## **BRITISH SEIZE POSITION** IN ATTACK NEAR ANCRE

Capture by Local Operation German Trench on Front Northeast of Beaumont-Hamel-Carry Out Many Successful Night Raids.

London, Jan. 11.—The British official counter-attack this afternoon was caught in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers in the neighborhood of Grande court and took prisoners. Early this thorning a local operation on a large scale northeast of Beaumont-Hamel was completely successful. Our troops carried an enemy trench on a front of three quarters of a mile and avesnes and in the neighborhood of avesnes and in the neighborhood of a seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the operations in this area. "Enemy trenches also were raided last night east of Armentieres and northeast of Ypres. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy. The artillery activity has been marked in the area north of Bouchard in the neighborhood of avesnes and in the neighborhood of a seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open and officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss. One hundred and seventy-six prisoners, including four officers, were taken in the open by our artillery and broken up with loss.

## GERMAN FOOD FAILURE MAY IMPOSE COLLAPSE

Entire Population is Threatened With Catastrophe Owing to Failure of Potato Crop-Ruin Impen s Over Industry.

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—According to ernment that in view of the fact of meliable information received by the the failure of this year's potato crop newspaper "Tyd," which is based on the entire population is threatened with

uncensored reports from Germany, the dire castastrophe.

Situation resulting from the food The peace oZer is attributed to the scarcity is becoming exceedingly grave in that country.

The burgomasters of the various provincial centres have notified the government of the government of the peace of the

# TWENTY MILLIONS LOSS IN MUNITION PLANT FIRE With proper support at hand, he continued, the armies would cleave the read to victory during 1917. The best security for peace in future, Mr. Lloyd George said, would be obtained when nations banded themselves together to punish the peace breaker. Depend on Britain.

Blown Up-Twenty People Killed and Russian Shells Destroyed.

Special to The Toronto World.

with which a man was cleaning a these escaped

Expecial to The Toronto World.

Kingsland, N.J., Jan. 11.—An explosion of 15,000 tons of dynamite this afternoon, in the plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, which is engaged in the manufacture of munitions for the entente armies, completely wrocked the main building of the company and threatens to destroy the other structures.

Many men who were at work in the plant when the first explosion took plant when the first explosion took plant when the first explosion took plant when the first explosion.

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The explosion resulted from a fire started in the lathe room, near the magazine. A spark ignited alcohol, time of the explosion, but most of

## \* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

OR the first time since the war began the allies have collectively made a declaration of the coming peace terms for Europe. This is done in their note in answer to the request of President Wilson for an exchange of views on peace, and the answer is expected to convince the president, and more particularly, the American people, that no hope exists for terminal regulations with the four control provider of the present time. dent, and more particularly, the American people, that no hope exists for opening negotiations with the four central powers at the present time. Briefly, the allies give as their objects in the war, the following: The restoration and indemnification of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro; the evacuation of the invaded territories of France, Russia and Rumania, with just reparation; the reorganization of Europe, founded on respect for nationalities and guarantees reorganization of Europe, founded on respect for nationalities and guarantees segment aggression; the restoration of provinces wrested in the past from the allies by force or aggression, without the consent of the population; the liberation of Italians, Slave and Rumanians from foreign domination; the expulsion of Turkey from Europe, and the enfranchisement of the populations subject to the Turks. The allies also say that it was never their design to encompass to the Europe, and the cerman people. They object to the implication by the extermination of the Cerman people. They object to the implication by President Wilson in his recent note that the objects and principles of the two groups of belligerents are the same, and they say that this assertion is in direct opposition to the evidence. The objects of the allies will not be made known in detail, however, until the hour of negotiation. de known in detail, however, until the hour of negotiation.

The restoration of Poland as she was territorially when free, as declared officially by the Czar of Russia, is also expressly stipulated, but this comes under the declaration for the freeing of the Italians, Slavs and Rumanians In fact, this is one of the strongest declaration room foreign domination. In fact, this is one of the strongest declarations made in the note of the allies, and it is a matter concerning the historical verdict of President Wilson on the partition of Poland, which he describes in one of his books in terms of strong condemnation. The carrying out of this allied object to free subject nationalities will effect the dismemberment this allied object to free subject nationalities will effect the dismemberment of Prussia and the downfall of the Hapsburg empire as it is constituted in the present ramshackle dual state of Austria-Hungary. Prussia will lose West Prussia and Posen, part of Silesia and, perhaps, Hanover; and Austria will lose Bohemia, the Trentino, Tyrol, Trieste and Pola; and Hungary will will lose Bohemia, the Herzegovina.

