

BRITISH VICTORY COMPLETE; LAURIER'S RESIGNATION SOON

HON. MR. BAXTER EXPSES FALLACIOUS FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GOV'T

Clearly Exposes Framed-Up Figures Presented by Irresponsible Men and Irresponsible Press to Gain Political Advantage.

THE MEMBERS OF OLD GOVERNMENT NOT AT ALL AFRAID OF FULLEST PUBLICITY

Finances of Province Left in Excellent Condition by Murray Administration—A Clear and Convincing Presentation of the Actual Facts.

Fredericton, June 8.—In a brilliant address on the budget debate in the House this afternoon Hon. J. B. M. Baxter opened the case for the opposition. It was a strong and masterly presentation of the former administration's magnificent record in controlling the affairs of the province and a sharp criticism of the methods inaugurated by the Carter-Foster party which has failed to appreciate the tremendous necessity of economy and has for the first time in the history of the province predicted a deficit on its financial operations.

Hon. Mr. Baxter had no difficulty in disposing of effectively the contentions of irresponsible men and the irresponsible press who with a desire to advance the political interests of the government party attempted to hoodwink the people into believing that the late government had depleted the revenues of the province for the current year.

Will Have \$750,000. Taking the government's own statements of the expenditures for the current year under the late administration as well as their figures of estimated receipts for the total year, the former Attorney-General showed in an unanswerable manner that the present administration will have upwards of three-quarters of a million dollars to expend on the public services of the province during the balance of the current year. Hon. Mr. Baxter used the government's own figures which, when properly examined, reveal the conditions. And as the former Attorney-General remarked what motives would the former government have in depleting the revenues in the early months of the year when they felt that they themselves would continue to administer the affairs of the province. As Hon. Mr. Baxter stated the expenditure on the public services of the province during the balance of the current year. Hon. Mr. Baxter used the government's own figures which, when properly examined, reveal the conditions. And as the former Attorney-General remarked what motives would the former government have in depleting the revenues in the early months of the year when they felt that they themselves would continue to administer the affairs of the province.

Finances in Excellent Shape. "If the circumstances were otherwise I would not be able to express myself in that way. But when we know as we do that we left the finances of the province in such an excellent condition and that there was no expenditure during the years of the late government and its predecessors in political harmony with it that can cast a personal reflection on any member of the opposition I say we welcome the auditors' investigation. Their report will demonstrate the falsity of the canvasses of the irresponsible newspapers and irresponsible men against the late government. I do not say that there are possible in some items the propriety of judgment of which might be questioned. That will happen in the case of my honorable friends of the government as well as we may reasonably differ on that score, but what I speak of is the integrity of the late government, and I say the further the auditors go the further the financial integrity of the old government will be shown."

Grant Prior to 1908. Hon. Mr. Baxter while quite charitable to the government in view of the heavy carnal of grant which was carried on by the administration buried from power in 1908 and which is the backbone of the present government, did however take occasion to remind the house that there were no such cases as members of the government sending antedated letters to the province refunding moneys improperly taken out of the public chest, nor had the house been called upon to witness

RESIGNATION OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER AND GENERAL ELECTION ANTICIPATED

Leader of English-Speaking Liberals Will Probably be Hon. George P. Graham—Thirty-One Liberal Members, Two from Quebec, Expected to Vote for Conscription—Liberal Breach Cannot Be Healed.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 8.—A climax has been reached in the situation regarding the Liberal party. The cleavage between the conscriptionists and the anti-conscriptionists is complete and the breach cannot be healed. Following the Liberal caucus held this morning when it became evident that the attitude of the French Canadian members, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier towards the war and its necessities made it impossible for the patriotic English speaking Liberals to remain longer associated with them as a party, the resignation of Sir Wilfrid as leader is expected within the next few days. Rumors that he had already resigned were heard but inquiry brought a denial, although The Standard correspondent was assured by high authorities in the Liberal party that his retirement as the official head of the party might be expected at any time.

Hon. Mr. Graham for 'Leader? The question of a successor is engaging the thoughts of the English speaking Liberals who at the present juncture at any rate do not intend to lose their identity as a Liberal party, for all they have in common with the government is a desire to see the war through with all the men and resources Canada has available. Several names have been suggested, some of them Liberals outside the House and one who has not been in politics for a number of years, but the general opinion seems to be that Hon. George P. Graham will be asked to lead the English section of the party meanwhile.

