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NEW GOVT. OF N. S. IS SWORN IN

With one new portfolio and a smaller group of ministers without compared with the late government, Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, leader of the Conservative party in Nova Scotia, formed his cabinet Thursday and was sworn in by Lieut. Governor Douglas as Premier of the Province to succeed Hon. E. H. Armstrong, who resigned the premiership and the Liberal administration.

Mr. Rhodes was returned to power in the elections of June 25 last, when 40 Conservatives were elected with three Liberals to a House that for 43 years had been ruled by the Liberal party.

Hon. Mr. Rhodes was returned to government house and asked to form a government. In accordance with the time-honored custom Hon. Mr. Rhodes himself took the portfolio of provincial secretary treasurer.

The minister of works and mines is Colonel Gordon S. Harrington, K. C. Sydney, who has not previously held a seat in parliament, but who acted as Overseas Minister of Militia and Defence during a part of the late war. John C. Douglas of Glace Bay, C. B., becomes Attorney General.

Mr. Douglas has served in both provincial and Federal parliaments and practices law at Glace Bay. Percy Black, who will hold the portfolio of Minister of Highways, represents Cumberland county and was a member of the first Nova Scotia highways board. Mr. W. L. Hall former leader of the party, is not a member of the new cabinet.

The new portfolio is that of Natural Resources and Provincial Development, and was given to John A. Walker, a former Cape Bretoner and now a practising Halifax lawyer, representing Halifax county. In the late administration there were six members without portfolio but Hon. Mr. Rhodes has chosen only four as follows:

J. Frederick Fraser, Halifax, merchant; Captain J. F. Cahan, Yarmouth, civic engineer; Dr. Benjamin Amedee LeBlanc, Richmond.

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AN ENORMOUS CROP OF WHEAT IS LOOKED FOR

A yield of 365,000,000 bushels of wheat is estimated for this year, as indicated by conditions existing on June 30, according to a crop report issued this afternoon by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Yields of 68,949,000 bushels of oats, 86,105,000 bushels of barley 12:970; 900 bushels of rye and 10,480;000 bushels of flaxseed are further estimated for 1925. The total area sown to all field crops, exclusive of grain and hay; in Canada in 1925 is estimated at 56,103,660 acres as compared with 55,821,534 acres for 1924. The total area estimated as sown to wheat in Canada for the season of 1925 is 22,200,000 acres as compared with 22,055,710 acres, finally reported, for 1924. There is thus shown a net increase of 144,290 acres, or 7 per cent. Fall wheat to be harvested occupies 797,700 acres, as compared with 774,172 acres in 1924, and spring wheat 21,402,100 acres as compared with 21,281,538 acres the final estimate for 1924.

For oats the area sown is given as 14,609,000 acres; as compared with 14,491,289 acres productive of grain in 1924, the increase being thus 8 per cent. Barley occupies 3,444,200 acres, as compared with 3,407,441 acres, an increase of 1.1 per cent. The area sown in rye is placed at 842,190 acres, as compared with 890,814 acres in 1924, a decrease of 5 per cent.

Potatoes show an increase of 545,000 acres as compared with 561,626 acres in 1924, a decrease of 3 per cent. Taking the average yield per acre between 1925 and 1924 as 100 per cent the bureau of statistics calculates the condition of spring and fall wheat for all Canada to be 106 per cent on June 30. On the same basis the condition of the oat crop is estimated at 101 per cent, barley 100 and rye 99 per cent for this year. Peas according to this basis of computation will be (from estimates of June 30) 98 p. c. of the average crop between 1925 and 1924, beans 98 p. c. buckwheat, 98 p. c. flaxseed 98 p. c., potatoes 92 p. c. turnips etc. 97 p. c. hay and clover 99 p. c. and sugar beets 92 p. c.

In Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick the potato crop condition is estimated at 99.199 per cent and 98 p. c. respectively of the average yield between 1915 and 1924.

N. B. POTATO MARKETS MENACED

New Brunswick potato growers and dealers, on account of lack of care in handling their product, are in danger of losing valuable export and domestic markets, according to an official statement just issued by Mr. George E. McIntosh, Fruit Commissioner for Canada. Too many shipments, showing considerable waste from dry and soft rot caused by mechanical injury brought about by careless harvesting, storing and loading, are forwarded. In spite of the efforts of the Dominion Department of Agriculture the situation is growing worse. One recent large shipment to Cuba resulted in great dissatisfaction among the buyers, and entry was permitted only on condition that the entire cargoes were discharged in the presence of an inspector and all potatoes showing signs of rot burned. Cuba is the most important export market for Maritime potatoes and it is easy to see that unless something is done to remedy the situation the future of the industry is in danger.

