

NEW BRUNSWICK MINISTER LOSS

Liberal Defeats Hon. P. G. Mahoney in Westmoreland—Big Turnover.

St. John, N.B., May 30.—Westmoreland, New Brunswick, has stepped up alongside of British Columbia, Manitoba and Peel, Ontario, in re-booking graft in high places, for today Dr. Ernest A. Smith, candidate of the Liberal opposition, converted a minority of 450 in the general election into a majority of eight-three, defeating Hon. P. G. Mahoney, the new minister of public works in the cabinet.

The campaign just closed was a most memorable one. Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., came from Ottawa to assist the Liberals. The chief significance of the result lies in the warning to the Clarke-Baxter government which it realized now has not long to live.

Since the day in April, 1914, that L. A. Dugal, one of the two remaining Liberal members in the Legislature after the general elections of 1912, made his charges against Hon. J. K. Fleming, then Premier of the Province, of extortion of \$100,000 from timber-limit holders, and of malfeasance in office in administering the Valley Railway funds, the revelations of political corruption and of exploitation of public monies for private gain have been sickening.

Mr. Geo. J. Clarke has succeeded Mr. Fleming as Premier, but several members of government remain and all bear responsibility for the famous whitewash resolution rushed through the Legislature exonerating Fleming, although he was condemned by the report of the Royal Commission. Many other scandals had developed since the Dugal charges were made.

Today's election was rendered necessary by the retirement of Hon. John Morrissey from the government at Premier Clarke's request, after Hon. Mr. Morrissey had denounced members of the government and ministers in a violent speech in the House. Trouble had arisen over charges made against H. M. Blair, Mr. Morrissey's deputy, and the latter was also removed from office. Sensations came when Mr. Blair began to publish affidavits telling of alleged efforts made by Premier Clarke to enable him to go away quietly when the charges were made.

LOCAL OFFICER TO LEAD

Recruiting Staff at Belleville for the 290th County Battalion.

Lieut. Lynn, Sergeant Armitage, George Tilley, Walter Yateman and Henry Foltz will recruit in this city for the new County Battalion for Hastings and Belleville. Other recruiters will be stationed at other centers. It is hinted that a well known Belleville officer will command the new unit.

DEATH OF MRS. S. CARTER

Irene Carter, wife of Mr. Stanley Carter, 27 Wallbridge street, died at an early hour this morning. She had been ill for about a week past. Born twenty-four years ago at Amherst Island, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker. For the past seven years she had lived in Belleville. In religion Mrs. Carter was an Anglican, being a parishioner of Christ church. She leaves besides her husband, two little boys, Howard and Freddie. Her parents, five brothers and two sisters survive.

POLICE COURT.

In police court this morning, E. Rgule was fined \$10 or 21 days and W. Kimmery \$5 and costs or 21 days on charges of having been drunk.

LAI D TO REST.

The funeral of the late Peter Moon took place on Tuesday afternoon from his late residence, Rossmore. Rev. Mr. Webber conducted service at the home and at Albury Church. Interment was in Albury Cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. A. Anderson, P. Reddick, R. Babcock, D. Belnap, Ass. Brickman, and Wesley Gerow.

DIED.

CARTER.—In Belleville on Wednesday, May 31st, Irene Hannah Carter, beloved wife of Mr. Stanley M. Carter, aged 24 years and ten months.

GERMANS RUSHING ALL TROOPS POSSIBLE TO VERDUN FRONT

Austrians Succeed in Forcing Passage in Trentino—French Evacuate First Line Trench Near Cumleres—Han Detachments Cut to Pieces—Germans Withdrawing Troops From Russian Front for the West—British Will Tighten German Blockade—Heavy British Casualties in May—All Russians of 19 Called to Colors.

SPEEDY END OF FUTILE WAR IS DEMANDED IN REICHSTAG.

BERLIN, May 31.—In the Reichstag today, Gustav Noske, Socialist, protested against the speech of Herr Hirsch, National Liberal of Essen, which, he declared, was calculated to prevent the neutral powers from mediating in behalf of peace. Herr Noske especially objected to Herr Hirsch's "scolding tone" toward President Wilson. He added:

"There is no disposition among the German people to hazard the lives of further hundreds of thousands for fantastic plans of conquest. The people at the front and at home want no more bloodshed. The masses reject the thought of continuing the war until peoples are bled white. That would be a crime. Humanity needs a permanent understanding."

