

## PREMIER BORDEN GIVES NOTICE OF WAR APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Ottawa, Mar. 30, via leased wire.—Sir Robert Borden tonight gave notice of the \$250,000,000 war appropriation resolution as follows:

"That it is expedient to provide that a sum not exceeding \$250,000,000 be granted to His Majesty towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred by, or under the authority of the government-in-council during the year ending March 31, 1917, for the defence and security of Canada; the conduct of naval or military operations in or beyond Canada; promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or otherwise; the carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the government-in-council in consequence of the existence of a state of war; and payments made for the said purposes during the fiscal years ending respectively the 31st day of March, 1916, and the 31st day of March, 1916, in excess of the amounts authorized by the war appropriations act 1914, and the war appropriations act 1915.

"That the government-in-council be empowered to raise by way of loan temporary or otherwise, such sums of money as are required for the purposes of making any payment authorized by any act founded on these resolutions.

"That the principal raised by way of loan under this act and the interest thereon shall be chargeable on the consolidated revenue fund."

## PARLIAMENT VOTES TO LEAVE PROHIBITION IN HANDS OF PROVINCES

House by Vote of 103 to 15  
Adopts Stevens Resolution  
as Amended by R. B. Bennett.

Ottawa, March 30.—By a vote of 103 to 15 the resolution introduced by Mr. H. H. Stevens calling for dominion-wide prohibition as amended by Mr. R. B. Bennett to leave prohibition in the hands of the provinces, but to enforce their decisions as to the importation of liquor into their respective territories, was carried in the House today. Of the fifteen members who voted against the amendment, one Mr. E. M. MacDonald, explained that he did so because he considered the plan embodied therein would be useless and was intended to mislead temperance sentiment. On the other hand, a number of Liberals who had voted against the Bennett amendment voted for the amended resolutions, explaining that they did so because they considered it better than no prohibition measure at all. No Conservatives opposed the amended resolution. Sir Wilfrid Laurier voted in the affirmative without considering any explanation of his course necessary. When the question was raised, the suggestion was made by Sir Robert Borden that a division alone was needed and that further discussion of prohibition might take place upon the bill which will be introduced by the minister of justice, Hon. Charles Marcell, however, objected that he had some further remarks to make and Sir Wilfrid Laurier added that a number of members wished to explain their votes upon the Bennett amendment. In view of this the debate proceeded and Mr. Marcell proceeded to address the House.

Hon. George P. Graham and Messrs. Hugh Guthrie, of South Wellington; Bolvin, of Sherbrooke; Sinclair, of Guyboro; W. A. Buchanan, of Turgeon; E. B. Devlin, J. A. MacMillan, E. M. MacDonald and E. W. Nesbitt all rose to state that they would have preferred the Stevens motion for dominion-wide prohibition rather than the Bennett amendment, but all but Mr. MacDonald were prepared to support the amended resolution as better than nothing at all, most of these members explaining that they had voted against the Bennett amendment, when that was before the house because they preferred the Stevens resolution.

Those who voted against the amendment were: Hon. Frank Oliver, Hon. Charles Marcell and Messrs. E. M. MacDonald, F. B. Carvell, Roch Laoutot, Joseph Demers, W. H. White, D. A. Lafontaine, C. A. Gauthier, Lapointe, of Kamouraska; Arthur Lechance, A. B. Copp, Alphonse Verville, J. G. Turfitt and M. S. Delle.

## ONLY ONE SPEECH ON BUDGET; HOUSE INTO SUPPLY

Mr. Pinder Spoke Briefly Before Legislature Went Into Supply — All Agriculture Department Items Passed — Acting Premier and Attorney General Leave for Ottawa

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 30.—The legislature went into supply this afternoon and before adjournment had passed all items of the agricultural department. The only speech on the budget, before the committee went into supply, was that of Mr. Pinder of York, who spoke briefly. There was no division on the motion to go into supply. When agricultural department supply items were under consideration there was considerable discussion on some of the grants, but no serious criticism of the work which the department is carrying on and which is meeting with such general approval on the part of the people of the province. Just before close of afternoon session Hon. Mr. Murray and Attorney General Baxter left for Ottawa, and Hon. Dr. Landry was leading the house at the close and will continue to do so until they return early next week.

Another busy day is expected in the house tomorrow. Before the afternoon session opens Sir Herbert Ames is to address the members of the legislature on the Canadian Patriotic Fund in the assembly chamber at 2:30 o'clock, and it is expected that he will be taken up in committee again during the afternoon. The house will adjourn at six p.m. until either Monday or Tuesday, probably Monday evening.

