

Canadians' News Items

THE prospectus of a Dominion domestic loan of \$50,000,000 was recently announced by Hon. William White, Canadian Minister of Finance. There is little doubt of its success.

Lieutenant-General Alderson, C.B., commanding the Canadian Army Corps, was recently decorated by President Poincaré with the Commandership of the Legion of Honour. Major-General Currie, C.B., commanding the First Division, and Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell have received the Cross of the Legion of Honour at the hands of President Poincaré. Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, has been honoured by receiving decorations from the French and Russian Governments.

The number of foreign-born people resident in Canada is 752,732. About half that number are now naturalised Canadians.

Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., has won another world's championship for the best bushel of wheat. His latest success was taken at the Denver (Colorado) Dry Farming Congress.

Mr. T. Chase Casgrain, the Postmaster-General of Canada, has volunteered for overseas service in any capacity.

A Canadian nurse, Miss Vivienne Tremaine, was on duty with the ambulance which conveyed King George from Victoria Station to Buckingham Palace on the occasion of His Majesty's accident.

A residential club for N.C.O.'s and men of the Canadian Contingent has been opened at 11, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, W. The rates are moderate. The club is known as The Maple Leaf.

An interesting point, affecting emigration from England to Canada, has been raised by the refusal of the Lambeth Guardians to allow a Poor Law boy to proceed to Canada. The application was refused on the ground that Britain needs all her healthy children.

Private Walter Tickner, of the 1st Canadians, who lies wounded in Nottingham General Hospital, is anxious to find his mother Mrs. Robert Symes, who twelve years ago lived at Camberwell Green.

Advices from Halifax, N.S., state that in consequence of the large number of clergymen who have applied to join the 85th (N.S.) Battalion, the C.O. of the Battalion has authorised the formation of a section (14 men), or if sufficient numbers are available, a Platoon (54 men), which will be entirely composed of clergymen.

Some Canadian soldiers assisted the boatmen at Sandgate to rescue the crew of the Dutch ketch *Zeemeeuw*, which was driven aground recently.

During 1914 there was a total of 20,634 immigrant arrivals in Saskatchewan, compared with 44,543 immigrants during 1913. Of the arrivals in 1914, 12,043 came from the United States and the balance of 8,591

immigrated via ocean ports. During 1913 22,142 immigrants came from the United States and 22,401 via ocean ports.

When the story of this year's threshing in Saskatchewan is completed, some extraordinary yields will be heard of. One farmer west of Unity threshed 10,000 bushels of No. 1 Northern off 200 acres, and there are other similar yields.

The premises of the St. Thomas' (Ont.) Journal were destroyed by fire on October 8th.

Petrolia (Ont.) now has its own electric light plant. The purchase price was \$11,280.

A new hospital is to be built at Port Hope, Ont. The generosity of the late Mr. John Hehn, who left a bequest of \$20,000, has made the new building possible.

Representatives of the Vickers Maxim Company have been prospecting for nickel deposits north-west of Edmonton, Alberta.

The end of steel on the Alberta and Great Waterways railroad is at Mile 135, 21 miles north-east of Lac La Biche.

Owing to the great destruction of game around Churchill and Norway House, in the Canadian North-west, game guardians are to be appointed in those areas.

Representatives of the French Government are now in Western Canada purchasing horses for the French Army.

In September, nearly four million pounds of fish were landed at Prince Rupert (B.C.) and at the canneries of the Skeena.

The signs point to a great influx of Oriental immigration to Canada via the B.C. Coast.

The B.C. Government has extended for another six months the period of prohibition against the entry of artisans or labourers in that Province through Pacific Coast ports or across the Canadian border.

Captain W. Watson is the new Resident Comptroller of the Maple Leaf Club in London. Captain Watson was formerly in the 5th Battalion (Western Cavalry).

Mr. R. M. Burden, formerly of St. John, N.B., has offered an historic residence on the St. John River, near Westfield Station, to the Canadian Government as a Convalescent Home for Canadian soldiers.

A prairie fire of unusual dimensions occurred in the Saskatoon area on October 29th. It is said that 400 square miles of territory in Saskatchewan were affected.

The Canadian Finance Minister estimates that the war had, up to October, cost Canada the sum of \$18,000,000. The expenditure is estimated at \$60,000 per day.

The Dominion Post Office has arranged for mail service during the coming winter to Fort Resolution, Fort McPherson, and intermediate points. Mail left Edmonton on November 29th for Fort McMurray, Fort McKay, Fort Chipewyan, Smith Landing, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Fort Wrigley, Fort Norman, Fort Good Hope, and Fort McPherson.

Two Catholic Missionaries and two prospectors who went into the Far North have been

murdered by an Eskimo tribe living 200 miles inland from Baker Lake. Inspector Beytes and a small posse of R.N.W.M.P. are in that region looking for the murderers of the American explorers, Radford and Street. The Missionaries and prospectors were apparently thought to be some of the police officials.

The recent death of Sir Charles Tupper, veteran Canadian statesman, removes the last surviving link with "The Fathers of Confederation." He was one of the outstanding figures in the history of the Dominion.

Quebec City has already given 30 machine guns to the Canadian forces.

A new regiment, to be known as the Irish Fusiliers, has been formed in Toronto. Major F. Magee, formerly of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, has been given the command.

It is claimed that 70 per cent of the male members of the Church of England in Canada have enlisted for overseas service.

Ninety thousand people patronised the Toronto theatres and motion picture shows on Thanksgiving Day.

In order to adequately express its appreciation of the valour and heroism of the Russian armies, the Canadian Government has cabled that it will contribute \$50,000 for the Anglo-Russian Hospital. This will equip and maintain a hundred beds for one year.

Canada's war expenditure for next year will be between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000. Up to the end of this year the expenditure will be \$150,000,000, so that by the end of 1916 it will be about \$400,000,000.

Among prominent Canadians who have volunteered for service at the front are Sir Max Aitken (the present Canadian "Eye-Witness"), who has offered to raise a New Brunswick Battalion and serve in it; and Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, who is coming out as Q.M. in a Montreal Battalion.

The direct winter mail service to Canada via Halifax or St. John commenced with the departure of the R.M.S. *Corsican* from Liverpool on Friday, November 19th.

Among the articles exhibited in the Canadian Government Emigration Office, London, which have come from the front, is the leather belt of a German officer studded with the crests of several British regiments, and also one Maple Leaf badge.

Canada has a new plant for making high-explosive shells. Its initial output was 80,000 lbs. of shell.

Lieut. C. Hughes, of the 6th Field Company, C.E., was killed in action on November 15th. He was a nephew of Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, and was exceedingly popular with all ranks.

"The crops in the West this year are marvellous; have to be seen to be believed. Fifty and sixty bushels of wheat to the acre with forty bushels quite common. It means prosperity to all concerned."—Extract from letter of a Saskatoon (Sask.) correspondent.

A Khaki Club for soldiers was recently opened in Hamilton, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire.