SERVICE BUTTONS IN FOUR CLASSES

Official Announcement Sets Forth Who May Wear Military Insignia.

VISITING RULES

Officers, Judge and Registrar Make Regulations Governing Trips Over Border.

Official announcement is made that henceforth the issue of war service buttons will be for four classes. The classes will be:

A.—Buttons for men who have seen active service in France or on any other allied front during the present war.

B.—Buttons for men who have seen active service in England.

C.—Buttons for men who have been on active service in Canada and been honorably discharged.

D.—Buttons for men who presented themselves before medical boards previous to August 10 of the present year and who were rejected as medically unfit.

Half a million buttons for the four classes have been prepared by the department of militia at Ottawa.

It is probable that the issuing of the first three classes of buttons will commence next week. All men in class "D," which will include most of the "A.R." men, will, if still medically unfit, receive their buttons about New Year's.

The issuing of the new series of buttons, each of which will be accompanied by an official militia department certificate, is stated to make it contrary to the regulations for the patriotic or similar buttons to be worn by any soldier until he has received a military certificate. The certificates and the new buttons are to be issued on application at the district military headquarters.

Visiting Regulations.

The means which Canadian men, who are in class one under the Military Service Act, must use in order to enter the United States, were decided at a conference between staff officers, Judge Winchester and Registrar Glyn Osler, held at military headquarters yesterday afternoon.

No man in class one can leave Canada up to Nov. 8, when the issuing of exemption certificates commences, unless he reports to his district military headquarters, applying personally, and satisfies the officials that he is going abroad for reasons considered important. He will be given a permit to go abroad provided he posts a bond for $1000 and leaves his photograph with military headquarters, such permit not being good for longer than two weeks. When he returns to Canada he must report again to the military authorities, so that his bond may be released. A man will not be granted a permit on his own bond.

Men who are in other classes than class one can get a passport for three months.

POLICE AS FARMERS.

Thirty-four policemen were at work yesterday at the "College Heights" farm at the old Upper Canada College grounds, and from remarks of Deputy Chief of Police Archibald, a bumper crop of potatoes will be yielded. The policemen of the different divisions early in the spring volunteered to assist in the war production campaign by helping to work the land on their day off duty each week. The police planted potato seed on 22 acres of land, and yesterday afternoon the first of the crop was dug up. When the police took over the land they estimated that they would get 1200 bags, all of which will be equally distributed among the hospitals and charitable institutions.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND REPORT FOR WEEK

Donations Received by the Ontario Branch From All Parts of the Province.

The Belgian Relief Fund (Ontario branch) report for the week $1385.18, making a total to date of $106,749.01. Among the subscriptions were: County of Elgin Patriotic Association, $590; W. A. Langton, $100; Newcastle Women's Patriotic League, $75; Joseph Henderson, Mrs. Joseph Henderson, G. L. Griffith & Son, Stratford, Sir Joseph Flavelle, each $50; Leighton McCarthy, Miss F. Campbell, Clinton Patriotic League, R. S. Cassels, each $25; A. E. Dyment, M. McLaughlin, each $20; Mrs. E. F. Casselman, Katrine Station, Mrs. Jas. C. Lee, each $15; Raeboro Women's Institute; J. and E. L. W., Oakville Women's Patriotic League, Sir Wm. Meredith, W. J. Bassett, M.H., John Milliken, Strathroy, Red Cross Society, Jarvis, Richard-Wilson Canadian Co., London, each $10.

One thousand dollars was sent to the canal boat fund, the work among refugees under the supervision of Mrs. Agar Adamson behind the allied lines; $500 to the Belgian orphan fund, and $2000 to Belgian children's health fund.

Large and valuable consignments of new clothing, quilts, boots, etc., were received from Stratford Belgian Relief Society, and from Fordwich, sweaters, stockings and underwear; also from the Alton and Melville Red Cross, Mrs. Thos. Leeming, Toronto, Snelgrove Women's Institute, Georgian Chapter I.O.D.E., Meaford; Fergus Women's Patriotic League; Miss F. Gladstone, Midland; Miss M. Hendricks, Trenton; Mrs. C. J. Campbell and Miss A. Challis, Toronto.