In order to act as a sort of foil to the allied note to Wilson the German Government has sent out thru the Wolff press bureau a note to neutral powers, in which it repeats many of the trumped-up charges and mendacious passertions that it has previously made in notes to President Wilson in answer to protest against piracy, and in forgeries of documents perpetrated in Berlin.

In a local operation on a large scale, northeast of Beaumont-Hamel, in In a local operation on a large scale, northeast of Beaumont-Hamel, in the Ancre Valley, British troops carried a German trench on a front of three-quarters of a mile, retained it, made 176 prisoners, and beat off a counter-attack early yesterday morning. South of the Ancre the British also penetrated the German trenches in two places and took prisoners, and east of Armentieres and northeast of Ypres they also raided opposing trenches. Marked artillery activity is noted on the front between the Ancre and the Somme, the trench-raid, as developed of late, has become a formidable instrument. artillery activity is noted on the front between the Antoniable instrument. The trench-raid, as developed of late, has become a formidable instrument of torture for the hostile soldiers in front-line positions. In the case of the taking of 143 priseners near Beaumont-Hamel on Wednesday in a section of a trench, Gen. Maurice says that these men were taken by only 100 Britons.

The British army is now holding ninety, or twenty miles additional front in France, for the lines held during the battle of the Somme were then said to be seventy miles in length. The British army, according to Major-Gen. Maurice. be seventy miles in length. The Bridsh simy, according to Major-Gen. Maurice, now holds before it as many Germans as are held on the French lines from Rheims to the Swiss border. Moreover, the climatic and ground conditions under British-control are much worse than they are on the rest of the front in the west. This fact is now being acutely felt, for the water is near the surface and adverse weather has to be borne by the soldiers.

In Mesopotamia the British forces have made further progress in fighting the Turks in a bend of the Tigris River, northeast of Kut-el-Amara, says an official communication issued last night. The greater part of the Turkish official communication issued last night. The greater part of the Turkish trenches in this area have now been cleared, and the trenches examined show that the Turks have suffered numerous casualties. In one communication trench 300 yards long 200 Turkish dead were found. A total of 178 prisoners

trench 300 yards long 200 Turkish dead were today has been taken.

The capture of Rafa, on the Egyptian border, by a British force, as announced yesterday, and the destruction of a Turkish relief column four miles of this fortress, marks the beginning of the British invasion of Palestine to arrange for new bonds and to have motions prepared in their behalf. This satisfies of entrenchments were stormed by Australian-mounted troops, in a Six lines of entrenchments were stormed by Australian-mounted troops, in a solution of their conviction late had given until Friday to arrange for new bonds and to have motions prepared in their behalf. This motions prepared in their behalf. This satisfies the court of St. James from Russia, last night in the United States District Court on charges of violating this country's neutfility by conspiring to blow up allied munition shipments.

### APPEAL FOR CASH BY LLOYD GEORGE

Premier Expects Victory Within Year if Big Loan is Success.

CONFERENCE INSPIRING

Task Huge, But Defeat Impossible—Bonar Law Gives Loan's Details.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Jan. 11.—Premier David
Lloyd George in a speech before a
large audience at the Guild Hall this
afternoon declared that war is better than peace at the price of Prussian domination of Europe. "We have rejected no peace terms."

"We have rejected no peace terms." the premier said, and added: "We were not offered terms, but a trap baited with fine words. It would suit Germany to have peace now on her own terms. We all want peace, but it must be a lasting one."

The premier said that the grim resolution of the entente allies at the recent conference in Rome was that at all costs they must achieve the high aim which was before them when they accepted the challenge of the "Prusand Men is Suitably urged the federation of the farmers' associations of western Canada. He made the interesting statement that the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand acreently acquired ten thousand accent the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand accent the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand accent the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand accent the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand accent the big Scotch operative societies had recently acquired ten thousand acquired ten t aim which was before taem when they accepted the challenge of the "Prussian military caste," to rid the world "forever of its menace and save Europe from unspeakable despotism."

