

HON. MR. FIELDING ASKS EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Sir Robert Borden and Hon. W. S. Fielding crossed swords in a lively verbal duel in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the prime minister moved that parliament approve the peace treaty and made a long statement giving his conception of the salient points of the historic document, especially as they affect the interests of Canada. The premier got along very nicely without arousing any great enthusiasm or interest in the proceedings until he had read his preface and Mr. Fielding rose and bluntly asked him what difference it would make to anyone if Canada failed to ratify the treaty. The veteran parliamentarian spoke from the front benches of the opposition, having moved to the seat formerly occupied by Mr. Daniel D. McKenzie, who, today, took the seat of the opposition leader, which has remained vacant since the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There were some sharp exchanges for Mr. Fielding's first thrust evidently got under the premier's skin.

Text of Dialogue.

The dialogue was short and snappy and went like this:

Mr. Fielding.—"Might I ask the right honorable gentleman to supplement the very interesting, instructive and helpful statement he has given by answering a question I am about to put and which I hope he will regard as reasonable. I should be glad to have his opinion as to what will be the consequence of the refusal or failure on the part of the Parliament of Canada to ratify the treaty, in what manner and in what degree will it affect the interests of Canada, the empire or the world?"

Sir Robert, who was quite huffed, gave the "smart aleck" answer that the failure of parliament to ratify the treaty would, of course, involve the defeat of the government which presents it. "Then it would devolve upon my honorable friend and his friends opposite to form a cabinet and to answer the question which he has just asked," he finished.

"I was not thinking of that," countered Mr. Fielding. "The fate of this government or any government is a small thing compared with the fate of nations and what I asked is what effect will it have upon the interests of Canada, what effect will it have upon the interests of the British Empire, what consequence will it have in the world? In short, what difference does it make to us or the world whether we ratify the peace treaty or not?"

The premier was not very ready with his reply but finally gave the reason that it would virtually commit Canada to independent action that would not be taken by the other overseas dominions. He added that the king and his advisers had recognized the right of the Parliament of Canada to ratify the treaty and declared that they are not disposed to deal with the treaty "without the consent of parliament."

Nothing on Paper.

"If my right hon. friend has some papers or documents to that effect I think he ought to lay them upon the table," interjected Mr. Fielding.

"I have no papers," confessed the premier, "the matter was discussed and I hope the hon. gentleman will accept my word for it."

Mr. Fielding, of course, accepted the statement, but persisted that his question had not been answered. He scored when he said that he had asked what would be the consequence to Canada if she did not ratify the treaty and the prime minister had shown no more serious consequences than that we might have a change of government.

"I beg my honorable friend's pardon," put in Sir Robert warmly. "He has forgotten what I said a moment ago, failure to ratify the treaty would involve very serious consequences."

Mr. Fielding.—"What are they?"

Sir Robert.—"The consequence would be that Canada would stand out of a treaty of peace accepted by the empire."

Mr. Fielding.—"Would we be at war?"

Sir Robert.—"I have already said what in my opinion our status would be in that case. If my honorable friend means that, notwithstanding the arrangements which have been made, the conventions which have been recognized, the status which has been accorded to the dominions during recent years we are still subject to have this treaty ratified by his majesty on behalf of Canada whether the Parliament of Canada is willing to ratify it or not, then I tell him he is dealing in ancient history and that he had better get his ideas advanced a little with the progress of recent years."

Mr. Fielding.—"I was not making any statement advancing any argument, contending anything. I was asking for information and I have got it."

Sir Robert.—"The implication of my honorable friend was very plain and will be readily understood by the people of this country. His suggestion was that ratification by the Parliament of Canada is merely a farce."

Hon. Jacques Bureau.—"Hear, hear. That's what it is."

Sir Robert.—"That the government of the United Kingdom possesses such

power over this dominion that they can impose their will upon us without respect to our desire I repeat that if such is the opinion of the honorable member he is thinking in terms of a hundred years ago and not of today."

Sir Sam Hughes.—"Is it not essential that we should know just what to strengthen the hand of Great Britain?"