The next consignment of clothing to Mrs. Adamson will be sent about Oct. 20.

ASK FOR RULING.

Medical Student Signed Death Certificate for Doctor.

After the evidence had been concluded at the inquest held in the morgue last night in connection with the death of Percy Cornish in the Reception Hospital on Oct. 5, Coroner W. J. McCollum stated that he would ask the attorney-general for a general order forbidding unqualified doctors from signing death certificates. Cornish died in the Reception Hospital from inflammation of the kidneys, and when the body was being released to the undertaker for burial, the name of Dr. Claire of the Reception Hospital was signed to the burial document. Dr. Claire did not sign the certificate, and it was alleged that his signature had been forged. Later, however, it was discovered that the doctor's name had been signed by one of the students in the hospital.

W. A. Menton, representing the crown, took exception to a medical student being allowed to sign a death certificate. Dr. Claire testified that he had given instructions to the students to sign his name to documents, but a death was so unusual in the section of the institution of which he is superintendent that he did not remember mentioning anything about the signing of death certificates. J. W. Brown, a fifth-year student, was responsible for the signing of the certificate. The jury brought in a verdict that Cornish came to his death from inflammation of the kidneys.

COL. WILDE TO COMMAND HOSPITAL.

London, Oct. 15.—Col. F. C. Wilde has been appointed to the command of the Canadian Kitchener Hospital at Brighton.

LIEUT. ROSE TAKEN PRISONER.

London, Oct. 15.—Lieut. J. B. Rose of the Canadians is reported a prisoner of war at Stamm Lager, Limburg, Germany.

UNITED HOTELS CO. BUYS KING EDWARD

To Be Operated Under Direction of United Hotels of America.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The Devonshire Hotel Will Be Built at Conclusion of War.

As a result of negotiations which have been going on for the past three weeks, the King Edward Hotel, owned by the Toronto Hotel Co., and known as the foremost hotel in Toronto, has changed hands. The United Hotels Co. of America has purchased the King Edward, and besides this company the Toronto men interested in the enterprise are: Lieut.-Col. W. S. Dinnick of W. S. Dinnick & Co., and Mr. A. H. Martens of A. H. Martens & Co., brokers.

The United Hotels Co. of America operates perhaps the largest chain of hotels in the world. There are branches in many cities in North America, and good examples of the class of houses operated are: Connaught of Hamilton; Seneca of Rochester, N. Y.; Utica of Uutica, N. Y.; Onadaga of Syracuse; Robert Treat of Newark, N.J.; Tutweiler of Birmingham. They also have numerous other hotels in the United States.

The King Edward Hotel will be operated as an important link in the chain of institutions run by the United Hotels Co. of America and the Hon. Wm. Dudley, president of the United Hotles Co. of America, intends placing the latest addition to the chain in such condition that it will be one of the strongest parts. It is said that between $150,000 and $200,000 will be spent in adapting the King Edward to the United Hotels Co. of America's needs.

The Devonshire Hotel.

The United Hotels Co. of America are behind the Devonshire Hotel proposition. The plans for this immense structure, which is to be erected on the site of the Yonge Street Arcade, have already been drawn up, but materials and labor are so scarce and so high in price that building operations cannot be commenced until the close of the war.

Lieut.-Col. Dinnick, who is a director of the United Hotels Co. of America, admitted that the hotel had changed hands.

"We decided upon the purchase of the King Edward Hotel," said he, "because of a penalty we would have to pay now in the added cost of material and labor if we proceeded with the Devonshire. I am satisfied that a good hotel will be a paying proposition in Toronto if properly managed. We have promised the Toronto public a first-class hotel, and as the Devonshire cannot be started until the conclusion of hostilities, we considered it advisable to operate the King Edward as a first-class institution and as an important link in the United Hotels Co. of America chain.

