THE NEW CANADA AFTER THE WAR

Hon. Arthur Meighen Talks to Old Country Newspapers on Possibilities of Soldier Land Settlement Scheme.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Leading British newspapers recently published an interview obtained by a Reuter correspondent with Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of Interior on the subject of "The New Canada which is emerging from the War." The following is from the Yorkshire Observer:

The Dominion of Canada has made conspicuous progress with the problem of fitting discharged soldiers into their proper sphere in civilian life. The Canada that will emerge from the chaos, turmoil and the unrest consequent upon a devatating war will face many new conditions. Thousands of the young men of the country, who left school, or the farm, or positions where a future competency was asured, are taking hold of fresh problems with a determination and vim that promise success.

Mr. Arthur Meighen is the author of the Soldier Land Settlement Legislation of Canada. His keen and logical mind and his tireless energy produced an Act of Parliament embracing the most beneficent scheme of settlement that has been undertaken by any country in the world today. Under this plan, it is confidently expected, forty or fifty thousand ex-soldiers will be located upon productive agricultural land within the next few years.

The results so far have exceeded expectations. Since early in the year the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada has loaned over $30,000,000 to returned men to assist them to go on the land. More than 30,000 ex-service men have applied for the privileges of the Act.

Attractive Conditions.

Speaking of the new Canada which is emerging from the War, Mr. Meighen said: "My belief is that it is the duty of the Government largely to increase the area of productive lands in Canada, to offset the terrible waste occasioned by the scourge of war. We have originated a plan of settlement with the idea, first, of filling up our empty spaces, and second of giving returned soldiers, who sacrificed so much for Canada and the Empire in the world-encircling war, an opportunity of finding remunerative and congenial employment.

"With these two objects in mind, we propose to make conditions so attractive that we shall encourage a great many of our young men, now finding themselves without employment in the cities and towns, to take up land under the aegis of the Soldier Settlement Board of Canada.

"We are lending settlers money to purchase land; training inexperienced men for the vocation of farming; securing prices on commodities required by soldier farmers much below those quoted to civilian farmers; supervising the operations of soldier farmers—guiding and directing them in so far as it may be necessary—and we are doing many other things that are helpful to those who take up land under our plan.

"We have had 30,000 (the number is now over 41,000 and loans to soldiers going on the land now aggregate more than $50,000,000) or more returned men apply for the privileges of our Act, and they are going through our offices in large numbers every day Many of them are preparing to go on land of their own next year, and many others are arranging for preliminary training with farmers.

"We appeal for assistance from the most successful men in the farming community to help us to place these soldier lads so that they may gain the necessary experience to qualify them to take up land on their own account.

"Our scheme goes further than taking care of the ex-service men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, it admits any sailor or soldier who fought under the flags of Great Britain and her Allies, under certain conditions.

It is provided that soldiers of the Imperial Forces who were not resident in Canada at the outbreak of the war shall be required to pass a special test of their fitness to farm; that is, Imperial soldiers who are not experienced in agriculture, will be required to spend two years with farmers in Canada before they will be eligible for a loan. Those who have had experience in agriculture in the old country also will be required to spend sufficient time in training with a farmer in this country to become familiar with Canadian methods.

"This provision is undertaken for the protection not only of the soldier from the Motherland, but for the Dominion which undertakes to assist him. Farming methods are not the same in Canada as in England, and a short course of training is, I feel, in the interest of the soldier himself.

"We have a further requirement with regard to Imperial or Colonial soldiers who propose to take advantage of the Canadian offer. On purchased land a cash down payment of 20 per cent is required; that is, in the case of a farm worth $6,000 the purchaser will be required to pay down $1,000. He gets however, in addition to this a loan up to $3,000 for the purchase of livestock and equipment and the erection of buildings, and upon this there is no preliminary payment.

"Thus we see that Canada is holding out to the valiant soldiers of the Empire in Great Britain and Ireland as well as in the self-governing Colonies, an opportunity to possess a new home under the most favorable conditions.

Developing Waste Lands.

"I am confident that under our scheme we shall develop our idle lands and greatly enhance the prosperity of the Dominion. This is an attractive phase of the New Canada policy of the Federal Government. It holds out a prospect of largely increased agricultural wealth, of material and lasting benefit to the vital forces which are necessary to the continued prosperity of Canada.

