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In Reply to Admiral Baron Beresford, Earl of Lyton Stated That All Preparations Had Been Made to Combat U-Boats, But That it Would be Inadvisable to Tell of Plans, Lest Germany Should Hear of Them.—Earl Curzon of Kedleston Informs Former Admiral Beresford That Situation Less Aggravating Than Might be Supposed.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Lords today Admiral Baron Beresford, drawing attention to the submarine menace, and asking what measures had been taken to meet it, said: "We have lost since the beginning of the war 4,000,000 tons of shipping. That is a fact which the public should know, but it is not nearly as serious as it appears. We have made up the loss very considerably. Three million tons which have been lost have been more or less adequately filled. "There is not the slightest necessity for panic. We have done remarkably well, and shall do a great deal better in future, but we have had time to face it, and it is to that time that I desire to call attention.

**Well in Hand.** "The country," Baron Beresford continued, "has been informed in August, 1915, that the submarine menace was well in hand. As far as he could gather it was nearer to being well in hand today, owing to the new ideas brought to the admiralty by men fresh from the sea who had had experience in this novel form of warfare, and its mysteries. "In conclusion, Baron Beresford, while acknowledging the submarine menace was serious, said it would not be a fatal menace, and he was confident that in six weeks or so the nation would have the submarine really in hand. "The Earl of Lyton, replying for the admiralty, said the government would be glad if it were possible to take the public entirely into its confidence, but that would involve imparting information to the enemy, and the admiralty was determined the Germans should have that information by experience, and not through questions in parliament. All the expedients suggested by Baron Beresford were being pressed forward with the utmost energy, together with many others, he continued, even in addition to those mentioned by Earl Curzon on February 7. Every device that human ingenuity could frame was being employed.

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**ROUSING MEETING IN CARLETON COUNTY.** (Continued from page 1) counts, juggled surpluses, "W. P. \$5,000," etc. and they do not propose to give them the opportunity. Last night a rousing meeting was held at Debec at which the speakers were Councillor E. G. Morgan of Hartland and Hon. B. Frank Smith. The hall was filled with an interested crowd of electors when the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Councillor Ezra Fleming, and they paid the closest attention to the speakers as they dealt with the issues of the campaign in clear and convincing style. The parish is well organized and the party of good government will receive a larger majority than in the last election, when the ballots are counted. Tonight the large hall here was filled to the doors and the minister was given a reception such as any man might be proud of, and he was assured that the candidates would receive the largest majority in his home parish of Peel that had ever been recorded for any party. The meeting was presided over by Councillor Frank L. Tompkins and the speakers were Fred C. Squires, Councillor Gilmour and the minister, Hon. B. Frank Smith. They were all given a splendid hearing and the minister was given an ovation to warm the heart of any man. As he dealt with the records of the two governments and pointed out the increase in the revenues of the province under the business-like administration of the present government and the vast improvement in all the public services due to the fact that the money collected had been spent in improving them instead of being wasted, he was interrupted time and time again with applause, and his reference to the new road policy was received with cheers. One feature of the meeting was the presence of a number of former supporters of the opposition who are now enthusiastic upholders of the do-thing policy of the Murray government as opposed to the do-nothing policy of the Foster-Carter-Veniot band of politicians. The campaign in Victoria county is also meeting with good success and the prospects are that Messrs. Kupkes and White will have a walk-over.

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**MEXICANS CROSS THE U. S. BORDER.** El Paso, Texas, Feb. 12.—Armed Mexicans crossed the border eighty miles southwest of Hachita, N. M., today and took prisoners three Mormons, a number of Mexican ranch hands and live stock, according to a telegram today from Hachita. **RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE MILITIA FORCES FOR HOME DEFENCE ORDERED.** Ottawa, Feb. 13.—"Re-organization of the militia forces of Canada, the units of which have been greatly depleted through enlistments for overseas service, is under consideration," says an official statement from the militia department this evening. "More definite information regarding this subject will be forthcoming as soon as the plans on which to proceed in connection with the re-organization have been matured." The militia authorities would not say more than this at present.