It is understood that there are certain formalities in connection with the purchase which are yet to be concluded, and these may hang fire for two or three months. Definite announcement is also made that the hotel will be under new management and be reorganized thruout.

NO RATE REDUCTION FOR BREAKDOWNS

Property Committee Holds Up Permit for Gasoline Station.

At the meeting of the property committee yesterday afternoon an application from the Imperial Oil Company to erect a gasoline station at the northwest corner of Danforth and Broadview avenues was laid over for two weeks pending a report on the matter by the city officials. It was contended by some of the members that there were at present too many such stations in the city.

Ald. Hiltz, on the other hand, did not see that it made any difference to the city, and stated that in the American cities these stations were beauty spots along the streets, in marked contrast to the store fronts.

The reduction of the street lighting service of the Hydro came up for discussion. Ald. Maguire asked by whose authority on Saturday the lights up in the northern section of the city were turned off on every second block.

Commissioner Chisholm said that he did not know that this had been done, and could not state who had undertaken to do it.

Asked by Ald. Graham if the Hydro made any reduction in rates for the time that service was discontinued, either from break-downs or other reasons, the property commissioner informed the committee that the current was obtained at the rate of so much per light per year, and no reduction was made for the time the service might be discontinued.

On motion, the committee decided to ask the board for a grant of $100 for additional lights on Willard avenue, Western avenue, at the bridge, Kennedy avenue and the corner of Bloor and Yonge streets.

LIBERALS TO MEET.

Assistant Whip Calls Members to Discuss Matters.

A meeting of Liberal members will be held at the rooms of the General Reform Association, Toronto street, on Thursday, having been called by G. C. Hurdman, M.L.A., assistant Liberal whip in the Ontario Legislature, when matters "vital to the interests of the Liberal members" will be discussed.

It was stated at the parliament buildings yesterday that Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., is no longer a member of the Ontario Legislature, that when he became president of the council in the new union government he automatically ceased to be a member of the Ontario House. It was further stated that it will not be necessary for him to resign his seat.

The annual meeting of the General Reform Association may not be held until the date of the federal elections is made known.

FLIGHT-LIEUT. BOYD IS REPORTED KILLED

Former Imperial Bank Employe, at Headquarters, Had Been Missing for Some Time.

Flight-Lieut. P. B. Boyd, of the Royal Flying Corps, formerly missing, now reported killed in action, enlisted with the 48th Highlanders at the outbreak of war and went overseas with the 15th Battalion. On reaching England he was granted his commission and went to France in the summer of 1915. He came safely thru the battle of Loos, in September, 1915, and was mentioned by Sir John French for "distinguished and gallant conduct." Later he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and went again to the front in February of the present year.

Ft-Lt. P. B. Boyd.

Lieut. Boyd was born in England twenty-four years ago and prior to enlisting was employed in the head office of the Imperial Bank. His brother is now in England, where he is attached to the Royal Flying Corps.

DUPLEX EXTENSION IS DEFINITELY ABANDONED

Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Approves Bylaw to Let the Matter Drop.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board made an order yesterday morning approving the bylaw of the City of Toronto for abandoning the scheme of continuing Duplex avenue south to connect with Lawton avenue, and to build a subway at the belt line tracks. I. S. Fairty, of the city legal department, pointed out that the contemplated extension was 2¼ miles in length, and the subway was the most costly part of the scheme. The city had decided that it was more advantageous to end the street at Chaplin crescent than to build a subway, thereby saving $263,700.

Others who appeared were A. E. Knox, who represented the Zeagman estate, and D. D. Reid, of North Toronto. The latter stated that owing to the war and the state of the finances he was confident that the people of North Toronto were willing to have the extension abandoned. In view of these facts the board approved the bylaw.

