

## Canada's War Parliament

Ottawa, April 15.—Sir Thomas White's mission to Washington marks his assumption of his public duties as Canada's financial controller, as announced in the commons by Sir Robert Borden today. The finance minister is going to the centre where lies the solution of Canada's big and complex financial problem for this year. He will be in conference at Washington with Hon. A. K. MacLean, who has been acting minister for the past three months, and probably also with Sir Joseph Flavelle, representing the Imperial Munitions Board, and F. R. Jones, chairman of the War Trade Board.

The problem that has to be solved is how Canada can furnish credits this year for upwards of \$800,000,000 of purchases in the dominion on British account for food, munitions, etc., and at the same time meet all her other abnormal financial obligations in the way of maintenance of troops, ship construction, railway expenditures, adverse trade balance with the United States, etc.

Bill is \$1,250,000,000.

The enormous extent of the financial task ahead of the dominion for the current fiscal year may be realized by the fact that the total obligations which have to be provided for, not covered by revenue, approximate \$1,250,000,000.

The biggest item is of course, the \$500,000,000 for continued credits for British or Allied purchases here. It is obviously impossible for Canada to shoulder this whole burden under present circumstances and in view of the hundreds of millions already advanced during the two years. At the present time Canada is advancing a monthly credit of about \$25,000,000 to the Imperial Munitions Board for munitions controls here on British accounts.

The agreement reached by Sir Robert Borden and Hon. A. K. MacLean with the British and American representatives at Washington, during the mission of the Canadian envoys to the United States capital some weeks ago was that a part of the United States loan to Great Britain for purchases in this continent should be applied on Canadian account. Just how much will be so applied is as yet not divulged but it is probable the amount will run up to between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 according to the absolute Canadian shortage in meeting British credit requirements. Sir Thomas White and Mr. MacLean will doubtless discuss details further at Washington next week.

A further subject of conference at Washington will be the methods to be adopted for solving the exchange situation and meeting payments on Canada's present adverse trade balance with the states of some \$400,000,000 per year. Canada cannot settle in cash if the other war obligations are to be met. The situation can be met by the increasing United States purchases by Canada and by marketing Canadian government or other securities in the states to take care of the residue of the adverse trade balance. It is understood that both these methods will be taken up in Washington by the Canadian ministers with the American secretary of the treasury, Mr. McAdoo, and his advisers.

There is said to be good prospect of American munitions orders coming to Canada this year to the extent of fully \$100,000,000, with possibly tens of millions more of allied war orders.

In the house in Ottawa yesterday afternoon Sir Robert Borden, seconded by Mr. Carvell, presented a motion to the effect that the sitting on Wednesday, April 17, shall be a secret session until the house shall then otherwise order and that all strangers be ordered to withdraw during such secret session provided. Sir Robert explained that the session had to do with the gravity of the position which confronts the Allied nations at the present time.

Ottawa, April 15.—Replying to questions by Mr. Trahan, in the house of commons this afternoon, Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting minister of finance, stated that sums of \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 have been loaned to the provinces of Ontario and Saskatchewan, respectively. In the house recently it transpired that the government had advanced money to two provinces which, however, Mr. MacLean deemed it inadvisable at the time to name.

J. B. Armstrong, of Lambton, proposed a resolution urging that deposits of bituminous and anthracite coal in Canada, located in the extreme eastern and western portions of the dominion, be not thoroughly utilized, that peat and lignite deposits be developed, and

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that the government made a special effort for this end.

Mr. Lemieux thought the government should take steps to avert a repetition next winter of the coal shortage.

The conservation of water power also was of great importance when entering into consideration of the fuel problem, he declared.

## VETERANS GET THE ELKS' HOME

Announcement at Meeting Last Night—N. F. R. Knight, Dominion Secretary, Resigns

That the Great War Veterans Association has secured the building at present occupied by the Elks Club, for their organization, was made public at the regular meeting of the association last evening in their room, Union street. The building will be taken over as soon as possible. The opening of the new building will take place in the near future, and there will be a celebration which will be open to the public so that they may inspect the War Veterans' new rooms.

