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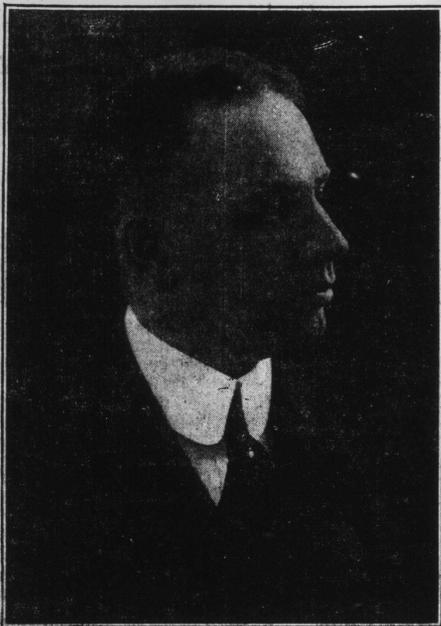
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Hon. W. E. Foster, New Premier, And Strong Cabinet Are Sworn Into Office

Messrs Byrne, Veniot, Murray, Smith, Tweeddale, Robinson, Dugal and Roberts in Government—Hon. Mr. Foster is to run in Victoria County, Mr. Burgess Resigning



HON. WALTER E. FOSTER (Special to Times)

Fredericton, April 4.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Premier W. E. Foster arrived in the city this morning and the latter immediately announced the composition of his new government as follows:

- WALTER E. FOSTER, premier and president of the council. JAMES P. BYRNE, K.C., attorney-general. EARNEST A. SMITH, minister of lands and mines. ROBERT MURRAY, K.C., provincial secretary-treasurer. PETER J. VENIOT, Esq., minister of public works. J. FLETCHER TWEEDDALE, Esq., minister of agriculture. HON. C. W. ROBINSON, minister without office. L. A. DUGAL, Esq., minister without office. W. F. ROBERTS, Esq., M.D., minister without office.

Premier Foster has followed the example of at least two former premiers, Hon. Messrs. Blair and Robinson, in having nine men in his government, which is thoroughly representative of nearly all those sections of the province which returned members supporting the new administration.

THE MEN OF THE CABINET

The premier himself is well known, not only in St. John, but throughout the province, as a foremost man of business and one, besides, who has always taken a keen interest not only in the public affairs of his own community, but in provincial matters as well. He is one of the youngest men who has ever assumed the important office of premier of the province, and perhaps the only one who has not been in the professional ranks. His business training both in banking institutions and in one of the largest enterprises of commercial life, will stand him in excellent stead in giving to the province of New Brunswick a business-like administration.

The Attorney-General

Hon. J. P. Byrne, who has just lately been created a king's counsel, is one of the most prominent Irish Catholic barristers in the province. He was born in Kings county, and is still a young man who has made his mark in his profession. Mr. Byrne was in the legislature from 1908 till 1912, and returns to it again this year with an enormous majority from the County of Gloucester. The legal business of the province will be well handled by him.

Hon. E. A. Smith

Hon. Ernest A. Smith, the new minister of lands and mines, comes from Westmorland county, a native of Shediac, where he has large business interests. He has always been prominent in the political affairs of Westmorland, but came into special notice of the public in the by-election in the spring of 1916, when he defeated Hon. P. G. Mahoney, who ran after being appointed minister of public works. Mr. Smith has had large business experience, and should bring, and no doubt will bring, a long experience to his aid in conducting the affairs of so important a department as that of lands and mines.

Provincial Secretary

Hon. Robert Murray, K.C., is a well-known barrister of Chatham, Northumberland county, and comes into the new government with an excellent reputation in his own county and wherever he is known. The office of provincial secretary-treasurer needs the care that such a conscientious Scotchman can give it.

Hon. Mr. Veniot

Hon. Peter J. Veniot, the new minister of public works, will find opportunities for the use of that tremendous energy which has characterized his work in political life, and especially in opposition. Mr. Veniot is an Acadian who was born in the county of Kent, removed in

early life to Pictou, Nova Scotia, where he had opportunities to acquire an excellent English education, which stands him in good stead when addressing an English audience. To hear him speak as he does, so eloquently, one could hardly imagine he was of French descent. He talks in both languages, however, with equal fluency. For many years he has been an active political leader in the county of his adoption, Gloucester.