MILITIA OFFICERS MUST ALSO REPORT

Volunteers Will Have Seniority Preserved, But Otherwise They May Be Called to Serve Anywhere.

Under the heading of "Officers Available for Service Under the Military Service Act," the Ottawa militia department has sent a special order to Toronto district headquarters. The order declares that under the provisions of the Military Service Act all officers of the active militia must report for service under their respective classes or claim exemption as laid down for civilians. Militia officers who come within the terms of the proclamation will therefore comply if they do not claim exemption, and pending further instructions as to the capacity in which the services of such officers will be utilized the following information is to be noted:

(a) Officers liable under the act who may volunteer to serve in the ranks will be seconded to their militia regiments and their seniority in the active militia preserved.

(b) Those who do not volunteer for service as in paragraph "a" above will be subject to call, and their services utilized in whatever capacity the exigencies of the service may render necessary, and provision will be made to preserve their status as commissioned officers in the active militia as indicated in sub-paragraph "a."

It was admitted yesterday by one of the Toronto staff officers that the wording of paragraph "b" was rather vague. It was his opinion tho that it indicated the government was clearing the way so that there would be no bar to it utilizing the militia officers where it thought fit.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Military appointments and promotions were announced yesterday afternoon as follows:

Lieut.-Col. R. K. Barker to be second in command of 1st Depot Battalion, C.O.R., with rank of major in C.E.F.

Capt. P. C. Stanley, M.C., to be company commander in 1st Battalion, 2nd C.O.R.

Lieut. H. C. McLean to be captain in A.M.C. Training Depot No. 2.

Nursing Sister Kathryn E. Ryan appointed to staff of convalescent homes.

Capt. G. A. Bates detailed for special duty in office of A.D.M.S., Toronto district.

Capt. E. R. Frankish, A.M.C., appointed to Toronto mobilization centre; also Lieut. E. A. A. Howard, A.M.C.

Major D. D. R. Eppes, Canadian railway troops, reinstated in C.E.F. while undergoing medical treatment.

Capt. J. E. Montgomery, A.M.C., transferred from C.M.F.C. to C.E.F.; also Capt. A. A. Fletcher, A.M.C.

Lieut. F. J. Snellgrove appointed to A.M.C. training depot with rank of captain in C.E.F.

Lieut. C. J. Cooper, C.A.V.C., attached to Toronto Artillery Brigade.

Capt. H. S. Burns, Capt. A. R. McDonald and Lieut. E. A. Broughton appointed for duty in military convalescent homes.

Capt. J. H. Lawson, Capt. W. H. Eby and Lieut. W. L. MacIlwraith appointed to staff of Toronto mobilization centre.

Lieuts. N. C. Wallace and W. A. Dyment appointed to forestry and railway construction depot, Toronto military district.

HAZEN FOR WASHINGTON.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—It is practically certain that Hon. J. D Hazen will be appointed Canadian high commissioner in Washington, an office which it is expected, will be created very shortly. It is understood that Mr. Hazen has been offered the appointment.

PHIPPEN WILL ACT IN C. N. INTERESTS

Ottawa Learns Choice of Mackenzie and Mann for Arbitration Board.

SOLICITOR OF RAILWAY

Government Will Put Frank Cochrane at Head of Line.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—It is learned that Mackenzie and Mann will appoint F. H. Phippen as their member of the board of arbitration, which is to fix the value of the $60,000,000 Canadian Northern stock that the government is acquiring under the legislation of last session. Some time ago the government named Sir William Meredith as its representative in the arbitration. Sir William and Judge Phippen are to choose a third arbitrator. If they fail to agree upon a man to act as third arbitrator, one will be named by Chief Justice Cassels of the exchequer court.

Judge Phippen practiced law in Winnipeg and was appointed to the bench by the Laurier Government. He left the bench to become solicitor for the Canadian Northern, a position he has held up to the present.

There is difference of opinion at Ottawa as to whether the maximum limit of price the government will put on the Canadian Northern stock will be $10,000,000 or $15,000,000.

