

CHANGE IN NAVY POLICY MAY BE MADE SHORTLY

Rainbow and Niobe Likely To Be Offered as a Contribution Rather Than Forcing People to Spend \$35,000,000.

Ottawa, April 28.—The Government is evidently preparing to return the Rainbow and the Niobe to the admiralty, in pursuance of a policy of contribution instead of a policy of a Canadian navy. The steps taken by the Laurier Government in 1910 towards organizing a Canadian naval force through the recruiting of Canadians to serve on the two training ships were promptly halted when the Borden Administration came into power. Now the Canadians on board these ships are being officially told that they may leave the service without serving out their terms of enlistment.

An official memorandum sent from the department of naval affairs to the commanders of the Niobe and the Rainbow, notified them that if the ships were decided as far as circumstances will permit, to grant free discharge to any Canadian recruits who do not wish to remain in the service.

Several Changes.

The regulations of the department provide that men and boys may obtain their discharge on payment of sums varying from \$50 to \$150. This requirement is now being dispensed with. All Canadians at present on board the two cruisers are told that they may leave the service if they sign a declaration that they forfeit all claim to any gratuity, pension or other payment which may hereafter be paid on account of service in the Royal Canadian navy.

In a statement prepared by Deputy Minister Desbarats for presentation to Parliament, it is stated that several of the Canadian recruits on the Niobe wished to obtain their discharge, but were unable to purchase it as required by the regulations. The department had therefore decided that since these men were discharged it would be wise to allow them to leave if they could be spared "without affecting the efficient working of the ship." The memorandum further states that if these men were not allowed to leave they might desert, or if they were compelled to stay they would spread dissatisfaction among the other members of the crew.

Want to Retire.

Some seventy Canadians of continuous service rating are now on board the Niobe and it is estimated that probably thirty or forty of these men would take advantage of the permission to obtain their discharge without payment. On the Rainbow there

COUNTY ROADWORK WILL BE HELD UP

Tightness in the Money Market Likely to Cause Much Delay.

A BIG SEASON'S WORK

Plans for Very Extensive Improvements Were Prepared in Ontario.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 29.—The present stringency of the money market is likely to cause some delay on the part of counties throughout the province commencing road operations under the highway improvement act, and the by-law system of the Government.

Mr. W. A. Maclean, Provincial engineer of highways, says that counties are experiencing difficulty in placing debentures for the work done last year, and until advance made have been returned to the banks it will be impossible to undertake this year's program. Several counties are now holding off on this account.

Lots of Improvements.

Superintendent G. W. Bennett, of the colonization branch, optimistic over the prospect for a big season's work. The fine weather is making it possible to send out gangs much earlier than last year. The organization is about complete, and the camps will start at once. Mr. Bennett has just returned from a trip to the Temiskaming district, where a great deal of work has been laid out, and where Mr. Bennett will have upwards of eight thousand men under his control, and the outlook is for a busy six months in road construction.

Work Started.

Mr. J. F. Whitson is already in the field. His work will extend from the Quebec boundary on the east to the Manitoba boundary on the west. Mr. Whitson will be constantly on the move from one end of the province to the other. His gangs are already in the field.

Another factor in the delay in progressive road construction in Ontario is the announcement by the Government that aid will be given this year towards a comprehensive scheme in the older sections of the province. A commission will be appointed to outline the method to be adopted, and in view of this counties are expecting an increased grant beyond the one

In the Spring the Blood Is Thin

The body of man can be influenced in health or disease only through medium of two channels—the blood and the nerves.

When the blood is thin and watery, as it usually is in the spring, the nerves are starved and depleted, and every organ in the human body is less capable of performing its natural functions.

The action of the heart weakens, breathing is weaker, the gastric juices of the stomach do not flow regularly, the liver, kidneys and bowels are less active, and in fact the whole body falls an easy victim to disease.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food

50 cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, at all dealers, or Edmansson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE FELT IN MONTREAL AND ABOUT OTTAWA

Houses Swayed and Dishes Were Rattled—No Serious Damage Done.

Much Uneasiness Was Caused All Through Eastern Ontario by the Quake.

Montreal, April 28.—Montreal was shaken by an earthquake at 7:30 o'clock last evening. The shock was particularly violent in the northern and western sections of the city and Westmount, where houses swayed and furniture rattled for several seconds, though no damage is thus far reported, other than the cracking of a ceiling in the residence of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. The collapse of a hospital in the west end were considerably alarmed.

The shock was recorded on a small seismograph that was installed some months ago to record disturbances occasioned by blasting in connection with the Canadian Northern Railway tunnel operations under Mount Royal. The seismograph at McGill University has not been in commission for some time.

No Use Forcing People.

