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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY SESSION.

The Canadian Parliament has been summoned to meet on January 18th, and, judging from the attitude of the Liberal press and Liberal members, the opposition party will make the session the occasion of political demonstration from the opening to the close. This is plainly indicated by the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe, who, in communications to his newspaper forecasts what the session is likely to bring forth in the way of business and indicates the stand that may be taken by the opposition party.

The date of the opening is at least two weeks earlier than usual. This is because of the necessity of Sir Robert Borden's presence in England at the Imperial Conference. It is also likely that Parliament will adjourn in the middle of the session, as the presence of the Premier will be indispensable both in Ottawa and in London. On this point the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Mail and Empire says: "The prosecution of the war, the conditions upon which peace may be made, and problems to arise after the war, all will be considered at these meetings, and the Prime Minister feels himself bound to attend a Conference which will deal with questions so vital to the interests of Canada as well as of the whole Empire. To enable Sir Robert to sail for England in time for the Conference in February, the business of Parliament is to be taken in hand at once."

The Globe's correspondent feels sure that the session will be the occasion of much debate, more or less stormy in character. He also is certain that an adjournment will be necessary, and says: "It is recognized that Parliament will not be able to finish its work in the short time between the opening and Sir Robert's enforced departure, which will be about a month after the opening of the session. The debate upon the address may occupy most of that time, as many questions are bound to be up for discussion in the preliminary political review. There will be considerable talk upon the enforced resignation of General Hughes and both explanations and investigation demanded by the opposition of the charges contained in the letter of the resignation written by the late minister. There will be discussion upon the Ross rifle, upon the National Service Commission, upon universal service and conscription, upon enlistment methods, pay, pensions, separation allowances, and treatment of returned soldiers. Sir Charles Davidson has promised to have reports of his eighteen months' investigation ready, and these will be subjects for debate, though much of the matter dealt with is two years old. War financing, borrowing and debt management will come in for review; so will the Canadian railway situation which a commission is looking into. The fiscal policy, the nickel question and other vital matters connected with the war and with domestic politics afford ample scope for a general political pre-election survey which will take up the time of the House for the first three weeks or so."

The tone, as well as the matter of the Globe's review, indicate the Liberal belief that this will be a fighting session and certainly there is no lack of evidence that the Liberals purpose to make it such. It is certain that one of the matters discussed will be the application for an extension of the term "If the Liberals make it known that they will agree, the session will be devoid of political color and devoted entirely to necessary domestic and war business of the country. This is as it should be, but there is little indication at this time that it is what will actually happen."

In fact the Liberals have already stated they will not accede to any proposal for extension. If this is so then the session will indeed be a fighting one and what the Globe calls a "pre-election survey" will likely be used by the oppositionists as an occasion for mud slinging of the most vicious type.

Concerning parliamentary extension the Globe says: "If it is refused by the Liberals, or if postponement of its consideration is requested until the end of the session, or at any rate until the return of

Sir Robert Borden from England when the war needs and situation could naturally be more intelligently considered, it would not be surprising if the Government decided at once upon dissolution as soon as interim supply for the coming fiscal year could be put through. An election would then be called for April or May."

It is useless for the Liberals to attempt to hide the fact that they now think they can gain advantage from an appeal to the people, or that they are ready to carry their political aims even to the trenches if need be. This is very evident from the zeal displayed by the party in the nomination of candidates wherever the opportunity offers, and in pressing forward Liberal interests even in municipal campaigns in Ontario. Two years ago when the Laurier action in connection with the naval bill and the disloyalty of the Liberal Senators in that matter, was a subject of discussion all over Canada, the Liberals were very anxious to avoid a fight. They talked of political truces and all that sort of thing, although, as far as they were concerned they made no effort to observe such a truce even after pledging themselves to it. Now their courage has apparently returned and they are anxious to divide the country on questions of party politics.

In such a case the Conservatives cannot refuse the challenge, although they have made every effort to eschew party politics in all matters concerning or affecting the war. They have conducted the affairs of the country as impartially, and much more effectively, than a coalition government could have done it, although it is probably true that the ministers' absorption in war matters was such that they did not stop to defend the Government against the unwarranted and vicious attacks of the opposition partisans.