Sir Robert.—"Yes, if we are to stand for co-operation and in union with the rest of the empire."

"The ratification of the treaty is a matter of grave importance," said Mr. Ernest Lapointe, the brilliant member for Kamouraska, "and we must be given all opportunity to consider it in all its bearings by Article 10 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and if we ratify the treaty we assume an obligation to guarantee the territorial integrity of thirty-two nations and it is essential that we should know just what this obligation implies in respect of each nation. We cannot bind Canadian lives and Canadian money for many years to come without a clear knowledge of what we are doing."

Mr. W. F. Maclean (South York).—"The question raised by the member for Kamouraska is the question over which great discussion is now taking place in the United States, namely our commitment under Article 10 to bind ourselves for all time to certain obligations as a nation on the American continent. We do commit ourselves for all time to embark upon wars waged in Europe to maintain the integrity of all other nations that are parties to the League of Nations. I think, therefore, that the question is entitled to the fullest consideration in this house and that the people of Canada ought to know what we are committing ourselves to in regard to practically all the future wars of the world."

Announcement was made by Sir Robert Borden, this afternoon, that the future relationship of the nations of the empire is to be determined at a constitutional conference to be summoned in the near future.

REV. E. C. HENNIGAR RETURNS TO JAPAN

Rev. E. C. Hennigar, who since his return in June from service overseas has been the guest of his parents in the city, will leave today for Japan where he will resume his work in the mission fields, representing the St. John Methodist Young People's Societies and Sunday schools. Mr. Hennigar has seen fourteen years of fruitful labor in missionary work and is returning to Japan with joyful anticipation of still more splendid work to come. The best wishes of his many friends in the city are being extended to him.

Last night there was a large gathering of the members of the Epworth Leagues of the several Methodist churches in the city at the Portland Hotel where Mr. Hennigar delivered an eloquent farewell address, in the course of which he told much of great interest regarding the lives of the Japanese and his own work among them. His address was listened to with very real appreciation. Frank W. Merrill, president of the Portland branch of the leagues, was the chairman of the evening and introduced the speaker. At the conclusion of Mr. Hennigar's address F. J. Hardman delighted the gathering with a vocal solo excellently rendered.

Rev. Neil MacLaughlin and Rev. M. E. Connor in brief addresses voiced the feelings of all present as they wished Mr. Hennigar good-bye, God speed and all success for his future work in the distant country to which he goes.

Pearl Harbor drydock, built at a cost of \$2,000,000, was dedicated by Secretary Daniels.

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A. W. MAGGS KILLED, WIFE BADLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Sussex, Sept. 2.—A terrible automobile accident occurred this afternoon about a quarter of a mile on this side of Perry's Point when A. W. Maggs, of this town, was instantly killed and his wife badly injured.

Mr. Maggs, inspector of bridges for the province and a well known contractor here, left Sussex about 11 o'clock this morning in his Ford car, accompanied by his wife, to visit some of the bridges in the lower part of the county. When about a quarter of a mile on this side of Perry's Point from some unknown cause, the car turned over throwing both occupants out of the car and down a ten foot embankment. Mrs. Maggs had her arm broken and sustained several minor injuries and a bad shaking up. Mr. Maggs was thrown on a big stone and the top of the car which followed him over the embankment, hit him on the head, pinning him under and killing him instantly. What the cause of the overturning was could not be ascertained very narrowly and winding and it is thought that the light car with nobody in the back seat must have struck a bump in the road which caused it to turn turtle. The accident occurred some time between 2 and 3 o'clock.

It is thought that Mrs. Maggs must have been unconscious for some time but when she had partially regained her senses she struggled along the beach for about a mile until she reached the home of Guy Flewelling and told of the disaster but could give no details. A party set out immediately for this side of the fatal accident and when they arrived lifted the top of the car which had penetrated Mr. Maggs' skull. Dr. F. H. Wetmore was summoned and he said that the man must have been instantly killed. Mrs. Maggs had to be chloroformed so that her arm which was broken just below the shoulder could be set. She could not remember clearly any of the events connected with the disaster but said that her husband had left Sussex with a wallet of money and this

could not be found either on the dead man or on the road. The car tracks were examined and it was found that the car had been going from side to side for about fifty yards before it went over the embankment. Some of the facts connected with the disaster could not be accounted for and very little could be obtained from Mrs. Maggs because of her overwrought condition. A story was told of two men witnessing the tragedy from a boat in the river but this could not be confirmed.

