

TO ASSIST FARMERS IN SECURING CREDIT

Member for Portage la Prairie Introduces Such Resolution.

BETTER AND CHEAPER SYSTEM OF CREDITS FOR AGRICULTURISTS WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION AT EARLY DATE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The bank act discussion, which has replaced the worn out naval debate as the real centre of interest in the House, broke out today in a fresh phase.

That in the opinion of this House the question of bringing about a better and cheaper system of agricultural credits should receive the early attention of the government.

A really excellent debate ensued, full of information. Only two frivolous speeches were made, and both came from the Speaker's left.

On the affirmative side there was a really brilliant exposition of an agricultural credit bank system by Mr. Meighen, a careful, sound piece of exposition of the Australian system of state loans to farmers by W. A. Buxton, Liberal member for Medicine Hat; an excellent little speech by W. F. Nickle, of Kingston; a demand for the improvement of rural conditions by Donald Sutherland of South Oxford, and a masterly and sympathetic speech by Hon. W. T. White.

Mr. Meighen's text was the starting of rural districts in the matter of banking facilities. The speaker found the stringency in the rural sections, Mr. Meighen pointed out in general, but vigorous terms. Naturally, he said, men were tardy of making new banks, but he could show the scars inflicted by the refusal of credit in the oddest and most prosperous agricultural section of the west.

Canada, he pointed out, stood as the most prominent example of the branch bank system in the world. In Canada there were 2900 branch banks controlled by 23 head offices.

In France, Germany and Belgium special measures were taken by the government to prevent the starving of rural sections.

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NATURAL GAS MAIN FROZEN; MONCTON CITY IN DARKNESS

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Feb. 12.—Moncton was in darkness tonight and the electric power supply of the city was off as a result of frost in the natural gas pipes, when they are brought across the river.

RAILWAYS TO FACE FIGHT TO FINISH

Canadian Manufacturers' Association Prepared to Argue Reciprocal Demurrage Before Railway Commissioners

Toronto, Feb. 12.—April fifteenth in Ottawa may see a fight to a finish on the question revived by the following Canadian Manufacturers' Association resolution: Resolved, that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association join in the application now before the Board of Railway Commissioners for a system of uniform penalties to be automatically applied against railways for their failure to receive, carry and deliver freight within a reasonable time.

The railway commission has fixed this date as the hearing of argument on reciprocal demurrage, a vigorous debate is expected.

as a remedy for credit stringency in our rural districts. The success of co-operative credit in Europe, said he, had been fairly good.

Hon. Mr. White rose after speeches by Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Nickle, Dr. Clark, Mr. Lalor and Mr. Sutherland. He complimented Mr. Meighen on "the admirable and indeed fascinating manner" in which he had presented the matter and went on to say that the government was prepared to accept the resolution.

The minister then examined the systems prevailing in Europe, observing that on that continent farming had become a business.

The credit bank was leased on the principle of joint credit and was of benefit in communities where there was a fixity of conditions.

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Opening of Legislature Awaits With Interest

A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS Government will Announce Advanced Policy of Encouragement for Agricultural Education — Railway Progress of Year will also Receive Attention.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 12.—Fredericton is agog this evening, pending the opening of the first session of the sixth legislature, tomorrow afternoon.

Not in years has there been a larger or more representative gathering on hand for the annual meeting of the legislature.

As already intimated in The Standard Hon. George J. Clark will be re-elected Speaker, and from what can be learned this evening it is expected that the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne may be passed tomorrow, but at all events it will not be later than Friday.

The speech from the throne is expected to make special reference to the substantial progress of the agricultural interests of the province during the year, and the encouragement which the government is giving, particularly to agricultural education in its various branches with the co-operation of the federal government.

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UNITED STATES PREPARES TO INTERVENE IN MEXICO

Thirty-five Thousand Sailors and Soldiers Ready for Active Service — Navy Concentrated on Vera Cruz.

Washington, Feb. 12.—President Taft and the cabinet are in accord that Congress shall share responsibility for any intervention in Mexico. A day of conference between the President and his advisers ended with the understanding that should conditions in Mexico City become so much worse as to demand the landing of American troops, Mr. Taft will lay before both houses of Congress the full facts of the situation in a special message.

Today every preliminary was arranged for the action which might follow such a course. Thirty-five thousand men of the army, navy and marine corps were put in readiness for movement.

Communication Cut Off. To add to the difficulty in keeping in close touch with the situation, word came to the state department today from Consul Garret, Laredo, Texas, that all wires were down south of Monterey, and that communication between Laredo and Mexico City had been cut off.

Six Dreadnoughts with approximately 6,000 jacks and officers now are rushing under full steam for Mexico's ports, four on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific.

PREMIER BORDEN GUEST OF HONOR AT OTTAWA BANQUET

Affection of Conservatives for their Leader well Demonstrated at Sir Edmund Osler's Function Last Evening.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Sir Edmund Osler, tonight was host at a dinner in the parliamentary restaurant, with which Sir Hon. R. L. Borden is regarded by his followers and the high spirits in which the approaching end of the naval debate, he alluded to the Parliamentary sitting in the Liberal-Conservative interest was present, and the utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

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MEXICAN CAPITAL IS IN WRECK AND RUN

Foreign Diplomats Attempt Intervention But Without Success. BLOODY ARTILLERY DUEL NOW RAGING

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—From early morning the sharp crack of rifles or the crash of cannon could be heard in some quarters of the city almost every minute of the day, sometimes close, sometimes far distant.

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SUFFRAGETTE ARMY DEFEATED BY COLD

Deducted from 200 to 16 by Intense Frost — On way to Washington with Message to President Wilson.

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