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Splendid Victory.

We have delayed this issue of THE HERALD in order to tell our readers the result of the polling in the bye-election today in the first district of King's County. The result is, as we all along anticipated, a splendid victory for the Conservative candidate, and a complete vindication of the Mathieson Administration. Mr. Harry D. McLean, the Government candidate was elected with the record majority of 216. This majority is greater by 12 votes than that received by Hon. Senator McLean in the general election in September last. Senator McLean's majority was 204, and Harry's is now 216. This is a complete vindication of the Government; a splendid tribute to the sturdy consistency and unswerving wisdom of the electors of the first district and the best possible evidence of the strength and popularity of the young member elect. The vote polled was almost equal to that given at the general election, in itself a remarkable circumstance for a bye-election. The Opposition put up the most bitter and scandalous fight ever heard of in this Province. They hoped to make some progress by the inauguration of a campaign of scandal, aimed at the Hon. Mr. McNeill, Commissioner of Public Works. Their attempt in this direction was a dismal and disastrous failure, and their scapegoat, Mr. Arseneault, contractor, is now in the matter.

New Years Day Honors.

Among the honors conferred by King George at the New Year are the following: Barons: William Waldorf Astor, Lord Charles Beresford, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, David A. Thomas, and Captain Cecil William Norton. Among those who received baronetcies are Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee, Sir William Goschen, Sir Charles Johnston, and Alfred A. Booth. The privy councillors named included Wm. Crooks and Sir Frederick Banbury, Earl Curzon of Kedleston, and the Duke of Devonshire are made knights of the garter. Lord Masey is elevated to the rank of viscount. The following list of Canadians honored, was issued from Government House, Ottawa, Saturday night: To the Peerage: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal. To be Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance; Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, C. M. G., Consulting Engineer to the Government. To be Knights Bachelor: Brig. Gen. Bertram, Deputy Chairman of Imperial Munitions Board; Chief Justice Haultain, Regina; John Kennedy, Consulting Engineer, Montreal. Hon. L. O. Taillon, K.O. Montreal. To be Military Commander of the Bath: Major-General, Gwatkin, Chief of the Canadian General Staff, Ottawa. To be Civil Commander of the Bath, Major-Gen.

John Carson, Montreal (now abroad on active service). To be Companies of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: Lieut. Col. Grassett, Chief Constable of Toronto; Surgeon-General Carleton Jones, Ottawa (now on active service); Brig. Gen. J. C. McDougall, Commander the Canadian Training Camp in England; Wm. Brythner, president Canadian Academy of Arts; James Boase, Royal Colonial Institute, Royal Red Cross; Matron M. K. MacDonald.

Day of Intercession.

On December 24th, his Royal Highness, the Governor General of Canada issued the following proclamation: That the Empire has been good to take up arms in defence of rights and liberties unjustly attacked, and to fulfil pledges solemnly given. Therefore believing it to be fitting that the people of Canada should be enabled to make a public and solemn avowal of duty to Almighty God and of need of guidance, Sunday the Second day of January is proclaimed a day of humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken by the Empire and its Allies and those offering their lives for it, and for a speedy and favorable peace that shall be founded on understanding not hatred to the era that peace shall endure. The Secretary of State for Canada and the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister of Canada desired that prayers should be offered in accordance with the above proclamation, in all churches. Notice of the proclamation and desires above set forth were telegraphed to the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, as well as to his Lordship, the Bishop of Charlottetown. His Lordship the Bishop issued a circular to the clergy of the diocese directing that suitable service be held in all the churches on Sunday, January 2nd. These services were held accordingly.

Progress of The War

London, December 29th—Reuters' correspondent at western headquarters, after remarking that the British staff is confident that the Allies are now so strong in men and munitions that they can break through the German lines whenever the right times comes, declares that the weather is the chief reason for postponing the big movement, and adds: "Such movement needs careful planning and extreme caution."

