

# GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF HYDRO RADIALS

## Nickel Will Be Refined in Ontario and Profits of Company Taxed.

### HOT SHOT FOR MR. McLEAN.

#### Temperance Law Not Rigid and Can Be Altered at Next Session of House.

Toronto, Aug. 16.—Vigorous clear and convincing Hon. L. B. Lucas and Hon. Howard Ferguson to-night set forth the position of the Ontario Government in regard to the issues in the Southwest Toronto by-election.

Facing a large audience in the Royal Templars Hall, an audience at first disposed to be critical and troublesome but later enthusiastically approving of the ministers' statements, they met criticisms of the Government's attitude in regard to prohibition, hydro extension and nickel industry.

The Points Overshadowing all else in the ministers' addresses were announcements upon three points: That the Government while firm in its policy to submit the question of permanent prohibition to the people did not regard the present Ontario Temperance Act as one that could not be changed in details or in a substantial way when the House met again.

That the Government was not blocking the purchase of radial railway rights of way, and had just sent to the Hydro-Electric Commission an order-in-council authorizing the purchase of a right-of-way from Toronto to Dundas for the purpose of new transmission lines and a radial railway.

Nickel Question That not only would nickel be refined in Ontario in the future but that next session legislation would be introduced that would impose upon the nickel industry taxation in accordance with the profits derived from the product of Ontario's mines and that that taxation would be made retroactive.

Mr. Ferguson, who discussed the nickel question, gave the audience the fullest opportunity to ask questions. His address was in marked good temper until he came to deal with the charges that the Ontario Government was permitting Germany to set Ontario nickel. Then he unbent himself of some of the feelings the unfair criticism had stirred up.

He condemned the men who had knowingly circulated the slander and referring directly to W. F. MacLean characterized him as a man "knowing the truth had repeated constantly 'A slander and a base lie.' 'It is a base slander,' he said. 'To say that Premier Hearst is in different to whether Canadian nickel finds its outlet in the bodies of Canadian boys it is a cruel, heartless statement for any man to make and I want to say to his traducers that I nickel finds lodgment in the bodies of Canadian boys it is more likely to find lodgment in the bodies of Mr. Hearst's two boys, both of whom are in the trenches, than it is in the bodies of any of the MacLean family that I know anything about.'

The minister in dealing with nickel taxation declared that the way had been found to devise a new method of taxing the mining output of the province so that it would contribute as it should to carrying on the affairs of the province and lightening the load of taxation in other ways. That taxation, in respect to the nickel industry would be made retroactive just as was the taxation of the miner of finance and would give the province a fair share of the great profits the nickel industry had been making.

WHAT FRANCE PAYS TO CARRY ON THE WAR Paris, Aug. 15.—The war bill of France to the end of July was 29,000,000,000 francs, according to figures available to-day. The miscellaneous expenses of the government were 10,000,000,000 francs.

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# SCENES AT THE BATHING BEACH.



## KING GEORGE VISITS TRENCHES, SEES WHERE ADVANCE IS MADE

### Went Over Ground Recently Held by the Germans Before the Somme Offensive—Saluted the Inscription to an "Unknown British Soldier"—Anzacs Coming From the Trenches Gave Him Hearty Cheers

With the British Army in France, Aug. 16.—King George has been at the front for a week. He left to-day for England, and his departure was the first information that the majority of the troops had of his presence. As a matter of precaution the visit was kept a secret, and there was no display or big reviews as on the occasion of his visit last Fall.

The King simply went about, seeing all sections of the army at work and the fields it had won. The flutter of a bit of bunting the Royal coat-of-arms as a motor car sped along the road in clouds of dust and motor-truck drivers and passing battalions started and looked around, exclaiming, "The King!" The Prince of Wales was with the King all the time. The monarch was dressed in khaki with the crossed batons of a field-marshal on his shoulders, and the Prince wore the uniform of a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards. Neither wore any decorations, and but for their features, which were immediately recognized everywhere, they might have been taken for two of a party of officers making a round of the line. The King at one point on the line the King met General Sir Henry Rawlinson, commander of the Fourth Army, which delivered the main attack, and Major-General Congreve, whose corps struck Montauban and Marnet. Alighting from his automobile near Fricourt, the King went into the first line British trenches, from which the British made their charge. "Now all will breast the parapet as my men did," he said, mounting it. He walked across the old No Man's Land and saw the maze of fortifications and trenches which the British had wrested from the Germans. Standing on the edge of a big shell crater the King looked through a sailor's telescope he was carrying, across the foreground of desolation toward Pozieres, the Bazentin, Longueval and Delville Wood. He watched the curls of black smoke which signified that the German

where not scared when you fought the Germans," he was told. "No, I know how to act when I meet Germans, but not when in the presence of kings." "I believe I have found my youngest soldier," exclaimed the King when he saw a 12-year-old boy among the Northampton. But little Joseph Lefevre was not English. He is the son of a dead Belgian soldier, and was found wandering alone under shell fire at Ypres, adopted by the battalion and placed on its rolls. He told his story in French to the King, and said: "They will not let me go up to fight, but keep me back with the transport." The King said: "As I was going to suggest, and being a soldier, you will have to obey orders."

Greeted by Australians If there could be said to be any review, it was an informal one. When the King went to call on Gen. Birdwood, he met a battalion of Australians, who were just coming out of the trenches after taking Pozieres Ridge. With their steel helmets back on their heads, their shirts open at the neck, their skins tanned as Indians, their clothes rent and streaked with earth stains, they lined the road and gave him an Australian cheer.

Gen. Joffre came over from his headquarters and President Poincaré came from Paris to take lunch with King George and Sir Douglas Haig. On Sunday King George lunched with King Albert of the Belgians. Through the week a moving picture man was doing his best to keep up with the King while the diffident Prince of Wales was noticeably profuse in slipping out of the picture just as the operator began turning the crank. Not the least of the many scenes with dramatic appeal during the King's visit was that on the quay when the King landed. He was received by a guard of honor from a battalion of the King's Royal Rifles, 75 per cent. of whom had been wounded.

RAILWAY COLLISION By Special Wire to the Courier. Pittsburgh, Aug. 16.—Three trainmen were killed, three seriously injured and four slightly hurt, when two heavy freight trains, each drawn by two engines, came together in a head-on collision on the Pittsburgh and Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Vanice, Pa., early to-day. All traffic was tied up for several hours. The dead are J. W. Eustice, engineer; C. D. Hutchinson and C. R. Wright, firemen, all of Pittsburgh.

FEARS ENTERTAINED FOR FATE OF BIG MEN Copenhagen, Aug. 16.—German maritime papers have begun to examine the fate of the merchant submarine Bremen which has been lost by being caught in a steel net. They predict that no more merchant submarines will be sent to the United States.

IMPROVING GODERIC HARBOR. Goderich, Aug. 16.—Considerable improvements have been made at Goderich harbor this summer, and it is learned that through the efforts of Major Lewis, M.P., the Government has agreed to a further grant of \$15,500, to be spent in dredging the outer channel.

HURON JUDGE IMPROVING Goderich, Aug. 16.—Judge Philip Holt, Junior County Judge here, who suffered a stroke last week, is reported to be slowly improving.

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