When the System Is All Run Down

Often All That is Needed is a Tonic to Build Up the Blood

There are many women who have been invalids or semi-invalids so long that they accept their life burden. They have endured broken sleep, stomach trouble, nervousness, headaches and weakness so long that they have given up hope of enjoying good health. In most of these cases a well chosen diet, fresh air and a tonic to build up the blood would do wonders. To all run-down, nervous people the experience of Mrs. H. J. Cameron, Waterville, N. S. will be of deep interest. She says:—"About two years ago I was in a miserable run-down condition. I was unable to do my work, my head ached day and night, my nerves were all unstrung, and for three weeks I could not eat or sleep. I then decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and got six boxes. By the time I had used half of them I felt much better, and when I had taken the six boxes I was as well as ever. I could work all day and not feel tired and have been strong and healthy ever since. I have never taken any medicine that did me so much good and will always highly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. You can get these pills from your druggist, or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Miss E. Maud Davidson was held Wednesday afternoon, July 15th, 1925. Service was conducted at the home and grave by Rev. W. M. Townsend of St. John. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment in St. James Cemetery. The pallbearers were George Stables, R. H. Gremley, H. Williston, R. T. D. Aitken, C. S. Demers and Wm. Ferguson. A. J. Bell & Co. Undertakers.

Each Sheriff to be Returning Officer

Returning officers for the 19 constituencies for the provincial general elections to be held on Monday, August 10, were appointed by order-in-council passed by the Government Friday.

The high sheriffs will act as returning officers in all the counties and for three of the four urban constituencies there will be special returning officers, there being one case, in Saint John, where the sheriff will act as returning officer of the two constituencies—Saint John county and Saint John city.

PERSONALS

Mr. J. E. Ledoux, of St. John was in town last Friday.

Mr. W. B. Sherard, of Moncton spent Thursday in town.

Miss Ellen Delaney of Matapedia, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Wm. Corbett and family are spending a vacation at Bay au Vin.

Mr. Carl Bishop, is attending Summer School in Sackville, N. B.

Mr. Joseph Lawlor of Montreal is visiting his mother Mrs. Wm. Lawlor.

A. D. Holyoke, provincial organizer for the Opposition Party was in town last Thursday.

Miss Audrey Jones and Miss Marjorie Wetmore are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ritchie.

Mrs. J. D. Paulin and family are spending a month's vacation in Burnt Church.

Mr. Percy McLean, of Toronto is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry McLean.

Miss Millie Somers is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Branch, Bathurst.

Miss Jennie McMaster was a recent guest of Mrs. A. E. O'Donnell, Campbellton.

Miss Muriel Atchison is spending her vacation in Halifax, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Doyle.

Dr. R. Herbert Morrissy left last week for Detroit Mich., to resume his duties at Harper Hospital.

Mrs. W. A. Hickson has returned to Newcastle to spend the summer months.

Miss Grace Johnston, of Bangor, Maine, is spending a vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston.

Miss Reta Maltby of Newcastle and Mrs. Gordon Archibald of Chatham are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Garvie Archibald, in Walkerville, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and daughter Carmel motored to Bathurst on Saturday and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLaughlan.

Mrs. Tom Allen and little son, returned to Moncton on Saturday after a pleasant visit spent with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen.

Mrs. James Herbert and daughter Mayme returned to their home in Bangor Maine, after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Condron.

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, who has been spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashford, has left for his mission field in Northern B. C.

Miss Blanche Cameron, R. N. of Fredericton has accepted a position as head nurse of the Miramichi Hospital, the position being vacant by the resignation of Miss R. Moffatt.

Messrs. Michael Mitchell, Albert Farrar and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell and little son George, returned on Saturday from a month's visit spent with friends in New York and Boston, they made the trip by motor.

Suggestion As To Inventions Needed

Offered Recently by British Institute of Patentees.