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 30

The German and Russian official bulletins regarding the operations north of the Pripiet river laconically declare that the battles are proceeding. The importance of the engagements seems to be considered by the Russian military critics as great.

Paris, Dec. 31

The situation at Saloniki as General Edouard Castelnau, chief of the general staff of the French army, is said to view it after visiting the Entente forces at that place, is given by the Rome correspondent of the Journal, as follows: "A person who discussed the situation at Saloniki, with General Castelnau informs me that the general said: 'We are at Saloniki and have no intention of leaving. We are waiting for them to attack us, for that they

have made up their minds to great sacrifices. I am more than satisfied. I am enthusiastic at the defences prepared.

London, Jan. 2—Reuters correspondent at Cairo, Egypt, telegraphs that the British steamer Persia was torpedoed Thursday in the Mediterranean without warning and sank within a few minutes. Washington, Jan. 2—Advices to the State Department today from American Consul Garrels at Alexandria, Egypt, indicate that Robert N. G. McNeely, consul at Aden, Arabia, who was on the steamer Persia when she was sunk in the Mediterranean, was lost. About 400 lives in all were lost on the torpedoed steamer.

London, Jan. 2—The Russians have captured northeast of Czernowitz, Bukovina, according to a despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Petrograd. Eight hundred and seventy prisoners fell into the hands of the Russians.

Paris, Jan. 3—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows:—"In Champagne district, near the highway between Tahure and Sommepey, a German attack in which hand-grenades were used was repulsed."

Half Million Army

Ottawa, Jan. 1—The Dominion of Canada will double its overseas army. An increase of one hundred per cent on the authorized total for overseas was announced by Sir Robert Borden in a notable New Year message to the Canadian people. The Premier's message, which was issued from his residence where he is lying ill, follows:—More than a twelve month ago our Empire consecrated all its

deavour to a great purpose, which concerns the liberties of the world and the destinies of all its nations. "In the dawn of another year our hearts are more resolute than ever to accomplish that task, however formidable it may prove. By the greatness of the need our future efforts must be measured. "Nowhere is the Canadian spirit more firm and unwavering than among the men who will shortly stand by their side; nowhere is it more undaunted than in the hospital and convalescent homes. "Already we have learned the full meaning of sacrifice. To all Canadian homes that have been saddened, to all Canadian hearts that have been stricken by the tragedy of this war, we pray that Divine blessing may bring consolation and healing. Much had to be learned during the past fifteen months, because we had not prepared for war. The strongest assurance of ultimate victory lies in the fact that we were not crushed in learning that hard lesson. Those who forced this war upon us may be assured, that the lesson will be thoroughly learned to the end that there shall be enduring peace. The very character and greatness of the ideals for which we are fighting, forbid us to pause until their triumph is fully assured. "The Canadian forces at the front have indeed fought a good fight, and they have crowned the name of Canada with undying laurels. To them and to all the overseas forces now under arms, and awaiting the opportunity to do their part, we bid Godspeed in the sure faith that they will never fail in their duty. "On this, the last day of the old year, the authorized forces of Canada number 250,000, and the number enlisted is rapidly approaching that limit. "From to-morrow the first day of the New Year, our authorized force will be 500,000. "The announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolve to crown the justice of our cause with victory and abiding peace.

Russians warships have sunk two German submarines off the oniki and have no intention of leaving. We are waiting for them to attack us, for that they

Premier Greets Troops

Sir Robert Borden sent the following cable to Sir George Perley, acting high commissioner for the Dominion of Canada in London. Please convey the following message to the officers commanding the Canadian Army Corps in France, to the officers commanding the Canadians in England, and to the officers commanding Overseas Canadian Units, if any, not comprised in above. "On behalf of the Canadian people it is my duty and my privilege to convey to you the season's greetings and their warmest wishes for success and victory in all your enterprises during the coming year. "All Canada has been inspired by the splendid gallantry and the dauntless spirit of the Canadian forces at the front, and we realize the importance of those still in the line."

