

SIR WILFRID WILL LEAD OPPOSITION AT COMING SESSION

Seats May be Found for Former Liberal Leaders—Including E. M. MacDonald

Ottawa, Wednesday — Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue to lead the Liberal opposition in parliament for the coming session at last. Although the old Chief has been personally desirous for two years past of retiring from the storm and stress of active leadership and responsibility, political conditions both from the national and party standpoints require him to keep his hand on the helm still. Various rumors of Sir Wilfrid's pending retirement from the Liberal leadership towards the close of the last parliament raised a storm of protest from his followers throughout Canada, and more particularly from Quebec. Apart altogether from the personal affection and esteem accorded him by Liberals there was always felt the difficulty of agreeing upon a new leader to succeed him who could command the entire confidence and loyalty of all parts of the country and of all sections of the party as he has done through his outstanding position as the trusted, experienced and revered statesman and party leader.

At the Liberal conference in Montreal on Monday and Tuesday last, it is understood that, although Sir Wilfrid made it clear that he was ready to retire whenever the way was clear the unanimous opinion was expressed that his resignation could not be considered under present circumstances. Sir Wilfrid will, accordingly remain in active public life meeting the call of national service and the wishes of his followers.

Under the circumstances speculation as to his successor is deadly premature. The report that Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is the man designated to receive the mantle when Sir Wilfrid drops it is perhaps a natural surmise in view of Sir Wilfrid's long standing admiration for Mr. King's character, energy and ability, but for the present at least it is only "a report."

There has been no real discussion among the liberal leaders as to "the next man up." In parliament itself there is an undoubted paucity of choice among the English-speaking followers of Sir Wilfrid from whom to pick a "first lieutenant." The first problem of the opposition is to secure entry into parliament of two or three men from the English-speaking provinces around whom the liberal party might again rally in preparation for the next election and the expected party realignment and readjustment. Both Mr. King and Hon. George P. Graham are wanted back in Parliament behind Sir Wilfrid if a way can be found for their re-entry. It is also hoped that E. M. MacDonald may also continue in public life as Liberal leader east of Quebec while Hon. William Martin, Premier of Saskatchewan, is mentioned as the prospective federal leadership in view.

The question of the re-entry of any of these men into parliament, however, has only tentatively discussed so far. In any event until parliament meets there can be no resignation of opposition members-elect with a view to providing a seat for Mr. King, Mr. Graham or Mr. MacDonald. A resignation can only be made to the speaker of the commons, and there will be no speaker to receive a resignation until the new parliament appoints one. Indications are that the remobilization of the Liberal party and the problem of leadership will be left in abeyance until after the coming session of parliament. It is not likely to be a very long or continuous session.

He has already urged all his Quebec friends to use their influence towards securing loyal co-operation from Quebec both in regard to the enforcement of the military service act, and in regard to every other form of war service. His chief reason for retaining the party leadership is because he believes he can thereby assist the restoration of harmony and unity between the two races in Canada.

HIS CRIME

A man descended from an excursion train and was wearily making his way to the tramcar, following by his wife and four children, when a policeman touched him on the shoulder and said:

"Come along with me."  
"What for?"  
"Blowed if I know; but when ye're locked up I'll go back and find out why that crowd was following ye."

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- Partridge, F. Stead, 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet.
- Turkeys, Bronze, old—F. Brady, 1st male; 1st, 2nd female.
- E. C. Griffin 3rd female.
- young—F. Brady, 1st, 2nd male; 1st female.
- black—E. C. Griffin, 1st female.
- Geese African, old—F. Stead, 1st male; 1st female.
- E. C. Griffin, 2nd male, 2nd female.
- young—E. C. Griffin, 1st, 2nd male; 1st, 2nd female.
- Ducks, Pekin, old—R. Morine 1st, 2nd male; 2nd female.
- J. R. Starr, 1st, 3rd female.
- young—J. R. Starr, 1st, 2nd male; 1st, 2nd female.
- young—R. Morine, 3rd male; 3rd female.
- Rouen, old—J. Eagles, 1st, 2nd, 3rd male; 1st female.
- Pr. Guinea Fowls—1st E. Craze—1st F. Morine.
- Breeding Pens—Plymouth Rocks, barred, 1st 2nd, 3rd E. Jordan.
- White Rocks, Valley Pity. Yds.
- Leghorns White, 1st E. Craze.
- R. I. Reds, 1st G. Mahoney; 2nd R. Morine.
- Langshans, 1st A. L. Webster.
- Dressed Poultry—J. R. Starr, 1st pr. cocks; 1st, 2nd pr. pullets; 1st pr. ducks.
- Eggs—White shelled—1st E. Craze; Brown shelled 1st E. H. Dodge. 2nd G. R. Mahoney.
- Utility Poultry—Plymouth Rocks, F. Brady, 1 cock, 2 pullets.
- Wm. C. Jackson, 1 pullet, H. Johnston, 3 pullets.
- R. I. Reds J. R. Starr 1 cock, 1 pullet.
- CUPS —R. I. Reds, donated by W. W. Pinceo, won by E. C. Griffin for third time.
- B. P. Rocks, donated by Prof. W. S. Blair, won by E. T. Jordan for third time.
- W. Wyandottes, donated by T. P. Calkin & Co., won by E. H. Dodge.
- Mediterraneans, donated by Sir F. Borden, won by Geo. Blanchard.
- Specials J. F. Herbins silver medal for largest entry other than water-fowl—Won by E. C. Griffin.
- J. E. Hales—Prize for best display of white rocks.
- Won by Valley Poultry Yards.
- E. Graham—1 doz. cabinet photos. Won by Geo. Blanchard for best display of brown leghorns.
- F. H. Bishop—Prize, won by E. J. Armstrong for best display.
- All other specials can be observed from prize awards.
- W. PLANT, Secretary

