

Local And Other Items

The Dominion Parliament is expected to prorogue tomorrow (Thursday) May 23.

Major General Maurice has accepted an offer to become the Military correspondent of The Daily Chronicle. The Chronicle has of late shown signs of lessening allegiance to Lloyd George.

A debate on the divorce question has taken place in Parliament, in the course of which Sir Robert Borden expressed the hope that divorces might soon be referred to judicial instead of legislative tribunals. The same view, in somewhat stronger terms, was expressed by the Hon. W. S. Fielding, of Queen's, Shelburne.

Mr. Charles E. McDonald, who has officially performed the duties of sessional clerk at Ottawa since 1911 has been transferred from the House of Commons staff to the customs service at the new port of Borden. Ottawa is sorry to lose him, but is proud of his advancement.

The airplane mail services between Washington and New York has gone into operation with carrier planes starting from both cities. Skilled military aviators, detailed specially for the service, took the first consignment in large training machines capable of transporting from 300 to 600 pounds of mail matter.

As a result of Delhi conferences the Provincial Governments have held meetings, unanimously reaffirming the resolution of loyalty and promising every possible aid. The government of India has already decided to immediately recruit over half a million men and organize central provincial publicity bureaus.

A serious fire occurred on Sunday destroying four barns, a dwelling house and six horses on the farm of Mr. Joseph H. McPherson, Hunter River, two miles from the Malpeque road. The fire originated in a heap of manure near one of the barns while the farmer and his family were at dinner. All the contents of the barns, including 600 bushels of oats, were destroyed, but fortunately the machinery was out at the time. The loss is estimated at over \$2,000 and is only partly covered by insurance.

The Canada Food Board, in a statement just issued reminds the public that the clause providing for seizure and forfeiture of holdings of flour and sugar in excess of the quantities prescribed by the Board came into effect at midnight May 15. After that time flour and sugar in each of the quantities prescribed in the food board's orders of April 25 and April 26 may be seized and forfeited. In addition any person holding excess quantities of either flour or sugar is liable to a fine of not less than \$100.

The ordination to the Holy Priesthood of George F. Bradley took place in Montreal Thursday morning. Father Bradley is a native of Kelly's Cross parish and a brother of Rev. Austin Bradley of St. Boniface College, Winnipeg. He has also two sisters in the Notre Dame Order. Sister St. Francis of the Mother House, Montreal and Sister Mary Austin of St. Joseph's Convent, Kelly. Father Bradley's many friends in this Province extend to him congratulations and best wishes in his new field of labor.

Commenting on the proclamation by Lord French, the Dublin Freeman's Journal is quoted in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Dublin as saying: "Conscription is to be launched in Ireland under the cover of revelations connected with an alleged German plot. That appears to be the meaning of this rather strange proclamation which is Chief Secretary Short's first word to the Irish prophets. Of course, it is not impossible that a few foolish men in Ireland may have been interested in a conspiracy to invoke German aid, as the convenanters threatened to invoke it in 1914, but the Irish people have never been pro-German and notwithstanding all the provocation received from the English Government, they are not pro-German today."

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Mr. McIsaac, M. P., is expected home from Ottawa on Monday next.

Four enemy airplanes were brought down on Saturday night's raid over Eastern England, says an official communication.

Having concluded his work at Washington for the present, Sir Thomas White left New York on Wednesday, May 13 for Toronto. It is understood that the Minister expects to be in Ottawa this week.

William B. Rogers died suddenly. Deceased has been postmaster of Toronto since 1908, a keen business man and was instrumental in the formation of the Penny Bank.

One of the most severe electrical storms for some years passed over Georgetown and immediate vicinity on May 18. Several people in Georgetown received shocks but fortunately none were severely injured.

The Canadian egg market is from three to four cents higher than the American, because of the fact the British Commission buying eggs for overseas has been instructed to purchase outside of the American market.

Reva Adolphus M. McIntyre and Alphonus McAdam of Selkirk are visiting Charlottetown. Both these young priests were ordained in Toronto May 12, and are home on a brief visit to their parents. On Sunday morning Rev. Father McIntyre celebrated his first High Mass in his native parish church, and on the next Sunday Rev. Father McAdam will sing his first High Mass in the same edifice.