This dissociation from political activities does not indicate that the Government and Conservative party are not ready for any sort of test the Liberals may force. The Government do not believe an election during the war will be in the interest of the country but if they are forced into it, and there is every indication the opposition will make the attempt, they will not be caught napping. In the event of such an election it will be most surprising if the sterling character and praiseworthy achievements of Premier Borden and his associates do not commend themselves to the great mass of the Canadian people, the people whose interest is along the line of a wise and patriotic administration of Canada's affairs and who have no concern with the wishes and desires of a few professional politicians on the opposition benches.

ENTIRE PROPERTY OF EASTERN S.S. CORPORATION TO BE SOLD TODAY

(Continued from page 1) The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway, which formerly controlled the Boston and Maine, Maine Central, Washington Co. and other rail lines and Long Island Sound steamship lines, became heavily interested in the Eastern Corporation, but when the New Haven got into deep water receivers were appointed for the Eastern Corporation, one of whom is President Calvin Austin. A second reorganization is now in progress and it is expected a new company with new financing will be formed. The Boston and Maine road is in the hands of receivers.

The sale of the Eastern Corporation was authorized by the United States district courts of southern New York, Maine and Massachusetts.

St. John Leases To Be Sold. The sale will include a lease dated Aug. 3, 1908, from the city of St. John for ten years for the use of Reed's Point wharf, and also a lease dated the same day for the same time from the city of St. John regarding certain revenues from steamboat wharf at Reed's Point.

The notice of sale regarding the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Co. reads: "The special masters, unless the shares of stock of the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Company, Ltd., now pledged as collateral security for certain overdue note indebtedness of the Eastern Steamship Corporation aggregating \$490,000, shall previously have been sold in enforcement of said

pledge, will first offer said shares of stock for sale separately and as an entirety, but subject to said pledge, and will note the highest bid therefor.

The special masters will next offer for sale, separately and as an entirety, all the property and interests in property of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, and its receivers, directed to be sold by said decrees except said shares of stock of said Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Company, Ltd., and will note the highest bid therefor.

"The special masters will then offer for sale, separately and as an entirety, all the property and interests in property of the Eastern Steamship Corporation, and its receivers, directed to be sold by said decrees, including said shares of stock of said Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Co., Ltd., pledged as aforesaid, but subject to said pledge, and will note the highest bid therefor."

The sale will include the following steamships: H. M. Whitney, Herman Winter, H. P. Dimock, James S. Whitney, James Anderson, screw steamer; N. Hayden, screw steamer; William S. McGowan, screw steamer; J. W. Walker, lighter; G. H. Price, lighter; Western, boat; Eastern, boat; Massachusetts, Old Colony, Bunker Hill, North Star, North Land, Gov. Cobb, Gov. Dingley, Calvin Austin, Belfast, Camden, Hanson B. Fuller, J. T. Morse, City of Rockland, City of Bangor, City of Augusta, Southport, Westport, Booth Bay, Monhegan, Wivurna, Catherine, Mineola, Nahanada.

The sale will also include wharf and warehouse property, leases and rights in New York, Boston, Portland, Bangor, Augusta, Gardiner, South Gardiner, Hallowell, Eastport, Lubec, Calais, Robbinston, Deer Isle, Eggemoggin, Dresden, Rockland, Bath, Bar Harbor, Southwest Harbor, North Haven Blue Hill, Popham Beach, Pigeon Islands, Bristol, Westport, Round Ponds, Searsport, Bucksport, Seal Harbor, Sargentville, South Blue Hill, Bucks Harbor, Sedgewick and other Maine points.

The plaintiffs in the proceedings against the corporation are the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston and the Boring-White Coal Co. of Philadelphia.

The special masters in the case are John F. A. Merrill and Carroll W. Morrill.

MONTREAL MARKETS STRONG YESTERDAY

Montreal, Jan. 2.—The Montreal and New York markets opened very strong this morning. This strength was helped by the joint Allies' statement in reply to Germany's peace proposals. It does not look as if we would have peace very soon. It remains to be seen what answer Germany will give. If the internal condition of that country is as bad as we are led to believe, we should hear something from them before long.

The Canadian Car stocks were very strong, the common selling to 43 and the preferred to 85. There is no particular news to account for this, but the buying was good. Their Russian contract must be nearing completion, and if the results turn out as figured in the last estimate, it should put the company in a good position. The two war loans, which have been heavy for some time, were better, both advancing half a point to 98 1/2. Cement was strong due to their dividend announcement on Saturday last when the declaration of 1 1/2 per cent for the last quarter of 1916, put the stock on a 6 per cent basis. Dominion Iron and Steel of Canada both made good advances, and Scotia sold up to 122 1/2.