HEAVY BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR MAY.

LONDON, May 31.—The British casualties for May were much heavier than for the two preceding months. The total being 1767 officers and 23,470 men.

GERMAN DETACHMENTS ANNIHILATED BY FRENCH.

PARIS, May 31.—The War Office announces that in the course of a violent struggle last night the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a first line trench near Caprette wood, south of Cumleres. Under cover of fog, detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chatten court where they were annihilated by the French fire.

TO VERDUN.

ROTTERDAM, May 31.—Information received here says that every man who can be spared from the other German fronts is being rushed to Verdun.

Military trains have been unloading fresh divisions at Verdun from the Russian front for the past three days.

BRITISH TO TIGHTEN GERMAN BLOCKADE.

PARIS, May 31.—The British war trade minister arrived here today to confer as to methods of further tightening the blockade against Germany.

FOE TOWN TAKEN BY GEN. NORTHEY.

LONDON, May 31.—The British force which is invading German East Africa from the southwest, and which yesterday was reported to have penetrated on the front between Lakes Tanganyika and Nyassa, has made still further progress, according to an official statement issued last night. The statement says:

"In continuing the report of his operations sent on May 25, Brig-Gen. Northey telegraphs that his operations against Neu Langenberg (north of Lake Nyassa) were successful. The enemy was compelled to evacuate the town. We occupied it today, capturing large quantities of ammunition, food and stores of all kinds.

"An enemy garrison which is holding Marema, 23 miles east northwest of Abercorn (on the Rhodesian border) has been invested."

AUSTRIAN SUCCESS IN TRENTINO.

BERLIN, May 31.—It is announced here that Austro-Hungarian troops operating to the west of Arsiolo, in the Trentino district have forced a passage across the Posina river and have taken the heights on the southern bank. The capture of the fortified Italian works of Puntac Ordina also is announced.

ALL RUSSIANS OF 19 CALLED TO COLORS.

PETROGRAD, May 31.—All Russians above the age of 19 have been called to the colors for immediate service; the age limit for military service hitherto has been twenty.

ZEPPELIN DESTROYED AT SALONIKI.

AMSTERDAM, May 31.—A German Zeppelin descending near Veles on the Saloniki front, according to information received here came in contact with some trees and was destroyed.

NEW ZEPPELIN BEING TESTED.

ZURICH, May 31.—Reports from Romanshorn, a Swiss town on the Lake Constance say that a new super-Zeppelin 750 feet long and with a capacity about double the present type is making trial flights over the lake.

NO DAYLIGHT SAVING FOR KINGSTON.

KINGSTON, May 31.—Following a storm of protests from citizens the council held a special meeting last night and rescinded the decision regarding daylight saving coming into effect here tomorrow.

FIRST DRAFT OF B. Q. CONFERENCE

Announcement of Proposed Changes in Methodist Pulpits.

Peterboro' May 30.—The first draft of stations of the Bay of Quinte Methodist Conference follows:

Belleville District—Belleville (Bridge Street), C. T. Scott; Belleville (Tabernacle), Samuel C. Moore, B.A., B.D.; Point Anne, F. J. Anderson, Bayside, Dr. G. W. Martin; Melrose, Wm. Mair.

Napanee District—Napanee (Trinity), C. W. Denzil, B.A.; Morven, T. A. Carmichael, B.A.; G. H. Richmond.

Pictou District—Hallowell, Wm. J. Pieter, Northport, Earl Sessmith, Cherry Valley, E. Harstone; Cressy, J. F. Ireland.

Brighton District—Smithfield, T. H. P. Anderson; Stockdale, R. M. Patterson.

Cobourg District—Cobourg, Capt. Harry B. Kenny, Samuel Sellery, assistant pastor; Canton, J. W. Cannon.

Bowmanville District—Bowmanville, Wilmet G. Clarke, B.A.; Oshawa (Simcoe Street), Capt. John Garbutt, Prof. Johnston, supply; Courtice, R. A. Delye; Newtonville, John E. Griffith, B.A.

Whitby District—Prince Albert, John W. Banner; Seagrave, F. G. Joblin.

