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LAW SOCIETY CONFERS DEGREE ON PRINCE OF WALES

ANTI-BOLSHEVIK FORCES CONTINUE SUCCESS AGAINST THE REDS

SOUTH RENFREW MEMBER MAY WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF LIBERAL LEADER

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE INVITED TO OPEN WESTERN FAIR WHEN HE ARRIVES HERE ON SEPTEMBER 8

Acceptance Expected Today—Civic Reception Will Be Arranged by No. 1 Committee of City Council On Thursday.

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie will open Western Fair on Monday, September 8, unless plans miscarry, which is improbable. To this end Secretary A. M. Hunt is bending all his energies and hopes to have the official acceptance of the invitation from Sir Arthur some time today. The secretary started the ball rolling by cabling to the general a few days before his departure from England, but failed to get a reply and since the soldier's arrival in Canada the mails have been tried with equally disappointing results. Today a wire was dispatched to him in care of military headquarters, Ottawa, and it is expected this will be forwarded to him at Sherbrooke.

Coming Almost Certain.

There are excellent grounds for presupposing that Sir Arthur's reply will be favorable, as on that day he is due to address the Canadian Club here. Some time ago negotiations for this visit were begun, and the date was left to the general to fix. He named Monday, September 8, and doubtless will be here on schedule, as he is expected at his home in Strathroy on Sunday, August 30.

These organizations are preparing to honor Sir Arthur, commander-in-chief of Canada's forces in the field, but has the city, the county seat of the general's home county, planned any reception for him? This question was propounded to Mayor C. R. Somerville today. "We are waiting to see if Sir Arthur accepts the invitation of the Western Fair board. If he does so, a civic reception will be arranged and the question will come before No. 1 committee on Thursday. It was intended to discuss it at Tuesday's meeting, but there were not enough present."

Form Not Certain.

Will residents be asked to decorate their homes for the occasion? This was the next question asked.

"I don't know just what form the welcome will take, but I think we ought to decorate," replied the mayor.

Citizens spoken to were unanimous in their opinion that a most hearty welcome should be accorded the Canadian general in this, his home county, and expressed the hope that nothing would be left undone to mark the occasion fittingly.

CANADIAN V. C. IN CAPTURED FOKKER COMPLETES TRIP

Col. W. G. Barker Arrives At Leaside Camp This Morning.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—Col. W. G. Barker, V.C., the famous Canadian airman, flying a captured German Fokker machine, completed the round trip from Toronto to New York and return in the international air Derby at 9:35 a.m. He was the first of the competing aviators to arrive at Leaside today, and the crowd at the aiield gave him a great reception. Col. Barker declared that his left arm, which was frozen during the easterly flight, was uncomfortable, but had not caused him much inconvenience in marking the trip from Buffalo this morning.

Major A. H. Gilkinson, flying in a J. N.-4, arrived here at 10:39 a.m., the trip from Buffalo taking 68 minutes.

Lieut. H. H. George, in a D. H.-4, landed at 10:43¼, and he was followed by R. R. Depew at 11:01.

Capt. Depew left for Buffalo at 11:32½.

Lieut. Ben Adams, flying a D. H.-4, arrived at 11:34 and commenced the return flight 31 minutes later.

No. 11, H. H. George, who was disqualified after a forced landing at Syracuse, re-entered as No. 71.

No. 51, R. R. Holfs, who was flying a Curtiss Oriole, arrived at 11:45, finishing the round trip.

No. 25, Lieut. R. C. Kirkpatrick, D. H.-4, arrived at 11:54½, and left at 12:17.

No. 52, Acosta, in a Curtiss Oriole, arrived at 11:53, finishing the round.

No. 55, Sergt. C. B. Coombs, D. H.-9A, finished here at 12:10 p.m. He completed the round trip in 8 hours 31 minutes actual flying time. Coombs says he had some difficulty with his engine, and made three landings with a broken tail skid.

AVIATORS LEAVE ROOSEVELT FIELD

Mineola, Aug. 27.— Lieut. Wallace Young left Roosevelt Field at 8:35 this morning on the last leg of the race between Toronto and New York. He arrived here last night.

Lieut. O. S. Palmer, in a Curtiss machine, left on the second leg of his journey at 9:39 o'clock.

