

MARITIME FORWARD LEAGUE LAUNCHED

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The convention opened at 10 o'clock, and continued with only brief intermission till after 10 o'clock tonight. Half an hour was taken up at the opening in registration and the chairman of the local committee, Joseph H. Douglas, immediately began the proceedings by stating that he would not take up the time of the meeting by the reading of letters of regret at inability to be present which had been received, and at once read his inaugural address.

Chairman Douglas then called on President Higgins of Charlottetown, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, for the opening address. Mr. Higgins said he hoped that some good would result from the meeting for the progress and unification of the maritime provinces.

A resolution providing that there should be no discussion on resolutions except by the mover and seconder, was moved by E. A. McCurdy, of Newcastle, and seconded by Captain Joseph Read, of Summerside. It was carried by allowing some latitude to be exercised by the chairman.

Great Increase in Dairying.

Rev. Dr. Cullen, of Wolfville, was not able to be present till noon, and his place was taken by Professor M. C. Cunningham, of Truro, on Progress of Dairying in Nova Scotia. He began with the statement that the output of the creameries of Nova Scotia had increased 300 per cent since 1910, but that figures did not indicate the whole gain of dairying in the province. The history of the development of the creameries was outlined since its beginning in Pictou. He gave W. A. McKay the credit for this development, which had commenced at Scotsburn, and had spread marvelously since the creameries had further justified their existence by the incalculable and practical co-operation among the farmers. Mr. Cunningham placed the gain to Nova Scotia from improved dairying at \$2,000,000 annually.

A. S. Barnstead.

A. S. Barnstead, commissioner of industries and immigration, spoke of the loan act of Nova Scotia with respect to immigration. The war had interfered with the complete working out of the plan of monetary assistance to farm immigrants, and but six of these had been settled in Nova Scotia. Barnstead said that but few of the refugees would be suitable in this country, but the matter was under consideration of the government.

Father Gautier.

Rev. Father Gautier, of St. Louis (P. E. I.), who followed, said he had no epology to make for his sloth and his taking a part in the battle of peace. He said the clergy were slow in their work, but he believed that the time had come when they should be more active in their work.

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Rev. Dr. Cullen of Acadia College, spoke of the quality of men in the Maritime Provinces and of the superior resources of this part of Canada. We have not believed enough in our own country. A miracle of the last half century had been the industrial growth of Germany. That country lost its opportunity to conquer the world when it declared war. Let Canada seek supremacy by the peaceful means that Germany had abandoned. Our government should be asked to do things to stimulate our people. Why, for instance, should they not offer a prize of a million dollars to the man who would solve the problem of harnessing the tides for power purposes?

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A nominating committee to report on the executive for the Maritime League was named as follows: Mr. J. B. Douglas, Amherst; S. E. Elkin, St. John; George Henderson, Halifax; R. H. McCurdy, New Glasgow; J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown; C. E. Bentley, Truro; M. Lodge, Moncton; R. E. Armstrong, St. John; J. B. R. McCurdy, Charlottetown. The report of the committee will be presented at a later time.

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The story of the battle was told by passengers on the British steamers, Driska, which arrived at Punta Arenas from Callao, Chile. They say the losses of the British were placed at eight men. It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans. Included in it were the battleship Canopus, the battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible, and the cruisers The Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. If far outnumbered in strength the German squadron, consisting of the five cruisers Nürnberg, Gieseler, Leipzig, Nürnberg and Dresden.

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The outlook in the local markets this week is very bright indeed. Christmas produce is coming in in fairly large quantities with the exception of turkey. The following is a list of those who have contributed socks and work for the society:

- From Everett—Mrs. Clyde, two pair socks; Mrs. Walters, two pair socks; Mrs. Lutes Burnett, Brook Lake Society; Mrs. Lutes Burnett, Brook Lake Society; Mrs. Lutes Burnett, Brook Lake Society.

THE BY-ELECTION. Mr. Baxter's acceptance of the attorney-generalship will vacate his position as member of the Legislative Council, and also make it necessary for him to appeal to his constituency for re-election to the Legislature.

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POLITICS IN QUEEN'S CO. Waterborough, Queens county, Dec. 16.—The disgraceful exit of Premier Fleming from the local politics has naturally increased interest in the whole political situation and people are wondering if any member of the legislature, or any other member of the government, could have escaped knowledge of what was going on in the Fleming circle.

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GERMANS ON DECEMBER 15th. Paris, Dec. 21, 11 p.m.—The German infantry, which was captured on the whole of the offensive, is showing its superiority. "Between the sea and the coast," says the "Times," "the German infantry has been very poor assisted by several hundred men. The first two of the Belgian troops, averaging in strength, were captured on the whole of the offensive. The first two of the Belgian troops, averaging in strength, were captured on the whole of the offensive. The first two of the Belgian troops, averaging in strength, were captured on the whole of the offensive." (Continued)