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First Session Of Legislature With  
Hon. W. E. Foster As Premier

Important Matters In  
Speech From  
Throne

LEGISLATION FORESHADOWED

Affects Crown Lands, Roads and  
Prohibition Act—References to  
Change in Royal Representation  
at Ottawa And to Death of  
Former Premier Clarke—Pride  
in New Brunswick Soldiers

Fredericton, May 10.—The members of the new legislature were formally sworn into office at twelve o'clock today. The chief justice, Sir Ezekiel McLeod, administered the oath, assisted by George Y. Dibble, acting clerk. Quite a number of spectators witnessed the ceremony. Practically all the government supporters were in attendance. Messrs. Young, Hunter and Guphill on the opposition side were absent. Premier Foster was the first to take the oath. The other members of the government followed. The members being sworn in, were assigned their seats by the sergeant at arms. The premier will share his desk with Mr. Baxter.

State Dinner.  
The lieutenant governor will give his state dinner at the Queen hotel tonight. Those present will be Lieut. Governor Wood, William Crutcher, W. A. Leighton, Lieut.-Col. P. A. Guthrie, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Powell, Hon. Mr. Currie, Justice Barry, Sir Ezekiel McLeod, the Bishop of Fredericton, Chief Justice McKewen, Justice Crockett, Brig. General C. C. Jones, A. T. Leblanc, Major C. J. Morgan, Major C. H. Merceless, Major H. H. McLean, Dr. W. S. Carter, Rev. J. C. Wilson, Hon. L. A. Dugal, Hon. J. A. Smith, Hon. F. J. Venier, Hon. P. Murray, Hon. W. E. Foster, Hon. J. A. Murray, Hon. Robert Murray, Hon. J. P. Tweeddale, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. W. F. Roberts, J. Howe Dickson, W. R. Rusk, D. W. Merceless, J. B. Dickson.

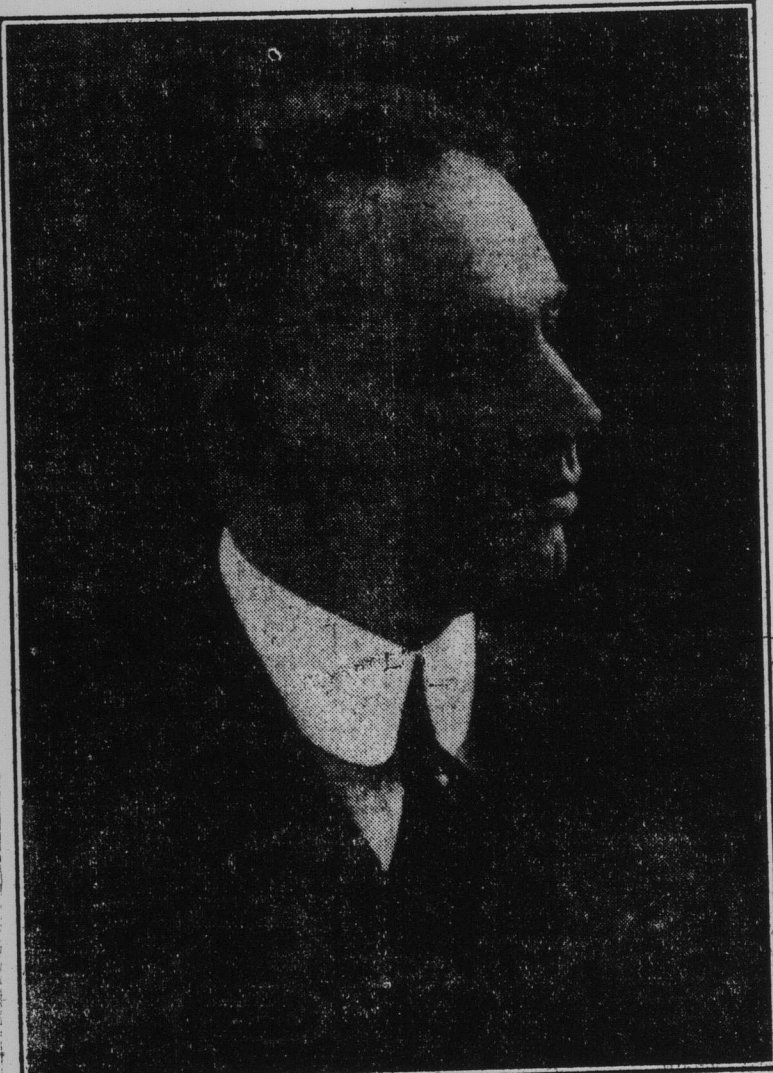
The Opening.  
The first session of the seventh legislative assembly was formally opened this afternoon by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood. On account of the recent political changes more than usual interest attached to the proceedings and the attendance of spectators was very large. More than 800 ladies and gentlemen occupied seats on the floor of the house, while the galleries were crowded to their capacity. The governor of honor was furnished by the 23rd battalion and was in command of Captain E. J. Mooney. The guard, wearing kilts, left the barracks at 2:30 o'clock and preceded by the band, marched to Parliament Square and took up a position facing the main entrance. The governor and party were received with the customary general salute. The members assembled in the chamber at three o'clock and were called to order by Attorney-General Currie, who declared that His Honor would give his reasons for summoning the legislature when a speaker had been elected.