The house met at three o'clock. Mr. Carter presented the report of the standing rules committee. Captain Tilley presented the report of the corporations committee. Mr. Munro presented the report of the municipalities committee. Mr. Slipp (for Hon. Mr. Baxter) presented the report of the law committee.

Hon. Mr. Murray submitted papers in connection with purchase of potatoes for the patriotic gift as called for by Mr. Dugal's motion.

Mr. Prescott introduced the petition of C. J. O'Brien and others in favor of a bill to incorporate the Demolition Summer Resort Company.

Hon. Dr. Landry presented petition of former students of Carleton College in favor of a bill to incorporate "Les Amis des Elèves Du Collège Du Sacre Coeur."

Mr. Young (for Col. Guthrie) introduced a bill to divide the parish of Madam for the purpose of lighting roads in the village of Madam.

Mr. Slipp (for Col. Guthrie) introduced a bill to further amend the act incorporating Fredericton Gas Company.

Hon. Mr. Baxter introduced an act relating to the city and county of St. John, also a bill to consolidate and amend acts for protection of children.

Hon. Dr. Landry submitted the annual report of the General Public Hospital of St. John for the year 1915.

Mr. Dugal gave notice of inquiry regarding expenditures for betterment on New Brunswick Coal and Railway, also as to claim for extras in respect of St. John bridge claimed by Contractors McVey & Sons also as to work by St. John Street Railway Company of the new bridge at the falls.

Mr. Pelletier gave notice of inquiry as to proceeds of sale of Valley Railway, also as to succession to the estate of the late Timothy Lynch.

Mr. Pinder spoke on bridges. On order of day being called, Mr. Pinder said he desired only to make a few remarks on the budget speech delivered yesterday afternoon. He was sure that all members must feel it very satisfactory that the finance minister was in such good financial standing, in fact, conditions appeared at present to be better than they have been for some time. There have been some large public debts, but that must necessarily be expected under the circumstances. Some large expenditures had been made on account of the number of new permanent bridges which had been erected which all would agree were for the benefit of the people and for the benefit of the province and helped along in its progress. Some very large amounts of money had been spent in this regard, and he might have something further to say about them when the matter came up in supply. He felt, as everyone else would feel, that the business of the province had been very satisfactorily conducted by the government and all would hope that satisfactory conditions now existing would continue.

The motion was then put and carried without division and the house went into committee of supply with Mr. Munro in the chair.

On item for agricultural contingencies, Mr. Slipp said he noted that the item was a reduction of amounts spent on contingencies last year, and although he was glad to see this, he would like to ask if at this time, when every business man sees the necessity of practicing economy, would it not be possible to make some further reduction. He thought there was a tendency to make too much use of stenographers, for there seemed to be quite a number employed at various times. Pay allowed them was good, it might be said generous, and he thought there was room for economy in that direction. Another thing he would like to see the item of printing cut down, by ordering a larger number of forms at a time; they could thus be obtained at a cheaper rate. He did not wish to be understood as

## BILL TO AMEND SHIPPING ACT

Introduced in Commons by Hon. Mr. Hazen—Sir Sam Hughes Cables Correction

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, March 30.—Hon. J. D. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the Canadian Shipping Act because of the extensive use of boats, driven by internal combustion engines, to carry passengers. Under the present law any passenger vessel, exceeding five tons burden, is required to have a certificated captain and also a certificated engineer. One of the proposals of the bill is to amend the law to provide that boats not more than sixty-five feet in length only one man holding certificates both as captain and engineer may be required. Provision is also made for the issue of special certificates for engineers on gasoline or oil-driven vessels. Sir Robert Borden read a cablegram from Sir Sam Hughes in which the latter corrected a statement made by him in replying to certain observations of Col. J. A. Currie. The minister of militia had stated that General Currie had been seen behind the lines on a matter of duty during the fighting at Ypres and had been mistaken for Col. Currie. Sir Sam cabled that Gen. Currie had informed him that he was not behind the lines at any time during the battle. He was in the line of the British division for a perfectly legitimate reason.

Mr. Gauthier of Temiscouata, said he had been informed that certain shell boxes were being admitted free of duty from the United States, to be filled with shells in pursuance with a contract awarded by the Russian government. He contended that the boxes should not be allowed free entry into the country. He was told by Hon. J. D. Reid that the matter would be brought into the house.