Hon. Mr. Graham has added greatly to his prestige during the present crisis in the party by throwing overboard a lucrative position which he has held for some years. He has been president and managing director of the Montreal Herald-Telegraph. This position he has resigned owing to the anti-conscription policy which that newspaper has adopted during his absence in Ottawa and which has been concurred in by the majority of the board of directors. Mr. Graham's only surviving son is at the front and no man has taken the war situation more seriously than he has done.

Quebec Not Unanimous. It had been taken for granted that all the Quebec Liberals would oppose conscription, but it is learned that G. A. Robb of Hamilton and W. P. Kay of Missisquoi will vote for compulsory military service. Mr. Robb's parents both came from Scotland and Mr. Kay is of mixed Scotch and English descent.

The most interesting situation is in the Maritime Provinces. Three of the New Brunswick Liberals are certain to vote for conscription. They are F. B. Carroll, W. S. Leggie and Brigadier General H. H. McLean. This leaves two English speaking members who may oppose the measure, Hon. Wm. Pugsley and A. B. Cope, although neither of them has publicly stated what his final position on the issue will be. One thing is clear, however, that to break with the rest of the conscriptionist Liberals will ostracize expenditures on current account for the eight years under the old government to the amount of \$703,000 were which the new government have to bond the province, Hon. Mr. Baxter answered that the amount must be in one of two places; either it must be part of the bonded debt or it must be owing to some person or corporation outside the province. "Now unless you can bring forth the man or corporation you got to admit the amount is already in the capital debt," said Hon. Mr. Baxter. "It is one place or the other. It is simply sheer nonsense to claim otherwise, and you can poke that sort of stuff down a man's throat when he gets it plainly on paper and analyses it."

Government Silent. There was not even a suggestion on the part of the government as to what the crisis that has arisen. Hon. Mr. Baxter, however, threw out a suggestion to the government benches today. He told them that the late administration had left the door open. When the Clarke government found there was an order-in-council existing fixing the stampage rates for ten years they considered it was not in the best interests of the province, and it was promptly rescinded. In adopting that course the late government was blamed by the banks and the lumber men, and as H. O. Mr. Baxter stated, many of the members on the government benches owe their seats in the House to the fact that that order was rescinded and never restored.

The Open Door. "We left the door open when the necessity arises. My hon. friends seem to be hanging on the brink. The hon. gentleman who delivered the budget said that the stampage rates ought to be larger. Then why was it not put in the income at \$700,000 instead of \$560,000," said Hon. Mr. Baxter. The public generally will want to know the reason why. Taking up the public debt and analyzing it item by item Hon. Mr. Baxter showed that every dollar of the debt under the late government was justified. It went into the magnificent permanent bridges and other deserving permanent services. The former attorney-general also had no difficulty in showing that a vast amount of the increase of three millions of dollars in the debt under the late government was directly attributable to its predecessors, and he instanced these particular items. To the claim that there was an over-

BRITISH CONSOLIDATE THEIR GROUND AND WARD OFF HUN ATTACKS IN MESSINES REGION

More Than 6,000 Teuton Prisoners Captured in Wonderful Drive in Flanders—New Lines Organized.

GREAT PRAISE FROM ALL QUARTERS FOR THE GALLANT IRISH TROOPS

Troops of Enemy Utterly Demoralized by Mighty Force of British Attack—Counter-Attacks of Enemy Fail.

(BULLETIN) London, June 8.—The British forces in Belgium have consolidated their gains of Thursday and during Friday successfully warded off German counter-attacks in the region of Oosteverne and Messines, according to the British official communication issued this evening. More than 6,400 prisoners, among them 132 officers, have already been counted. The communication says: "During the day our new lines south of Ypres have been organized and secured. German counter-attacks southeast and northwest of Oosteverne and east of Messines were repulsed with loss by our infantry or broken up by our artillery fire."

Over 6,400 Prisoners. The battle therefore became a game of the ability of the German troops to stop our advance under conditions as favorable to them as an army can ever hope for with every advantage of ground and preparation, and with the knowledge that an attack was impending. "Within a few minutes the enemy's first line system was carried on the whole front attacked. Our troops then pressed on, with scarcely a pause, up the western slopes of the Messines-Wytschaete Ridge, and three hours after the commencement of the attack had stormed the entire crest line from south to north. "Shortly afterwards the whole of Messines was captured, and before midday the capture of Wytschaete village had also been completed after hard fighting."