"We are facing the future with buoyant hopes. Our settlement policy is a beginning of the means we propose to adopt to promote the welfare of the New Canada. We have faith in the agricultural possibilities of our country. The soil must yield its wealth in increased volume to restore the equilibrium that we lost in our four years devoted to property destruction and devastation. We are planning to accomplish that end, and I am satisfied that we have not planned in vain."

Mr. Meighen is one of the youngest members of the Union Administration. He has the spirit of the West the spirit that conquers; that knows no such things as failure. He early imbibed the enthusiasm of the Prairies, and has the energy necessary to carry to success that which he undertakes. In his hands the Soldier Land Settlement problem is safe. If a goodly proportion of returned soldiers can be re-established on the land, a great step will have been taken towards realization of the prediction that Canada is about to enter upon an era or unexampled prosperity.

VITAL STATISTICS.

W. H. Keltie, deputy registrar of vital statistics, has recorded 24 marriages the past week and 23 births—15 males and 8 females.

The Board of Health issued 14 burial permits last week as follows:

Arterio Celerosis	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage	2
Pneumonia	1
Diphtheria	1
Convulsions	1
Endocarditis	1
Myocarditis	1
Heart Disease	1
General Debility	1
Enlarged Prostrate	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Chronic Rheumatoid Arthritis	1
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MARKET SHOWED MIXED CHANGES

(McDOUGAL & COWANS.)

New York, Dec. 6.—The market showed mixed changes at the opening. The Mexican stocks, which had advanced sharply late Friday on the news of Jenkins release, reacted several points this morning. R. B. C. also sold off more than two points on the announcement of a comparatively small new stock issue. The Tobacco stocks were strong and the Tire stocks were favorably affected by the annual report of the Goodyear Co., showing a large increase in net earnings over the previous year. C. N. S. was a feature of the late trading. So. Pac. held up well to yesterday afternoon level. The majority of the important stocks on the list did comparatively little one way or the other, and there was no definite trend to be discovered. The street is waiting for something decisive to happen in regard to the coal strike, but so far the only news forthcoming has been reports of more plants closing down for lack of coal. Sales, 496,400.

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SUCCESSFUL SALES HELD ON SATURDAY

The Annual Sale.

The annual sale of the Hiraiwa Mission Circle of Centenary Methodist church was held Saturday afternoon, and took the form of a cafetaria tea and Christmas gift shop. The gifts included fancy work and other articles suitable for Christmas presents. The sale was held under the direction of the president, Iss Faith Hendeson, and the committee was composed of Miss Hilda Brittain, convener; Miss Pauline Jenkins, Miss Annie Powers and Miss Amber Teed. The tea table was in charge of Mrs. H. A. Goodwin and Mrs. G. A. Amland, assisted in the serving by the members of the circle The proceeds are for the benefit of the circle.

Rummage Sale.

The Girls' Basketball Club of Knox Presbyterian church held a rummage sale Saturday afternoon in the school room of the church for the benefit of the club. The sale was under the direction of Miss Hilda Carpenter and Miss Ethel Armstrong.

Duke of Rothesay.

Members of the Duke of Rothesay Chapter, I. O. D. E., held a very successful tea and sale on Saturday in St. Paul's school house at Rothesay The rooms were prettily decorated with flags and spruce trees, and many friends were present as purchasers, both from St. John and Rothesay. The numerous pretty and useful articles for sale quickly vanished from the table, the sum of $350 being realized for Chapter work.

Those in charge were as follows: General convener, Mrs. William S. Allison, Regent of the Chapter; afternoon tea, Mrs. Thos. Bell, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay; gift table, Mrs. Kenneth Forbes; home cooking, Mrs. John McIntyre; candy, Mrs. John Davidson; members of the Chapter assisting.

All of Crew Saved.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—The twelve missing members of the crew of the French steamer Colmar, which foundered off Sable Island while on a voyage from Quebec to Halifax, have reached Canso, N. S., fifty miles north of the scene of the disaster, in their own boat.

