per cent. further downward adjustment in the income tax and removal of the stamp tax on cheques.

Cupid is Busy.

The latest matrimonial rumor which is going the rounds involves the names of an advance grade school teacher and a well known clergyman.

MARITIME SQUABBLE IS CONSIDERED

"There will be no possible decision in the Maritime Provinces' case before Friday," Dr. A. S. Lamb staged last evening when interviewed. "The question of division of the Maritime branch cannot possibly reach the general session of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union before that date," he said in concluding.

An informal discussion between members of the Maritime Provinces branch of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, the New Brunswick branch of the union and the Nova Scotia branch, the latter two provincial branches only, and delegates of the C. A. A. U. took place yesterday afternoon here at the Admiral Beatty Hotel where the general session of the annual meeting of the Canadian body is being held. The meeting yesterday was to allow the delegates of the Union to hear all three sides of the Maritime situation. The main meeting begins this morning at 10 o'clock.

Dr. A. S. Lamb, honorary secretary of the C. A. A. U., stated to a representative of The Telegraph Journal that all present at the meeting had been sworn not to disclose any of the discussion that took place within and absolutely not to divulge any information on the subject whatever. The meeting was held behind closed doors and with the exception of the delegates all others were barred.

Late Lima M. Stickels.

The funeral of the late Lima M. Stickels took place Thursday afternoon from the home of her parents, Union street, Devon, and was largely attended. Service was conducted in St. Mary's Parish Church by Rev. N. P. Fairweather and interment was made in Sunny Bank Cemetery. Pallbearers were James R. Montleith, L. H. Machum, John Gregory and Charles Saunders. The mourners were J. W. Stickels, Andrew Stickels, Stanley Lint, John Lint, W. E. Long, Fred Gunter, David Stickels, Herbert Leslie.

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