MONUMENT TO ROBERT E. LEE

Gettysburg, Pa., June 8.—Standing on the battlefield where the conflict between the North and South was virtually decided, Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Virginia, today turned over to the Gettysburg National Park Association the handsome monument erected here by the State of Virginia in honor of the memory of General Robert E. Lee and the Virginia troops who fought at Gettysburg. The memorial, one of the most conspicuous on the field, stands close to the bloody angle where the hottest action of the battle occurred. The unveiling of the memorial was the crowning feature of the national reunion of United Confederate Veterans that has held forth in Washington this week, and furnished a fitting close to what is universally recognized as probably the last "great" gathering of the Confederate veterans.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, June 8. Infantry. Wounded—R. H. Crowell, Clarke's Harbor, N. S. M. T. Shipley, River Harbour, N. S. H. Salisbury, Mitchell Bay, N. B. Artillery. Wounded—Gunner H. L. Scott, Dalhousie, N. B. FRIDAY NIGHT'S LIST. Infantry. Wounded and Missing—C. J. Walsh, Yarmouth, N. S. Wounded—L. W. Wheaton, Wheaton Settlement, N. B. M. C. Goodwin, Pictou Head, N. S.

SAN SALVADOR DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

Santa Tecla and Neighboring Towns and Villages Also Wiped Out.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, June 8.—San Salvador, Santa Tecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed in an earthquake which commenced at seven o'clock last night and continued throughout the night, according to information received here from the president of Nicaragua tonight. "Telegraphic communication, just re-established with San Salvador, confirms that earthquakes commenced at seven o'clock p.m. yesterday (Friday) and continued all night, accompanied by a heavy rain. "San Salvador, Santa Tecla and neighboring towns and villages were destroyed. "The casualties were small. There were some fires."

WOMAN WINS IN ALBERTA

Edmonton, June 8.—Returns received this morning leave the election result as it stood at midnight. It has been found extremely difficult to get returns from the outlying polls, owing to the crippled telephone service which is the result of the strike among the employees. Interesting features in the results are the unexpected defeat of Tweedie in Centre Calgary by the labor candidate, and the return of the local woman representative to the legislature, Mrs. McKernan, president of the Provincial W. O. T. U., who defeated William Moffatt, the Liberal candidate in Claresholm. (The present standing is: Liberals, 58; Conservatives, 16.)

JOHNNY KILBANE WINS

Cleveland, June 8.—Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight today signed a contract with Max Baer, local promoter, to box Benny Leonard, champion lightweight, 12-rounds at Camp. The men will weigh 125 lbs. Kilbane is to get \$1,000 or use privilege of thirty per cent. of receipts. Kilbane deposited \$1,000 to guarantee his appearance. Hinkel left New York tonight to sign.

STEAMER WHICH RAN TO ST. JOHN SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

The Manchester Miller Was Torpedoed Last Tuesday TWO AMERICANS ARE KILLED ON STEAMER

British Steamer Southland Torpedoed Day Before—40 Missing.

London, June 8.—Two Americans were killed when the British steamer Manchester Miller, loaded with cotton, was torpedoed June 5. The other members of the crew, including several Americans, were landed. The steamer Manchester Miller measured 4,234 tons and was built at Newcastle in 1906. She was owned in Manchester and was last reported as arriving at Philadelphia on March 9 from Manchester. She was a frequent caller at St. John. The Southland Sunk. London, June 8.—The British Steamer Southland from Liverpool for Philadelphia, in ballast, was torpedoed without warning on June 4. She had six Americans aboard, one of whom is missing. The gun crew on the Southland fired ten shots at the submarine after the first torpedo was fired. A second torpedo was fired by the submarine and it caused an explosion in the magazine which killed eight men and still missing. The rest of the crew of 159 has been landed. "As showing the excellent information which the submarines receive the U-boat commander, when informed of the name of the ship, showed surprise and said: "You are a week ahead of your time." The submarine flew no flag.

REWARDS FOR FUGITIVE

\$50.00—The Standard. 10.00—French Consul Emil Gebury (present Fox with tin of Forest and Steam). 30.00 in trade—F. A. Johnson, women's wear. 10.00—F. A. Dykeman and Co., dry goods. 10.00—Imperial Tobacco Co., Murad cigarettes. 5.00—A. A. McCloskey, cigars. 25.00—Waterbury and Hising, shoes. 5.00—Allen Gundry, optician.

CONDITIONS FOR CAPTURE OF FOX, THE FUGITIVE, IN CITY OF ST. JOHN.

1st—Lay hands on him. (Women need only to confront him). 2nd—Present him with copy of The Daily Standard of same date, showing date first page so he can read his lines. 3rd—Say to him: You are Fox, The Fugitive. Do you deny it? N. B.—All non-residents of the city and people employed in newspaper work and their families barred from participation in capture and rewards. Fox the sole arbiter.