

Meeting of the Legislature in Extraordinary Session.

Extreme Legislation Threatened—The Constitution of the Country Implicated.

A special and unique session of the Legislature was formally opened yesterday afternoon by His Excellency the Governor. Present in the grounds were contingents from the Naval Reserve, Regiment and Constabulary, though few visitors were in the Legislative Council where His Excellency delivered his opening speech, which has already appeared.

Hon. Mr. Blandford rose to move the appointment of a Select Committee to draft an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. He tendered his congratulations and paid a tribute to the Hon. Dr. Skelton, the oldest member of the Council, who has just reached the 90th anniversary of his birthday and then dealt with the Business Profits Tax Measure, which was a matter for grave thought and consideration and made it incumbent upon each member to think out for himself his duty. He would be the last to attribute any selfish motives to those who voted against the Bill at the last session, as he believed they were solely actuated by conscientious and worthy sentiments. The enforcement of the Bill was necessary so that Newfoundland could hold her position with all the other Colonies of the British Empire. He said it behoved all, in all standings of life as a country and a people to follow in the great procession of the march in order that they may retain our present position. He referred to the part Newfoundland had taken in the war and contended that because we had to maintain our men in the battle field and sustain disabled heroes and dependents there should be no quibbling over technicalities as he called it in the Profits Tax Bill, although he was opposed to class legislation as he believed there was no greater philanthropist than the merchant on Water Street. In no other place he said do the merchants assume the risks that they do here, but he thought they should use their means to beat the Germans. In conclusion he hoped that the mercantile Community would contribute liberally and "better than the best" for the benefit of Country, Empire and Sailors and Soldiers.

Hon. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, regretting the deadlock that had occurred over the Business Profits Tax Bill. He thought that the deadlock of that body elected by the people should be recognized by those not directly responsible to the country, though he did not wish to suggest that the gentlemen who voted against the Business Profits Tax did so because their pecuniary interests were affected. On the other hand he believed that a had impression was abroad in the country over the rejection of the measure and suggested a speedy and unanimous passage of the measure to disabuse public opinion and restore mutual respect and confidence between the different sections of the country.

Hon. Mr. Harvey then spoke briefly, stating that in opposing the Profits Tax Bill the constitutional right of the House of Assembly in relation to money measures had not been challenged or disputed, but that the opposition was based on equity and justice; it was not the tax, but the unfair discrimination that was objected to. He thought that the Government, so united and unique, could not show more magnanimity and justice.

The Select Committee were then appointed as follows:—
Hons. S. D. Blandford, W. J. Ellis, S. Milley, J. Anderson and M. Power.

Hon. Mr. Squires gave notice of the suspension of the rules, though intimating that opportunity would be given for free discussion and no attempt made to curtail debate.

In the House of Assembly Mr. Higgins moved for a Select Committee to draft an Address in reply to the Governor's Speech, which he termed a War Measures Speech. He said these were extraordinary times and extraordinary measures have to be taken to meet the contingencies brought about by the war. Quoting from the late Earl Kitchener he pointed out that the needs of the Empire and its Allies to procure victory were Men, Munitions and Money. Since his famous prophecy was made Lord Kitchener's successor had realized that more men, more munitions and more money were needed to ensure final success. Newfoundland had sent the flower of her manhood and the country now was looking to the direction where her wealth was largely concentrated to exact more money. In this connection, he said, to provide additional revenue for the Colony's war requirements a tax of 1¢ on every 25¢ will be levied on surplus business profits over and above \$3,000 to meet the need for money. He disapproved of the argument that this tax was discriminatory on the grounds that everything in connection with the war was discriminatory. He dealt at length with the modern method of the conscription of men, which was of a selective character. Some, he said, had to continue



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ously face the duties of active service even unto death, while others were excused for physical or other reasons. The same principle of argument applied, he thought, to conscription of wealth. A vigorous prosecution of the war must be carried on determinedly no matter whether the toll is on manhood or wealth, he continued. Some would give all they possess of this world's goods to have back those noble ones whose bodies lie beneath blood-stained and shrapnel-ploughed fields of France. The largest contributors under the profits tax should recognize, he thought, that to be unduly levied in these troublous times is but the penalty of the riches and that in any event, it is gratifying to know that the tax is only of a temporary character. He then dealt with the paragraph of the Governor's Speech relative to proposals to be considered to secure the undivided authority of the Assembly Chamber over financial matters.