William Currie, Speaker.  
Premier Foster nominated William Currie, of Restigouche, which motion was seconded by Attorney-General Currie, and carried. The new speaker was then escorted to the chair, and in a brief speech thanked the house for the honor conferred upon him. He then retired and the lieutenant-governor, preceded by his military staff, entered the chamber. His Honor, being seated upon the throne, was pleased to open the session with the following speech:

The Speech.  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—  
It affords me much pleasure to welcome you on your assembling for the discharge of your legislative duties for the first time since the general election, and I extend to you all a hearty greeting, and trust that the result of your deliberations at this time may be of great benefit to the province.

It is a matter of regret that you should be called upon to assemble at this inconvenient season of the year, when the attention of so many of you is required in connection with the general election, and the recent general election and the change of administration made an earlier meeting of the legislature impossible, and also makes it necessary to postpone legislation upon many important matters.

Since the last session of this assembly, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, has completed his term of office as Governor General of Canada and returned to the mother-land, bearing with him the sincere appreciation of the people of the Dominion for the able, impartial and tactful manner in which he discharged his important duties as the representative in this country of His Most Gracious Majesty, the King, and with the kindest wishes for his future welfare and that of his gracious consort and family. It was therefore with deep regret that I deeply regret that it was learned that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, after returning to England, had been taken seriously ill and passed away, and I am sure that the sympathy of the people of this province will be in common with that of the whole Dominion, go out to His Royal Highness and family in their great bereavement.



HON. W. E. FOSTER, Premier.

SETBACK AT FRESNOY NOT  
LOOKED UPON AS SERIOUS

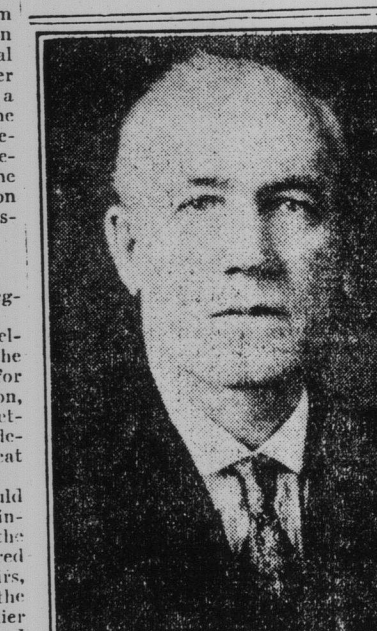
Hard to Hold and Recapture Cost Enemy  
Heavily—Brunot of Defence Not On  
Canadians

London, May 10.—Correspondents at British headquarters in France, referring to the situation at Fresnoy, say the village had been difficult to hold ever since the Canadians captured it on last Thursday. As the British were not in possession of the villages of Achelle and Oppy, respectively to the north and south, Fresnoy was greatly exposed. Standing out from the line like a bastion, the Germans made strong attacks daily on each side of the village to prevent the British from getting forward to strengthen their position.