Whole Situation Probed.

The Rome conference was under no

delusions, Mr. Lloyd George continued, as to the magnitude of the task of the allies, but feet no doubts as to the

The whole situation was probed, the difficulties were faced, and arrange-ments were made to deal with them. All the allies fet, he declared, that is lictory was difficult, defeat was im-The premier said the navy had strangled the commerce of Great Britain's enemies and would continue to do so despite "all piratical devices of

"One thing which impressed me at this conference is the increasing ex-(Concluded on Page 7, Column 3).

#### WILL WIN BACK **PROVINCES LOST**

Their Recovery and Deliverance of Belgium, France's First Aim. sum pricing that we can

UNALTERABLE PURPOSE

Deschanel Defends Parliament Against Unwarranted Criticisms Made.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Paul Deschanel, in addressing the chamber of deputies today after his re-election as president of that body, said: "The first articles of our program

remain the deliverance of Belgium and the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine. This is the only program that can recompense us for our sacrifices and assure to our children a durable peace worthy of France and the republic."

Speaking of the work of parliament, M. Deschanel took occasion to reply M. Deschanel took occasion to reply to certain criticisms, saying:
"In the most critical moments it was you who established the program for the production of armaments and munitions, after which you made every effort to diminish the delays in providing the army with what was most provided the production of the companies."

Anglo-French Squadrons Drop Many Bombs on Bulgarian

Paris. Jan. 11.—From the French official communication upon the operations in Macedonia issued tonignt it is learned that allied activity has been renewed. The communication follows: "Army of the east: Artillery fighting continued along the whole front, especially to the south of the Struma in the region of Makovo and Monastir. Our reply was very effective. "On Jan. 6 the British troops caried out a raid on Antindjali, east of Lake Doiran, and brought back pris-

oners. Yesterday there were patrol encounters south of Seres. "British hydro-aeroplanes bombarded Gorevitch, southeast of Xanrhi Twelve British aeroplanes effectively bombarded military establishments at Hudovo and Strumitsa. A French air squadron composed of eight aeroplanes bombarded important encampments in the direction of Veles."

#### Bopp and Four Attaches Obtain Release on Bail

Special to The Toronto World. San Francisco, Jan. 11. -Franz Bopp German consul-general here, and the

STEPS BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT SHIPPING

Allied Governments Make Regutations to Obviate Acts of Frightfulness.

It was officially announced tonight by the war office that new regulation have been made by England, France and Italy whereby permission must be obtained from the government of the respective countries before an yforeign tonnage can be chartered by private chipping concerns

tomage can be chartered by private shipping concerns.

Altho no official explanations have been made for this action, it is believed here that this is a step to protect the allied governments from complications which might involve neutral actions, should Germany carry out her threats to begin a new sul-marine campaign against merchant shipping.

and Men is Suitably Recognized.

FINE DEEDS RECORDED

Number of Officers Add Bar to Military Cross Won by Them.

Capt. William NacPherson Kirkpatrick made two trips to the front line under heavy fire and secured valuable intor-

heavy fire and secured valuable information.

Lieut. Louis William Kilinguer, Engineers, showed great courage in charge of a working party under heavy fire.

Lieut. Fred Lister, established an advanced post on the flank, bombing the enemy's trench and establishing a block.

Lieut. James Watt Lowe showed great courage in leading his men in an attack under trying conditions.

Lieut. Gavin Scott MacFarlane of the general list, when wounded, continued to lead his men and captured a machine gun and crew.

Lieut. Frederick George Manville, R.F. C., flew three hours at a low altitude over the enemy's lines within range of active enemy batteries.

Lieut. Robert Pope Matheson led his company to attack with great courage and when wounded continued on duty.

Capt. Waiter Robert McGes, when wounded, led his men with great courage and remained at the front line thirty hours.

Capt. Harry Frederick Neurling, Manuel of the convention hall and dependent political action.

The dectsion of the convention when it became I now my save great offence to the people of Brandon, and at 5 o'clock a deputation of returned soldiers entered the convention hall and demanded that the free trade orator be not allowed to speak.

President Handers said in reply that the subject had already been discussed and disposed of by the convention.