P. W. Wallace, funeral director and coroner of Sussex, was summoned to the scene and brought the body here. Mrs. Maggs was brought in a car to the home of her father, W. H. Culvert.

The late Mr. Maggs was very well known in and about Sussex and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. His sad death will be very much regretted by all who knew him. Besides his wife he leaves to mourn two brothers, A. Bowman Maggs, of Vancouver, and George O. Maggs, who recently returned from the front where he served with the 28th Battalion as a sergeant and won the Military Medal; also four sisters, Mrs. A. J. Gray, of St. John; Mrs. W. D. Turner, wife of the mayor of Sussex; Mrs. J. H. McFadden, of Sussex, and Miss Maude who resides at home.

OTTAWA MEETING OF G.W.V.A. SECRETARIES

A. E. Frame, provincial secretary of the G. W. V. A. for New Brunswick, has returned from Ottawa where he was attending a meeting of all provincial secretaries. At this meeting the secretaries recommended that all application forms, membership cards, record systems, etc., be standardized; that a membership referendum take place in February, 1920, when it will be decided whether or not men who served only in Canada are entitled to become members of the association.

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on the formation of new branches and it was decided to form as many branches as possible. The question of the badges, charters, constitutions and resolutions, etc., was also taken up and the secretaries decided to recommend that these be adjusted and standardized.

The official organ of the association, "The Veteran" will if the recommendations of the secretaries are accepted by the Dominion executive, be handed over to the separate branches of the association for sale and each branch will receive a portion of the revenue from this publication, according to the number of subscribers.

These recommendations are all subject to the action of the Dominion executive, and were submitted to them a few days ago.

FARMERS' CANDIDATE FOR CARLETON-VICTORIA

Woodstock, Sept. 2.—The United Farmers at a convention today nominated Thomas Caldwell, of Florenceville, as their candidate in the coming federal by-election for Carleton-Victoria. The other nominees were Rennie Tracey, Fred Smith and Gordon Sharpe. A committee of organization was appointed with John Flemming, president, F. Gillis, vice-president, Gordon Sharpe, organizer, Guy Dow, treasurer. Members of the committee were appointed from different parishes. About 120 farmers were present.

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Sir Robert Borden Makes Reply to G. W. V. A. Delegation Asking for Consideration of Further Financial Aid to Soldiers.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—During the four day executive session of the dominion command, G. W. V. A., which concluded last evening, a conference was held with the prime minister, Sir Robert Borden, to urge the establishment of a commission to determine the practicability of extending further financial aid in the referendum upon the subject of membership qualifications, which will be taken upon a fixed date in the month of February, next year.

After a thorough discussion of the subject, the prime minister gave his assurance that the decision of the government would be announced at an early date. Arrangements were completed for the referendum upon the subject of membership qualifications, which will be taken upon a fixed date in the month of February, next year.

The following recommendation was made and adopted:

1. That a fraternal and international affiliation be established between the G. W. V. A. of Canada and the British Great War Veterans of America, upon condition that the latter organization adopt the main principles of the constitution of the G. W. V. A. of Canada.
2. That this affiliation be cemented by an interchange of fraternal delegations.
3. That the facilities of each organization be placed at the disposition of the other for the purpose of advancing the interests of former members of British forces.

This means that the United States organization will virtually become the

American command of the G. W. V. A., and that returned Canadians will be afforded facilities in every city where a branch of the organization is formed.

Dr. F. L. Kenney, the coroner, last evening empaneled the following jury in the case of Miss Marion Crawford, the victim of a recent automobile accident on the Loch Lomond road: Albert Wilson, foreman, Louis McDonald, John Jackson, Fred McLean, Fred Bryden, Robert McAfee, Charles Donald. The jury viewed the body and will meet again on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. It is understood a post mortem was held yesterday.

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