The president, Major Gordon Johnston, was in the chair. There was a good number present. Twenty-one new members were received into the organization. Charles Robinson said that he had a number of positions offered to him as open to members of the organization and said that any members who wished to secure the same should go to him and he would be able to accommodate a limited number.

A delegation from the Acadia Baseball team was present at the meeting. The spokesman, Edward McGilgan presented a most generous offer to the association from his club. It was that the Acadia Baseball Club are willing to donate to the War Veterans' Association all their proceeds for this summer. The offer was accepted with thanks.

A letter was read by the secretary from Secretary-treasurer Knight of the Dominion Association, stating that owing to trouble in his throat arising from wounds, he will have to give up his position as secretary-treasurer of the association and go south.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. among the boys at the front was discussed, and it was decided on motion to commend to the public the work of the military Y. M. C. A. among the boys in the trenches, on the ground that it was a great help to the boys "over there."

It was decided to have the association room open Sunday morning at 9 a.m., so that the men can collect there for the parade. Those who do not report at the room will meet in King Square at 9.15.

Secretary's Resignation.

Toronto, April 15.—A bombshell has been thrown into the ranks of the Great War Veterans Association, throughout the dominion, by the resignation of N. F. R. Knight, who has been secretary of the dominion organization since the first convention last year. In a letter written to the various branches, Mr. Knight states that in taking this step he has done so with much pain and regret. While Mr. Knight gives ill-health as his main reason, he outlines some of the faults which, if persisted in, will only tend to wreck the organization.

"In order to convey my meaning," writes Mr. Knight, "I shall be frank, but I want it to be understood that there is neither insinuation or abuse in any of my candor. We cannot close our eyes to the truth that there is dissension and disagreement amongst our members. It may not be turbulent, but it smoulders incessantly and much harm is being done. In time it will destroy, if it is not smothered out."

## HARVARD PROFESSOR GIVES ADDRESS HERE

Dr. Benjamin Rand Says German Submarine Can Never Win War

The changes that have taken place in warfare since the beginning of the great conflict, in all its different branches, with all of which he has had direct personal experience, and the things that he has seen in connection with the war both in England and France, formed the subject of a most interesting address last evening in the Seaman's Institute by Dr. Benjamin Rand, of Harvard University, before the Canadian Club and the Women's Canadian Club. There was a large gathering and the address was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those present for the insight it gave into the conditions prevailing on the other side. In the conclusion of his address, Dr. Rand spoke of the "army behind the army," over here, and said that the military will do their part, and it is "up to the

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army" over here to do its share if the war is to come to a fitting termination. The chair last evening was occupied

by Dr. J. H. Frink, who introduced the speaker of the evening with a few introductory remarks. In the course of his address Dr. Rand

told of his experiences "over there"; of the menace of the submarines, of the British fleet on the seas, of the British army in the trenches and of conditions

in England. He expressed no doubt that the submarine campaign would prove a failure.



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Every pound of food that can be grown in Canada and made available for export, will be desperately needed by those who are bearing the brunt of the fighting and the suffering.

The amount of food produced this year will be absolutely limited by the extent to which people in cities and towns become food producers—there is no other labor reserve.

### WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

#### On the Farm?

Thousands of men are urgently needed on farms in this province to make possible increased production of food. Those who could go, and yet hold back, should not forget that, unless production is greatly increased, hundreds of thousands of people will die of starvation.

#### In the War Garden?

By growing vegetables in home gardens or on vacant lots, and thus helping to feed themselves, city and town people can leave the farmers free to grow more food for export. All that is produced in this way is gain and a net addition to the national food supply.

War Garden service is not sufficient for the man whose rightful place is on the farm. But the War Garden does offer an opportunity for tens of thousands of people, whose circumstances oblige them to remain in the city, to have at least a small part as food producers. Interest the boys and girls in the War Garden, for they too can help to grow food.

If there is a garden or vacant lot movement in your community associate yourself with it. If no organization exists, do what you can to interest your neighbours in the War Garden campaign.

Write to your Provincial Department of Agriculture for additional information.

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