Mr. Downey, who seconded the motion, made a brief, but eloquent, speech. He said that the recent action of the Upper House, which was responsible for the present meeting of Parliament, was regrettable, but on the other hand he thought that if the members of that Chamber had been given more time to grasp and consider the situation the present session of the Legislature would not have been necessary. Continuing, he said, this Chamber has a sacred duty to perform and we would be unworthy sons of worthy sires if we allowed, even in the slightest degree, the legitimate prerogatives of this Chamber to be tampered with and no longer perpetuate its independence and absolute control of financial matters.

Messrs. Higgins, Downey, Hickman and Halford were appointed to draft the Finance Minister gave notice to introduce Resolutions requesting the House on Business Profits, and the Prime Minister gave notice of a Bill respecting the powers of the Legislative Council in relation to those of the House of Assembly after which the House adjourned until this afternoon.

Hon. Dr. Skelton Presented With a China Clock.

The Oldest Active Legislator in the British Empire.

A most pleasing and unique function took place yesterday afternoon in the President's Room of the Legislature when the Hon. George Skelton, M.D., received the congratulations of his fellow Councillors on the attainment of his ninetieth birthday.

As a souvenir of the occasion Hon. Dr. McGrath presented the veteran legislator with a handsome china clock and in very appropriate terms referred to the uniqueness of the event, and extended the heartiest congratulations of the members of the Council on his reaching such a ripe old age and also upon his excellent state of health which permitted him still to engage in his legislative duties.

His Excellency the Governor, who was present, also congratulated the veteran councillor.

Hon. Dr. Skelton made a brief reply and expressed his deep appreciation of the kindness of his fellow-councillors for their very encouraging words and the very handsome gift which accompanied them.

The clock, which is of an exceptional beautiful design, bears a silver plate on which is engraved the following:—

"Presented to the Hon. George Skelton, M.D., by his fellow Councillors, on his 90th birthday, Saint John's, August 15th, 1917."

Hon. Dr. Skelton is at present the oldest active legislator in the British Empire, establishing a record which few can hope to duplicate.

The Doctor is still in possession of abundance of health and vigor considering his great age. The Telegram joins with the whole country in extending congratulations to our Honourable and venerable statesman.

FRIDAY, Aug. 17, 1917.
Page and Shaw's Chocolates have immediately caught on, many people who have used them in Canada and the United States having rallied to their banner as soon as we unfurled it. And these have been telling others, and those others, so that they are quickly becoming known throughout the city. And all users are not merely satisfied, as they might be with a mediocre chocolate, but delighted. If you want something exceptional in candies, for yourself or your friend, come in and see what we can do for you in this way.

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To-Day's Messages.

AND THE ANSWER.

LONDON, To-day.

British and French troops attacking on a nine-mile front east and northeast of Ypres in Flanders to-day gained all their objectives except on the right flank. The French drove the Germans from between the Yser Canal and Mortveart and captured the bridgehead of Dreigrachten. The village of Langemarck was carried by the British after they had taken all their first objectives in the centre of the attacking lines. An official statement from British headquarters in France last night adds that the Germans fought stubbornly on Field Marshal Haig's right for the possession of the high ground north of the Menin Road. Suffering heavy losses the Germans finally pressed the British back from the terrain they had gained early in the day. More than eighteen hundred prisoners, including 39 officers, already have been counted by the Anglo-French forces. Some German guns also were taken. The British have made further progress east of Loos in the Lens area and the total prisoners captured there has now reached 896. The statement reads: Allied attacks delivered early in the morning on a front of nine miles north of the Ypres-Menin Road have been continued during the day in the face of strong enemy resistance.

