

revenues for the company for which there was no immediate need. The government recognized the force of the argument and by a special order-in-council under the War Measures Act has provided that all increased net revenues to the Canadian Pacific from and after January 1, 1918, over the revenue of 1917 that arises by reason of increase in rates, shall be paid by the company in the form of taxes to the Dominion Government. It has further been provided that the taxes to be paid by the Canadian Pacific shall be levied on the basis of fifty per cent. of all net earnings of their transportation system over and above the amount required to pay seven per cent. dividend on their common stock alone. All other earnings of the company must pay taxes under the income War Tax Act, 1917, or any amendments that may be made thereto. A most important stipulation is added that the special taxes to be paid by the Canadian Pacific under this order-in-council shall not be less than seven million dollars per annum so long as sufficient is left to pay the usual dividend of ten per cent. which the company has paid for some years on its common stock. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the full and effective enforcement of the taxes imposed and guard against evasion in any degree.

A Temporary Measure.
The tremendous obligation which the Dominion treasury has already assumed and must in an increasing degree continue to assume is such that it is felt the above taxation measure, accompanied by a reasonable increase in rates for roads wholly or partially dependent upon the public treasury, for the sustaining of their service is fully warranted. The existing railway problems of Canada are so huge and so complex that no permanent solution should be attempted without further study. The government therefore in passing the two orders-in-council referred to has endeavored to provide a reasonable temporary measure of relief for a most difficult situation.

BIG NAVAL GRANT PROPOSED BY U. S.

Committee Reports Bill to Speed Up Anti-Submarine Craft.

Washington, March 14.—The largest single naval appropriation bill in the nation's history was reported by the house naval affairs committee today. The measure carries about \$1,325,000,000 and to combat the submarine menace the committee recommended that \$100,000,000 be given the president to speed up the production of submarine chasers, destroyers and other small craft, including the new destroyer chaser now being built by Henry Ford. The Ford boats will be known as the eagle class.

IT CERTAINLY WAS.

"Yesterday was one blank of a day" was the apt way in which one citizen touched upon the ubiquitous topic of the weather, and it goes without saying that the people generally were of the same opinion if not so strenuous in the expression of their feelings. It was a repetition of that species which gave rise to that famous verse of one of the Canadian poets:
First it rained and then it blew.
Then it friz and then it snowed.
And then there came a shower of rain.
And then it friz and snow again.
The pros are for moderately strong winds from the northwest with the weather a little colder by nightfall.

TO PROBE GERMAN BUYING.

New York, March 14.—An investigation into imports and exports of wool and cotton for Germany account will begin here tomorrow under the direction of Merton E. Lewis, state attorney-general. The hearing will be attended by members of the war trade board and the textile alliance. Many witnesses have been summoned.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

If the Russian soviet at Moscow decide to ratify the treaty of peace with Germany, Japan will immediately proclaim her intention of intervening in Siberia. The British government has apparently settled the business of intervention with the Japanese, as implied by the speech of Mr. Balfour in defence of Japan's fidelity. Although Trotsky favors the compelling of the Russian army to fight and the continuance of the war, the allies have become convinced that the Russians have practically all become conscientious objectors and that they will accept peace at any price. The army has become so debauched in morale as to be virtually useless.

The immense series of allied aerial attacks, raids, bombardments, spotting and photographing from Belgium to Lorraine, is an accompaniment of their preparations for their spring offensive. The photographing of German positions is a particular sign of the preparations for the German rear have a wide range in the German rear have as their object the interruption of German supplies. Previously, the allies had an insufficient number of aircraft and the airplane companies had not developed for long bombing expeditions. Even at that time allied aviators frequently blew up with bombs sections of the German railway tracks, but they had not enough flying machines to keep up their efforts at the maximum. The Germans in the intervals between the gusts of attack could always repair their communications. It is becoming different now. After the destruction of tracks, for example, the allies can keep up continuous rain of shells down the points of interrupted train service, so as to prevent the making of effective repairs.

The vastly increased number of allied aircraft and the superior training

CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN RATEPAYERS

Eastdale Production Association and Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association Amalgamated.
The Eastdale Production Association and the Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association has amalgamated with a view to closer interests in the matter of food production. This, at least, was the practical result of the attendance of T. L. Hutchinson, president of the Eastdale Association, at the meeting of the Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association, held Wednesday. No monetary prizes are to be given for gardening this year, but that money which would ordinarily have been donated in prizes will be used to further the preparation of more vacant lands.

CONTENTS OF PARCELS MUST BE DECLARED

Much Delay and Unnecessary Work Entailed by Neglect in This Regard.
The attention of the public is directed to the requirements that every parcel post packet for the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Russia and other destinations overseas, including those addressed to soldiers, must be accompanied by a customs declaration attached to the parcel which can be obtained at any postoffice, giving an accurate statement of the nature and value of the contents.

