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Hon. T. A. Crerar, For Farmers Demands Election SUPPORTS THE LIBERALS IN THEIR AMENDMENT

Says War Prisoners Cut Up Best Timber And Got No Pay

Complaint of Settler in New Ontario—Says He
Was Discouraged in Seeking Compensa-
tion—Government Inquiry Opens.

KAPUSKASING, March 5.—"We have come here determined to get at the bottom of the problem. We are determined to find out what conditions are, and anxious to hear any suggestions which you may have to offer. None of us is prejudiced. On the contrary, our strongest sympathies are with you. Only your hearty co-operation can make this inquiry a success."

With this very brief announcement from Mr. W. F. Nickle, M.P., Chairman of the Commission appointed by the Provincial Government to investigate the complaints and charges made by soldier settlers at the Kapuskasing colony, Mr. Nickle and his colleagues, Lieut.-Col. John I. Macdonald and Prof. Sharp, opened their inquiry yesterday morning in the Orange Hall of the colony.

In answer to the question which Chairman Nickle put to each witness, these settlers replied that as soon as the opportunity was given them they wished to leave the camp. They claimed that their experience had been that the colony was absolutely safe, that the possibilities of disease were not what officials had represented them to be, and, further, that "it had been a case of broken promises."

The case of each settler who testified yesterday is now one of almost

utter destitution. Their stories were pathetic. With one exception these settlers came into the camp with sums of money exceeding \$500, which did not include Government assistance. They have been here for more than a year. They find that they cannot obtain enough from ten acres, if it happens to be cleared, to support themselves and families, and it is impossible to find work. If they cannot sell the land all admitted that they were deeply in debt to the Government store and that they knew of no way in which the debt could be paid.

William Hearst, Kitigan, married, with six children, four of whom were dependent upon him, started the Commission with his story of his experiences since his arrival in April, 1918.

"We have seven months winter, three months black flies, and three months rain," said Hearst. "Snow fell last year on September 22nd. I have been drawing logs this winter and have earned \$4 a day out of which I had to pay for my meals and for horse feed. It's an awful condition. I can't even buy a pair of mitts. I have four cows, but I can't afford to feed them, and as a result all we get is a pint of milk a day. I can't sell them because no one wants to buy them."

Thieves Attack Man Who Barred Way From Store

NIAGARA FALLS, March 5.—While endeavoring to prevent the theft of three women's dresses from the department store on Main street, where he is treasurer, Peter F. Jenks, a member of the board of education was brutally beaten by two men whom he intercepted with the goods.

Department heads went to Jenks' aid but the strangers escaped.

Later Officer Blake arrested Frank Martinez, thirty four years old recently from Arizona on description. The prisoner was identified by the store clerks as one of the two who beat Mr. Jenks.

Martinez is being held pending in-

OVER FIVE HUNDRED HAVE JOINED UP NOW

Most Gratifying Success Has Attended Campaign
For the Chamber of Commerce.

Efforts attending the campaign of the teams for a large membership in the Chamber of Commerce have proved splendidly successful. Not only has the expected number of 400 been reached but it has been far exceeded and today's total has climbed to the high figure of 501, and there are still more to come in. The canvassing closes tonight and the outlook promises to be a "glorious finish."

The majors, captains, team members and in fact all associated with the drive are to be congratulated on their public enthusiasm and enterprise. The standing of the teams today was:

Captain Tait	39
Captain Eagle	31
Major McSloy	49
Captain Graves	25
Captain House	15
Captain Lancaster	16
Captain Browne	38
Major McCordick	18
Captain Bradley	12
Captain Jackson	24
Captain McMillan	16
Captain Sandham	24
Major Robinson	25
Captain Yates	31
Captain Burgoyne	44
Captain Gadsby	14
Captain Heath	18
Total	422
Major Waterhouse	20
Captain Meikle	15
Captain Wyman	19

Yesterday's total was 422. The Women's Committee have reported today eight.



Part of Rockaway Beach, N.Y., after the great storm which smashed four hotels and several iron piers, doing about \$2,000,000 damage.

Policy of the Farmers Favors An Election, Hon. Mr. Crerar

Leader Places Himself and His Followers on
Record in Debate on Reply to Speech From
Throne—Question of Tariff Comes Up

OTTAWA, March 5.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, in unequivocal language, last night proclaimed in the Commons the policy of the Farmers' movement in Canada. At the same time he put himself on record as favoring the holding of an immediate general election declaring that he and his followers in the House would vote in favor of the Liberal amendment to the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, calling for the dissolution of Parliament.

Then the Vote Is Postponed.