### LOCAL BOWLING

In the City League on Black's alleys last night the Tigers and Beavers captured two points each. The scores follow:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
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Belyas	105	92	88	285	95						
White	89	107	83	279	95						
Howard	93	79	90	262	87	1-3					
Balley	95	101	95	291	97						
Lunney	98	90	112	300	100						
				480	469	465	1417				
Beavers											
Cooper	101	89	101	291	97						
Maxwell	92	124	95	311	103	2-3					
Scott	104	86	84	274	91	1-3					
Baillie	94	94	77	265	88	1-3					
Carleton	97	83	92	272	90	1-3					
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## TILLEY, GRANNAN, POTTS AND CAMPBELL CHOICE OF MAGNIFICENT CONVENTION OF SAINT JOHN SUPPORTERS OF GOOD GOVERNMENT PARTY

Strong Addresses by the Candidates on Provincial Issues—Hon. Mr. Baxter Refers to the House to House Canvass of Opposition Bosses in their Hunt for Men Willing to Make the Sacrifice—The Clean, Honest and Business-like Administration of Public Affairs Under this Government—Government Ticket in City Contains Four Strong Men Pledged to Support Advanced Policies of the Murray Administration.



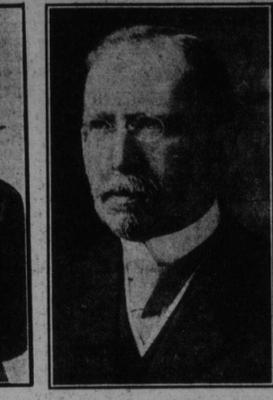
MAJOR L. P. D. TILLEY.



PHILIP GRANNAN.



FRANK L. POTTS.



DR. J. ROY CAMPBELL.

(Continued from page 1) most see that gentleman smiling over his prospects of securing a position on one of these commissions. But his hopes would be blasted as there was not the slightest doubt that this government would be successful. Under this government no commissions would be carried out themselves the duties which they had been elected to perform. Mr. Grannan said that he was not prepared to make a lengthy speech, but he wanted to tell the electors before closing that he would take off his coat and with their assistance would work for the return of the government ticket. He had no doubt of the result if all would do their full share, and it would be his endeavor as in the past to do the very best he could in the interests of the people.

**Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.** Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was fettered on an ovation when he responded to the chairman's request to address the meeting. The Attorney-General said that when he came into the room tonight, while he had not been in any way lacking in the spirit of enthusiasm it made his feelings bold upwards to see so many of the old familiar faces of men who had fought the battles of the government party for years past and to see mingled with them such a large number of new men who were prepared to unite with them in bringing about the triumphant return of the party's candidates.

As to the result of the nominations, whoever might be chosen, he was satisfied that they would be the selection of a large and representative body of the electors of the city. The nominees would not be selected by any one man, but would represent the wishes of the electors assembled. They would not be the selection of any senator or of any other political agitator. In the adjoining county of Charlotte a ticket was being selected for the opposition party. The selection was not made by the people of Charlotte county, who were content to go to the polls and vote for the four men who comprised the government ticket there. Senator Gilmour had come down from Ottawa and had rushed around the county, picking out a man here and a man there who would be willing to run as the forlorn hope of the opposition party. That course which had been followed in Charlotte county had also been carried out in other counties throughout the province—the candidates being selected at the dictation of the political bosses. The men who had been nominated for places on the government ticket tonight gave the answer to the opposition's statement that the party lacked material. In fact it was shown that there was plenty of material to choose a ticket; yes, two tickets if it had been necessary to select them. How about the other side? Day after day the party had been on the hunt for candidates. The peerless leader had rushed up to Ottawa to pay his

respects to the gentlemen who contrast the destinies of the opposition party. He had come back to St. John and had started almost a house to house canvass in his endeavor to get a ticket together. Business men had been mentioned as likely candidates. People heard their names talked of, only to hear later of their refusal to run. This could not be wondered at because business men, whether supporters or opponents of this party, realized that the administration under this government had been a progressive one. They realized that the government was acting according to absolutely sound business principles and that the province was not going back to the old gang and dig up political graveyards to find men to place in charge of their affairs. The province wanted no political derelicts. They wanted no political derelicts. They were content to return this government, which in contrast to the opposition had made a ready house from within and did not have to call in men who had been buried politically at the hands of the voters of the province.