GUARDING THE GERMAN RULER

His Movements are Kept Secret

So closely is the German Emperor guarded when he travels by rail thru Belgium that his movements are kept even from the railroad officials handling his train up to the last possible moment, according to a correspondent of the London Chronicle, who has several times witnessed the Emperor's arraival.

"Whatever the passage of the Imperial train is to take place the fact is not known to the chief railway official until the same day, and to his subordinate not until a quarter of an hour before the arrival," the correspondent says. "In the station the lines are all kept free."

Describing one such arrival of the Emperor's train the correspondent says: "All workmen, on this occasion, whether Belgian or German, were dispatched outside, and access to that station was forbidden. This applied to all passengers as well. The military guards occupying parts of the station and environs were ordered to leave their posts and pile their arms. The only persons allowed on the platform were the stationmaster, his employees appointed to work the signals, and the military chief. There was no guard of honor, no manifestation whatever."

"This clearing of the station takes place at every station through which the train passes, which it does at the maximum regulation speed. At Brussels, detainment took place opposite the Place Rogier, which is military post since the occupation."

"The space in front of the station which is always forbidden ground to passengers, was occupied by several motor cars. As soon as the Emperor entered his car the small fleet ran

swiftly to the Parc Rue Royale, where the Kaiser stayed several hours.

"During the presence of the Kaiser the officials always display the utmost nervousness in fear of anything taking place, and they always breathe a sigh of relief when their master is gone. The fact that even the military are obliged to retire and pile their arms seems to suggest a distrust of his own army."

NOVEL BULLET-FINDER INVENTED

An electro-magnet which tells the position of a bullet by causing a sound "very much like a steamboat whistle" in a stethoscope placed on the patient's skin is one of the recent developments of war surgery, according to Surgeon-General Fortheringham, C. M. G. of the Canadian Army Medical Service. By means of the new magnet the exact position of any electro-magnetic substance, including the German bullet, can be determined. When the bullet is not deeply seated a vibration is set up by the magnet which can readily be made out by the hand. When too deep for this, the electro-magnet is placed on one side of the patient's body and a stethoscope is moved about on the skin opposite the magnet. The steamboat-whistle sound indicates the nearest point to the foreign body, and the skin is marked at that point. The development of the locating of bullets by this magnet and similar means since the war began would be, according to Surgeon-General Fortheringham, perfectly amazing to a civil surgeon.

Yarmouth, Municipality of Aryle has passed a resolution imposing a special poll tax of \$2.00 a head on all males from 21 years and upwards, for the Patriotic Fund for 1918.

uors as beverages are no longer regarded as necessities of life. Drinking habits depend upon facility and custom, and when the facilities are removed the bulk of the population are easily reconciled to the change." The Star notes that the United States seems also moving in the direction of nation-wide prohibition, and predicts that the time will come when the North American continent will be dry from the Mexican border north.

In the judgement of the Guelph Herald, the Government's announcement is "the grandest Christmas box that could have been bestowed upon Canada." It calls attention to the fact that great stores of grain are diverted to the manufacture of liquor, and that these are needed to maintain the armies at the front and the people of the Allied nations where already certain articles of food are both scarce and dear. The Galt Reporter believes that in a short time the liquor traffic will be a thing of the past in Canada, since after the war the people having tasted the benefits of prohibition will be determined to keep the country "dry."

The Winnipeg Free Press commends prohibition as a war time measure, and says "the logic is all on one side." In the judgement of the Ottawa Journal there will be very little dissatisfaction expressed in Canada over the order. The people are ready for prohibition now "where they were not ready one, two to three years ago." The St. John Telegraph commends the government, but says that it should have taken the step three years ago, and thinks that the administration ought not to have postponed until April next the duty of forbidding interprovincial traffic.