In their final assault the German employed their own resources to give them the British had used in taking the village. Their losses are declared to have been so severe that if we had used up every man we had on the field we should not have approached them in numbers, and if the operation costs us some ground we have a large credit in man power to balance it.

The Canadians apparently were not the main defenders of the position, the brunt of the attack falling on South England troops, whose stubborn resistance is highly praised. It is said that they were worn out and compelled to give way before the overwhelming strength of the enemy. Nevertheless it was the same men who, after an hour's breathing spell, reattacked and recovered a large part of the ground. The correspondents describe the set back as being on a small scale and such as is bound to occur from time to time, provided the enemy is willing to stand the losses such assaults entail.

It is gratifying to know that Great Britain and her colonies and Allies have recently assumed a successful offensive and, with greater determination than ever, are bent still to continue the struggle for freedom and for right.



WILLIAM CURRIE, Speaker.

CHATHAM BUSINESS  
MAY KILLED TRYING TO  
SAVE ANOTHER'S LIFE

A. H. Marquis Shocked to Death by Electricity  
—Tried to Free Wm Cable, Who Was  
Held by Electric Force

Chatham, N. B., May 10.—A terrible fatality occurred here this morning when A. H. Marquis, a prominent business man of this town, was killed by electricity and William Cable was seriously burned about the hands and arms. About four o'clock the smoke in a barn back of Mr. Marquis' house and the firemen quickly responded to an alarm. While fighting the fire the most serious shocks of electricity and it was found necessary to disconnect the wires at their entrance to the barn. This was done.

BRITISH LABOR MEN  
WILL NOT ATTEND  
STOCKHOLM MEETINGS

Will Arrange Conference in London,  
Labor and Socialist Parties  
of All Allies to be Represented

London, May 9.—The national executive committee met in the house today to consider an invitation to attend the Stockholm socialist conference. It was decided, however, that it could not associate itself with this. It regarded the calling of a conference by the Dutch section as irregular. The conference apparently had no definite object in view and would possess no mandate.

SOME RETAIL PRICES  
FIXED IN ENGLAND BY  
THE FOOD CONTROLLER

London, May 9.—Baron Devonport, food controller, has fixed the maximum retail price of maize flour, maize meal and other like products. The price of oatmeal, rolled oats and flaked oats will be five and a half pence.

GUNNER K. KENNEDY  
OF HAMPTON WOUNDED

(Special to the Times)  
Hampton, N. B., May 12.—Mrs. W. J. Kennedy of Hampton Village has received word from Ottawa to the effect that her son, Gunner Keltie Kennedy, has been wounded in the hip in the big battle of Vimy Ridge, and that his wounds are of a serious nature. Gunner Kennedy went overseas as a member of a local sapper battery.

NO ARRESTS SINCE TUESDAY  
St. John is saved from a model city  
under the prohibition law. No arrests have been made by the police since Tuesday.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was off the Nova Scotia coast yesterday morning has moved northeast to Prince Edward Island with increased intensity, accompanied by strong winds and gales with rain throughout the maritime provinces. The weather has continued fair and warm in the western provinces.

Admits Forcing Belgians to Fight in German Ranks

Copenhagen, May 10, via London.—A representative of the German war department had admitted in the Reichstag that some Belgian subjects resident in Cologne were drafted into the German army, in spite of their protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army. The admission was made in answer to an interpolation by a radical socialist deputy. The war department official pointed out that the question of citizenship in the case would be reviewed.

British And French  
Both Make Gains

Haig's Men Advance Near Bullecourt  
and Elsewhere—French Forces Capture  
Fortified Position and Defeat Fresh  
German Troops

London, May 10.—Progress was made by the British last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt, east of Gricourt and south of the Souchez River, so says today's official announcement.