On the left French troops advancing on both sides of the Zuydchoote, Dixmude Road drove the enemy from the tongue of land between the Yser Canal and Mortveart and captured the bridgehead of Dreigrachten. In the centre the British troops rapidly captured their first objectives and continuing their advance carried the village of Langemarck after heavy fighting. They then forced their way forward for a distance of half a mile beyond the village and established themselves in the German trench system which constituted their final objective for the day. On our right there has been fierce and continuous fighting since early morning for possession of high ground north of the Menin Road.

The enemy disputed our advance with determined counter attacks with large forces. As a result of the counter attacks the enemy succeeded during the afternoon at a great cost in pressing back our troops in this area from a part of the ground won earlier in the day. Last evening further enemy counter attacks in this neighbourhood were broken up by our artillery fire. The number of prisoners taken by the Allies in the course of this attack cannot yet be ascertained, but over 1,800 including 35 officers already have been brought in. A few German guns also were captured. Our troops made further progress to-day east of Loos. The number of prisoners we captured on this front since the opening of our attack yesterday now totals 896, including 22 officers.

CANADIANS MAKE FURTHER GAINS.

Canadians Headquarters in France, (By Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press).—All hope that the enemy may have had of recovering Hill 70, was quenched late this Thursday afternoon when an assaulting column of Manitobans and British Columbians by a gallant attack drove the Germans back to the eastward slope of the Hill, back seven hundred yards on a front of over a thousand yards. The enemy is now down in a hollow with our troops overlooking his positions. The assault was the most impetuous charge I have yet seen. Despite a heavy enemy barrage put down almost as soon as our own indicated the locality of the attack, the first wave was sent forward in the double, in less than three minutes afterwards the prisoners they had taken were seen running back through the smoke down the trenches. They numbered between eighty and ninety, and suffered some casualties en route from their own guns.

GREAT WORK OF BRITISH AND FRENCH.

British Front in France and Belgium, 16th.—At four o'clock this afternoon the battle in Flanders which was resumed by the French and British to-day already had resulted in a large gain of ground. From Dreigrachten, which the French occupied with little resistance, southward the French pushed their positions back to the edge of the flooded area along the left bank of the St. Janbeek River and on the right bank they surged across the Stenbels which is a continuation of St. Janbeek, and occupied German positions to an extent of about one thousand yards. At the same time the British advanced on the right of the French and occupied considerable territory in the region of St. Julien and Langemarck. Langemarck village itself apparently is firmly in the hands of the Allies. Further south the British had pushed forward at various points as far down the salient as the country west of Polygon Wood. In all this region heavy fighting was in progress, especially in the vicinity of the Polygon Wood and the neighboring forests. At this time it is impossible to give more than a general idea of the events that are transpiring since the signal was given a few hours before the advance. There is little doubt, however, that the German troops engaged here are being heavily troops and that the British have

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made appreciable advances at many points in this difficult territory. The preliminary bombardments by the British artillery worked havoc in the German ranks, according to the prisoners. All night the heavy guns poured a steady stream of shells into the small forts and fortified farms in which the Germans had established machine gun squads and many of their defences were wiped out or made untenable.

GERMAN FUSTIAN.
AMSTERDAM, To-day.
Judgment on the peace proposals of Pope Benedict is reserved by the majority of the Berlin newspapers pending receipt of the text. The Lokal Anzeiger says the note can hardly be taken as a serious proposal, but it is a peace demonstration from the enemy; only in respect of the return of the German colonies does it take into account our vital interests. This newspaper recommends for the present reserve in regard to the proposals, although a changing feeling in the enemy countries has shown itself more and more plainly. Incomparably better justified are the Central Powers in relying on the Victory of their swords.

GERMAN CASUALTIES.
LONDON, To-day.
German casualties reported during July in the German official lists, but not necessarily as having occurred in July aggregated 89,863, as follows:—Killed or died of wounds or sickness, 14,620; missing, 14,620; severely wounded, 14,620; wounded and slightly wounded, 29,958. The total German casualties of all classes since the beginning of the war exceed 4,500,000.

1.00 P.M.

AUSTRIAN ENVOY TO STOCKHOLM

AMSTERDAM, To-day.
Count Tarnowski, of Tarnow, a former Austrian Hungarian Ambassador to the United States, a report from Stockholm says will soon be coming to Sweden from Austria-Hungary.

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