The government has decided to have the Canadian Northern board undisturbed for a time, except for placing Hon. Frank Cochrane at its head.

After the valuation of stock has been made and Mackenzie and Mann have been paid, the government will reorganize the board, appointing a number of new men.

At present the government is represented on the Canadian Northern board by three men, namely Senator Richardson, E. R. Wood of Toronto, and Mr. Christie of Winnipeg.

The operating management of the Canadian Northern will be continued undisturbed in the management of the road.

DOHERTY DEFENDS UNION MINISTRY

Minister of Justice Opens Campaign With Speech at Huntingdon.

DAY OF PARTIES PAST

In Order to Win, People Must Concentrate Thoughts on War.

Huntingdon, Que., Oct. 15.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, addressed a gathering of 1000 people here tonight. He had come to bring the message "Win the war." He expressed pleasure at the formation of a union government.

"I am glad to feel tonight as I am sure the people of Canada feel, that the day of parties is gone," he said. He believed that it was the dominating feeling of the people of the Dominion that this was not a time for the continuance of those things men called party principles, which had so long divided the people, and the government, as it exists today, appreciated this, he said. The minister's address was patriotic. He would not pretend that the Military Service Act would not mean sacrifice on the part of the young men, he said, and he believed that the young men would understand the situation and respond cheerfully and eagerly.

It was no time now to ask why Canada was in the war, continued Mr. Doherty. Today all realized that Canada was at war for her own heritage, and that it was a fight for the self-preservation of Canada.

"The feeling that we are fighting against the aggressive power that wanted a place in the sun," he said, "has replaced the feeling that we were doing something generous when we went to war in 1914. We threw more than our hats in the ring; we put Canada in the ring; we made Canada the lawful prize of the conqueror; and if that be true—and surely no one can question its truth—then if that line of defence which our boys are holding their share of, were broken, and the British fleet smashed, this Canada that we threw into the war as the stake in the game would not be ours for long."

Concentrate Thoughts.

It was necessary to concentrate the thoughts of the people on winning the war, said Mr. Doherty, and the transition from thinking to action was not great.

He was glad to be able to say that the win-the-war measure was due not to one party, but to the men intimately associated with both the great parties, who had felt it necessary.

Canadians are in this critical war by choice, and cannot be in the war and make no sacrifice.

"So, I am not here to try to gloss over this Military Service Act," he said, "and for which, by the way, I am not here to apologize."

ANARCHY SUBSIDES, PETROGRAD REPORTS

Destruction Caused by Disturbances Has Waned in Past Month.

Petrograd, Oct. 15. — An official statement has been prepared indicating that the destruction caused by anarchy reached its height about the middle of September and is now on the wane. The disorders chiefly of an agrarian character, totaled 267 in the first half of September, as compared with an average of 78 for the same period in the early months of the revolution.

SIR GEO. PERLEY PROUD OF COALITION CABINET

Calls Union Government Arrangement One to be Proud of.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Oct. 15. — Speaking tonight at a commemorating dinner of the Canadian Pay Corps, Sir George Perley referring to the new Canadian ministry said:

"I think all may be proud of that arrangement. I have always held the only way was to have union government. We are all out to win the war and any government that will carry out that policy will have the support of everyone, both in England and in Canada. Sir Robert Borden with a great effort has been able to accomplish the task of forming a union government. The result, I believe, will be highly satisfactory to Canada."

Only One Survivor Reported From Torpedoed Steamer

London, Oct. 15. — Charles Gordon of Philadelphia is the only survivor of a steamer (name not given) which was recently torpedoed without warning. The vessel sank within a few minutes. Among those lost were one American, John Hildred, of Newport News, one Porto Rican, and five Filipinos.

LABOR MEN WILL CONTEST RIDINGS

Declare They Will Not Tolerate "Saw-off" With Either Party.

