

## VACANCIES IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. D. O. Lesperance, Nationalist-Conservative member of Parliament for Montmagny, Quebec, has recently resigned his seat in the House of Commons, making the fourteenth vacancy in the House. Several seats have been vacant for nearly a year. The list includes Kings, N.S., where Mr. DeWitt Foster retired following investigation of his activities in the buying of War horses; Carleton, Ont., where Mr. W. F. Garland resigned after final proof of his connection with Militia Department contracts for drugs for the soldiers; Brandon, Man., and Lisgar, Man., where Sir James Aikins and W. H. Sharpe respectively resigned to lead the forlorn hope of the Conservative party in the Manitoba provincial elections of August, 1915, and both met defeat; Bellechasse, Que., where Mr. J. O. Lavallee, Conservative resigned to contest a seat in the recent provincial elections and was defeated; Antigonish, N.S., where Mr. William Chisholm, Liberal, resigned to enter the provincial field and won his provincial seat with a handsome majority; East Grey, Ont., rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. Sproule, former Speaker, to the Senate. The remaining six vacancies were caused by death, the members passing thus being Col. Geo. H. Baker of Brome, killed at the front; Mr. B. B. Law of Yarmouth, burned to death in the Parliament Buildings fire; Mr. J. W. Richards of Prince, P.E.I., Mr. E. A. Lancaster of Lincoln, Ont., Mr. James Reid of Restigouche, N.B., and Hon. Sam Barker of East Hamilton, Ont.

## DIARY OF THE MONTH

1916.  
June.
- 1 Resignation of HON. P. A. LANDRY, Speaker of the Senate, announced.
  - 3 SIR WILFRID LAURIER at recruiting meeting, Monument National, Montreal.
  - 5 Death of COL. G. H. BAKER, M.P. (Brome, Que.), (somewhere in Belgium), announced.
  - 7 NORTH PERTH (Ont.) CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting addressed by H. B. MORPHY, M.P., and others.
  - 9 SIR GEORGE FOSTER appointed Imperial Privy Councillor. Meredith-Duff Royal Commission inquiry concluded.
  - 10 STORMONT-GLENGARRY (Ont.) CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Williamstown.
  - 13 Resignation of D. O. LESPERANCE, M.P. (Montmagny) (C), announced at Ottawa.
  - 15 Resignation of WM. CHISHOLM, M.P. (Antigonish) (L), announced.
  - 16 HON. T. W. CROTHERS, Minister of Labor, addresses Trades and Labor Council of Hamilton, Ont.
  - 17 SOUTH GREY (Ont.) CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Markdale.
  - 18 SENATOR DANIEL DERBYSHIRE died at Brockville. W. F. MacLEAN, M.P. (S. York), at recruiting meeting at Hamilton.
  - 19 HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN addresses Canadian Club, Regina.
  - 20 Nova Scotia elections—Unofficial Returns give 33 Liberals to 11 Conservatives elected.
  - 21 SOUTH HURON (Ont.) LIBERALS, annual meeting at Hensall. SOUTH OXFORD (Ont.), CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Ingersoll.
  - 22 HON. JOS. BOLDDUC appointed Speaker of Senate. SOUTH GREY (Ont.), LIBERALS, annual meeting at Durham. SOUTH OXFORD (Ont.), CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Mount Elgin addressed by Hon. G. H. Ferguson.
  - 23 WELLAND (Ont.), CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Welland.
  - 24 NORTH GREY (Ont.) (New Constit.), CONSERVATIVES, in convention at Owen Sound, nominate W. S. MIDDLEBRO, M.P., sitting member for present constituency.
  - 25 Official announcement at Ottawa that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General, will return to England on expiry of his term in October, 1916.
  - 26 NORTHUMBERLAND (Ont.) (East and West Ridings) CONSERVATIVES, annual meeting at Cobourg.
  - 27 NORTH PERTH (Ont.), LIBERALS, annual meeting at Milverton nominate F. W. Hay to contest coming provincial bye-election. French-Canadian mass meeting at Park Lafontaine, Montreal, addressed by P. E. Lamarche, M.P. (Nicolet).
  - 28 CENTRE HURON (Ont.), REFORM ASSOCIATION, annual meeting at Seaforth.
  - Officially announced Duke of Connaught to be succeeded as Governor-General by the Duke of Devonshire.
  - SOUTH PERTH (Ont.), LIBERALS, in convention at Tavistock, nominate Peter Smith as provincial candidate.

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