Cannington District—Manilla, A. R. Walsh, H. J. Lattimer (enlisted); Victoria Road, Albert Hardy, Ralph W. Hardy, (enlisted).

Lindsay District—Lindsay (Cambridge Street), Arthur H. Going, B.A.; Lindsay (Queen Street), J. S. McMullen; Omemee, J. Wesley Down, (Secretary of Conference); Bethel, F. J. Horwood; Lifford, Douglas Mounteer; Cambury, R. J. Butler, Major C. G. Williams, assistant pastor; Minden, C. G. Grant; Wilberforce, Beck; W. P. Davey, (enlisted).

Peterboro' District—Cavan, W. E. Clarke, Warsaw, D. R. Clare, B.A., B.D.; Wesley, W. A. B. Ponty-pool, John G. Lewis, B.A.; Capt. Harry A. Frost, (enlisted).

Cambridge District—Harwick, Ches. Adams, South Dufferin, E. M. Cook; Seymour, M. L. Hinton; Cordova and Belmont, J. N. Lovelace.

Madoc District—Marmora, W. P. Woodger; Bridgewater, Jno. W. Pettley; St. Ola, H. A. Bunt; Coe Hill, Edgar Seymour; Montague, J. S. Verneer; McNeely; Finton, H. P. L. Seymour; Cloyne, R. E. Benson.

Enlisted—Douglas Dixon, Fred J. Mains, H. B. Herrington.

REVISIONS IN ASSESSMENT.

Court Deal with Appeals in Foster, Samson and Ketcheson Wards.

The court of revision last night began its work into the appeals against Mr. J. A. Kerr's assessment of city properties, taking for its field, Foster, Samson and Ketcheson wards. The following appeals were dealt with:

Foster Ward.
F. S. Anderson, E. Pinnacle, \$200 reduction.
Mrs. J. H. Bell, West John, \$300 reduction.

M. Cote, Marlon St., \$100 reduction.
F. Dolan, W. John, (2 lots) \$200 off each.

J. A. Kerr, W. Pinnacle, \$300 off. Twenty appeals by J. J. B. Flint were reduced \$100 each.

Mary Kartling, W. Pinnacle, reduced to \$500.
J. A. Petrie, W. Pinnacle (2 lots) \$250 each.

W. C. Reid, two appeals dismissed. Schuster Co., assessed \$6,300 against Schuster; \$4,200 against Canada Steamships.

Samson Ward.
Mrs. A. McIninch, E. Front, \$100 off.
Mrs. A. McIninch, business, \$100 off.

L. P. Hughes, W. Front, \$1,000 reduced to \$600.
W. Jenkins, E. Ann, \$1,600 to \$1,200.

J. S. Sprague, George, \$500 off. Ketcheson Ward.
Miss Elizabeth Corbett, East Front assessment reduced \$1,000.
W. Haslip, W. Front, \$2,000 reduced to \$1,800.

Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$30,000 reduced to \$24,000.
Greenleaf & Son, West Pinnacle, \$1,125 off.

Thompson Furniture Co., three appeals dismissed.
W. H. Morton, E. Front, \$8,000 reduced to \$6,000.

Sophia Thompson, W. John and N. Queen, four appeals, \$8,000 reduced to \$7,200.
W. E. Boulter, S. Victoria Ave., \$2,000 reduced to \$1,500.

BELLEVILLE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Closing Shoot at the Armouries Last Night—Keen Competition.

A large number of members turned out last night to participate in the last competition of the winter season, and some very close shooting resulted. It was a competition between four teams of five, the members of the winning team each receiving a silver spoon. So close was the shooting that "A" and "B" teams tied for first place with an aggregate of 472 points each out of a possible 500. The rival captains shot off the tie with the result that "B" team won easily, "C" team came third, 2 points ahead of "D". Special competition cards were used and the average for the whole shoot was 98. The following are the full scores of the teams:

A	G. D. Gratton	96
A	D. J. Corrigan	96
A	J. Dough	94
A	G. B. Smith	92
A	C. C. Hayes	94
A	472	
B	A. R. Symons	94
B	J. S. Peck	91
B	C. J. Willis	95
B	H. C. Thompson	94
B	H. Hall	98
B	472	
C	W. J. Andrews	97
C	H. Day	96
C	H. Sneyd	89
C	C. J. Symons	88
C	Dr. Clarke	89
C	469	
D	A. Harman	92
D	J. C. Willis	97
D	R. Tannahill	89
D	C. C. Walker	94
D	M. Wright	86
D	467	