The postmaster advises that a large number of parcels reach the general postoffice daily, which cannot be sent forward on account of the customs declaration not being properly made out. The senders declaring the contents as clothing, dry goods, suitcases, sundries, etc., and it is therefore necessary to return such packets to the senders in order that the declaration may be properly filled in. This not only entails a vast amount of labor on the part of the officials, but may cause delay in despatch. Care should, therefore, be taken to see that the declarations are properly filled in as required by postal regulations.

TRAINS NOT DELAYED

Disagreeable Storm Has Little Effect on Schedule of Passenger Trains In and Out of Toronto.

Train services were not much disarranged despite the severity of the weather. Many of the trains were not more than ten to twenty minutes behind time, and none were more than two hours late. The C.P.R. due in from Chicago at 8:40 a.m. came in at half-past ten, but the C.P.R. train from Montreal due to arrive at 8 a.m. reached Union Station at 8:05 a.m. The Boston special due at noon arrived at about half-past one, and the New York train due in at 8:40 a.m. arrived at ten o'clock.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SCORE'S LONDON BROKER.

Score's have just received word from their London woolens broker that he has secured a number of pieces of those guaranteed indigo dyed Irish serge, the business suitings cloths, for which "the house of Score" has always held so enviable a name. These goods were shipped some weeks ago, and if the good ship has the best of luck in crossing they should soon be in stock here, but further notice of their arrival will go out to the men of Toronto in due course. In the meantime the war-saving reductions on the present stocks of these guaranteed serge suitings means selecting from a most worthy lot of them in a price range of \$44, \$56, \$58 and \$41. R. Score & Son, Limited, tailors and haberdashers, 77 King street west, Toronto.

WAR SUMMARY

of their aviators are insuring them supremacy. In the fighting for aerial land battle successfully. It is deemed necessary to win the dominance of the air beforehand. It is also probable that in the actual attack, aircraft will play an increasing part in assisting the infantry. Aircraft have become a kind of modern cavalry, ten times as swift, and besides, capable of leaping over the enemy lines and of attacking the rear. If the Germans behind a large army for an offensive behind the front, it would give the allied aviators their chance for attacking and demoralizing the army. Aircraft, in fact, have become so valuable that it may be they indeed that will win the war.

"In matters of commerce the fault of the Dutch is offering too little apply to the present situation between Germany and the allies. Ever since the rise of heretofore over a year ago, the Dutch have been acquiescing in protest and have been conveniently obliging the Germans by holding the sails of their ships in port. As a result, British and American ports, while the allies have been intensely suffering for taking action against Germany, has been virtually acquiescing in Germany's policy of anarchy upon the seas. Holland has also placed obstacles in the way of the leasing of her idle ships to the allies. Britain and the United States have therefore come to an agreement, after March 15, to commandeer these vessels to the extent of a million tons. They will use them for their own commerce and at the same time they will virtually put Holland on rations. The German submarine policy has recently changed in order to reduce the shipping. The enemy wants to reduce the northern European neutrals to vassalage.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL PROPOSES CHANGES IN FRANCHISE ACT

Duty of Preparing List Would Be Placed on the Returning Officer.

ESTIMATES DISCUSSED
Government House Expenditures Once More Come in for Criticism.

Provisions of a new franchise act, as explained by Hon. I. B. Lucas, attorney-general, featured yesterday's session of the legislature, the balance of the time being given to the passing of the estimates. By this proposed legislation a plan is suggested which it is thought will simplify matters considerably and at the same time do away with a large item of expense. Nominations will be held eight weeks prior to election day and ample provision is made for appeals.

In considering the estimates, Sam Carter (West Northumberland) and Sam Clarke (West Northumberland) attacked the government House expenditures, and H. Hartley Dewar (Southwest Toronto) criticized the amount asked for the carrying out of the Ontario Temperance Act. He even suggested that the Ontario license board be done away with and their duties transferred to a branch of some government department.

William Proudfoot, leader of the opposition, came out as opposed to the government going into the fish business, and because of the number and character of the objections the estimates were not concurred in, so that further discussion may take place.

Change Election Laws.
Hon. Mr. Lucas introduced legislation, superior to existing election law, which, he said, was originally intended in the case of by-elections, but which would be used in the event of a general election. It is provided that nominations will be held eight weeks prior to election day. The duty of preparing the lists is placed upon the returning officer, and he may select officials to assist him.

Copies of the lists would be posted to municipal clerks. In rural districts the assessment roll would be used as a basis and the new lists prepared under the direction of the returning officer. There would be ample opportunity given for appeals, and a member of the court of revision would be sent to hear them.

It was pointed out that no extra expense would be incurred under the new system, and that each nomination paper would be required to contain 100 names as proof of the sincerity of the candidates.
Mr. Proudfoot presumed that women would be given the right to vote and Sir William replied that they already had that right, and the only thing remaining was to create the machinery.

