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Liberal Ministry of Canada Sworn In.

Borden Makes Indignant Protest—Prince at Capital of Indian Empire.

THE KING CABINET.
OTTAWA, Dec. 29.
Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal Leader, was sworn in as Prime Minister, this afternoon. His Cabinet slate is officially announced as follows:—

Nova Scotia.
Hon. William S. Fielding, Minister of Finance.
Hon. Daniel D. McKenzie, Minister without Portfolio and Solicitor General.

New Brunswick.
Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State.
Prince Edward Island.
Hon. John E. Sinclair, Minister without Portfolio.

Quebec.
Hon. R. Dandurand, Minister without Portfolio.
Hon. Henri S. Beland, Minister of Soldiers Re-establishment and Minister in charge of the Department of Public Health.

Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice.
Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs and Excise.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of Trades and Commerce.

Ontario.
Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister, Secretary for External Affairs, President of the Privy Council.
Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Militia and Defence and Minister of the Naval Service.
Hon. Charles Murphy, Postmaster General.

Hon. Thomas A. Low, Minister without Portfolio.
Hon. William Costigan, Minister of Railways and Canals.
Hon. James Murdoch, Minister of Labour.

Saskatchewan.
Hon. William R. Mocherwell, Minister of Agriculture.

Alberta.
Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Minister of Mines.

British Columbia.
Hon. Hewitt Bostock, Minister of Public Work.

NEW PREMIER ISSUES STATEMENT.
OTTAWA, Dec. 29.
A statement issued by Premier Mackenzie King, after the new administration was sworn in says:—In the formation of the Government I have aimed above all else at National unity. This end I felt would be served and the Federal spirit of our constitution most acceptably recognized by according representation in the Cabinet, so far as possible, to all the Provinces and that with regard to the number of constituencies in each Province; to those parts of Canada who are Liberal in thought and to those whose opinion is divided though equally opposed to the reactionary character and policies of the late Administration. I felt that national unity would be further promoted and confidence and goodwill between all parts and classes augmented were the opportunity of representation in the new administration afforded individuals enjoying the confidence of a considerable portion of the Canadian electorate, who but for such representations might as years pass, be led to experience a feeling of isolation as respects the formation and administration of our national policies. Accordingly I made it known that regardless of existing differences I was prepared to consider representation in the Cabinet of all who were prepared to advocate and support Liberal principles and policies, such representation to be

on a basis identical with that expected by every member of the new administration. Whilst it was felt by those with whom I conferred that existing conditions would not permit of representation of their following on this understanding I have reason to believe that the attitude assumed by myself in this particular was duly appreciated and met in a like spirit. The size of the Cabinet has been reduced and it is intimated that Ministers will be assisted by Under Secretaries, thus giving members of the Commons an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the business of the Departments. It is understood that Senator Bostock will become Speaker of the Senate, and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Speaker of the Commons as soon as Parliament meets.

BORDEN SPEAKS AGAINST SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.
Canada's voice was heard in the Peace Conference to-day when Sir Robert Borden, in a speech pronounced at once forceful and eloquent, uttered an indignant protest against the abuse of the submarine. He spoke in support of the Root resolutions which after stating the law of nations on the subject declared the five great nations should pledge themselves not to use the submarine at any time to prey upon commerce or bring about the slightest injury to neutrals or non-combatants. Sir Robert said he spoke with deep feeling and voiced the unanimous sentiment of Canadians.

THE PRINCE AT CALCUTTA.

LONDON, Dec. 29.
Reviewing the stay of the Prince of Wales in Calcutta, the Times correspondent says, there has been an almost total absence of disorders and that since the peacefulness of the first day of the Prince's visit gave the lie to stories of impending massacres, great crowds have seized every opportunity to see the Prince and share in the festivities. An official statement issued here says the importation of disorderly elements into Calcutta on December 23rd to terrorize shopkeepers, resulted in 650 arrests for obstruction and disorderly conduct. Arrests in Calcutta for similar reasons during the past six weeks totalled 3,500.

A SUGGESTED WAY OUT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.
Mediation by Secretary Hughes and Arthur Balfour was suggested to-day as the only feasible way of settling the Shantung question which has entered a stage of deadlock through the intimation of the Japanese representatives that Japan has gone as far as she can in the way of concessions.

Hymn-Writers' Whims.