It was the intention early in the evening to take a vote on the amendment last night, but at a late hour it was decided to postpone the divi-

sion until next Tuesday. Although there are twelve occupants of cross benches in addition to the Liberals who will support the amendment, it is said that the Government majority will likely be 30 to 35.

While it was not the desire of the Farmers' party to sweep away the high tariff at one blow, Hon. Mr. Crerar explained that the tax on imports used in production and on necessities of life should be removed, and there should be a general revision of the tariff. The tax on luxuries should be boosted to probably 50 per cent. of their value. At the same time an excise duty should be imposed on luxuries manufactur-

ed in Canada. "Protection," the Farmer Chief said, "is nothing more or less than a form of Statist Socialism."

Speaker Warns Against Fiscal Discussion.

This was a big day for those who occupy cross benches in the House. If there were any previous doubts, it became evident as the debate proceeded that there will be a great struggle when the debate comes on the Budget. Speaker Rhodes yesterday cautioned the members not to stray from the matter before the House, and to eliminate fiscal discussions.

The subject continued to crop up in almost every address.

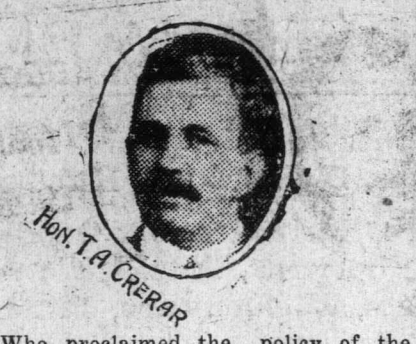
Wilson's Answer To Last Note of Premiers is Off

The State Department Declines to
Reveal the Contents of
Rejoinder.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Wilson's rejoinder to the last note of the French and British premiers on the Adriatic situation was despatched to Europe last night. Its content was not disclosed by the state department.

In preparing his answer President Wilson had before him the proposal of the premiers that the United States join in seeking a settlement of the vexing problem of the Adriatic through direct negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia. The text of their proposal was taken from a statement in Mr. Wilson's previous communication that the United States "would, of course," not oppose any agreement "mutually agreeable to Italy and Jugo-Slavia" as to frontiers, providing it was not on the basis "of compensation elsewhere at the expense of nationals of a third power."

The President was invited to participate in a joint proposal to Italy and Jugo Slavia to this effect, and what answer he has made was not revealed. It was noted, however, that the summary of the premiers' note



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Homer Resident Passes

A well known resident of Grantham in the person of Mrs. Margaret Parnell in her 87th year passed away this morning at the residence of her son in law William R. Pringle, of Homer. She was the widow of the late John N. Parnell and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Pringle, Mrs. R. E. Cudney of Homer and Mrs. J. E. Hiscott of St. Catharines. The funeral will be on Sunday to Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Sterling exchange closed at \$3.55 1-4 in New York.

Cabled from London showed that even should such efforts bring no results, further triangular discussions between Great Britain, France and the United States in search of a way out of the difficulty were agreed to in advance.

Cardinal Claims Drought Cause of Discontent in U.S.

Says That the Key to the Prohibition Problem Is Held by Congress.

NEW ORLEANS, March 5.—The key to the prohibition problem in the United States is held by Congress, which also possesses power to allay the present discontent incident to its enforcement, Cardinal Gibbons declared yesterday.

"If Congress were to place a liberal interpretation upon the question as to what constitutes an intoxicating beverage," said the cardinal, "such as would permit the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines and yet maintain the spirit of the prohibition act, much would be accomplished toward solving a problem now becoming acute and destined to become more and more a basis for unrest in America."

Referring to the duty of foreigners who come to America to make their home, Cardinal Gibbons declared "they must not come as dictators but as future citizens."

The first real suggestion of spring came yesterday but it didn't last long. Over night there was rain followed by a sharp lowering of the temperature.

The French Are Very Suspicious of Giving Aid to Germany

To Allow Teutons to Develop Russia Wou'd
Give Them Big Advantage—Century-old
Attempt to Attack Rival Would Result

PARIS, March 4.—"Whatever dangers may result from peace with Soviet Russia, France must share with England. It is not the same regarding the benefits. England and Germany may gain much from a resumption of commercial relations. We shall gain little or nothing. Yet what hurts them will hurt us also. It's heads they win and tails we lose."

That was a summary of the French viewpoint given today by a high diplomatic authority. He said:

"France has agreed to follow England's lead and assented to the Supreme Council's announcement issued last week in London, but since that date a new factor appears to have been introduced—the relation of Soviet Russia to Germany."