McDUGALL & COWANS, At The Armory. There is every possibility that the 165th French-Canadian Battalion will remain in St. John until up to full strength. It was recently rumored that the battalion would be used to reinforce other battalions at the front.

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and that it would leave soon for the other side under strength. Now there is every hope that the battalion which is gradually attaining its complement will not sail until Lieut.-Col. D'Aglio has a full unit.

During Christmas week several men signed on for the 165th Battalion and there are several men who are expected to arrive this week from the North Shore.

Among the officers who left yesterday for Halifax, where they are to take a special military course are: Captain J. A. Willette, Lieut. A. A. Levere, Lieut. A. Violette. Eight non-commissioned officers also left to take a special course in the garrison city.

"On The Island." The regular routine work was the order of the day on Partridge Island yesterday. Nearly all the boys who were granted leave of absence for the holiday have returned and are again taking up the life of a soldier. Two recruits were secured for the unit and reported for duty. Last night Lieut. W. W. Alward, accompanied by five members of the unit left for Halifax for a special course in heavy artillery. They will be away for about a month.

Quebec Bank Taken Over by Royal Bank Yesterday. The Quebec Bank was yesterday taken over by the Royal Bank of Canada, the absorption having been sanctioned by the shareholders of the former bank, and the approval of the merger having been given by the treasury board at Ottawa. The Quebec Bank had a branch on Prince William street, this city.

OBITUARY. D. J. Crawford. A former well known farmer of Sussex, David James Crawford, passed away Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Roche, of Ruedel, Saskatchewan. Deceased, who was eighty-two years of age, leaves four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. Roche, Mrs. W. MacCormack of West St. John, Mrs. Freeman Gulliver, of Sussex, and Mrs. Belsamy of Drayton, North Dakota. James Crawford of Winnipeg is a son, and William Crawford of Moncton is a brother. The funeral will take place from the home of Mrs. Roche.

Miss Minnie Casey. Special to The Standard. Rexton, Jan. 2.—Miss Minnie Casey, daughter of the late Simon and Mrs. Casey of Ste. Anne de Kent, died at her home there yesterday, after a long illness. She is survived by her mother and several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Gay of this town is a sister.

John Matthews. Early yesterday morning John Matthews passed away at 292 Wentworth street. Deceased, who was sixty-seven years of age, leaves a daughter, three brothers, and three sisters. They are Mrs. F. J. McComhey, of Winnipeg; Albert, of Passakearg and George and Leslie, of the West; Miss Alice, of Passakearg, and Mrs. Harry Borneat, and Miss Julia, of Boston.

Customs Receipts. Receipts on account of customs during December last were \$241,625.84, as compared with \$256,606.15 for December, 1915, a decrease of \$14,980.31.

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Soldiers Receive Appointments.

John Rogerson, messenger; William A. Doherty and Charles Pidgeon, preventive officers, and Peter S. McCourt, preventive officer in the gaugers' department have been superannuated from the Customs. W. H. Kettle, of the record room, and J. R. Sisson, of the Customs Postal department, have retired. Four of the vacancies have been filled by returned soldiers. Willard C. Noble has been allocated to the long room; William J. Coholan has been appointed preventive officer in St. John West, and Walter E. Mason and Fred Nice have been appointed messengers.

St. John Soldier Ill. A letter was received yesterday from Pte. John James Flood, by his wife, who resides at 189 Britain St., informing her that he is confined in a London hospital suffering from shell shock, but expects to be about within a short time. Mrs. Flood also received a card from a doctor in the hospital, who said that Pte. Flood was suffering from epilepsy. Pte. Flood left St. John as a member of "A" Company, 115th Battalion, and on arrival in England was drafted to the 24th Battalion and was in the front trenches when taken ill. Before commencing his military career he was engaged as a checker for the C.P.R. in West St. John.

Ionian Engineer's Accident. Yesterday morning Cyril Lemmon fifth engineer of the Ionian, was badly hurt by falling down the hold of the steamer. He was taken to the General Hospital. It was stated by the hospital authorities last night that the injuries were at the lower part of the back, with contusions, and that although no immediate danger is anticipated it is probable that Mr. Lemmon will have to be detained in the hospital for some days before he is able to get about.

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