Third reading was given the Customs Tariff Bill increasing the duties on apples and petroleum fuel oil. The House then went into committee on estimates of the Marine Department.

At the close of the House tonight Hon. G. P. Graham asked Hon. J. D. Hazen, who was leading the government, if any arrangement had been made between the prime minister and the leader of the opposition in regard to the resumption of the debate on the resolution of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for a parliamentary inquiry into the shell committee. Mr. Hazen said that no arrangement had been made as yet. Mr. Graham added that as the discussion of the resolution would prob-

ably concern the minister of militia, and as it was announced he was sailing for home Mr. Graham thought it was only fair that the debate should not be closed until the minister of militia had an opportunity on the floor of the House to make a statement in regard to the matter which had been brought up in his absence. He was a member of the House and one of his colleagues and in justice to him the discussion should not be concluded until he had an opportunity to make a statement.

Mr. Hazen said that he would bring the matter to the attention of the prime minister.

## ROYAL COMMISSION TO PROBE SHELL CONTRACTS

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I respectfully demand full investigation by the judicial tribunal presided over by Sir Charles Davidson. I shall not rest until I have secured a full and complete investigation of the shell contracts. Sir Robert had also cabled to Sir George Perley outlining the statements of Mr. Kyle. In his message he said, "the minister" (Sir Sam Hughes) relation to Allison as described by himself in parliament is so close that although the expenditure is by the British government and although such inquiries are unusual during the progress of war, I feel it my duty to have a Royal Commission inquired into the matter. The committee above outlined, namely shell contract with the American Ammunition Company and cartridge case contract with Edwards Valve Company. Please inform Colonial Secretary."

Today the prime minister sent a supplementary cablegram to the High Commissioner in London, informing him that the investigation would include the contract, of which he could find no trace, alleged to have been made by the shell committee with the Providence Chemical Company for picric acid. To neither of the messages to Sir George Perley had he as yet received any reply.

Laurier Not Satisfied.

"I regret to have to say to my right honorable friend," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "that the proposal which he makes is absolutely unacceptable. If there is to be any inquiry it should be in this high court of parliament." He asked when the debate upon his motion for the appointment of a parliamentary committee would be resumed.

Sir Robert Borden replied that a date for the resumption of the debate would be fixed. "I was not at all sure," he continued, "that any step which the government proposed would satisfy my right honorable friend, but I am more than satisfied that this will satisfy the people of this country." (Applause.) I am absolutely certain

that it will. We are appointing two gentlemen who will have the confidence of the people and I have given the leader of the opposition the right to appoint one of the counsel.

"There is one way to satisfy the opposition and only one way," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "and that is to appoint a committee. Again I ask when will the discussion be resumed?"

"I shall tell my right honorable friend later," said the premier, "and government has always taken pains to ascertain the views of the imperial authorities, especially the views of the war office with regard to such matters," was the reply of Sir Robert Borden to an enquiry by Sir Charles Marcell in the house today as to whether the decision of the administration to enlist 500,000 Canadians for overseas service was reached after conference with the British authorities. The premier responded in the negative to a question as to whether anything had occurred since the beginning of the year to induce the government to change its mind as to the number to be enrolled in the expeditionary forces. He said that the time required to prepare such a force for the field depended on conditions which could not at present be foreseen and that reasonable regard should be had for the necessities of agriculture and other industries. The period involved in getting troops ready for action had varied, six months might be taken as the minimum required to prepare infantry for the front. A longer time was needed for other arms of the service. Sir Robert told Mr. Marcell that since the war began 290,000 men of all ranks, making no deductions for casualties, had been enrolled. There were approximately 115,000 in England and at the front and approximately 135,000 still in Canada. Casualties of every description amounted to 22,000 and wastage accounted for 21,000 men more. The total expenditure of Canada for the purpose up to the end of February, 1916, was approximately \$187,000,000.

## BADLY INJURED IN ALBERT QUARRY

Hillsboro, N. B., March 30.—Roy Jones, a contractor for the Albert Manufacturing Company, was seriously injured here last night while working in a quarry. Rock plaster fell, striking him on the back and crushing one of his feet. It is not known yet whether or not his foot will have to be amputated.

Patrick Dacey.

The death of Patrick Dacey took place at his residence, 116 Brussels street, yesterday morning, in the 33rd year of his age, leaving one daughter, Miss Catherine, to mourn. The deceased was formerly engaged in teaming, and was a freeman of the city. The funeral will take place Saturday morning.