GOMPERS ADVISES ACTORS TO CONTINUE FIGHT TO FINISH

Head of American Labor Federation Promises Strong Support.

New York, Aug. 27.—Samuel Gompers last night pledged "every service and aid" of the A. F. of L. to the Actors' Equity Association "until there comes an honorable and justifiable end" to the actors' strike. He appeared unexpectedly at a meeting of 2,000 members of the association and delivered his promise of unstinted assistance in person from the speaker's platform, urging a "fight to the finish." He was given an enthusiastic ovation.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Grand—Emmy Wehlen, in "The Belle of the Season," and vaudeville.

Patricia—Theda Bara, in "A Siren's Song," and vaudeville.

Majestic—William S. Hart, in "Wagon Tracks," and vaudeville.

VET. GEETS OLD COMRADES OF '61, THEN FALLS DEAD

Adrian, Mich., Aug. 26.—Dr. A. M. Allen, a veteran of the Civil War, whose residence is at 750 West Maumee street, died suddenly at the city hall at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon while addressing members of the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, who were holding their fifty-second annual reunion Tuesday.

Dr. Allen was welcoming the veterans in behalf of Woodbury Post. He had been speaking but a few minutes, when suddenly his voice grew weaker and he dropped to the floor.

He was dead when a physician arrived.

Girl Lures Man To His Doom; Smokes As Her Victim Dies

The Russian Murder League Wages Warfare Against Its Enemies.

Stockholm, Aug. 26.—How Dagmar Gysser, a beautiful 16-year-old girl, lured M. Ardasjeff, a Russian patriot, to his doom and then stood by calmly watching him in the anguish of his death throes while she smoked cigarettes, was brought out at the opening of the trial of the ringleaders of the "Russian Murder League," which opened in this city today. The members of the league are accused of murdering two other men, one a well-known journalist, because of their anti-Bolshevik activities outside of Russia.

While Ardasjeff was lying helpless from a blow, Mme. Rankonen soaked a rag with chloroform to make death certain.

Most of the prisoners admitted complicity in the murders with the exception of one, Lehr Biname, who sought to interest the United States legation in his behalf. He claims to be an American.

OTTAWA GIVES MEN FROM BRITISH SHIPS A SPLENDID RECEPTION

Crews From Renown, Dauntless and Other Vessels Entertained at Capital.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Played to the station by the bugle band of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, the 550 officers and men from H.M.S. Renown, H.M.S. Dauntless and other vessels, which escorted H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Canada, left Ottawa in a happy mood at 9 o'clock last night, after a strenuous day of sightseeing and entertainment.

The party marched to the station through streets well lined with people, who cheered lustily as the tars marched past. They entrained at 9 o'clock, and will visit Niagara Falls and other points before returning to their ships.

RECOMMENDS USE OF MOTOR TRUCKS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

Scheme Advocated Would Take 95,000 Vehicles Off London's Jammed Streets.

London, Aug. 27.—A. W. Gattie, in a conference today with reference to his scheme for the reform of freight traffic in London, said that his proposal to use 5,000 motor trucks for the transport of commodities through London in connection with a centralized freight station, would take 95,000 vehicles off the traffic-jammed streets. Criticizing the present methods of handling cargoes on the London docks, he said it reminded him of "bailing a cistern with a teaspoon."

He advocated the employment of deep water wharves, abandoning docks.

PRINCE AT QUEBEC

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The historic King's wharf was handsomely decorated for the reception of his royal highness.

DENEKINE CONTROLS RUSSIAN AREA OF THOUSANDS OF MILES

Anti-Bolshevik Leader Driving Reds From Strongholds.

OPPOSITION WEAKENS

Territory Dominated by the Forces Opposing Bolshevik Larger Than Germany.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Gen. Denekine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in Southern Russia, now dominates a territory larger than Germany, and his forces are daily progressing into Central Russia, with comparatively slight opposition.

His actual front two days ago, according to accurate military information received here, extended from a few miles east of Odessa northward to Elizabetgrade, then northeast to a few miles south of Kursk, thence east to Novookopersk, continuing to a point on the Volga, a few miles south of Saratov.

(Since this dispatch was filed the capture of Odessa by anti-Bolshevik forces has been announced.)