You are fighting, not only for liberty and civilization, but for the future peace of the world. No nation ever sprang to arms for a greater or nobler cause. In the dawn of the New Year Canada bids you God-speed in firmest confidence that our cause is just, that you will uphold it worthily, and that it will assuredly prevail. (Sgd.) "BORDEN"

Canadian Patriotic Fund

SECOND APPEAL

Somewhat over a year ago, as President of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I made an appeal to the people of the Dominion for funds to assist the families of the gallant men who were going to the front. Though anticipating a generous response, I was hardly prepared for the magnificent manner in which the call was met. Monies have poured into the treasury of the Fund until the total contributions have reached and exceeded six million dollars. Large however, as this sum appears it has not greatly exceeded the demands and, if we consider the immediate future, the entire sum, plus on hand would be required before all the men of the Expeditionary Force could again return home. Today there are 25,000 families, comprising, it is estimated, 80,000 individuals dependent upon the Patriotic Fund. With further recruiting the demands upon the Fund will with each succeeding month, continue to grow, so that it is estimated that, should the War continue during 1916, a sum amounting to some \$8,000,000 and probably more will be required. This, would, however, only mean \$1 per head of the population for the people of Canada, and it is little indeed to ask of those who remain at home in comparison with the sacrifice in life and limb of those who are fighting in defence of the Nation. In spite of all the various calls that have been made for funds to aid our soldiers and sailors and the magnificent response that has been made in each and every one, I still feel assured that the warm hearts of all Canadians will respond to this further appeal to enable the Patriotic Fund to continue its splendid work during 1916 and take care of the families of those who are fighting for their Sovereign, the Empire, and the Dominion, on the Battle-fields of Europe and on the High Seas. (Signed) ARTHUR President Canadian Patriotic Fund, Government House, Ottawa, 1st January, 1916.

Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 18th February, 1916, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week on the route.

Circular No. 1 Royal Route from the Postmaster General's pleasure. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Coquitlam and Kamloops, and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, C. E. Town, Jan. 3rd, 1916. JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector.

The Carleton advertisement featuring a man in a suit and a logo for 'Louredes'.

Great Closing Out Sale! We have decided to retire from the RETAIL business in the following lines, viz: FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT, LEATHER GOODS (A Splendid Stock), TOY DEPARTMENT, DOLLS! DOLLS!! DOLLS!!!, IN OUR CHINAWARE DEPARTMENT, CARTER & COMPANY, Limited.

The Man Who... George Wilson... The New Yorker... Hon. T. W. Crothers... The London War Office... About 150 clerks from the paymaster-general's office in Canada are to be sent to England shortly to assist in the work of paying the soldiers. Nearly \$30,000,000 has been paid out by the paymaster's branch in England, and at the front by a staff of a little over one thousand, and so far the only irregularities have aggregated less than \$5,000. There have been only three cases of loss. So states Col. R. W. Ward who has been paymaster in London for the overseas force since the first contingent left Canada. He is now in Ottawa on a month's leave of absence. He speaks of the splendid spirit of the men at the front and their assurance of victory. He emphasizes the efficiency of the British fleet in coping with and destroying the submarine menace. On New Year's Day, Feast of the Circumcision, solemn high Mass was celebrated in St. Dunstan's Cathedral. Rev. Father Duffy was celebrant of the Mass. Rev. Dr. Hughes, deacon; Rev. Frank McQuaid, subdeacon and Rev. Maurice McDonald Master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by his Lordship, the Bishop. His Lordship prefaced his discourse by reading the circular issued to the clergy relative to peace exercises elsewhere referred to. Reviewing the year that had just closed his Lordship enumerated the many reasons the people of this diocese and Province had to be thankful to divine Providence for the many blessings they had enjoyed. His Lordship concludes his discourse by wishing a happy prosperous and blessed New Year to all.