At the evening session Mr. Dixon got a good hearing. He made a capital free trade speech and stuck to his subject closely, and Rev. Dr. Salem, G. Bland, G. F. Chipman and others spoke in favor of free trade and independent political action.

BRITISH DEFEAT

age and remained at the front line thirty hours.

In diplomatic and military affairs, but if there were failures, they would soek to make you responsible since it is you who have supervision. It is dealered to shorten the war, but when you propose measures for a greater activity of effort which would abridge it your initiatives are criticized."

ALLIED AIR FLEETS IN

RAIDS IN MACEDONIA

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Capt. Harry Frederick Neurling, Machine Gune, showed great courage during an action.

Lieut. Henry George Napper showed great criticize 400 yards under heavy fire.

Lieut. Forest Millen Pratt, Engineers, lected a strong point under heavy fire and obtained viiltable information.

Lieut. William George Barker, R.F.C., formerly of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, flew 500 feet over the enemy lines, driving off two machines.

Capt. Lleyd. Remington Meech, R.A.M. C., formerly with the Canadians, worked the wounded under heavy fire.

Bar to Cross,

The following are given a bar to the

heavy fire.

Bar to Cross.

The following are given a bar to the Military Cross;
Lleut. A. D. Bell Irving, R.F.C., awarded a cross on Oct., 1916, when wounded in November drove off several enemy machines, altho his own was damaged, and fought superior numbers.
Lleut. Clive Griffin, R.F.A., awarded the cross in October. 1916, and since wounded is mentioned in Salonica despotches for bravery as a commander unier heavy shellfire.
Lleut. Robert Wonward Powell, Canadian Engineers, showed courage in digging a tranch under heavy fire,
Awarded D. C. M.
The following, who are awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal, are infantry privates unless otherwise stated:

T. N. Armit, Mounted Rifles, when severely wounded, continued to bomb the enemy.

Count Benekendorff Dood

enemy.
Sergt. H. Banks. Engineers, laid and renained wires under heavy fire.
Sergt. E. W. Holbrook attacked an enemy machine sun single-handed killed two of the onew and cantured the sun.
C. A. Kelly showed great courage durage in the conture of the position throse membrine gives and fifth prisoners.
Lance-Reret. W. C. MacLennan, took age and rendered valuable services.
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Acting Lance-Corp. J. Sage showed man index an ettack seminst nearly nearly assisting in the capture of the position. vet arrived. southwest of Jerusalem

prompt attack.

CHANCEL ORGAN BARGAIN.

Successor is Not Named

#### DIXON'S DISLOYAL **WORDS RESENTED**

Speech of Centre Winnipeg Member.

**BRANDON IS AROUSED** 

Returned Soldiers Demand That Dixon Be Refused Right to Speak.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 11.-Thos. Crerar, president of the Grain Grow ers' Grain Co. of Canada, speaking to the provincial convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers, here today, urged the federation of the farmers'

panies controlled by the grain growers. He saw no reason why the federated company should not enter into the manufacturing business if necessary to keep down prices. Were the farmers associations of the three prairie proonces federated, it would be quite cossible for them to expend thirty, orty, or even fifty thousand dollars

a year on educational work. Henders a Candidate. Mr. Crerar, however, opposed the formation for a farmers' party. He thought, however, associations should discuss free trade and economic is-

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

Lieut England Alford, Machine on the Maniferty of the Special Canadiate for the Dominion Parliament in Macdonald.

Something like a bomb was thrown in the corvention at the morting session when a resolution was proposed able to the pression of the Annihology.

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posed flank.

Lieut. Joseph Douglas Hickman, Artillery, made a daring recommaissance, secured valuable information, and rendered valuable reports.

Lieut. Robert James Hosle showed great courage in battlefield clearing, working three days under heavy fire.

Lieut. Geeffrey Alan Johnson, Engineers, showed great courage during an enemy raid and captured a party of the security of the convention was altegether against Mr. Dixon's recent unterrances but, it was finally decided the convention of the convention was altegether against Mr. Dixon's recent unterrances but, it was finally decided the convention of the convention was altegether against Mr. Dixon's recent unterrances but, it was finally decided the convention was altegether against Mr. Dixon's recent unterrances but, it was finally decided the convention was altered to home was a specific party of the convention was extended to h'm, however, before he made his Winnipose, speech, and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resoltion moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resolution was extended to him the program and the resolution was a program and the resolution moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resolution moved this morning was to the effect that the program and the resolution was a program and the resolution moved this morning was to that the program should not be changed. Mr. Dixon declined to comment on the incident upon his arrival from Winnipeg th's afternoon.