At the close of the competition Mr. H. Sneyd the president of the Association on rising to present the various prizes, won by the members during the winter season, said that he was pleased to see so many present to take part in the closing shoot of a very successful season. He referred to the members (over 30) who were fighting for their country and had received communications from most of them, who were all loud in their praise of the great benefit they had received from the training while members of the club here. The soldier's best friend is his rifle and no doubt many of their lives were saved by the excellence of the rifle practice here. One of the members who entered the club as a novice has as a result of the training been made musketry instructor in England. They also thanked him for the presents of tobacco which had been sent them by the association; one of them saying English tobacco was all right, but you can't beat the Canadian. A great improvement had been shown in the shooting this season, exhibiting the keenness of the members. If we only had a million men in Canada who could shoot as well as the members of the Belleville Rifle Association, we could defy any nation. He then proceeded to present the prizes won. Most of the present members of the club receiving silver spoons. The principal prize, a handsome target rifle presented by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company being won by Mr. Harry Day, with the magnificent score of 100, the highest possible. The winner, Mr. Day responded, expressing his pleasure in winning the rifle, and saying that he thought he was rather lucky to do so, as if the conditions had been for an aggregate of shoots, it would have gone to some other member. He hoped the same keenness would be shown next year and that some other member would win it.

Refreshments, cigars, coffee were served, and a vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the club, Sgt. J. Dough and Mr. A. Harman for bringing the club up to the present state of efficiency. Proceedings closed about eleven o'clock.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. Sneyd for the shooting at the butts and ammunition is being secured.

SUPPLIES FOR THE BELGIANS

Montreal, May, 30.—A dispatch has been received by the Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, that the Steamer Gothland, 5,700 tons left Newport, England last Friday to load 175,000 bushels of wheat and 30 carloads of goods at Montreal.

The Gothland is due in Montreal about June 6th, and among the goods to be loaded are 8 carloads of flour and 9 carloads of canned goods, condensed milk, smoked fish, etc.

FAREWELL TO 155TH BATT.

Hastings and Prince Edward Boys Now in Barrifield—Street Parade at 9.30 This Morning

The 155th Battalion of Bay of Quinte boys are now camped on Barrifield, three miles from Kingston. This morning the entire district from which the men have been recruited was stirred to its depths, as thirteen hundred men left their centers where they have been drilling for months and took train for the biggest camp Barrifield has ever seen.

The northern platoons were up earlier of necessity. The Coe Hill boys climbed aboard the C.O.R. at 6 o'clock this morning and even at this early hour were given a send off by the villagers. Marmora soldiers entrained at 8.40, Frankford at 9.15, and Trenton at 10.25. The Pictonians had got aboard at 9.15 and the Wellingtonians 9.40. These went on the second train in charge of Col. Putman.

Col. Adams' Belleville Boys created a stir in Belleville from nine o'clock onwards. The men were drawn up in the armouries shortly after nine o'clock and on the arrival of Madoc village platoon, the local company, the M.G.S., Signalers and staff and brass band swung on to Pinnacle St. and Bridge the band playing a stirring air. They marched up Front St. to Victoria Ave. and returned, every man carrying his overcoat in hand and his equipment. The band burst into the strains of "Keep the Home Fires Burning." The large crowds on the streets cheered the lads as they took their first step forward to the battle-line. The soldiers were gay, singing songs and bidding goodbye to their friends.

At the C. N. R. Depot.

Thousands of citizens were in the crowd at the C.N.R. station to bid farewell to the Belleville, and Madoc boys. Many were the goodbyes and leave-takings and many eyes were moist and red with weeping. A considerable time elapsed before the boys entrained and one had a good opportunity to visit among the men. At one o'clock the train went aboard. Five minutes before the train moved away. The soldiers seemed more gay than the citizens, still cheering were given the speeding boys.

About 11.15 the Stirling detachment arrived at the armouries having come by G.T.R. and were joined by the bugle band who then proceeded to the depot. At 11.30 the train with Prince Edward, North Hastings and Trenton and Frankford boys arrived. Flags were flying from the windows. The bugle band and singing lads climbed into the rear coach and as the train pulled away the bugles struck up a march.