## FREIGHT CONGESTION Has Interfered With the Arrival of HEART SONGS

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## N. B. MAKES Nearly \$400,000 New Carry On Patriotic Fund In New Brunswick

Conference at Fredericton Yesterday Wood and Addressed by Sir Herbert Ames Resolution Favoring Poll Tax of \$1 18 Years Old and Recommending Municipalities.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., Mar. 30.—Between \$250,000 and \$400,000 will be required to carry on the work of the Canadian Patriotic Fund in New Brunswick this year. A conference summoned by His Honor Lt.-Gov. Wood was held in the legislative assembly building here today and was attended by wardens of municipalities and mayors of cities and towns of the province and some other representative citizens. Sessions were held here this afternoon and evening to consider ways and means of raising the required amount and considering the advisability of providing for the entire amount required in future by a general legalised assessment.

Of the amount required for this year approximately \$300,000 was in sight when the meeting adjourned this evening, and a committee has been appointed to appear before the provincial government tomorrow and ask that the balance, which will amount to probably \$50,000 or \$60,000 be voted by the province. It was originally believed that only about \$250,000 would be needed for this year, but the rapidly increasing number of men enlisting is making it apparent that much more money than was expected will be required.

Sir Herbert Ames.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor presided and Prof. F. W. V. DeBarres was appointed secretary of the meeting. Before the regular business was taken up, Prof. DeBarres read letters of regret of the wardens of Charlotte and Albert, mayors of Chatham, Sussex, Shediac, St. George, Digby and St. John. Sir Herbert Ames, M. P., was then introduced by His Honor and expressed his pleasure at being able to attend. He impressed upon the meeting the seriousness of the problem before them and urged any of delegates to discuss matters fully and informally. It had been gratifying, he said, to know that the Patriotic Fund was being carried on in the province. Many thought at first the war would last six months and no one realized the magnitude present war has reached. At the end of December, 1914, there were 12,000 families drawing from fund and at present there were about 30,000 families and he believed that next summer 40,000 families would be receiving assistance from the Patriotic Fund. Surplus was not greater at present than a year ago and donations during the past year had just satisfied the demand. Some provinces had taken from fund more than they contributed while others provinces the contrary was case. In some provinces one man in twenty had enlisted and in other in ninety. At the end of December, 1915, committee placed their estimate for 1916 at \$500,000. The appeal was splendidly responded to and he expected \$900,000 would be donated to fund during present year.

In New Brunswick calculations of the committee were away astray on enlistments in this province. Some had joined the colors since the first of the year that the general fund had received many serious drafts upon. Contributions were being received at the rate of \$15,000 per month and payments were being made at rate of \$30,000 and present surplus of \$45,000 on the credit of this province would soon be wiped out. It was therefore necessary to enlarge scale of contributions.

New Brunswick's population was 230,000 and she should raise \$385,000 to keep up the average with the rest of the provinces in the Dominion and she might raise \$400,000.

Commissioner H. R. McNeil of St. John said that certain municipalities had already assessed for Patriotic Fund. This was true of St. John County. City and county of St. John would, however, vote every dollar needed and as warden of county, he spoke for a great majority of members of council. Principle of assessment had been adopted in county, so that every man could pay his share either great or small.

Provisions for 1917.

Mr. E. A. Schofield, of St. John, said he did not favor any decrease in amounts to be paid soldiers' dependents. He thought it might be well to provide for 1917, and stated that voluntary subscriptions had been worked to death.

After a rather informal discussion the following schedule of estimated amounts for 1916 was submitted by Sir Herbert Ames, according to different municipalities.

St. John city and county, \$95,000; Albert, \$2,400; Kings, \$14,000; Queens, \$2,000; Charlotte, \$2,500; Westmorland, \$20,000; Kent, \$15,000; Victoria, \$3,000; Northumberland, \$30,000; Madawaska, \$3,000; Restigouche, \$15,000; Gloucester, \$1,500; York, \$25,700; Digby, \$2,350; Carleton, \$10,000; Provincial Government, \$12,500; I. C. R. Employees, \$10,000; New Brunswick Telephone Co., \$6,000.

Sir Herbert Ames pointed out that several counties were being called upon to pay apparently very small amounts, and he believed everything should be done for increased subscription. There was about \$75,000 additional required.

Mayor McCann, of Moncton, finally