Paris, May 10.—A fortified position on the Vaucourt plateau was captured last night by the French. This is announced officially. Heavy artillery fighting continues in this region, where the Germans made a counter attack with a division of fresh troops. Several German counter attacks along the Chemin des Dames were repulsed. The statement follows: "During the night the enemy attempted, without success, several rather feeble counter-attacks at various points along the Chemin-des-Dames. All his efforts were defeated by our fire. A counter attack in greater force against positions carried by us in the region of Chevreux met with the same fate and did not prevent us from making further progress and capturing a fortified point of support. Prisoners and a machine gun remained in our hands.

Information now at hand shows that German airplanes reported to have damaged seriously on April 23, 24, May 5 and May 7, were in reality brought down. Yesterday our pilots caused two German airplanes to fall in flames."

WOUNDED AT VIMY;  
SOLDIER WRITES HOME

Private James Ewart Hard Hit  
But Recovering in England

Mrs. James Ewart, 64 Gullford street, West St. John, received a letter this morning from her husband, Pte. James Ewart, who was recently reported as being wounded in action in the battle at Vimy Ridge. Pte. Ewart said that his wounds were very severe. He was hit by a shell and his condition warranted his removal from France to hospital in England. Pte. Ewart said that he was on the road to recovery and was able to write a few lines home.

CORP. CHAS. HUMPHRIES  
BACK TO FIRING LINE

Fairville Soldier Has Been in Hospital in France—Hopes to See War End This Year

Many Fairville friends will be glad to know that Second Corporal Chas. Humphries, son of Charles E. Humphries, has about recovered from illness and by now is being discharged from No. 1 Base Hospital, France, where he has been undergoing treatment. Corp. Humphries was a very popular chap in his home town, being a member of the baseball league. It is good news to hear that he is able to be out and at it once again.

GERMAN EXCUSE FOR  
MORE SAVAGE WORK

Berlin, May 10, via London.—An official statement issued today says: "In reprisal for the placing of a German general and fifteen staff officers on French hospital ships in the Mediterranean the German authorities have placed three hundred of French officers of corresponding rank at points in the western industrial districts which are especially subject to aerial attack."

W. MARSHALL BLACK OF WOLFVILLE PASSED AWAY TODAY

Halifax, N.S., May 10.—W. Marshall Black of Wolfville died this morning after a short illness. He was a native of Halifax but had been a resident for twenty years, was a prominent mayor of that town and a former Freeman.

MONCTON SCHOOL BOYS

Students who volunteer for active service in the local greater production campaign shall be released from classes and exams on June 1, providing their standing at that time on the year's work shows an average of sixty per cent. or better, was the unanimous decision reached by the Moncton board of school trustees.

RETURNED SOLDIERS  
AIR GRIEVANCES AT  
TORONTO MEETING

Urge Employment Bureau in Toronto And Reorganization of Canada's Pension System

Toronto, May 10.—Returned disabled soldiers aired some grievances at a public meeting in Massey Hall last night presided over by His Worship Mayor Church. They complained that the government was dilatory, that the Patriotic Fund officials were unympathetic, and that alien enemies and society workers were being employed in munition factories to the exclusion of returned soldiers and soldiers' wives. They urged the establishment, at once, of a civic employment bureau for returned soldiers and re-organization of the pension system in Canada.

SINN FEINER WINS IN  
BY-ELECTION OVER  
REDMOND CANDIDATE

London, May 10.—Joseph McGinness, Sinn Feiner, has been elected to the House of Commons at the special election to fill the vacancy of the southern division of Longford county, Ireland. His majority was 37 over Patrick McKenna, Nationalist.

NEWFOUNDLAND  
PREPARES FOR BIG  
FISH BUSINESS

St. John's, Nfld., May 10.—Preparations are being made for the operation of Newfoundland fishing fleets and curing plants on a larger scale than ever this year. It is the general expectation that an unusually large amount of fish will be exported to the United States, where it is thought the demand will be greatly increased by the war conditions and the high prices of other food.

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SUES WALDORF ASTOR

Action Brought for Penalties Under an Old British Statute.

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