There was no authority for taking the overseas vote of soldiers, Hon. Mr. Lucas explained, but those in training in Ontario would be looked after.

Public Health Act.
Hon. W. D. McPherson introduced an amendment to the Public Health Act which states that every district officer of health would be paid a salary and traveling expenses. Provision is made that a person who visits a house where a communicable disease exists shall be considered as having been exposed to the disease. It will be the duty of the person in charge of a maternity hospital to see that the regulations in respect to diseases of the eye which newborn children might have are complied with.

Sam Carter severely criticized the estimates regarding the upkeep of Government House, which provided \$22,750 for the purpose, and Sam Clarke said it was a "mighty expensive luxury" characterized by the place as an example of extravagance and said the building of it was a mistake. Mr. Carter came back again with particular emphasis upon a \$5000 item and said there were almost enough firemen in the house to keep an ocean liner in steam. It needed, he said, a reduction of the amount to \$2000, but the most he could do.

Opposes Fish Business.
Opposition to the government's estimates was voiced by Mr. Proudfoot, who was agreeing that the fish should not be exported until the local demands were filled, but said that the government had gone so fully into the matter. Hon. Mr. Macdormid said there were many problems to be solved, but that the government justified the action taken by the government. Concurrence of the bill was allowed to stand because of the objection raised.

Mr. Dewar intimated his stand in reference to the Ontario License Board when the item of \$205,000 for the enforcing of the Ontario Temperance Act came up. He mentioned receiving, and said it was his intention to move a formal motion for a reduction of the enormous expenses which he claimed were unnecessary now owing to the fact that there is no sale of intoxicating liquors in hotels as there used to be. He suggested that the commission might be done away with altogether and that the work being done might be equalized by a branch of one of the government departments.

While the estimates totaling altogether \$11,610,121.84 were finished, the matters to not given last night and the matters to be discussed further when this formality is undertaken. With the estimates out of the way, and only a few important matters still to be settled, it is probable that the house will conclude the business of this session within a week.
Guelph Bill Passed.
The house went into committee on Sam Carter's bill respecting the City of Guelph and authorizing a new form of civic government. It was carried without change.
H. Hartley Dewar (Southwest Toronto) thought \$11,925 was too much for the record branch of the depart-



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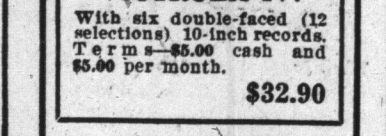
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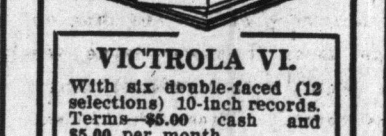
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ment of lands, forests and mines when the estimates were taken up. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson explained that the work required the amount.
George C. Hurdman (Ottawa) revived the question of applications for citizenship in New Ontario, saying an explicit answer had not been given to the question put by Z. Maseau the previous evening.
J. A. Pinard (East Ottawa) said the new regulations involved a very bad principle if more food was to be produced. He referred to a recent address by Prof. Wrong, and urged that remarks should not be made.
Thomas Marshall (Lincoln) asked the duties of the audit office when the estimates were being passed. He was told by Hon. T. W. McGarry that every dollar's expenditure was audited by it, including the expenditures of the hydro-electric commission. Public money advanced to the F. and N. O. also came under the examination of the office.

The One Weak Spot.
The weak spot in this government's educational department, said William McDonald (North Bruce), "The authority is too centralized, there is a Kaiser ruling here in Toronto." Applause greeted the remark from a body of teachers occupying one of the galleries. Sir William Hewart objected to the demonstration, and asked the chairman, A. E. Donovan, to announce that on repetition the galleries would be cleared.
Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, acting minister of education, replying to Sam

Carter and Mr. McDonald, said Lorr. Haldane had stated, from his official position, that the Ontario system of education was the best through the world. Allan Stodolme held there was too little attention to technical education.
There was considerable discussion on the subject of continuation schools versus high schools, which entailed when Wellington Hays asked for consideration of the policy of consolidated schools. Hon. Mr. Ferguson said the system worked well in rural districts and was receiving attention from the department.
Will Grow Seed Potatoes.
One hundred thousand dollars in the estimates for the industrial farm, Burlington, was a question from Sam Clarke (West Northumberland) as to the amount of land there under cultivation. Sir William Hewart said it was the intention of the agricultural department to grow potatoes for seed. Mr. Clarke was told that the labor was secured from 250 prisoners there.

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WILL HOLD SMOKER.
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TURKS RE-ENTER ERZERUM.
London, March 14.—The statement issued by the Turkish war office on Tuesday says that Turkish troops have entered Erzerum and are extinguishing the

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