

Mentioned in Despatches

MR. G. H. BOIVIN, M.P., the new Deputy Speaker, is one of the youngest members of Parliament. When first elected, in 1911, he was only 29 years of age. Mr. Boivin represents shefford in the Liberal interests. He practices law at Granby.

HON. JOSEPH BOLDUC, who has been re-elected Speaker of the Senate, is one of the best known French members from this province. The Speaker was born in Beauce County, in 1849, and represented it in the House of Commons for many years. He was called to the Senate in 1884.

MR. WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, K.C., who has been retained as leader of the Liberal party in Ontario is member for Centre Huron. He lives at Goderich where he is well known in legal circles. He was admitted to the Ontario Bar in 1880, and was first elected to Parliament in 1908.

SIR GEORGE ALEXANDER, the well known English actor and friend of Irving's, has just died in London. Sir George was educated as a lawyer, but turned to the stage as a result of his fondness for amateur acting. He was associated with the late Sir Henry Irving and other famous English actors. Sir George was born at Reading in 1858.

ROGER S. HOAR, a former United States Senator from Massachusetts and an Assistant Attorney-General of the State has enlisted as a private in the Coast Artillery. He is a graduate of Harvard and one of the biggest legal lights in the New England States. His desire to "do his bit" for democracy led him to enlist as a private.

MR. A. F. BRIGHAM, who has just been appointed General Manager of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, comes to Canada from South Africa, but is a native of the United States. Mr. Brigham was educated at Lehigh University and then filled many important engineering posts in the United States. Later, he went to South Africa, where he was General Manager of one of the De Beers mines.

MAJ.-GEN. GERALD F. ELLISON, C.M.G., of the British Army has charge of a new department called the Army Agricultural Committee. He has the task of getting the soldiers to produce food. The men will assist farmers as far as possible and also cultivate plots near barracks training camps, etc. General Ellison joined the army in 1882, served in the South African War and for twelve years was Secretary to Lord Haldane when the latter was secretary of State for War. He also won distinction in the present war.

MR. C. ARTHUR DANSEREAU, formerly the editorial head of La Presse, has just died in his 75th year. The late editor was one of the best known journalists in the Dominion, and was rightly regarded by his French-Canadian confreres as the Dean of the profession. As a young man, he studied law, but preferred the editorial sanctum to the rostrum. Altogether he spent over a half century in journalism, dropping out for a few years to serve as postmaster of Montreal. In addition to his editorial work, he wrote a great deal of verse and many prose articles, as well as one book.

NEW BLOOD has been added to the directorate of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company through the election of Hon. R. M. MacGregor, D. C. Jackling and W. H. Smith. The Hon. Mr. MacGregor is the only son of the late Hon. J. D. MacGregor, formerly Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia, and also a former director of "Scotia." He is a member of the Nova Scotia Government and is regarded as one of the ablest and most progressive men in the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Jackling is a prominent American mining engineer and has had a very extensive experience in Mexican and U. S. mines and railroads. He is also actively associated with a number of banking institutions. Mr. Jackling's home is in San Francisco. Mr. Smith is a Philadelphia capitalist.

GENERAL FERDINAND FOCH, the new Allied Generalissimo, is the real hero of the Marne, and one of the ablest strategists the war has produced. At the Marne he was given the task of piercing the German centre. In the midst of that fight he wired Joffre, "My right wing is crushed, my left is in retreat, but I am attacking with my centre," and did so with such success that the Germans were forced to retreat many miles to the Marne. Foch is 67 years of age, a graduate of the famous Polytechnic School, and has always been a great student of strategy. As a matter of fact, Foch was a native of Lorraine, but left this province rather than come under German domination. He then began to prepare for the re-taking of the two lost provinces, making a special study of German tactics as adopted in 1870, tactics which he felt sure would be repeated in the next war. Foch eventually became head of the great French military school where he did wonderful work, then devoted his energies to the building up of a proper war staff. He became a general in 1907. In the present war he commanded armies with wonderful success, until a year ago he was made chief of staff. He is a born fighter, a good judge of men, an able tactician and has supreme confidence in the Allied armies and cause.