It is now understood that the situation is made still worse for the Government by a direct intimation from the admiralty, suggesting that for the present at least it would not be well to force the bill through Parliament. The Imperial Government is now endeavoring to reach an understanding with Germany in regard to a mutual agreement for the limitation of naval armaments. It is understood that the coming visit of the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill to Berlin at the end of May will be concerned not only with the royal wedding there, but also with confidential conferences with Admiral Von Tirpitz and the other German authorities along the line of carrying out the British naval holiday. These men were not allowed to leave they might desert, or if they were compelled to stay they would spread dissatisfaction among the other members of the crew.

Heavy at Ogdensburg.

Prescott, April 28.—A pronounced vibration lasting about ten seconds was felt by all residents in this section tonight about 7:45 p.m.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., April 28.—The heaviest earthquake ever experienced in Ogdensburg occurred at 7:30 o'clock this evening. It lasted fully half a minute. Shocks were felt also around Watertown, at Potsdam and Gouverneur, and in many towns of Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties and in several villages in Northern New York.

The officials at the observatory were unable to say last night whether or not the disturbance was recorded here. As a rule the seismograph is examined every week, but when word is received from Ottawa or in press dispatches "a rupture" is taken off as soon as convenient. It is proposed to examine the instrument the first thing this morning, and a report will be sent out from the Observatory here to Ottawa.

HOTELMEN READY TO OBSERVE NEW LAWS

Delay May Make Further Amendments to the Act Necessary.

BOTTLE TRADE STOPS

Regulation in Regard to Morning Hours Will Be Generally Kept.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

April 28.—Delay in securing royal assent to the bills passed during the current session of the Legislature by reason of the necessity of further amendments to the liquor license act.

The license year commences May 1, and under ordinary circumstances the amendments would come into force on that date. This year, however, the bills will not receive the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor until next week, and although the licenses may issue at any time between May 1 and 15, it is a question whether the increase of \$600 in respect of shops in Toronto will be operative unless a clause is inserted in the bill making the law retroactive from May 1. So far as the bottle trade across the bars is concerned, this will go on until the bill has properly become law.

With regard to the shortening of the hours of sale in the morning it is likely now that the bill passed the House, that the hotelkeepers will observe this as if the law were actually in force.

No Ultimatum Was Sent to Guatemala

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 28.—Great Britain denies the published report that she has sent an ultimatum to Guatemala. At the foreign office today it was said that that had been done so far as to make a presentation of Great Britain's urgent demand for the repayment of Guatemala's indebtedness, the bulk of which has been owing for 25 years, with the expression of the expectation of an early reply of favorable character.

No date was mentioned for the presentation of Guatemala's reply, nor were threats of reprisals made by Great Britain. The foreign office points out that the time for such action has not yet arrived, as Great Britain is still awaiting the answer of Guatemala.

THREE PAY FINES.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, April 28.—Three out of four drunks paid fines of five dollars each and costs, the odd man went to jail for fourteen days, lacking the amount to purchase his freedom, and a vagrant was given a month at the expense of the county.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD LINENS TODAY AND WEDNESDAY

THAT London is a city of homes is shown by the assessors' report, and to be rapidly growing as such. Doubtful if any other city has so many separate dwellings in proportion to the population. Every one of these homes is to go through the house-cleaning operation this spring, and it's almost a certainty that every home in London requires more or less of this merchandise on special sale today and tomorrow: Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Towelling, Sheetings, Sheets, Pillow Slips, etc., a complete list of which was advertised in yesterday's paper.

Additional Lines for Wednesday Sale

550 Hand-Worked Madeira Doilies and Centres Reduced

One special design in five different sizes, which make pretty lunch sets, tumbler and plate doilies and centres, 6 to 24 inch. These will be on sale tomorrow at a reduction of about a third in most cases. All are hand-scalloped, with very dainty hand-worked designs on fine quality linen. These very low prices, coupled with such popular goods as Madeira hand-worked linens, should clear this lot quickly.

Lunch Set—6 tumbler and 6 plate doilies with 18-inch centre, \$3.30. Price, set... **\$2.13**

6-inch Tumbler Doilies, 12½c each. Sale price... **10c**

12-inch Centres, regular 50c, each... **35c**

18-inch Centres, regular 75c, each... **59c**

24-inch Centres, reg. \$1.25, each... **98c**

Irish Embroidered Bedspreads, \$3.50

FIFTY only real Irish Embroidered Bed Spreads, extra large size, similar to those sold last season. No doubt many who got one then will want another at the same price. Beautiful County Down drawn work, with plenty of good embroidery work, size for large, double beds. 50 only. Get yours early. Sale... **\$3.50**

Specials in Whitewear

Combinations \$2.00

CORSET COVER and Drawers, made of fine nainsook with pretty yoke formed of Swiss embroidery insertion and lace, finished at neck and arm-holes with dainty lace edge and ribbon draw. Drawers prettily slashed at side and nicely trimmed to match corset cover, joined by embroidery beading and ribbon draw, fits easily and smooth over hips. PRICE, \$2.00.

