

## A. R. SLIPP OF QUEENS COUNTY NEW MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT

Becomes Minister of Lands and Mines—Arthur Culligan, of Restigouche, and Dr. Taylor, of Charlotte, Members Without Portfolios.

Fredericton, Feb. 1.—Hon. J. A. Murray became premier of New Brunswick today in succession to Hon. George J. Clarke who resigned because of ill-health. The new premier, answering the call of the lieutenant-governor, announced his government this afternoon as follows:

Hon. J. A. Murray, premier and minister of agriculture.  
Hon. D. V. Landry, provincial secretary-treasurer.  
Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general.  
Hon. B. F. Smith, minister of public works.  
Hon. A. R. Slipp, minister of lands and mines.  
Hon. Arthur Culligan, of Restigouche, and Hon. J. S. Taylor, of Charlotte, without portfolio.

Hon. Mr. Slipp, of Queens, was sworn in this afternoon. Already there are complaints that the Irish Catholics of the province are not represented by a portfolio. Rumor had it that R. A. Lawlor, K. C., of Chatham, was to be the new Irish Catholic representative in the government. The new minister is a resident of Fredericton and is a member of the legal firm of Slipp and Hanson. He has represented Queens, his native county, since 1908. He is an Alumnus of the University of New Brunswick and a Methodist. He has been a king's counsel for several years. His portfolio was held by the late premier.

The Gleaner, the Conservative organ in Fredericton, stated editorially today that Premier Murray probably would decide upon a general election. Friends of Hon. Mr. Slipp stated, however, that a by-election in Queens was more probable and tonight, it is understood, a writ for the by-election will be issued tomorrow.

Fredericton, Feb. 2.—The announcement this afternoon of the resignation of Premier Clarke and the election that, it is expected, will soon follow the accession of Hon. J. A. Murray as premier has caused but little comment as it has been known for some time that as soon as matters could be arranged satisfactorily between the different parties, the political cards would be dealt as they have been.

Some surprise was caused by the interjection of A. R. Slipp, the Fredericton lawyer who represents Queens county at the last moment. For years it has been known that Mr. Slipp was an aspirant for government honors but he has been most persistently opposed by the Fredericton wing of the party and was never able to secure the plum. The new premier is evidently more kindly disposed and Mr. Slipp will face the capacious electors in Queens with "Honorable" tacked on to his name.

Unless Premier Murray is content simply as leader of the government there will be no Irish Catholic with office in the cabinet. P. G. Mahoney who made such a splendid fight in Westmorland and claims to have made tremendous sacrifices will not appreciate such treatment, and report says it has been far from pleased at the offer that was made to Mr. Lawlor to take the position of Irish Catholic leader in the house.

Chief Problem with People. These minor difficulties, however, pale before the greater and more important

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Adaptation is just as adaptable in this respect as the last. At this writing an election has not been announced. It may be the first act of the new government and no one will doubt its importance to the people since it will give the voters an opportunity to approve or disapprove of what has been going on for nearly five years.

## WAIT FOR WILSON TO TAKE ACTION

London, Feb. 1.—The eyes of Great Britain and all Europe are today focused on Washington. It is recognized that the question whether the United States finally will be drawn into the European war is being decided there. Not only the policy of the United States, but of the neutral European nations, is also being largely determined in Washington. From Spain, Holland and the Scandinavian countries messages to the English papers say they are waiting for the lead which the United States will give before framing their replies to the German announcement of unfettered maritime war against all cargo vessels approaching her enemy's coasts.

British officials decline to speak for publication on the crisis, but any utterances might be construed in the United States as official attempts to influence the American policy and intrude upon the problem which they recognize is purely one between the neutral nations and the Central Powers.

Two theories are current here and are being warmly discussed. One is that the Central Powers expect to starve out Great Britain and her Allies by unrestricted sea warfare, and that they consider they have more to gain by trying to shut off American supplies of munitions and food than by continuing friendly relations. The second is that the Central dynasties consider that at the present moment they may best serve

## Public Accounts for Fiscal Year

War Taxes Meet Increased Expenditures on Ordinary Account—Capital Account Swallows Surplus

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The public accounts for the last fiscal year were tabled in the commons this afternoon by the minister of finance. Total receipts on account of consolidated funds were \$172,147,888, while the total expenditure for the ordinary expenses of administration amounted to \$130,450,726. The surplus was therefore \$41,697,112.

Capital account expenditure totalled \$38,566,950 on public works, including the following: \$1,078,000 on the National Transcontinental, \$1,635,000 on the Intercolonial, \$4,887,000 on the Hudson Bay railway, and \$4,909,000 on the Welland ship canal.

The railway subsidies paid during the year totalled \$1,400,000. The war expenditure was \$166,197,755. The total expenditure under all headings was \$299,250,000. The increase in net debt of the dominion was \$165,780,000 or practically the same as the amount set down for war expenditures.

Under the heading of war expenditures the militia and defense department was responsible for \$100,433,000, the justice department for \$1,287,000, the naval department for \$3,274,000 and the dominion police for \$201,000. Pay allowances and sustenance of the troops cost \$100,788,000, transport, \$8,686,000, clothing, \$13,194,000, small arms and ammunition \$7,760,000. The war expenses of the justice department include, of course, the cost of looking after the interned prisoners.

The consolidated fund expenditure for the fiscal year ended March last was a little over \$5,000,000 less than the expenditure for 1915. The capital account expenditure decreased by nearly \$3,000,000.

Spending Money For Allies. The details of receipts and expenditures show the huge transactions which the Canadian government has put through for the Allied governments in connection with war purchases for Canada. There was received from the imperial government during the twelve months \$18,000,000 while there was expended on the imperial government account \$18,000,000. From the French account \$18,000,000 was received \$1,070,000 and expenditures on French account totalled \$2,018,000. Russian and Italian governments receipts and expenditures handled by the Canadian government totalled about \$1,000,000 each, while for the New Zealand government Canada spent nearly \$4,000,000.

One of the interesting items of the details of receipts is the acknowledgement of conscience money to a total of \$371 by the customs department, \$102 by the finance department and \$99 by the marine department.

Young Teddie, who had just begun the study of geography, was told by his aunt that the Mississippi was called by the Indians the "Father of Waters." "You must be mistaken, auntie," said the little boy. "If it was the 'Father of Waters' it would be Mister-Sippi!"

their own interests with their peoples by bringing upon themselves the hostility of the neutral nations, and saying that they cannot fight the whole world.

## MORNING WAR SUMMARY

Russian troops have advanced successfully against the enemy at Kalenez, northern end of the Russian front. The sector on the highroad has been cleared and despite terrible conditions the Russian infantry re-occupied their trenches. Three attacks by the enemy on the Russian position east of Jacobent on the Roumanian front, have been repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers. The Russians captured eleven officers and 1,000 other ranks when the Germans attempted to take a hill, also one cannon and ten machine guns.

Russian warships captured some small boats in the Black Sea. On the other fronts comparative quiet reigns. In Belgium and northern France artillery firing is severe and numerous small local engagements have occurred.

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