Gen. Denekine also occupies all the Caucasus region from the Caspian to the Black Sea and south to the Georgian border. His forces are not occupying Astrakan, at the mouth of the Volga, but he controls traffic on that river by occupying Tzaritzin, and a stretch along the river running northward for a distance of 200 miles.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM CAPTURE OF PSKOV

London, Aug. 27.—Pskov, southwest of Petrograd, has been captured by Bolshevik forces, according to an official statement issued at Moscow.

The Bolshevik also claim successes on the Volga, in Gen. Denekine's territory. They report the capture of Kamishin, on the Volga, 120 miles southwest of Saratov, by their forces, which they declare are advancing toward Tsarskin, 100 miles further south on the Volga.

WHEAT BOARD WILL MEET IN TORONTO

Meeting in Winnipeg Is Adjourned After Some Days' Discussion.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—After holding sessions in Winnipeg, practically every day for the past two weeks, the Canadian wheat board has adjourned and will meet again in Toronto on Monday, September 8, where further sessions will be held for the purpose of receiving suggestions from the farmers and millers of the east in regard to handling the Ontario wheat crop of 1919. Many changes were made in the details of handling the Ontario wheat crop of 1919. Many changes were made in the details of handling the crop to suit the western farmers and the trade generally, and the meeting to be held in Toronto, at the board of trade rooms, Royal Bank building, will give the eastern men the same opportunity to offer suggestions which may be taken advantage of with benefit to those interested.

James Stewart, chairman of the board, left for New York and Ottawa yesterday for the purpose of making arrangements for the shipping of the Canadian surplus wheat overseas.

MINISTERS IN GOUIN CABINET TAKE OVER DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Quebec, Aug. 27.—The three new members of the Gouin cabinet appointed Monday were immediately sworn in to office yesterday afternoon, and directly took charge of their own departments.

Hon. Mr. Perrault, M. L. A. for Arthabasca, has charge of mines and colonization. Mr. A. David is the new provincial secretary, and Mr. Gallipeault, former speaker of the House, directs the public works and the department of labor. The date of the by-elections necessitated by these appointments has been set for September 13, candidates being nominated September 6.

The new ministers will run in their present ridings, and Opposition papers concede elections by acclamation for all.

GERMANY SELECTS AMBASSADORS FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND U. S.

Dr. W. S. Solf, Secretary For the Colonies, To Go To British Capital, While Dr. Hanciel von Haimhausen Will Represent His Country At Washington.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Dr. Hanciel von Haimhausen, counsellor of the German embassy at Washington, has been selected for appointment as German ambassador to the United States, according to authoritative information today.

Dr. W. S. Solf, the secretary for the colonies, is the selection for the ambassadorship to Great Britain, and Herr Radowitz, former under-secretary of state, for the ambassadorship to China.

Fritz August Thiel, former German consular representative in Japan, has been picked for the post of ambassador to Tokio. The appointments of the men selected for ambassadorships, it is said, depend upon the attitude of the powers on question as they send charge d'affaires to Berlin. Germany will take like action as to representation in the capitals of such powers.

There is no mention at present of the selection of a German ambassador to France.

UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT GERMAN NAMED FOR POSITION

Washington, Aug. 27.—No inquiry has been made the United States as to whether Hanciel von Haimhausen, former counsellor of the imperial German embassy here, will be acceptable as ambassador, but there is every indication that this Government will not receive Haimhausen or any one else formerly connected with the embassy under the regime of Count von Bernstorff.

PREDICTS RETURN OF "FLU" EPIDEMIC

New York Doctor Declares Those Who Had It Not Likely To Suffer Again.

New York, Aug. 27.—The influenza epidemic will return in October, as soon as people begin to live indoors again, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, head of the New York health department, predicted today. He said the death toll would be serious, but not so bad as last year.

Declaring science knew no preventive for the disease, Dr. Copeland added:

"There is nothing to do but wait until it comes, then fight it until it passes. The best means of prevention is common sense—avoid infected persons and don't become panicky."

Physicians here believe that persons who suffered from influenza and survived last year will be less susceptible, if not immune, this year.

GIANT AIRPLANE GOLIATH LANDED SAFE IN DESERT

Mauretania Chieftain Was First To Discover Machine.