Hamilton, Tuesday, Oct. 16.—All talk of there being no election campaign in Hamilton appears to be without foundation. In conversation with a number of labor men yesterday they assured a reporter for The World that they would have a candidate in both ridings and in no instance would they tolerate a "saw-off" with either party. The announcement that some arrangement might be made by which T. J. Stewart, M.P., would be returned for West Hamilton without a fight does not fit in with the plans of the independent labor party. Walter Rollo will oppose Mr. Stewart whether or not Lieut.-Col. John I McLaren drops from the fight.

Another musical triumph was achieved and further laurels added to the crown of Bruce A. Carey as a conductor as a result of the thirteenth annual concert of the Elgar Choir in the Grand Opera House last night. The program was a varied and difficult one and too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Carey for his taste and discrimination in selecting it.

Assisting the choir was Arthur Hackett, one of New York's rising young tenors. While Mr. Hackett does not possess the range and volume that Paul Althouse, who sang with the choir in 1916, is gifted with, nevertheless, he captivated his audience with a remarkably clear and sweet tenor that swung in magnificent undulations.

The choir, which numbered slightly over one hundred voices, showed the result of painstaking study in all their interpretations, especially so in "Ye Mariners of England," written by Clarence Lucas and dedicated to Conductor Carey and his choir.

Men eligible under the Military Service Act are either flocking to the local armories to go before the medical boards or presenting themselves at the postoffice to report for service, or file their exemption claims. Contrary to expectations, the issuing of the proclamation has not resulted in any great rush.

Up to noon yesterday there were 60 reported for examination, of which about 50 per cent. were placed in category A2. During the afternoon there was a much larger rush, however, and the doctors had their hands full until late in the evening.

The postoffice authorities did not have the expected crowd, and the clerks in charge had an easy day. While no information is being given out to the press, it was estimated by an authority that out of every ten reporting seven file claims for exemption, thus leaving three for overseas.

MAJORITY OF MEN CLAIM EXEMPTION

373 Reported Saturday and 358 Begged to Be Excused.

According to official returns announced last night Toronto city men who filled out application papers on Saturday under the Military Service Act nearly all applied for exemption from service. Of 373 papers filed at the Toronto post offices on Saturday 358 asked for exemption and only 15 were of men ready to report for military training.

The authorities of the Ontario registrar's office point out that in order to have all the 85,000 applications expected from Toronto Military District filed by the specified date of the proclamation (November 3) they will have to be received at the rate of about 3500 a day. It is also stated that the Class One men who send in their application papers at an early date, especially if they are applying for exemption, will have a better and longer hearing when their cases come before the tribunals, as their claims for exemption will come up at the opening sittings of the tribunals before the rush.

Announcement is made that the hearings of the exemption tribunals will be open to the public. Also that no cross-examinations will be allowed by the government representatives on the tribunals.

It is stated that the letters to be sent by the Ontario registrar's office to the homes of men who either report for service or apply for exemption will be "registered." The men expecting such letters must leave a written order with either their relatives or those in charge of the lodgings they live at authorizing them to sign for them when brought by the postman. It is also pointed out if such a letter is lost the responsibility will have to be borne by the class one man concerned.

No figures were available by the postoffice authorities to show the exact number of application papers filed on Monday, but they said the total filed was about double that of Saturday and that the proportion claiming exemption was again extremely high.

A total of 849 applicants came before the Toronto mobilization centre yesterday. Thirty-six were enroled with the C.E.F. as follows: C.O.R., 11; York and Simcoe Foresters, 11; Engineers, 1; No. 12 Forestry Depot, 7; U. of T. Co., 1; Military Police, 3; Special Service Co., 1; Hospital Commission, 1. The Royal Flying Corps enroled 44 more men.

Corporal H. J. Forbes, Royal Flying Corps, who was admitted to the Military Base Hospital on Oct. 11, with influenza, is now reported to have meningitis. His home is in Newark.

MERNER IS CHOICE OF HURON TORIES

Will Carry Banner of Win-the-War in Fight for South Riding.