Fifteen men of the crew of the Colmar were rescued last night by a steamer, the identity of which is not yet definitely established. It was reported to Sydney by wireless last night that the steamer Mississippi had these fifteen men on board, but this morning Mr. C. H. Harvey, marine department agent at Halifax, received the following message:

"The steamer Lafayette reports the steamer Colmar sprang aleak on Monday and sank last night at 10.44, in latitude 44.35, 59.56, fifteen of the crew rescued, one boat missing with twelve of the crew."

There was no signature attached to this message, but it was presumed to have been signed by the Lafayette. This is not believed to be the steamer Lafayette of the French line, which was reported to have sailed from New York thirteen days ago, for France, but it is supposed that there is some other ship of the same name.

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St. George

St. George, Dec. 5.—Mrs. W. C. Choisnet, who has been the guest of Mrs. Annie Dodds, returned to St. John on Tuesday.

Mrs. Earle Crosby returned to St. Stephen on Thursday after spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. George E. Frauley.

Miss Sophie McArdle is home after a few weeks spent with relatives in St. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Green arrived here from St. John last week to visit relatives.

Miss Carolyn Gillmor was a recent guest of Mrs. E R Taylor in St John.

Mr. Vesper Dyer, who has been visiting his home in the States last returned to his home in the States last fitting his aunt, Mrs. Harley Dow re week.

Mr. Watson Dow visited in Bocabec recently.

Mrs. Grace Hanson is spending a few weeks with friends in St Andrews.

Misses Bessie Frauley, Laura Meating, Mrs Harold Goss were guests of Mrs. Earl Crosby in St. Stephen last week.

Messrs Granville Cawley and Ian Cameron were in St. John a few days recently, where they wrote the civil service examinations.

Miss Mae Epps spent a few days in Calais last week.

Mrs. John Mooney and Miss Laura Mooney visited friends in Calais last week.

Mr. J L. Watt has returned after a business trip to St. John.

Mrs. Harry Gallant and daughter, Miss Alice, are guests of Mrs. James Oliver.

Mr. A. C. Toy of the St. George Pulp and Paper Company is out again after an illness of erysipalis.

Mr. Wm. N. Campbell, who was successfully operated on for appendictis, is slowly recovering.

Miss Louise Cawley has been unable to conduct her grades in school the past week on account of a severe cold.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mrs. George E. Frauley on Tuesday when a number of her friends assembled at an entertainment in honor of her sister, Mrs. Earl Crosby.

Mrs. Harry Lowery and Miss Grace Lowery of Brunswick, Me., are guests of Mrs. Seymour Holt.

Mrs. James Donohue of Dipper Harbor, is the guest of Miss Bessie McGratton.

Rev. W. W. Malcolm gave an interesting and inspiring lecture on the Forward Movement in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

Miss Lillian Hoyt of Letete, is visiting friends in town.

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SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD SATURDAY

Provincial and Local Red Cross Societies Assembled—Mrs. Murray MacLaren Welcomed Back—Address by Dr. Roberts—Business Transacted.

A special meeting of the Provincial and Local Red Cross Societies was held on Saturday afternoon in the Church of England Institute. In the absence of Mayor Hayes, the president of the Provincial Red Cross, Mrs. John McAvity, president of the Local Red Cross, presided.

Mrs. Murray MacLaren, who has been the Society's representative in London, was cordially welcomed back to St. John.

The secretary, Miss Ethel Jarvis, gave a report, mentioning the transference of the Depot from Chipman Hill to the synagogue, now the property of the School Board. Gifts of clothing were acknowledged from the Union Jack Women's Institute and the Ripples Women's Institute.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to A. C. Skelton and the officials of the Bank of British North America for the use of their building on Chipman Hill for five years.

Hon. Dr. Roberts, who was present on Saturday, spoke of the great good which could be accomplished throughout the country by the continuance of the work, as the peace time policy included child welfare and health education. He said that last year's epidemic had shown the necessity of nurses, and pointed out various channels of usefulness. In the discussion which followed several plans were suggested, including cottage hospitals, county clinics and a travelling lecturer who would give illustrated talks on health and sanitation.

Some appeals which had come to the Society were left to be dealt with later.

A letter was received from Mrs. J. B. Travers, secretary of the Women's Hospital Aid, acknowledging a gift of pyjamas for the General Public Hospital patients.

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