Mr. Baxter said that the destinies of the government party were safe, not merely for this election but for a number of contests to come, and the candidates who would be chosen tonight and who would be chosen at the polls would be the men who would represent the city for years to come. The Attorney-General was continuing his address when he noticed that the scrutineers were ready with their report of the voting of the delegates, and he said that the meetings would be interested to hear the announcement.

Chairman Walker—"You wouldn't stay in the house, that's the trouble." He was going to say that there was much hard work ahead for the government supporters, not that he had any doubt as to the result, but in order that the majorities might be made as substantial as possible. The people of New Brunswick must crush the dragon which was trying to raise its head again. He could not understand just what objection the opposition had to clean, honest government which had been given the province since 1908. This government had introduced beneficial legislation along every line. He thought that the Government could appeal to the people with confidence, that their splendid record would be endorsed. Dr. Campbell said it was a pleasure to be associated on a ticket with Major Tilley and Messrs. Grannan and Potts. He was prepared to do his full share in this contest, and he was confident that with the support of the government supporters the full ticket would be endorsed. A vote of thanks, moved by R. B. Emerson, and seconded by Dr. Campbell, to the presiding officer, Dr. Walker, was enthusiastically adopted. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

**HUN U-BOAT ATTACKS THE FRENCH COAST.** Paris Feb. 13.—A submarine yesterday attacked the French coast at the mouth of the Adour river, in the extreme southwestern section, but did not damage anything. An official statement on this operation, issued tonight, reads: "An enemy submarine emerged at five o'clock yesterday afternoon at the mouth of the Adour river and fired six shots at the coast. The land batteries immediately replied. At the first shot the submarine dived

quickly. Five persons were wounded, one seriously. The material damage was insignificant." **ANDOVER.** Andover, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Guy Porter spent a few days the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall, Fort Fairfield. Mrs. Witherly, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Niles, has returned to her home in Arthurette. Rev. Hazen Rigby, Centreville, was in the village a few days the past week. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden of Petticoe, are visiting their son, Rev. J. S. McFadden and Mrs. McFadden. Guy G. Porter was in Woodstock the early part of the week. Humphrey Fleming was the weekend guest of Jack Irvin, Hillandale. Miss Graham of Grand Falls, has been visiting Miss Grace Porter for a few days. Miss Gertrude Kilburn, nurse in training at Toronto, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Benjamin Kilburn at Kilburn. Mrs. S. P. Waite entertained a few friends at tea on Thursday. Mr. Garnet Birmingham of the Bank of Montreal staff has returned from a well-earned vacation. Mr. Sanford Jamer is spending a

few days in Boston. Miss Ruth Hopkins, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss Sarah Watson, returned to her home in Fort Fairfield the early part of the week. Miss Grace Porter visited friends at Grand Falls the last part of the week. Mr. Atkinson, Fredericton, spent a few days here this week. Miss Bessie Kilburn gave a delightful thimble party on Friday afternoon and evening at the home of her mother, in honor of her sister, Miss Gertrude. The party went down on the afternoon train and arrived home in the early morning by the night train. A hot turkey dinner was served at six o'clock after which the evening was spent in music, games and story-telling. Among those who enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. Kilburn and her daughter, were Misses Grace, Gertrude and Isabel McPhail, Miss Lucy Dionne, Miss Dorothy Olmstead, Miss Isabel Thomas, Miss Mary Henderson, Miss Mary Grant, Miss Alma Rankine, Miss Beatrice Gillett, Miss Carolyn Armstrong, Miss Margaret Curry, Miss Willa Hunter, Mrs. Herbert Dionne, Miss Pearl Waite. Mr. David Ogilvy, Oxbow, was a visitor in town this week. Sheriff James Tibbitts spent several days in Grand Falls, the past week. Miss Jessie Walker returned to Boston on Thursday, after spending several months with relatives here. Miss Lovelia Jamer is visiting her sister, Mrs. David Watson. The W. A. of the Church of England met with Mrs. A. E. Kupke on Friday. A slight fire occurred in the barber shop of Bert Whitlock on Tuesday, but by the prompt action of the firemen was extinguished with quite slight damage.

**DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.** DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, GRAVEL, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, BACKACHE, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, BACKACHE, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, BACKACHE.

Hon. Mr. Baxter Resumes. Hon. Mr. Baxter was again called upon by the chairman and in opening

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