Lieut. Lynn was in charge of the Stirling detachment.

The High School Cadet Corps has challenged Queen Mary School corps the holders of the Robb Cup and the competition will be held this afternoon from four to six on the High School grounds.

TO RECRUIT PIONEERS

Lieut. Geo. Butler and Lieut. Quinlan are starting a campaign here to recruit men for the 5th Pioneer Battalion, Montreal. They have good opportunities for men who like pioneering.

RIPPED UP CELL

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CITY NOTES

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Sergt. Simpson, 139th Battalion of Cobourg was in town last night driving a car without markers. It bore the marks—W. D. C.E.F., 1916. The police asked him what it meant. He said "War Department" and that the car belonged to the 139th Battalion and did not require a license.

An autoist was reported for furious driving last night and another for driving without markers.

The police are getting after autoists who drive with markers covered with mud and dust. This is against the law.

JOIN THE BATTERY.

Capt. McDougall commanding 72nd battery and Lieut. A. B. Thompson of the same battery are in the city. Lt. Thomson will remain here in charge of recruiting for the 72nd battery. He will be assisted by Sergt. J. Dough of Belleville.

Capt. Dr. Proctor, A.M.C. is in the city from Kingston.

Canada's Golden Opportunity

There is no branch of agriculture in which increased production is more desirable than in live stock. In both Canada and the United States, despite the ever progressive increase of artificial means of locomotion, horses have grown in numbers since the beginning of the century. Cattle and swine have increased in Canada to some extent, but not in anything like equal proportion with the percentage that has been added to the population. Sheep, a most economical animal to keep and breed, have decreased materially. In the circumstances it is hardly strange that prices of meat, of wool, of dairy products, are in the ascendancy, and well maintained. That they will go higher yet is the opinion of all who have studied the situation. In their report the Commissioners of Inquiry into the Cost of Living tersely describe the state of affairs in this fashion:

"The increased cost of live stock is due to under-production. The increase in cattle has not kept pace with the increase in population in the principal cattle-raising countries, excepting Australia.

"Farmers tell us they have found dairy work, and some other productions of the farm, more remunerative than raising live stock, and that those conditions have tended to a falling off in the supply of cattle." The conditions here described are more marked in the United States. There between 1900 and 1915 the population increased 24 per cent, while the cattle decreased 30 per cent. In Russia, Argentina and Brazil there were also decreases. In France, Germany, the United King-

dom, and Austria-Hungary there were slight increases, but only in France at the same ratio as the population. In Australia alone was there relatively a greater growth in the number of cattle than of people. In Canada the population during the period mentioned increased 35 per cent, but in cattle only 20 percent. These facts are surely pregnant with significance of the opportunity that lies before Canada in the breeding of cattle. The same state of things exists, only in a more emphatic way, as regards sheep, and even as regards swine the depletion last year was of such extent as to produce a certain measure of scarcity this year. While prices fell in 1915, owing to an overstocked market and the demand for money, this year for hogs and all bacon products there has been a marked rise.

With the foregoing outline of home matters before them it is hard to believe breeders will fail to recognize the profit that will likely accrue from increased production in all lines of live stock. If, with the present difficulties of shipment overseas, the market is buoyant, it is surely reasonable to expect that its activity will be greatly accelerated when the warring nations shall have reached an agreement, and decimated flocks and herds have to be renewed and revived. When that good time arrives, not only the twenty million men under arms, but a large part of the general population of Europe will hail with eager anticipation the chance to once more enjoy fresh-killed beef, mutton and pork. Breeders, too, will hasten to restore their vanished or decimated stocks. A dozen countries will then clamour for cattle, sheep and pigs. Canada, with her channels of supply open, with her nearness to the sources of demand, will then be in most favored position to avail herself of the situation to the full, and to obtain a reputation that will last. Canada must build up her reserves now. Her farmers will find it necessary to exercise to the limit of industry and judgment in improving and increasing their stocks. They will need to maintain a steadfast eye upon the best. They will have to practise with the utmost and wisest assiduity that thrift for which they have always been noted. In meeting these conditions they will enjoy the happy satisfaction of knowing that they are serving their country. They will also be taking advantage of a golden opportunity.

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