Mr. Veniot was in the legislature four or five years in the eighties, and resigned because of a serious accident he sustained at that time in acting as fireman in a conflagration in the town of Bathurst. He was defeated in 1912, but in the election of last February was returned by an enormous majority, his opponents losing their deposits.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale

Hon. J. Fletcher Tweeddale is one of the prominent farmers of Victoria county, and is well fitted to accept the post of minister of agriculture. He, too, has had much experience in legislative work, having been in the legislature assembly for a considerable period before 1912. He is a man who has always led an active life, and has that energetic method that spells success. He can be depended upon to give careful and conscientious attention to the affairs of his department, that is so important to the great majority of the people of New Brunswick.

Hon. C. W. Robinson

Of Hon. C. W. Robinson, little need be said. He has for nearly a score of years been a commanding figure in the best political life of New Brunswick. Had his personal interests been less absorbing or demanded less of his attention he would have been leader of his party today, but at the provincial convention in 1916 Hon. Mr. Robinson, with that straightforwardness which always characterized him, felt that he was not giving the time and attention to opposition party affairs that they demanded and he insisted that a new man be selected for the position.

Premier Foster is fortunate in having Mr. Robinson a member of his government, even without portfolio. It is an open secret that had Mr. Robinson desired an important position in the government he could have had it, but he has always felt that a public man should not permit his private business to interfere with his attention to the public interests and the ministrations without portfolio will not make such insistent demands upon his attention.

Hon. Mr. Dugal

J. A. Dugal, the hero and the idol of the people of Madawaska, and it may well be said, of the Acadians of New



Hon. James P. Byrne.



Hon. P. J. Veniot.



Hon. E. A. Smith.



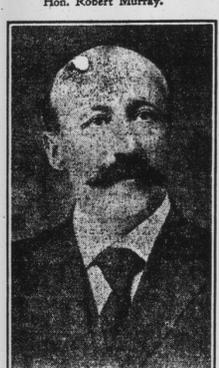
Hon. J. F. Tweeddale.



Hon. Robert Murray.



Hon. C. W. Robinson.



Hon. L. A. Dugal.



Hon. W. F. Roberts, M. D.

Brunswick, is one of the most modest gentlemen who ever sat in the legislature. Where he lives he has always been honored. Mr. Dugal's reputation in New Brunswick for sturdy honesty and unflinching courage became known in the spring of 1914 when he stood in his place in the house and preferred charges against the then premier, J. K. Fleming, the investigation into which resulted in the downfall of the premier and still later in the downfall of those associates of his in the government and in the legislature who stood behind those transactions which the electors of New Brunswick condemned.

Mr. Dugal and his associate, Mr. Pelletier, stood two to forty-six against what they considered to be fraud and corruption in public life and their stand there has been endorsed by the people and there should be no prouder man in New Brunswick today than this new Acadian minister who goes into Premier Foster's government without portfolio.

Dr. W. F. Roberts of St. John, the remaining forerunner member, is one of the popular men who succeeded in overcoming government influence in the city. (Continued on page 8, third column)

FOUR BOGHE PLANES WERE DESTROYED BY N. B. AVIATOR

Joseph Richards, of French Flying Corps Reaches Here, Seriously Wounded

DECORATED BY LA BELLE FRANCE

Three Months in the Air He Made His Presence Felt at Western Front — Relates to Times Reporter How He Brought About Destruction of Enemy—Quantities of Gold Picked From German Skulls

From New York to France, four German aeroplanes sent crashing to the earth; himself wounded; decorated for gallantry by the French government, and back home again in a tabloid, the story of the meteoric career of a young



Aviator Joseph Richards

New Brunswick aviator—Joseph Richards, by name, who arrived in the city last night. Young Richards was born at Molus River, Kent county, twenty-three years ago. Being of a mechanical turn of mind he went to Boston as soon as he reached maturity and there became a chauffeur. But driving an automobile was not the height of his ambition and often as he guided his car through some crowded thoroughfare of the Hub, he built air castles of the time when he would become an aviator.