Germany to Develop Russia.
"During the last week it appears that the idea has come to British statesmen that instead of modifying the treaty in Germany's favor, which would be difficult and dangerous, they should kill two birds with one stone by allowing Russia and Germany to assist each other. Germany would develop Russia and Russia would put Germany on her feet again."

"We want Germany to pay, and

there must be economic recovery if she is to do so. We realize that it will not be easy to strike the exact happy means which will allow Germany to recover enough to pay with out gaining sufficient strength for her to refuse to do so. There are political, diplomatic, military and racial considerations. Germany is prostrate, but we do not believe that defeat has changed the heart of the German people."

Struggle of Centuries.

"Century after century they have never lost an opportunity of attacking us when they felt strong enough to do so. With that knowledge in our hearts, can we view with unconcern the prospect not only of a re-strengthened and rehabilitated Germany, but of a Germany combined with Russia, bulwarked by Russia's inexhaustible granaries and supplies? Are the British blind to the danger? Are there no far sighted statesmen in England who can look beyond the immediate political advantages and economic benefits, and see that a combination with Russia would be a heaven sent opportunity for Germany of winning back, 10 or 20 years hence not only what she has lost, but that paramount supremacy she fought the war to achieve?"

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, March 5.—The disturbance which was near Lake Michigan yesterday is now centred over the Ottawa Valley and another is developing in the south Atlantic Coast. Rain has fallen in southern and eastern Ontario and snow in the northern part of the province. While in the west the weather has been fair and cold.

FORECASTS—North west gales becoming decidedly cold with local snow flurries. Saturday—Fair and cold.

Prices on the Toronto Exchanges were firmer. Some good gains were made at Montreal.

In New York all markets shared in the strength shown by sterling. Industrial shares were higher.

Illustrated Lecture On John Ruskin

One of the most interesting lectures given before the Women's Canadian Club was that of last night by Miss Warren on "The Homes and Haunts of John Ruskin." The lecturer had an intimate personal acquaintance with the great writer and art critic and was able to display a large number of colored lantern slides, also a wide variety of photographs. She likewise had letters which Ruskin had written to her when she was a child. The talk given by Miss Warren disclosed many personal phases in the life and work of Ruskin. Miss Eccles presided and a hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Mulock and seconded by Miss McKinnon as president of the Arts and Crafts Club.

LATEST LIST OF NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

Below is the latest list of the members to the new Chamber of Commerce:

J. B. Archer, A. J. Addy, Dr. R. H. Atkey, P. S. Adelman, Albert Blair, Clayton E. Browne, H. A. Bald, J. H. Bennett, Don J. Campbell, Walter Carlson, Reid Drycleaning Co., A. A. Cox, Albert Cox, Rev. Geo. Clark, James Dillon, A. R. DeConza, Mortimer Elson, A. J. Elliot, French and Kadwill, Fluke and Miller, F. C. Field, J. C. Forster, H. V. Finnie, Capt. W. D. Graham, M. E. Gardiner, Arthur E. Glead, W. H. Henderson, Robert H. Harcourt, Jos. Hodgins, W. R. Henderson, Rev. A. H. Howitt, C. E. Ireland, J. M. Jory, M. D., E. H. Jones, Dr. E. Kister, B. C. Kidder, F. W. Jeffs, C. E. Kendall, Kilmer and Fitzgerald, Austin Longley, C. Lorenzen, Chas. G. Lobb, J. E. Longley, N. J. Lockhart, C. S. Lowe, E. J. Lovelace, J. E. McCarthy, C. Madsen, A. W. Moore, L. Moyer, Archie Miller, Edwin Moyer, Dr. C.

E. Minor, Ellis Moyer, G. R. Nellis, Arthur J. Oke, W. A. Richardson, H. Rosenberg, A. H. Richardson, E. W. Smith, J. S. Somerville, James Sullivan, W. A. Stevens, Vine and Swan, Geo. Treble and Son, D. Ueberman, E. W. Veale, Edward J. Winton, W. H. White, Kenneth J. Wisby, H. Warren, J. R. Warren, F. R. Warren, John S. Wood, Webber and Briad, Joseph Watson, W. J. Wood, N. Wickham, Harry Zircinsky, E. T. Young, Harrison Young.

Plural Memberships
Brown and Carson Co. 2.
Imperial Bank 3.
Bank of Toronto 2.
Warren Bros. 3.
Warren Axe and Tool Co. 2.
Moore Hardware Co. 2.
Dominion Bank 2.

Supplementary List March 1.
Geo. H. Andrews, F. G. Fox, H. Heath, F. W. Martin, Sanitary Dairy Co., W. A. Shickluna, Steve Wainman, and Harry E. Wilfred.