The Times and Starr of the same city say that in bringing about prohibition the "government has justified the confidence of its supporters." It says that a "sober Canada has long been the dream of reformers but no one dreamed the change would come so soon."

In commending prohibition the St. John Standard says that the decline of drunkenness in St. John since the passage of the Provincial Prohibition Act "tells its own story," and continues "On Christmas Eve last year the County Jail contained 48 prisoners; last night the same institution housed twelve." The Montreal Gazette declares that Canadians are among the lightest users of alcohol in the world, and says that if total abstinence are in the minority so are those who may be called drunkards or even heavy drinkers. It believes that the new orders are Draconic and suggests that they may provoke veasions.

The London Advertiser, the chief opponent of the Union Government in Ontario thinks it will be well if the government takes time to consider the full effects of its programme; "too great haste might create evils which would be disastrous." It believes that in Quebec are to be found the greatest reserves of liquor, and it hints that if Quebec is obliged to consume all that remains in store there after April 1st the results will be unfortunate in a province which "most needs clear thinking, cool and understanding judgement during the coming months and years." It also fears that as the one 'wet' province in Canada Quebec may attract a class of immigrant not well calculated to create and cement friendly relations with the rest of Canada. The Advertiser concludes it seems hardly wise to force upon Quebec the status of the bar-room of Canada."

The Hamilton Herald is the only paper that has come to our desk which says bluntly that it does not believe in prohibition as a principal of national policy under ordinary conditions." It holds, nevertheless, that the Government is justified in its action as a war time measure.

Kings County Poultry Show

The entry at the Poultry Show held in Wolfville January 16th, 17th and 18th was not as large as that of last year but was of better quality. The citizens of Wolfville took a keen interest in the show, and everybody was there.

Rhode Island Reds were the class of the show. Keen competition and lots of it. White Wyandottes were a good entry and full of quality. Barred Rocks were of excellent quality but lacked strong competition. Mediterraneans were there in variety, the white leghorns showing some real beauties. Polands were an excellent showing and all down the line were filled classes of A 1 quality. Pekin ducks in number and quality far exceeded all former shows.

Now is the time to prepare for a bigger and better show for next year. No industry offers better opportunity for development at a minimum outlay. The Poultry Show is a big factor in getting started with a good class of birds. More interest should be shown by our citizens in the efforts put forth by the members of this Club. Do your part by becoming a member of the King's County Poultry Club and attend its meetings.

- The prize winners were as follows:—
- Andalusians—Geo. Blanchard, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen.
- Anconas —Geo. Blanchard, 1st cock, 1st and 2nd hen, 1st cock, 1st pullet.
- Cochins-black—E. J. Armstrong, 1st hen.
- white—E. J. Armstrong, 1st, 2nd hen, 1st, 2nd cock, 1st and 2nd pullets.
- Cochins—Partridge, J. A. Sutton, 1st and 2nd cock; 1st pullet.
- Lakenvelders—E. J. Armstrong, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st cock; 1st pullet.
- Leghorn, white S. C.—E. Craze, 1st cock; 1st hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullets.
- white R. C.—Thos. Tanner, 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullets.
- Brown S. C.—Geo. Blanchard, 1st, 2nd hen; 1st cock; 1st and 2nd pullet.
- F. Stead, 2nd cock; 3rd pullet.
- Buff S. C.—A. L. Webster, 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; G. Rand, 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet.
- Black S. C.—Grace Dalton, 1st and 2nd hen.
- Minorcas, Black—Mrs A. Rottler, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet.
- Langshans—A L Webster, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd pullet.
- Orpingtons, White—Grace Dalton, 1st and 2nd hen.
- Polish W. C. B.—E. J. Armstrong, 1st cock; 1st and 2nd hen.
- B. L.—E. J. Armstrong, 1st and 2nd cock; 1st hen; 1st cock; 1st pullet.
- Plymouth Rock, Barred—E. Jordan, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet.
- F. Stead, 4th cock.
- White Grace Dalton 1st, 2nd hen; Valley Poultry Yards, Wolfville; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd pullet.
- R. I. Reds S. C.—C. R. Mahoney—1st, 4th cock; 1st, 2nd pullet.
- R. Morine—2nd cock; 2nd hen; 4th, 6th cock; 3rd pullet.
- E. C. Griffin—3rd cock; 1st, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 5th cock; 4th, 5th, 6th pullet.
- R. I. Reds R. C.—R. Morine—1st cock; 2nd cock; 3rd pullet.
- E. C. Griffin—2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd pullet.
- Wyandottes, White—Evangeline Poultry Yards, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen.
- E. H. Dodge, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 4th cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet.
- Valley Pity. Yds. 3rd cock.
- Buff—F. Morine, 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet.
- Columbian, Evangeline Pity. Yds. 1st hen.