He little dreamed, when war broke out, that it would present the very opportunity for which he so earnestly hoped. Nevertheless it did, and some months ago he began a course in flying at the school of an air pilot. A month later found him tossing on the Atlantic en route to France.

On reaching France he was attached to the French flying corps at St. Nazaire. His education was not complete and he continued to receive tuition in France in order to secure an air pilot's license.

His First Pot.

One evening in January, as dusk was rapidly gathering, a German aviator winged his way over St. Nazaire. Everything was quiet in the line and the aviator officers gave young Richards the opportunity of taking a machine and chasing the enemy flier.

Always awaiting the knock of opportunity, it was not many minutes before he was in the air and after the German. Unexperienced, to a considerable degree, but with a true Canadian heart, he followed closely on the heels of the enemy and after a sharp battle, sent him tumbling to the ground like a wounded bird.

He then returned to a leisurely and veteran-like manner to the airfield, where he was greeted with hearty congratulations by his superior officers. Such a man as Richards, they thought, could not be kept under tuition longer and for his splendid work he was given a pilot's license at once. Thus he began his career as an aviator with one German machine to his credit before he had made half a dozen flights—a performance which put to shame the work of many men who had been in the air for months.

A Second One.

Day after day, thereafter, he was in the air. First scouting behind the lines; then off on a night raid; then a long fight to Paris, but on every mission showing remarkable ability and pluck. The scene of his second success was also over St. Nazaire. Three German machines had come over the lines to reconnoitre. As many French machines rose to give battle and there followed a fight, in which his machine made stories of the Jules Verne type look tame in comparison. Playing his machine gun constantly and at the same time guiding his aeroplane, Pilot Richards placed the second notch in his hatchet handle when he brought another German to earth. The enemy machine landed a wreck, but the occupants, a pilot and a photographer, were not killed. They were captured and much valuable information prevented from falling into German hands.

Notch No. Three.

The third machine he brought down was over the Lorraine district. This time Richards had a photographer with him. Three French planes were coming in after an excursion over the enemy lines when the photographer through his

FRENCH PATROLS AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF ST. QUENTIN

Further Gains Made by Nivelles's Men East and West of the River Somme

Paris, April 4.—The French statement at noon today follows:— East and west of the Somme our troops continued to make progress over the whole front attacked by us yesterday. Beyond Dallon, French reconnoitering parties pushed forward as far as the southwestern outskirts of St. Quentin. Northeast of Castres our troops reached a line south of Grugies. On our right the village of Mont-Sur-Oise was captured. Everywhere the enemy was subjected to a violent artillery fire, especially in the region of Esaigny.

South of the Ailette the fighting was continued on the outskirts of Laffaux and in the village, which we penetrated in spite of violent resistance of the enemy over every yard of ground. South of Vauvey, German counter-attacks were broken up by our fire, which inflicted heavy losses on our opponents. "We easily repulsed two attacks on small posts northeast of Pronnes and east of Auberville.

"There is nothing to report on the remainder of the front."

GRAVE SCANDAL IN AUSTRIA; THREE MINISTERS OUT

London, April 4.—The Austrian ministers of justice, war and finance, have resigned after the revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from the Hague, which quotes German newspapers as its authority.

According to the dispatch the three ministers assisted Dr. Franz, formerly director of the Vienna Deposit Bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold foodstuffs to the army at exorbitant prices. The affair is said to have caused a tremendous sensation in Viennese political circles.

There are six classes in the scale of pensions decided upon.

PENSION OFFICE TO BE OPENED HERE WITHIN A FEW DAYS

J. K. L. Ross, chairman of the board of pension commissioners, is in Halifax making arrangements for the opening of a district office of the pension board in Halifax. He hopes to have it opened in about ten days. The board have completed arrangements in regard to the scale of pensions and are now establishing the district offices which include St. John, Halifax, Barrie, Calgary, Hamilton, Kingston, London, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Regina, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

Word has been received here that the office of the board will be opened in this city in the course of a few days and negotiations are now being made for an office in Prince William street near the location of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

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glasses saw a German plane returning to his lines. Richards' machine was immediately taken out of the prescribed route and by skillful manoeuvring and the photographer managing the gun, the German, who was making his way home never reached his goal, but found rather a grave in French soil.