Clinton, Oct. 15.—J. J. Merner of Zurich, who has represented the riding since 1911 as a Conservative, was today unanimously nominated as the win-the-war candidate in South Huron at an open convention held under the auspices of the Conservative Association in the town hall today.

The candidate, Harry Eilber, M.L.A. of South Huron; H. B. Morphy, M.P. of South Perth, addressed the gathering and were enthusiastically received. President Harry Horton of the Conservative association was in the chair.

Mr. Horton, in opening the meeting, explained that the convention should not be considered a Conservative convention. The political situation had changed with the formation of a union government. In view of this it had been decided to throw open the convention to all electors.

Mr. Merner's name was the only one placed before the convention, and he was tendered a fine reception when he arose to address the gathering.

Criticizes Opponent.

"I believe I see in the faces of all present that you realize the gravity of the situation confronting Canada," said Mr. Merner, after thanking the convention, for the nomination. He proceeded to deal with his opponent, Thomas McMillan, the Liberal candidate, without gloves.

He had heard is said by some that Sir Robert Borden was a cruel Premier, because he proposed conscription. "Anyone who knows him knows he is just the opposite," said Mr. Merner. "Sir Robert was over to France and saw the Canadian boys in the trenches, and it was his love for them, and his love for Canada and the British Empire which prompted this legislation, because he saw the need of reinforcements."

Pleased With Union.

Mr. Eilber, who was warmly received, said that at the end of this legislature he will have served 21 years as representative of the riding. He intimated that he would then drop out.

Mr. Morphy reviewed the record of the Borden government, showing the great work at the outbreak of the war and since.

INCREASED RATES OPPOSED IN WEST

Railway Commission, Sitting at Calgary, Hears Some Strong Protests.

Calgary, Oct. 15. — The principal case heard before the railway commission at its sitting today was in connection with the advances on all-rail rates that went into effect on September 1. Boards of trade and other organizations are asking that the tariffs be disallowed and railways are being called upon to furnish justification for the increase.

Commissioner Scott acted as chairman, and Commissioner McLean sat with him. George Stephen, for the C.N.R., W. Bowles for the C.P.R., and A. E. Roseve for the G.T.P., made brief arguments, asserting that they were justified in maintaining an arbitrary difference between rates on the all-rail traffic and those on rail and water traffic. Mr. Stephen urged that they could disregard water competition, if they chose. The present rates were "water-compelled," and with the easing up of competition from the boats they were enabled to raise their all-rail rates. The commissioners enquired whether the companies were seeking the increase upon the ground of the high cost of operation, but would maintain that they were entitled to raise the all-rail rates whenever the rail and water rates were advanced. They felt that they could disregard water competition or not, according as they chose. D. G. Campbell, in a short address, opposed the advances very strongly on behalf of the Calgary board of trade.

A. E. Boyle, secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, asked the railway officials to state the basis for the arbitrary difference, which in the case of first-class freight, was 25 cents per 100 pounds.

Mr. Stephen replied that they had studied the situation and had come to the conclusion that 15 cents was a proper difference between the all-rail and the rail and water rates.

TO PAY FREIGHT COSTS UPON FISH FROM EAST

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The naval department is considering the advisability of paying the transportation charges on the cheaper grades of fish from the Atlantic coast to the central provinces, thereby giving dealers in the interior an opportunity to secure a supply of cheap fish.

This action would be similar to that taken with regard to the Pacific coast and, while effecting a saving to the consumer, would also tend to eliminate waste of these fish which now occurs owing to the lack of market for them.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Presumed to have died—Act.-Lance Corp. W. Brown, N. Vancouver; P. Ouellette, Montreal; A. Teale, Willow Hill, Sask.; T. Clayton, Vancouver; G. E. Dennis, Burgessville, Ont.; Lieut. J. W. Lester, Canada Life Building, Toronto; W. Camache, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; 228184 J. P. Mitcheson, 271 Wellesley street, Toronto; J. A. Leblanc, Eastview, Ont.; Lance-Corp. J. Wilson, Vilanora R. R. No. 1, Ont.