Dainty Gowns, \$1.39

Made of fine soft cambric with pretty pointed yoke formed by two rows each of embroidery and Val lace insertion, medallion in front, short sleeves with pin-tucked ruffle edged with Val lace, neck finished with lace beading and ribbon draw. Value extra special... **\$1.39**

Drawers, 25c and 48c

Special line, made of good strong cambric, finished with bands at waist, and two hemstitched tucks and wide hemstitched hem at bottom. Our special, pair... **25c**

Also pretty style made of fine quality cambric with circular ruffle of three rows of Val lace, finished with dainty ribbon bow at side, open or closed. Special, pair... **48c**

Mail Orders Filled While They Last—Delivery Paid.

Second Floor.

Sale of Scotch Gingham, 12 Yards, \$1

ABOUT 1,200 yards short lengths and odd pieces, stripes, checks and plain colors, regular 12½c and 15c qualities, for house and school dresses, pinafores, etc. Come early for the choice colors and qualities. ... **8½c yard, 12 yards for \$1.00**

SALE WEDNESDAY—SEE WINDOW DISPLAY TODAY.

Boys' Raincoats Today, \$3.95.

Regular \$5.00 to \$6.50 Coats.

FAVOR LAURIER'S POLICY AND ALSO TAX REFORM

East Kent Dominion Reform Association Elected Officers at a Big Meeting at Ridgetown—D. A. Gordon to Retire Next Term.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ridgetown, April 28.—The East Kent Dominion Reform Association held their annual meeting in the town hall here this afternoon, when officers were elected as follows:

President—James McNeillage, Eberts. Vice-President—W. E. Galbraith, Ridgetown.

Second Vice-President—Geo. Mickie, North Chatham. Secretary-Treasurer—T. F. Hinnigan, Wallaceburg.

Chairmen and secretaries for the different divisions, the first named being the chairmen:

Howard—Oscar Gardiner and John Freel. Orford—Alex. McDonald and Frank Tape. Ridgetown—J. A. Elliott and Geo. McDonald. South Chatham—D. McNaughton and Charles Mickie. Wallaceburg—H. J. McDougall and John Zavitz. Dresden—Dr. J. I. Wiley and Dr. McDonald. Camden—S. P. Sturgis and George Forshaw. Thamesville—John Coutts and John A. Stewart. Zone—M. Farrel and F. McGilvray. Bothwell—A. Calderwood and Isaac McLean.

Expressions of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and D. A. Gordon were passed by resolution, and also a resolution favoring tax reform. Several speakers addressed the meeting, and in his remarks D. A. Gordon, M. P., announced that he would sit out the present Parliament, but that he would not offer for re-election.

36 LIBERALS FOR ALBERTA

Conservatives Will Have Sixteen, With Two Still to Hear From.

MACKAY IS DEFEATED

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, April 29.—Counting of ballots yesterday in the seven Alberta constituencies which were in doubt, resulted in Conservatives getting five of the seats. Two others, Medicine Hat and Clearwater, have not yet been heard from. Results up to last night give Liberals 36 sure seats, and Conservatives 16, with two still to hear from and two deferred elections. In ridings which were doubtful till yesterday, Conservatives were in each case leading, and the count of protested ballots did not effect any changes in the general result.

Edmonton Liberals met with a surprise on finding that some mistakes had been made in counting, and Ewing had really 217 majority over MacKay, who protested the ballots, instead of 8, as had been thought. When these protested ballots were counted the majority was reduced by only 23 votes. Had the correct majority been known before, it is unlikely that so much time would have been spent on disputed ballots.

In Medicine Hat, where R. Patterson has a majority of 31 over Hon. Mr. Sifton, it is likely there will be a protest and ex-

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FIRE AT DELHI

Sovereign Mitt and Glove Factory Was Completely Destroyed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Delhi, April 29.—This village was visited by a serious fire early today when the Sovereign Mitt, Glove and Robe plant was completely destroyed. The loss is \$25,000 to \$30,000, and is partly covered by insurance. About 20 employees are thrown out of work.

Weak and Nervous

But Health Was Soon Restored.

The number of cases of general debility in which Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved just the medicine that was needed is very great. May H. Davidson, Orangeville, Ont., describes her case and tells what this medicine did for her, in the following testimonial: "My system was run down, my blood was impure, and I was weak and nervous. I grew thinner and paler every day. A friend advised me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did. I gained rapidly and my health was soon restored."

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