The Last Flight.

The last flight in which Richards participated and last German machine he brought down for which he was decorated, affords a demonstration of the cleverness of the French aviator corps and the pluck of this particular Canadian flyer.

The wide fields, out in the open country, behind the French lines were being made a rendezvous for German airmen, who landed there unnoticed and from this vantage ground carried on observations. Three German machines were particularly troublesome. If the French went over this air in pairs the trio of Hunns would not give battle, but a single machine from the French headquarters usually received short shrift at the hands of the lurking enemy.

Richards Volunteered

Finally the French staff decided upon a ruse whereby the Germans might be trapped. Orders came down that one aviator would fly over the rendezvous. The Germans thinking him alone would give battle and he would immediately fly toward his own lines, to be met by reinforcements, and with numbers equal, an effort would be made to destroy the enemy machines and their occupants.

Richards heard the plan explained. The daring and promise of adventure which it promised attracted him, and he immediately volunteered to go out in his machine and act as a decoy at the same time knowing that the mission was a most dangerous one.

This offer was accepted and it was not long before his engine was purring and the machine making its last flight, with Pilot Richards at the control, headed in the direction of the rendezvous of the Germans. On arrival there Richards was pleased to find that but two of the Germans were there, the other was absent, as he later learned, scouting along the water front.

The German aviators, seeing a lone French aviator, immediately rose like eagles after their prey and gave chase. Richards turned the nose of his plane towards home and the chase was on.

What was the New Brunswicker's dismay, on looking ahead he saw the third lines when the photographer through his

MR. WHITLOCK IS WORN OUT

American Minister to Belgium Reached Berne This Morning After Trying Time

Berne, Switzerland, April 4, via Paris.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, reached Berne at six o'clock this morning looking worn and weary. He admitted feeling extremely nervous and fatigued after the tremendous strain under which he has been working, especially during the last few weeks. The party left Brussels on Monday night on a special train.

In addition to the sixty Americans comprising the staff of the legation, consular agents and all but five of the Belgian relief commission officials, Mr. Whitlock traveled with the Chinese charge d'affaires from Brussels, with his staff and their families. The Chinese officials had received instructions to leave Brussels for Haire at almost the same time as the Americans.

BASUTO CHIEFS TO SEND LABORERS FOR EUROPEAN SERVICE

"King's House Afire and Duty of All Good Firemen to Quench the Flames"

London, April 8, (via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—A Capetown dispatch says:— "A special session of the Basutoland council convened to discuss the high commissioner's appeal for more war labor overseas concluded satisfactorily yesterday. The appeal embodied a scheme for the recruiting of native labor controlled by the Basutoland council.

The Basuto chiefs and councilors offered their services and the paramount chief ordered the other chiefs to tour the country, directing the natives to prepare for European service. Speaking in the council, he dwelt on the prosperity of the Basutos and declared: "As King George's house is afire it is the duty of all good firemen, including the Basutos, to quench the flames."

GERMANS LOSE BALLOON, FOUR OFFICERS AND SOME MAPS

London, April 4.—A large German balloon has landed near Climbrieham, a Swedish town on the Baltic, having been driven by contrary winds out of its course to the eastern front, according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Four German officers, who were passengers in the balloon, have been interned at Stockholm. Maps and photographic apparatus which they carried were confiscated.

Phelix and Phorinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The disturbance, which passed off the Atlantic coast yesterday has increased in energy and has caused very bad weather in the maritime provinces.

Another disturbance now over the southern western states is likely to move to the Great Lakes. The weather continues quite cold in the western provinces and cool in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa Valley.—Fine today; Thursday easterly winds, fair at first, rain before night. Fair and Cool. Maritime.—Strong winds and gales, north and northwest with occasional rain or sleet. Thursday strong north-west winds, fair and cool. New England forecasts.—Fair tonight. Thursday unsettled, moderate temperature, fresh north-west winds, diminishing.