Paris, Aug. 27.—The French airplane Goliath, which, after having been missing for more than a week, was reported to have made a safe landing northeast of Dakar, was found by a Mauretania chieftain near one of the small villages. The chieftain's caravan was headed toward the sea, when he observed what he thought was a huge bird landing in the sandy desert. The members of the caravan scattered through the bush and refused to come out for several hours. The old chieftain finally advanced in response to the crew's signals and the waving of white handkerchiefs.

WINS PROMOTION

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COMMISSIONER H. W. MAPP, who has been on a special mission to Canada, has been appointed international traveling secretary of the Salvation Army by General Booth.

Coroner's Verdict Exonerates Owners Of the Mystic R I

Evidence Fails To Throw Any Light On Origin of Fire.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—A verdict, absolving the Dominion Park Amusement Company of all criminal responsibility in connection with the disastrous Mystic Rill tragedy, in which eight persons are known to have lost their lives, was rendered yesterday by a coroner's jury under Coroner McMahon. Yesterday's session, the third and last session, lasted only a half hour, and was not productive of further evidence that would tend to reveal the origin of the fire.

GOVERNMENT WILLING TO PAY RENTAL OF $3,000,000 FOR G. T. R.

Premeir Borden and Sir Alfred Smithers Confer On Important Question.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—A conference occurred this morning between Sir Alfred Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors, and Sir Robert Borden, with regard to the ultimate fate of the Grand Trunk system.

While the result of the negotiations has not been divulged, it is understood that the Government has definitely decided that it will not deviate to any considerable extent from the offer made to the chairman in London on previous negotiations. No immediate conclusion, however, is expected to be reached.

The Government's offer is estimated at an annual rental of $3,000,000.

MARTIAL LAW IS PROCLAIMED IN ALL OF HUNGARY

Order That Prevailed in Budapest Extended to Whole Country.

Paris, Aug. 27.—Martial law, which was proclaimed in Budapest a few days ago, has been extended to the whole of Hungary, according to a Havas dispatch from Budapest.

EXTRADITION OF BELA KUN IS DEMANDED BY THE HUNGARIAN GOVT.

London, Aug. 27.—The extradition of Bela Kun and his associates in the former Hungarian Communist Government, has been demanded by Hungary from the new Austrian foreign office, according to a dispatch from Vienna.

PRINCE PRESENTS 200 MEDALS TO VETERANS DURING VISIT TO "EX"

Law Society of Upper Canada Makes H. R. H. a Bencher and Barrister.

POPULARITY INCREASES

Greatest Pyrotechnical Display Ever Held in Canada Planned For Tonight.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—Today will, according to arrangements, end in a veritable blaze of triumphant glory for the increasingly popular Edward, Prince of Wales, who will tonight attend a magnificent pyrotechnic and electrical display in his honor at the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition.

In keeping with the spirit of the age, and the prince's own democratic tendencies, his royal highness will end his three days' stay in this city in the company of the general public. He will rub shoulders, so to speak, and join in the applause with the citizens of the community. During his visit to Toronto, the prince has attended some exclusive functions, where his fellow guests were admittedly members of social sets, but his farewell activities will be among the great and general citizenship of democracy-loving Toronto.

Is Made a Bencher.

This morning was spent quietly enough by the prince. After two busy days and nights he rested at Government House till noon. Then there was a continuation of his initiations into the realms of scholarship and learning. The Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario), made him a "bencher and a barrister," which induced one of those present to jocularly remark that, if the popular prince should ever tire of his present or future high position, and elect to step down, he would always be entitled to earn a living as a pleader at the bar of Ontario.

The address of John Hoskin, K.C., treasurer of the society:

"In addressing your royal highness as Edward, Prince of Wales, we are reminded not only of Edward, the first Prince of Wales, but as well of that other prince—the second Prince of Wales—the great Plantagenet known to history as the Black Prince, of whose father, King Edward III., your royal highness is a lineal descendant. We recall that Edward the Black Prince, first Duke of Cornwall, the first dukedom created in England, and that this ancient title is today borne by your royal highness in right of inheritance under the terms of the original charter by which it was first vested in Edward the Black Prince nearly 600 years ago. The name of Edward the Black Prince has endured through the centuries as that of one of the most heroic of Britain's princes of renown. It is our hope that British subjects the wide world over may cherish in deep affection and loyal allegiance the name of Edward, Prince of Wales, who, like his great predecessor has returned, a soldier and a veteran, from victorious war, and has, for Great Britain and the world, gallantly done his duty."