Wounded—Lieut. W. Hoey, M. C., Ireland; Lieut. A. G. Donald, Lyons Brook, N. S.; Lieut. C. E. Trask, Yarmouth, N. S.

SERVICES.

Reported dead thru German sources—Lieut. P. B. McNally, Fredericton, N. B.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

III—T. H. Large, Invermay, Sask.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BRITISH operations yesterday comprised heavy cannonading on the field of the fourth battle of Ypres, with the enemy nervously and copiously replying. A break in the clouds enabled British aviators to fly eastward with their cameras and to take snapshots of the slough of despond, otherwise called the new German positions. The British dropped 3000 pounds of high explosives on Ledeghem station and on German billets east of Lens. South of Lens and southeast of Mohchy-le-Preux, the Germans lost 64 prisoners to a British raiding party. Thus the war is coming to life again along the peaceful, sluggish Scarpe. The British war machine will continue its process of rolling the Germans out flat, regardless of the mud.

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The enemy is slowly overrunning the Island of Oesel, at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. The Russians set fire to Arensburg, the village capital of the island, and then retreated. The feature is the immense force of warships that the enemy felt bound to employ in this minor military operation.

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The possession of Oesel Island helps the enemy in his plan to gain control of the Gulf of Riga. He has a great many important objects in view by this operation. He can strike northward and gain control of the Finnish coast, where he expects a welcome from the long-suborned Finns. He can attempt to barter Belgium for land at the expense of Russia, if the allies consent to a peace conference. He can attempt to secure control of the Russian iron mines in this region, if the allies oust him from Lorraine. He can hold a pistol at the head of Petrograd. Its capture would only rid Russia of a nuisance in the form of a cosmopolitan population, part German-speaking, and all idealist. The loss of Petrograd, besides, might rouse the Russian spirit again, and Russia is dangerous when roused. Nothing better could happen, persons familiar with Russian and human nature say, than for the enemy to advance into that vast country.

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The protracted French cannonading sounds ominous. The French army, after its crisis, is fit again for service. The cause of liberty was in greater peril last May and June than the world was then aware of, according to Leon Daudet. A German plot to reduce France to the impotency of Russia only disclosed itself with the outbreak of disorder both at the front and behind the French lines. The news was withheld until the plot was suppressed. The purging of France and other allied countries of German influence continues. It will enable the allies vigorously to prosecute the war. Politicians, who protected naturalized Germans and cosmopolitan financiers, will sink into oblivion, according to the allied press. The entry of the United States into the war has produced the vigorous measures against the German propaganda.

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Winter has not stopped the fighting on the Julian front, as seen from the determined fighting in numerous local combats. The Italians captured prisoners on Monte Rombon; they carried out numerous sharp raids from Selo to Castagnavizza. This important sector, a breach of which would turn the massive barrier of the Hermada, is an anxious front for the Austrians. Cadorna therefore directs his celebrated worrying tactics thither. The enemy, on his side, annoyed the Italians by sending large parties forward in the Brestovizza Valley. Altho protected by bursts of violent gun and artillery fire, these fell back under Italian compulsion. The enemy, after making a lavish display of gunfire, attacked the Italians near Lokavac, between Flondar and the sea. The attempt failed, for the enemy had a complete breakdown.

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Germany has summoned to the colors men of 47 years, or all men born since 1870, and if the drain continues she will soon be summoning the surviving veterans of that campaign. Some of them, indeed, are serving in her higher command. She is also again combing over the medically unfit, including the maimed and the halt. The new British shell fire is responsible for bigger disabilities in the German ranks than appear in the casualty lists. The 400,000 German troops in uniform who cannot face the British fire, altho still whole of body and limb, testify to the horrors of the British hurricane fire.