REMORSE THAT ADDED TO A POET'S FAME.

The recent report, since contradicted, that a number of hymns were to be discarded by the Church as being unsuitable for use in these modern times is a reminder that some of the more famous of these compositions were written in strange circumstances. From a window-pane in a little Hertfordshire village to the pages of millions of hymn-books, printed in many languages, is the remarkable distinction that befell the work of one writer, Harriet Auber. Confined one day to her house at Hoddesson, she composed the words of "Our Blest Redeemer," afterwards amusing herself by scratching them on the window of her room, since when they have been sung by

countless voices all over the world.
Girl Who Was Inspired.
One beautiful spring morning many years ago a young woman, *Jemima Thompson* by name, was travelling by coach between Taunton and Wellington. Having nothing to do and little to think about, she took an old envelope and a pencil from her pocket and started to write down almost the first words that came into her mind. By the time she had reached her journey's end she had composed the words of the famous children's hymn, "I Think when I Read that Sweet Story of Old," which has long since become a classic in the hymn-book.

Cowper the poet, on being faced with the prospect of appearing before the House of Lords in connection with his appointment as Clerk of the Journals, became so nervous that he decided to commit suicide rather than face the ordeal. On the day before his appearance he drove by coach to the Tower Wharf, intending to drown himself.

The fact that there were too many people about thwarted him, and he returned to his rooms in the Temple. Here he tried to kill himself by falling on the open blade of a knife, which, however, broke in two. Fortunately, some friends appeared on the scene, and in their company Cowper forgot his troubles. Afterwards he became so full of remorse that he sat up all night and contritely wrote a hymn. It was "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," and it is sung all over the kingdom every Sunday, not probably one person in a hundred knowing how it came to be written.

"Jesus, Meek and Gentle," was composed almost unconsciously by the Rev. G. R. Prynne, vicar of St. Peter's, Plymouth. He wrote the famous words one evening while his wife played the piano to him. The lines, he afterwards recorded, came into his mind without the slightest effort on his part, and he scribbled them down on the back of an envelope, without realizing that he had written a hymn which would long outlive himself.

This little fishing port of Brixham is closely associated with what is perhaps the most famous hymn of all—"Abide With Me."

This was written by the vicar of Brixham, Henry Francis Lyte, and it was his last composition. The hymn was the fruit of a stroll by the sea on a lovely Sunday evening, after church. The vicar left the house for his customary walk and potted the words down on a scrap of paper.

"Christians, Awake!" was a Yuletide present to a little girl, John Byrom, the author, wrote the hymn for his small daughter, Dolly, who found it in manuscript form with the rest of her Christmas gifts.

A little girl, too, was the inspiration of that old favourite, "There is a Happy Land." Andrew Young, the writer, was spending his holidays in Scotland, where, in passing a cottage, he heard a quaint Indian melody being played on the piano. The tune took his fancy, and he asked permission to hear it played again. As he listened, it occurred to him that the tune would make a pretty children's hymn. Late that night he composed the words.

"Wireless Church."

100,000 PEOPLE "LISTEN IN" AT A NEW YORK SERMON.

What is believed to be the first "wireless church" in the world held its inaugural service in New York. It was "attended" by approximately 100,000 persons. It is known as the "Radio Church of America," and the "sacred edifice" consists of a small room in a private house in New York. In it were assembled Dr. Richard Way Ward, a well-known New York preacher, and another clergyman, who conducted the service, and a few chorists. The whole service was heard perfectly by means of the wireless telephone by an immense "congregation" assembled in hospitals, public buildings, private houses, and on board ships at sea scattered over a wide area. Further similar services are to be held every Sunday.

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and he refers to his closest competitor for longevity honors, a Sioux Indian in the United States, aged 137 years, as "a mere boy." Zora has a son 85 years old and he has so many descendants that he long ago lost count. The aged Turk is a skeptic on the subject of matrimony. Having tried the experience four times, he says he speaks with a certain amount of authority. "Women," said Zora shaking his head bitterly, "women they may seem as sweet as the rosy dawn, but verily they are more often like thorns, hidden only by a rosy exterior."

Household Notes.

Never chop raisins for pie. Brown sugar is very good on oatmeal. A stone jar makes an excellent cake box. Creamed meat is nice served in potato cases. Boiled rice should be served with a curried dish.

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