Inspects Veterans.

In the afternoon the prince was the dominant figure at the Canadian National Exhibition and appeared for the first time in Toronto mounted on horseback. He inspected the great war veterans who assembled in great strength for the event. There are 60,000 veterans in Toronto. Two hundred medals were presented for various deeds in France and Belgium. In addition there were inspections of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and other organizations, with presentations of addresses from each.

Following this there were special parades of live stock and other exhibition features for the prince to see. An effort was also made to give the prince a glimpse of some of the more striking exhibits in the buildings.

Big Fireworks Exhibition.

After a private dinner, which has been arranged this evening in honor of the prince, he will be conducted to the exhibition grandstand where the most spectacular event of his visit has been arranged for. It is expected that all previous efforts in Canada in the way of fireworks and electrical displays will be eclipsed by the exhibition to be given for the popular heir to the throne and the tens of thousands of his fellow subjects of King George, who will be present to witness the demonstration.

The royal train with the prince and his party on board will leave the temporary C. P. R. station in Rosedale tonight at 11:30 for Ottawa.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 72; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 49.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Toronto, Aug. 27—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds; mostly fair and cool tonight and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	66	52	Clear
Calgary	70	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg	72	36	Clear
Port Arthur	68	50	Fair
Parry Sound	64	48	Cloudy
Port Stanley	72	48	Clear
Toronto	64	52	Cloudy
Kingston	72	56	Cloudy
Ottawa	66	52	Fair
Montreal	66	56	Fair
Quebec	62	48	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

There has been very little change in the distribution of pressure since yesterday. The barometer continues high over the Northwest States and Manitoba, and low over Eastern Canada.

The weather has been cool in nearly all parts of the Dominion, and local showers have occurred in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

WORK ON 40 BRITISH WARSHIPS DISCONTINUED; SHIPYARDS WILL BUILD COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Warship Construction in All Private Shipbuilding Plants in England Ceases Under Government Order — Building Interests To Be Liberally Compensated in Cases Where Contracts Are Broken.

London, Aug. 27.—All private shipbuilding yards throughout the country, numbering about twenty, are affected by the Government order that all work be stopped on warships except those about to be launched. The admiralty yards at Chatham, Devonport and Portsmouth will not stop, however, as they are entirely occupied with the refitting of 2,700 steamers which are about to be returned to the owners, from whom they were requisitioned for war service. Among the warships being built at private yards are cruisers, destroyers and submarines, and the work on some of these may be continued, according to the Mail, if it is found cheaper to complete them than to break them up.

Must Compensate Builders.

Shipbuilding must be liberally compensated in cases where contracts are broken, but, although several million pounds sterling may be involved, it may prove more economical than carrying out the building program.

The Mail quotes an officer of the admiralty as saying that one sound reason for stopping work on warships is that the step will clear the yards for commercial building. There is an excellent demand for new tonnage, and this work will probably absorb the men liberated by the stoppage of work on naval vessels. According to the Glasgow Daily Record work on forty warships, valued at 25,000,000 pounds sterling, has been stopped.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE WILL VISIT MOTHER AT STRATHROY HOME

Canadian Commander Spending Part of Today in Montreal.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Gen. Sir Arthur Currie and Lady Currie will spend part of today in Montreal, en route to Ottawa from Sherbrooke, where they attended the local exhibition yesterday. They will arrive on the Halifax train, due here this morning, and will spend the rest of the day here until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when they will leave for Ottawa. The band and guard of honor from the 4th Canadian Garrison Regiment will parade at Windsor station to give Gen. Currie and Lady Currie a send-off.

Gen. Currie leaves Ottawa for Toronto tomorrow night, and after spending two or three days in Toronto, he will pay a visit to his mother at Strathroy, Ont. Later he intends to go to British Columbia for a visit.

SHERBROOKE EXTENDS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO SIR ARTHUR CURRIE

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 27.—Despite a slight drizzle of rain through the greater part of the afternoon, Sherbrooke turned out en masse yesterday to welcome the first visit since his return to Canada of General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., commander-in-chief of the Canadian forces overseas.

Mr. Edwin Farwell, president of the board, presented him with an address.

