

MORE CHANGES IN DOMINION CABINET

Pelletier and Nantel Resign—
Hon. T. C. Casgrain Succeeds Former as Postmaster-General.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—The resignation of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general of Canada, has been received and accepted. Hon. T. C. Casgrain will be sworn in tomorrow morning as minister of the crown. He becomes postmaster-general, and will offer for election in Quebec county, the riding now represented by Hon. Mr. Pelletier.

Hon. Bruno Nantel, minister of inland revenue, will leave the government within a few days. He will be succeeded by E. L. Patenaude, organizer for the Conservative party in Montreal.

The condition of Hon. Mr. Pelletier's health is said to have compelled his resignation from political life. The pressure of affairs has produced a complete breakdown, and has made necessary his withdrawal entirely from public affairs. Hon. Mr. Casgrain, who succeeds him, is one of the leading members of the Quebec bar. He has been a member of the Quebec Legislature and of the Dominion Parliament, sitting until 1904 as the representative of Montmorency. At one time he was a member of the Quebec Government.

It is understood that the resignation of Hon. Mr. Nantel is due to the desire of the Conservative party in Quebec for a ministerial representative who shows more activity in practical politics. Mr. Nantel is likely to be appointed to the board of railway commissioners, where he will succeed Hon. Mr. Bernier, whose term of office has expired.

It is understood that within a short time a place in the government will be found for A. Seignin, the representative of Dorchester.

If the practice, which has been adopted in Great Britain during war time, is followed by the Canadian parties, there will be no general election, and each party will continue to hold the seats vacated by its members for any cause. This would mean the unopposed return of Mr. Casgrain for Quebec county, of Mr. Patenaude, probably, for Jacques Cartier, and of Mr. C. C. Copp, Liberal in Westmoreland, New Brunswick, the seat held by the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson.

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GERMAN COLUMN ROUTED BY A BAYONET CHARGE

Ask Armistice To Bury Their Dead, Which Is Refused—Ambushed When They Advance Seemingly Against Retreating Belgians.

[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Oct. 14.—The following dispatch dated Monday, Oct. 13, from Brussels, Belgium, was received from the Associated Press: "It is reported that a heavy engagement occurred today near Thourout (a Belgian town twelve miles southwest of Bruges). The operations around Ghent have opened favorably for the allies. The Germans asked for an armistice to enable them to bury their dead but the request was refused."

"Advancing confidently against what they imagined to be the remnants of a retreating Belgian army, a German column was ambushed by a force south of Ghent. The German soldiers were mowed down in swaths and a bayonet charge completed their rout. Some 600 dead were left on the field, while the Allies losses were practically nothing. The Germans retired precipitately to Alost."

GERMAN CAVALRY SEEN NEAR BRUGES.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13 (via London, 6:50 p.m.)—The Germans are now marching in the direction of Ostend, and the German bicyclists already have been seen in the vicinity of Eecloo, eleven miles northwest of Ghent, according to a dispatch appearing in the Telegraaf today. German cavalrymen also are quite near Bruges.

The inhabitants of the country west of Ghent are fleeing in the direction of Ardemburg, and the Germans are throwing a pontoon bridge at Zelzate (ten miles to the north of Ghent). Ghent which is about 25 miles to the east of Ostend, was occupied by the Germans on Monday after two days of fighting near Quatrecht and Melle. Cavalrymen appeared at first, but did not stay. Later infantry advanced from all sides, occupied the Hotel De Ville and camped in the streets.

VON KLUCK DESPERATE IN ATTACK ON WEST.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—3:03 a.m.—"A fierce battle is progressing in the triangle of Dixmunde, Wresle and Dunkirk," says the Times correspondent at Ostend, telegraphing Monday. General Von Kluck's right is making a determined effort to cut through the allied lines, but thus far it has been frustrated. A Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Mail says heavy fighting is reported to have occurred on Sunday along the Dutch frontier. The Germans gained the advantage.

PRISONER WITH PICTURES OF HARBOR ESCAPES ON TRAIN

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 13.—A suspicious character who had been loitering around the Government's wireless station at Port Burwell for several days, was arrested today.

When the man was searched photographs were found in his possession of the harbor and wireless station. The prisoner was being taken to Woodstock for further examination but just as the train was a short distance from that place the man, who was not closely guarded, jumped from the moving train and made good his escape. It is thought he was a German spy.

BRITISH CONSULS LEAVE BOTH OSTEND AND WARSAW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—American Consul Johnson, at Ostend, reported today that the British interests there had been turned over to him and the British consul would leave for London tomorrow. Whether this meant the abandonment of Ostend by British as well as Belgian military forces was not stated, but the dispatches indicate the rapid approach of the Germans from Antwerp.

Mr. Johnson reported that communication between Ostend and Ghent had been severed since yesterday and the belief prevailed in Ostend that Ghent had fallen. He said he was able still to communicate with Bruges, not far distant from Ostend, disproving reports that the town had likewise been occupied.

The British Government has asked the American consul at Warsaw, capital of Russian Poland, to take over British interests in the event that the town is captured by the Germans. American Consul De Soto at Warsaw, called for instructions today, saying that there was every probability of occupation by the Germans. It is believed here that the Russians intend to evacuate.

