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Says Canada Near Sterile

Two Years Have Been
Lost, Asserts Tory
Senate Leader

Visits Windsor

Declares Need for Modern
Weapons in Air and
on Land

By John Marshall

Until Canada has modern war mechanisms in the air and in the field, with trained men to operate them, the Dominion's war efforts must be "virtually sterile," asserts Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader in the Senate.

CONFIDENTIAL REMARKS

Mr. Meighen, a visitor to Windsor this afternoon, has little to say with regard to Canada and the war situation. Interviewed by The Windsor Star he limited his observations to two cryptic paragraphs.

"Canada as a factor in war is, and must be, virtually sterile until we have modern war mechanisms in the air and in the field, and trained men to operate them."

"In 1918 we have lost two years. The public does not yet realize what that loss means."

When asked for an interview, the Conservative Senate leader remarked: "Between sessions I avoid public

speaking. I have other responsibilities which I can't look after when the Senate is meeting. And when the Senate is on, I work hard at it."

FIRST STATEMENT

In fact, Mr. Meighen observed that his first statement on Canada and the war situation is the first that he has made, having avoided any publicity since the last session of the Senate.

Mr. Meighen stopped off here today on his way through to Chicago. He explained that he was visiting friends and was met by A. P. Healy.

The Chicago trip is being made by Mr. Meighen to participate in a tribute to T. A. Russell, of Toronto, noted livestock man and one-time school mate of Mr. Meighen. One was born at Ender and the other St. Marys, and they attended the St. Marys Collegiate at the same time.

Twenty-five Ontario men interested in livestock are making the trip to Chicago to present on Monday a portrait of Mr. Russell to the Saddle and Saddle Association of the United States, the biggest livestock association on the continent. The portrait is an honor to Mr. Russell and his international renown in livestock circles.

OTHERS IN PARTY

Others who will be present at the ceremony include: J. A. McLean, of Canadian Pacific; M. M. Irish, P. E. Morrow, Senator Little and Senator Dundas Marshall.

Mr. Meighen came through on the afternoon train so that he could stop off in Windsor. The remainder are going through later.

General observations by the Conservative leader included the great need for money in the West, particularly in Saskatchewan where extra rains will be needed next year to make up for the lack of rains this autumn.