It is announced that the Canada Food Board has completed arrangements with the Henry Ford and Sons Company, Inc., to continue to furnish tractors at cost for the use of Canadian farmers. Farmers who wish to secure tractors should place their order with the provincial department of agriculture and until further notice such orders will be handled in the same way as formerly.

The body of Richard W. Poole, son of Mr. W. L. Poole of Montague was brought over from Halifax on Saturday evening accompanied by his father, Mr. G. D. Wright conveyed the body from the railway depot as far as Vernon Bridge where the party was met by undertaker McKinnon of Montague, and taken to the late home of the deceased. A party of five, including one soldier, came over from Halifax with the body. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful.

An amendment to the M. S. A. comes into effect on June first, ordering that all men must carry their military permits. According to the amendment, any man whom the police sees fit to stop after June 1, and who is unable to produce papers showing that he had complied with the military regulations or that he is a married man or is over the age of 34, can be placed under arrest, charged as a defaulter under the Military Service Act.

His Lordship Bishop O'Leary administered the sacrament of Confirmation in St. Dunstan's Cathedral Sunday afternoon. The church was crowded. The Sacrament was given to one hundred and twenty-two candidates, the choir taking a prominent part. A sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Rev. Dr. Hughes. His Lordship Bishop O'Leary also addressed the children. Both speakers gave the children good practical advice.

In the House of Commons, Hammar Greenwood drew attention to statements in the Canadian Press. First that the Colonial Office was responsible for the creation of the order of the British Empire and 2nd that the Colonial Secretary had repeatedly pressed upon Sir Robert Borden to submit lists of recommendations. He was told that it would be left to the Premiers of the Dominion whether civilians shall receive the new Order of the Empire. Their decision will be final. They may put forward as many or as few names as they please.

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The swing bridge over the Suez Canal at Kantary, has been completed, affording direct railway communication from Cairo towards Palestine.

Germany was successfully raided at Cologne by British airmen and much damage done. Two hundred and forty people were killed half a dozen of them being soldiers. Cologne is a city of some 350,000 inhabitants and is situated south of Vimeilles within the German border, east of Belgium.

Supplies of sugar in wholesalers hands are limited. Otherwise trade in this line is moderately active. Complaints of the wholesale grocers and jobbing houses throughout the East that they cannot obtain sufficient supplies of canned goods to provide the trade are answered by large packing concerns in California with the statement that they are unable to meet the demand of both the United States War and Navy Department in addition to the regular trade.

Mr. Charles O'Neill Conroy, K. C. Lieutenant-Colonel of the Catholic Cadet Corps of Newfoundland, has been honored by King George with the rank of officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, the new order given for special services in connection with war work. Mr. Conroy is Territorial Deputy and Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, for the District of Newfoundland, and is known to Charlottetown Knights.

J. S. Consul Pierce and his two boys Ralph and William, returned Saturday night from a very enjoyable trip through the Kensington, Malpeque and New London sections. They were the guests of Mr. J. T. Pendergast, Mr. Boyne, merchant tailor of Kensington, very kindly loaned his motor car at the disposal of Mr. Pierce. In this car, a Ford, Mr. Boyne motored all the way from Denver, Colorado, to Prince Edward Island last year, some three thousand miles. Mr. Pierce says that farming operations in the sections visited are now well advanced and the country is looking splendid. He had the pleasure of visiting some lobster factories and sampling some of the delicious crustaceans.

Shortly after noon on Sunday last fire was discovered in a barrack of hay on the premises of Mr. Ernest Penny, of Murray Harbor. The wind being fairly brisk the fire made rapid headway and soon the adjoining barn was in flames. The machine house was also destroyed together with several pieces of farm machinery. About four tons of hay were burnt besides a horse, some wheat and oats. Mr. Penny's loss is a serious one, there being only a small amount of insurance on the buildings. At one time it looked as though several other buildings would be destroyed as fire was carried by the high wind to Mr. W. D. Irving's and set his barn on fire, as also was Mr. Stewart's. The neighbors gathered in haste and their timely assistance prevented the fire from reaching the dwelling house close by.