### **BRITISH DEFEAT BIG TURK FORCE**

Sixteen Hundred Prisoners Taken in Fight Near El Arish.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Jan. 11.—Rafa. northeast of El Arish, on the border between Egypt and Palestine, has been captured by British forces in a battle in which 600 Turks were killed of vounded and 1600 wee taken prisoner according to an announcement of the British war office today. After the engagement the Brit'sh located a Turkish relief force on the march from Shalal, 16 miles east of ARTILLERY ACTIONS ON Rafa, and entirely destroyed it in

The position carried at Rafa con sisted of six lines of entrenchments with six main redoubts and a centra keep and it covered the town. The atmounted froons and the imperial the recame corps le't El Arish on Monday on the and began its assault on the Turks at 7 e'clock on Tuesday morning. The battle lasted till 5 in the after-

The British then met the Turkish relief force coming up from Shalal, and entirely destroyed it at a point four miles from the Rafa position. Full details of the operation have no

Rafa is the ancient Egyptian Rahphia. It has been the scene of many battles, mentioned in history as far back at 721 B.C. It is about 70 miles

Has your church been looking for

## MORE GREEK QUIBBLING IN GRANTING DEMANDS

Grain Growers Angered Over Entente Allies Refused Power to Share in Administration of Country or to Interfere With Local Communications.

> Athens, Wednesday, Jan. 10, via London.—The acceptance by the Greek Government of the ultimatum of the extente powers makes certain reservations. According to the Greek reply, control by the entente allies will be re-establised for the entente armies only, without participating in the administration of the country or in interfering with local communications. Adherents of ex-Premier Venizelos, who have been imprisoned. will be released in a manner to be mutually agreed upon between Greece and the entente nations. The indemnities demanded for property destroyed

will be regulated according to the laws of this country. Moral satisfaction for the events of December 1, and the latest demands for the transfer of Greek troops were unreservedly granted.

# WEST SIMCOE BY-ELECTION

#### KAISER WATCHING SIMCOE ELECTION

courage Germans, Declares Col. Currie.

STRIKES AT BOWMAN

Colonel Not Satisfied With Accusation by Lucas to Be

servatives lose West Simcoe, Sayville in the wireless will flash the message to the ed their climax when C. M. Bowman, kaiser that there is reaction in Canada chief Liberal whip, announced at a big against the war and that the anti-war meeting here tonight that he had inparty has won a riding," according to stituted proceedings for libel against Col. J. A. Currie, M.P., who spoke to The Collingwood Enterprise newspa-

man in the political life of this country, said Col. Curie; "he is a danger to the country. Why did I refer to him coming from Waterloo? Because he is a German-speaking man. He says his anc stors came from Switzer-land. I have heard on good authority that t'ey camo from Westphalia. However that may be do you know that on the night after war was decaned every German waiter said he tablish his statements.

was a Swiss? "Unmasked," Says Currie. "Mr. Bowman stirred up trouble among the Germans in North Perth against the Hearst government." said he. "Is that a safe man to have abroad in your country?"

The many of German descent had tought with him in the trenches, he did not remark that the safe man to many criticism against the government regarding the patronage system.

did not remember that there were any Bowmans there, said he. Mr. Bowman was unscrupulous in stirring up hatred in the country during the war.
"I am glad I have unmasked him."
"If they win this fight every proGerman in Canada and the United States will be delighted, and there can the no doubt that the wireless station of the Liberals in opposing the government candidate. They would vote, he told them, upon whether they were satisfied with the Hearst government.

Sees Signs of Panic. te no doubt that the wireless station at Sayville will flash the news to Emperor Wilhelm that there is a reaction in Canada against the war and that the anti-war party has won in West Simcoe. German secret agents are at work here. Mr. Bowman had better be using a machine gun at the front

than staying at home to cast dirty slanders." said he.

Admission by Lucas.