There are still many inventions needed, although so many wonderful things have been patented in the past fifty years. The British Institute of Patentees not long ago offered the following suggestions as to inventions needed:—

Glass that will bend; a smooth road surface that will not be slippery when wet; a furnace that will conserve 95 per cent of its heat; a noiseless airplane; a process to make flax unshrinkable; practical ways of utilizing the tides; talking moving pictures; a pipe that can be cleaned easily and effectively; a temperance drink that will keep and not pall on the palate. Doubtless there are many others.

OBITUARY

MRS. JOSEPH FORAN

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Joseph Foran and children in the sad loss they have been called upon to bear, by the death of Mrs. Foran, which occurred at noon Wednesday after a year's illness from heart trouble. Deceased was forty-three years old and was formerly Miss Gertrude Jardine, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jardine. She is survived by her husband and eight children, Michael Teresa, George, Gertrude, Catherine, Joseph, Charles, and Mary aged two years, and one brother, Charles Jardine of Newcastle.

The funeral was held at 8.30 o'clock Friday morning to St. Mary's Church. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

JOHN HAYES

The death of Mr. John Hayes son of Mr. Wm. Hayes of South Nelson occurred on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at his home after one year's illness, aged 31 years.

He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to St. Patrick's church where solemn service was conducted by the Rev. Fr. Wallace, interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

The pallbearers were, Michael Lynch, Joseph Doyle, Joseph Murphy, George McKay and Joseph Butler. The funeral cortege was extremely large, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

ANN A. CREIGHTON

The death of Miss Ann Archibald Creighton, an aged and highly respected life long resident of Ferry Road, occurred Saturday evening, at the home of her nephew William J. Carruthers. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 86 years and had been in poor health for sometime. One sister Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and one brother George Creighton of Ferry Road survive; also her nephew William J. Carruthers with whom she had resided for a number of years. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock to Moorfield cemetery.

Duty On Sheep Is Abolished For Three Months

For the three fall months of Sept. October, and November the duty of 25 per cent on grade sheep imported into Canada from the United States for breeding purposes, will be removed, according to an announcement by Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

The reason for this step is the fact that for the past two or three years there has been a gradual decline in the sheep breeding industry in the Dominion. It is felt that with the removal of the duty encouragement will be given to Canadian sheep breeders to improve and enlarge their flocks.

WHITNEY W. M. S.

The Whitney W. M. S. met with Mrs. Adam Hill of Cassilis on Saturday July 11th. Meeting opened by singing hymn 376. Responsive. Reading from Ps. 103, and prayer by Pres. Mrs. Jno. Stewart. During the general business of meeting, Mrs. Wm. Allison and Mrs. Charles McKay, were presented with Life Membership Certificates. The death of a member Mrs. Nathaniel Jordan was also recorded. The officers for the year are, Pres. Mrs. Jno. Stewart Vice-Pres. Mrs. Wm. MacTavish, Secy Mrs. Stanley Sherard. Mrs. Fred Whitney and Mrs. Sarah Howe entertained with readings. Eighteen members answered Roll Call, with a verse of Scripture containing the word "advice". Meeting closed, by singing hymn 523, and Lord's Prayer in Unison.

INCREASE IN YEAR'S LIFE INSURANCE

Canadian fire insurance written during the past year shows a decrease of \$1,869,053 as compared with 1923 according to a report just issued here by the superintendent of insurance. The amount of premiums written in 1924 was \$52,074,196 as against \$53,943,249 in the previous year. An increase, however of \$67,505; 188 occurred in the volume of life insurance written last year, as contrasted with 1923. The gross amount of life insurance business paid for in cash in 1924 was \$628,687,615 as compared with \$561,182,427 in the previous year.

The fire insurance figures for 1924 include, for the first time, the allied business of sprinkler leakage and explosion insurance, which have heretofore been shown separately under the head of casualty insurance. During the last year the business of fire insurance was transacted by 188 companies, as compared with 182 in 1923. The losses incurred for 1924 were less by \$3,604,140 than the losses for 1923, the figures being 30,688,531 and \$34,292,671 respectively.

The death claims paid during the past year, in respect to life insurance amounted to \$20,210,516 compared with \$19,975,617 in 1923. The rate of mortality, therefore, is shown to be again remarkably low. The total amount of life insurance business in force in Canada at the end of 1924 was \$3,763,997,565, an increase of \$330,448,892 over the net amount in force at the end of 1923.

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