ALBERTA TO RAISE THREE MILLIONS

Loan on Credit of General Revenue Fund.

EDMONTON, Alta., Oct. 13.—In the provincial legislature today Hon. C. R. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, introduced a resolution, and it received its first reading, with regard to the raising of a loan of \$3,000,000 on the credit of the general revenue fund of the province for a term of fifty years, the rate of interest not to exceed 4½ per cent.

In the terms of the resolution, the three million dollars is for the covering of any debt of the province, for paying any floating indebtedness of the province, for the carrying out of the works authorized by the legislature, and for the satisfaction or discharge of any obligation of the province.

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HUNGARIANS TRY TO MAKE A DEAL

Might Stop Fighting If Given National Severance From Austria Is the Report.

PETROGRAD (via London), Oct. 14.—1:05 a.m.—The Roumanian minister to Russia, C. Diamandy, today gave out a statement concerning the attitude of his country as regards the war. The statement follows:

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GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE THIS WEEK

Whether or Not to Bring on a Federal Election.

ROGERS PRESSES FOR IT

Such An Opportunist Course Is Contrary to Recent Proclamation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Oct. 13.—Whether Canada will have an election this fall or not will be decided by the Government this week. Hon. Robert Rogers still is strongly pressing for the dissolution of Parliament at once, and an appeal to the people at the earliest possible moment. He believes that if an election is brought on at once, the Borden Government will be returned to power practically by the Kaiser. Aside from this desire for an extension of power, there does not seem to be any justification for an election in Canada at present.

The last general election in Canada was held three years ago. In England the general election took place four years ago, yet there is no suggestion of a general election in the motherland.

The King's Precedent.
With the last few months King George, under the direction of his constitutional advisers to enlarge his scope and vision, not for lordship over his advisers, but for a better appreciation of his place as one of the estates of the realm, had conferences or conversations with leaders of all shades of political thought in Great Britain and Ireland. In this he created a precedent in constitutional practice and thus, under the direction of his advisers, obtained an understanding of the "common sense of most" which is the basis of the British constitution. It may be that the steps taken by King George were an evidence of foresight, for within a few weeks Great Britain and Ireland were involved in a great European war and partyism has been forgotten.

It has been unanimously agreed in the mother of Parliaments that there shall be no partyism or contested elections for a year or until the year is over. The application of those great partizan measures to the home rule bill and the Welsh disestablishment bill have been postponed for a year.

To call an election in Canada today would result in the disturbance of business, would be contrary to the high precedent set by the King and the mother of Parliaments, would be contrary to the statute law of Canada and contrary to a proclamation issued by His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall on June 29 of this year in the Canada Gazette.

Would Violate Election Act.
The election act of Canada provides that in Manitoba, boards of judges shall, between the first of July and the fifteenth of August, meet in Winnipeg and appoint for each electoral district a committee of three judges to "define and establish the polling divisions in which for the purposes of the following Dominion election, the names of the voters shall be completed before the first day of October in each year." The law also provides that the government in council by proclamation may dispense with this assignment of voters for any one year. Such a proclamation is taken to mean an announcement by the royal assent of the Governor-General that there will be no election in that year.

No Lists Prepared.
His royal highness, on advice, has already proclaimed that there will be no lists prepared this year. The proclamation appeared in the Canada Gazette at the end of July. It said that the electoral districts of Ontario and Manitoba the calling together of the said board, and appointment of the said committee be dispensed with for the present year.

It was held that to bring on an election now would be forcing a breach of faith in the highest quarters.

WANTS PROHIBITION VOTE

EDMONTON, Alta., Oct. 13.—A delegation of 150 waited on the Provincial

Assembly room at noon, presenting a petition signed by 25,000 qualified electors, asking for a vote upon the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in the province.

H. S. Stevens, of Vermilion, introduced the delegation. He stated that seven per cent more than required had been obtained of the electors' signatures on this monster petition. If the measure is defeated in the House it

will have to be submitted to the electorate in the form of a referendum, and the temperance forces ask that the first Tuesday in June of 1915 be chosen as the day for voting.

BRITISH STEAMER A TOTAL WRECK

The Florinton, Grain-Laden, Has Had Hard-Luck Run.

LOUISBURG, C. B., Oct. 13.—The British steamer Florinton, with cargo of grain, ran ashore at Guyon Island last night and will likely be a total loss. This morning the steamers Elmore, Cates, C. M. Winch and the Coastguard left here to render her assistance, but all the boats returned this evening, unable to do anything

for the ship. They report the steamer lying on the eastern side of Guyon Island ledge with all holds full of water, including the engine room.

The crew landed at Gull Cove Gaspard today, but the captain and officers were still standing by the ship this afternoon.

PAPAL SECRETARY NAMED

Cardinal Gasparri Succeeds Late Cardinal Ferrata.

ROME (via Paris), Oct. 13.—Cardinal Pietro Gasparri has been selected by the Pope to fill the position of secretary of state, made vacant by the death of Cardinal Ferrata.

Cardinal Gasparri was born just outside of Rome in 1852, and was proclaimed a cardinal in 1907. He enjoys a high reputation among the canons of

the church, and is the author of the new code of canon law. At one time he was the corner of Queen street and University avenue when he was thrown from his bicycle by a street car.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED.

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