

necessity for adequate pensions, vocational training, and such other assistance as may be required to enable them to again take their proper places in our National Life.

(5) To study and report upon the adoption of a scheme of technical education and industrial training, in co-operation with existing Provincial systems.

(6) To study and report upon the question of exercising Federal control over Limited Liability Companies so as to prevent fraud on the public by undue capitalization and in other ways, also the question of adopting a Federal Insolvency Law.

(7) To study and report upon a comprehensive programme of Social reform and health legislation which shall include measures such as:—

(1) Old Age Pensions.

(2) National insurance for sickness and invalidity.

(3) Insurance of unemployment in certain occupations and industries.

(8) To study and report upon Railway questions and the various transportation problems of the country.

(9) To study and report upon the best methods of publicity of Liberal principles and policy and political information generally.

The proceedings were brought to a close on Tuesday, December 21st at noon, after a very hearty and highly appreciative vote of thanks and confidence had been tendered to the Chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the motion of Mr. J. F. Cairns and seconded by Mr. P. C. Larkin.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SHELL COMMITTEE.

THE case of the old Dominion Shell Committee, and the responsibility of the Borden government for all of its acts as well as its duty to the Country in affording a full and complete investigation of all the charges which have been made against the Committee, is clearly set out by the Hamilton Spectator, (Conservative), as follows:—

"The new Imperial Munitions Board is appointed by, and directly responsible to, the Imperial Minister of Munitions; but the Shell Committee was appointed by the Canadian Government, at the instance of our Minister of Munitions, was thereto responsible. It sought to assist the Imperial Government in opening up a new source of munitions, but organically it was a creature of the Canadian authorities. Upon the Dominion Government rests the duty of setting on foot a most thorough and rigid investigation of its operations from beginning to end, and we cannot doubt that the ordaining of such an investigation will be regarded as one of the first tasks of Parliament at its approaching session."



The Liberal Club Federation of Ontario extends greetings to all liberals throughout Ontario and Canada.

A New Year's greeting card was issued this year by the Federation which bore the crest with the words "Twelve months of opportunity for service."

During the past few months the Federation has turned its attention to a number of district conferences which have been highly successful. A conference was held at London at which about 10 clubs in that district were represented and a very successful afternoon and evening meeting was held in Hamilton where Mr. N. W. Rowell was the guest of honor. Conferences are being arranged for Belleville and Aylmer during the next month which it is hoped will be very successful.

The activity of the clubs in Dundas and Grenville counties is very gratifying and during the months of November and December several meetings were held which were largely attended and four new clubs have been organized in these counties. A conference was held last month at Chesterville which was addressed by Mr. A. R. McMaster of Montreal and in spite of inclement weather a big crowd was in attendance.

London Liberal Club is possibly the liveliest club in the Federation at the present time. At a banquet held there about the middle of December over 300 people attended and the club is in a very flourishing condition.

Congratulations are in order to the President of the Federation, Mr. Gordon D. Conant of Oshawa. The people elected him as their first citizen in the municipal elections this month and the enterprising President is being kept busy receiving congratulations from hundreds of friends.

CANADA'S PUBLIC DEBT.

Total Net Debt, September, 1911.....	\$323,938,768.74
" " " September, 1915.....	484,841,633.73
" " " October, 1915.....	492,528,492.09
" " " November, 1915.....	501,668,167.71

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