JOHN DILLON, the Irish Nationalist leader who succeeds John Redmond, first entered the British Parliament, in 1880, as a member for Tipperary, at the famous election when Mr. Gladstone finally overthrew Lord Beaconsfield. Very tall, intensely thin, with a mass of black hair surmounting a pallid face, he was the easiest man to recognize in all Parliament. He was known, too, as the most temperate of speakers. It was this peculiar outpouring of positively blood-curdling invective, says a correspondent in the Science Monitor, all delivered with the utmost passivity, which gained for him the epithet of "melancholy" in the House, and no man in politics has ever forgotten the almost diabolical incisiveness of Mr. Healy's criticism, when, in a moment of anger, he hurled at his colleague the vitriolic declaration that the member for Mayo was nothing more nor less than a "melancholy humbug." Not since Mr. Bolton had applied this word to Mr. Pickwick had so offensive a use of the term been recorded, and it is rumored that Mr. Dillon has not yet been persuaded to accept it in a Pickwickian and not a Home Rule sense. Of his oratory, indeed, there is hardly anything to be said. Even Lord Curzon remains silent before it, in his summary of parliamentary eloquence. For Mr. Dillon is simply Mr. Dillon, and he must be taken or left at that. His patriotism is as unquestionable as his passion. Yet the fact that he led the anti-Parnellites capably through several difficult sessions, proves that he is not without ability as a leader. It is passion, it cannot be denied, that is the dominant note of his character. It was struck on that famous night, which followed the 41 hours' sitting, in the year '84, when Mr. Gladstone rose to propose the Closure Rule. Mr. Dillon was at once on his feet, nor could the tumult which followed his demand to be heard on a point of order move him, as he stood impassively facing the Speaker with folded arms. It was in vain that the Speaker, in dumb show, requested him to resume his seat. He remained standing until the House had voted his suspension, and then he remained standing until the sergeant-at-arms, surrounded by a number of messengers, announced that he would have to employ force to carry out the Speaker's order if the member for Mayo did not withdraw. Then at last he did withdraw, but only to have his place immediately taken by Mr. Parnell himself, in the midst of a fiercer uproar than ever.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF THE TRADE OF CANADA FOR FEBRUARY.

Month and Twelve Months ending February, 1916, 1917 and 1918.

Prepared by Trade Statistics Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

	Month of February.			Twelve Months ending February.		
	1916.	1917.	1918.	1916.	1917.	1918.
Imports for Consumption, \$						
Dutiable goods	29,097,441	36,490,288	30,705,474	278,303,387	441,917,609	546,253,779
Free goods	22,567,527	31,540,181	21,509,974	207,856,753	363,112,013	431,348,256
Total imports (mdse.)	51,664,968	68,030,469	52,206,448	486,160,140	805,029,622	977,602,035
*Coin and bullion	2,109,968	525,469	901,766	34,175,614	26,979,553	13,309,561
Total imports	53,774,936	68,555,938	53,108,214	520,335,754	832,009,175	990,911,596
Duty collected	10,489,586	11,409,494	9,449,747	100,315,295	142,722,151	162,861,605
Exports.						
Canadian Produce—						
The mine	4,896,026	5,074,172	5,960,721	64,582,028	83,641,039	76,969,040
The fisheries	1,782,071	1,655,615	4,336,162	22,389,048	24,570,488	31,610,187
The forest	2,595,420	2,459,024	2,354,446	51,464,650	55,540,515	51,591,269
Animal produce	5,492,339	7,652,860	10,918,931	99,731,844	121,612,208	178,000,273
Agric. products	13,898,856	11,449,080	28,089,659	244,246,913	369,303,875	551,780,208
Manufactures	28,606,680	39,504,694	34,346,308	210,622,022	455,173,956	667,842,339
Miscellaneous	659,776	428,938	355,390	5,278,817	7,532,612	4,794,798
Total Can. produce	57,931,168	68,224,383	86,361,617	698,315,322	1,117,374,693	1,562,588,114
Foreign produce	831,865	3,254,865	3,403,281	39,293,938	24,891,544	46,387,713
Total exports (mdse.)	58,763,033	71,479,248	89,764,908	737,609,260	1,142,266,237	1,608,975,827
*Coin and bullion	116,288	127,514	358,485	125,173,639	196,510,395	3,560,234
Total exports	58,879,321	71,606,762	90,123,393	862,782,899	1,338,776,632	1,612,536,061
Aggregate Trade.						
Merchandise	110,418,001	139,509,717	141,971,356	1,223,769,400	1,947,295,859	2,586,577,862
Coin and bullion	2,226,256	652,983	1,260,251	159,349,253	223,483,948	16,869,795
Total trade	112,644,257	140,162,700	143,231,607	1,383,118,653	2,170,779,807	2,603,447,657

*NOTE.—It will be noted that the figures relating to the imports and exports of coin and bullion for the twelve months ending February, were: imports, 1916, \$34,175,614; 1917, \$26,979,553; 1918, \$13,309,561; and exports, 1916, \$125,173,639; 1917, \$196,510,395; 1918, \$3,560,234. Although it has been customary to include these figures in trade returns, the total trade figures are seriously disturbed by them in this instance, and they should not be taken as an indication of the trade of Canada.

PERSONALS.

Mr. W. E. Loomis, of Sherbrooke, brother of General Loomis, has been elected to the board of directors of the International Portland Cement Co.

Mr. W. G. Ross, Vice-President of the Dominion Park Company, has been elected to the presidency in succession to the late Henry Dorsey. Mr. W. C. Finley has been elected a director.

C. E. L. Jarvis, of St. John, N.B., a well known insurance man has just died. He was 78 years of age.