Hgh. I. B. Lucas said: "I don't hesitate to say that the government does not like opening a constituency and precipitating an election." He was referring to the Liberal criticism that a farmer should be appointed minister. farmer should be appointed minister of agriculture. The government would do so later. The law compelled them to hold a by-election after the death a member. It did not compel them to appoint a new minister.

John McKee, who had nominated Mr. Duff five times, presided. W. T. Conservative candidate,

FRONT EAST OF MEUSE Paris, Jan. 11 .- The

of the war office tonight reads:
"Artillery actions have taken place tacking force consisting of Australian in upper Alsace in the Foevre and in mounted from and the imperial the region of Verdun. Quiet prevailed The Belgian statement says:

"The night and day were relatively calm. Bad weather prevented any military action of importance."

AN UNRESERVED SALE OF FURS

The spell of cold weather has greatly timulated the selling of furs at the Dineen Annual Sale, Tho 1

same low figures that were set when the mild weather did not invita interest in winter furs. Not only are the reduc-tions against ladies' furnitions for misses and but furs for misses and children and men's furs

## **BOWMAN LAUNCHES ACTION FOR LIBE**

Conservative Defeat Will En- Charges by Collingwood Paper to Be Aired in Court.

TO CALL FOR PROOF

Met on Floor of House.

Creemore. Ont., Jan. 11.-Hostilities

The Collingwood Enterprise tewspa-per. He explained some of the charges that The Enterprise had brought against him, and read the following paragraph from its editorial columns: "We do not know whether he (Bow-man) is one of the German Bowmans of Kitchener, but he has all the sar

administration."
"I have telephoned my solicit
Toronto," declared Mr. Bowman the sent by aclaration he would not attempt to succeed himself at the end of a second term.

"Mr. Bowman is the most dangerous man in the political life of this country," said Col. Curie; "he is a danger to the court and let a better man out and let a better man the court and let a better man down and out and let a better man down and out and let a better man out and let a better man down and out and down and out and down and do

take my place. Calls For Proof. Calls For Procf.
In reply to the attorney-general's charges that he had demanded 10 percent, on contracts, he said that when the legislature meets he proposes to face the attorney-general on the floor of the house and demand that he establish his statements. "If he can show," 'said Br. Bowman, "that I ever accepted or attempted to secure any 10 percent or one thousandth of one

ment regarding the patronage system.

Mr. Bowman, in opening, justified the action of the Liberals in opposing

Some of the vindictive epithets a his opponents, he said, had amuse him, some had pained him. "Surely, said he, "this is a time for serious

"But some of our opponents ju it not profitable from their standpoint in the campaign to discuss the issues seriously. They have to tell you of this and that scalawag and what he

this and that scalawag and what he has been doing. Surely this is an evidence of the panic of men who feel they are on the toboggan slide."

Carter's Criticism.

Sam Carter, M.L.A., criticized the government for abuses in the patronage system. A man named Torrance he instanced, had been given the position of the head of the customs detion of the head of the customs de-partment in Stratford at the age of 62, when he knew nothing whatever about the work. "When the man about the work. "When the man should have been getting ready to die," he said, "'he was handed a big job which he had to start in and learn

which he had to start in and learn from the ground up."

He accused the government ministers of breaking the law when they agreed with Wallace Nesbitt. K.C., and the International Co. to accept a flat \$40,000 per annum mining tax. Under Ontario laws, he said, the government had not the power to fix that flat rate. Upon hydro matters the speaker accused the government of trying to get the hydro under their control for political purposes "Hon. Tom McGarry" he said, did everything he could to make Sir Adam Beck resign. make Sir Adam Beck resign.
Isaac Scott. the Liberal cand'date,
made a personal appeal to the electors
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#### CANADIAN AIRMEN RECEIVE PROMOTION

prices remain at the Duke of Connaught Sends Message of Welcome to Overseas Wounded.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, Jan. 12.—The following appear in today's Gazette announcements: chancel organ with tone sufficient to fill a small church or Sunday school? If so, Ye O'de Firme of Heintzman & co., Limited, Heintzman Hall, 193-195-197 Yonge street, Toronto, have a stock is to be absolute. It is really an entertained the overseas wound genuine Bell, 15 stops, with 9 sets of reeds, including sub-bass, acoline, vox med-winter. W. & D Dinean Company, human b, vox celeste, clarinette, etc., which hey will sell at \$125; cost \$275 when new. CLOSE

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