In order that the public might be fully informed as to the regulations governing the amount of flour and sugar that may be kept on hand in private homes, Mr. C. H. B. Longworth sent the following telegram to the Canada Food Board at Ottawa: "Can grocer sell one barrel of flour to one person in town or village and what quantity sugar? Reply, Sgd. C. H. B. Longworth, Chairman." The following reply was received yesterday: "Grocer should not sell more of sugar or flour than person within two miles from grocer would require for fifteen days. Persons buying more would be violating orders of Board. Sgd. J. Parker, Solicitor." The Food Board regulations provides that persons living 2 to 5 miles of a grocer may keep on hand enough flour and sugar to last 30 days; from five to ten miles, a supply for 60 days and from ten miles upward for 120 days. It is evident that the onus rests with the householder, not the grocer. A person might buy the minimum quantity from each of several grocers, but if the quantity found in his possession exceeds that allowed by the regulation, he is liable to a penalty.

Provincial Exhibition 1918

A meeting of business men was held in the Board of Trade Rooms, May 15 to consider the advisability of providing ways and means for holding an Exhibition here this year. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. S. A. Macdonald. Mr. Frank Heartz, Mr. James Paton, M. L. A., and Mr. S. R. Smallwood, represented the Directors of Exhibition.

In course of an address to the meeting, Mr. Frank Heartz said they were all familiar with the fact that at the last session of the Legislature the grant for the Exhibition had been cut off. He had many conferences with the leaders of the Government and they were in favor of giving a grant to one central exhibition, but their supporters, on the other hand, would not consent to this and have other fairs cut off, hence no grant was given to any. He had offered to take a small amount, but even this the Government would not agree to. He said the Association was not desirous of making money. They have only been paying the shareholders about three per cent annually and some years not that. Since the association was formed, the average dividend would be about two per cent. There was a little surplus left over last year to pay three per cent. The Directors, for the good of Charlottetown, were desirous of having an Exhibition held, provided that sufficient encouragement was given. Last year they received \$5000 from the Dominion Government, and \$500 from the City Council, but all of this was paid out in prizes. For a number of years it had been the custom to pay out prizes all the grants received from the Governments and the City Council. Last year \$19,000 was paid out altogether, for horse races, wages, etc. A large amount of that money was derived from gate receipts. Mr. Heartz estimated that the Exhibition would financially benefit Charlottetown to the extent of between seventy-five and eighty thousand dollars. It would benefit not only the merchants but hotel and lodging house keepers and others. Even the owners of autos made from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars last year. This year there would be no Exhibition in Halifax and St. John. In 1917 three thousand people came from the Mainland; this year it was expected there would be from five to six thousand. Mr. Heartz said that the Directors planned to give \$4500 in prizes this year. The Dominion Live Stock Commission which gave \$3000 in 1917 would give this year \$1875. The City Council has promised \$500. He would ask the citizens to raise \$1200 and the Exhibition Association would contribute what was necessary to make up the balance. That would probably be \$15000.

At the close of an informal discussion a resolution was passed approving of the proposal that an Exhibition be held at Charlottetown in the coming autumn; and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. A subscription was at once opened. There is no doubt that the money required will be raised.

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To L. O. Lodge, Fortune Bridge, Rent of Hall.....\$4.00

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seen. It is also of course, a question whether he would accept, even if offered. Dr. Beland has been out of touch with Canadian politics for the past four years and might not care to suddenly plunge into the vortex again, particularly as an opponent of his former colleagues. However no one doubts that in view of what he has seen and suffered he will be strongly in favor of conscription and of any policy which will meet the waging of the war to the utmost against the Huns. With the daily growing evidence of a changed sentiment in Quebec, the problem of French-Canadian representation promises to right itself. Sir Robert and his colleagues have no desire to penalize Quebec, and would be only too glad to have a French-Canadian representation in the cabinet. If Dr. Beland were offered a portfolio and were willing to enter, it would help solve the difficulty, as he has already a seat in the house as member for Beauce, where he was given an acclamation, the unionists not opposing him.

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JOHN F. WHEAR, Post Office Inspector, Ottawa, 20th April, 1918. May 8, 1918-31