In reply General Currie thanked the officers for their reception and touched briefly upon problems in Canada, which he found on his return. In part, he said:

"It gave me great pleasure to make this trip down through the farming communities that surround this city, and I am indeed glad to hear that this association has succeeded in increasing the agricultural product of this district. It seems to me a very good thing to encourage production, and no less good thing to encourage the population to live on the farm, and to discourage the tendency to congregate in the cities, for thus, I am sure, we are building a healthier and happier nation."

"I know now that there is infamous work going on, and that there are those who are trying to wean the returned soldier away from his high ideals by pernicious efforts. I appeal to the returned soldiers to 'shoot up' these efforts, just as they shot up an opposing German nest in the field. I appeal to the press to lead the fight against these pernicious efforts, and I appeal to the pulpit and the clergy to help lead the way. The chaplains in the field have done their duty by practising Christianity, while heretofore they have only preached it, and it is now up to them to help in the fight against a new foe.

$10,000,000 Worth Of Silk On Way East

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 26.—Ten million dollars' worth of silk carried in four special trains left Vancouver for the east this afternoon. The shipment was brought from the Orient on the Empress of Asia.

5,000,000 GERMANS SEEKING PERMISSION TO LEAVE COUNTRY

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Five million Germans have filed with the central bureau of immigration and its sixty-four sub-stations, applications for permission to leave the country. The majority of the intending emigrants are turning their eyes towards South America. A large number also have expressed their desire to settle in Palestine.

LIBERAL MEMBER MAY WITHDRAW ON BEHALF OF THE NEW LEADER

Movement On Foot To Provide Seat for W. L. Mackenzie King in South Renfrew.

FARMERS' CANDIDATES

Liberal Leader Made It Plain That They Will Not Be Opposed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Having delayed since early in July in issuing the writ for by-elections in the vacant seats of the Dominion, the Government yesterday decided to take the plunge, and having taken it, finds the water decidedly cold. The weak and inadequate excuse that, under the temporary act, passed last session, that it was not possible to elect a candidate within less than two months, and that no man could be elected to the House before October, carries its refusal on its face. It was the Government which framed the act in question, and in any case had the writs been issued immediately after the session certain new members at least would have been in the House for the session. The real excuse was fear of the electorate and lack of confidence in the public. Now, having taken the plunge, the Government is shivering. In the contests which are pending the onus is entirely on the Government. It must elect its ministers, at least three of them, and there is not a safe seat in the Dominion for that purpose, with the possible exception of Victoria, where Dr. Tolmie, who is a Liberal-Unionist, may secure an acclamation.

Farmers' Candidates.

Farmer candidates will run in Glengarry, in North Ontario and in Assiniboia, and the Opposition will place no candidate in the field against either Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King has already made it plain that as the Liberal platform is very similar to that of the United Farmers, Liberals will support the bona fide candidate of that organization. As a matter of fact, while the Government must look upon every candidate who is not with it as against it, Liberals are entitled to consider nearly all opponents to the Government as entitled to Opposition support. Mr. King may run either in Prince, P. E. I., or South Renfrew. The first is already vacant, and a movement appears to be on foot to induce I. E. Pedlow, the sitting Liberal member in the latter, to withdraw on Mr. King's behalf. A number of prominent South Renfrew Liberals gathered in Ottawa yesterday and canvassed the situation. J. J. Grace of Arnprior thus expressed himself after the conference: "South Renfrew, like Carleton County, has accepted many outsiders, and we feel that if Mr. King is big enough to be leader, and I think he is, there should be no delay at a crisis like this about finding him a seat."

Election Would Be Easy.

South Renfrew accepted and elected James Oreilly, K.C., of Kingston, as a supporter of Sir John Macdonald in 1872. Duncan McIntyre of Montreal contested it as a supporter of Edward Blake in 1888, and George Graham of Brockville sat for the county after the 1911 general election. Providing that Mr. Pedlow, M.P., would consent to retire until the next election, there is little doubt that the new Liberal chief could be easily elected." The coming series of contests which will take place in each of the nine provinces will constitute a highly interesting test of public opinion on the issue of the day and on the record of the Government.

COAL SHORTAGE MAY TIE UP TRAIN SERVICE THROUGHOUT GERMANY

Basle, Aug. 26.—According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, all express train service, and probably all passenger train service, will be suspended at an early date throughout Germany, owing to lack of coal.