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Four Government Members Take Side-Swipes at Government.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

OTTAWA, March 21.—A certain restlessness was evident in the ranks of the happy Union family today. It may be just the springtime, or it may be the symptoms of impatient dissent. In any case, no less than four Government members undertook during the afternoon to take a crack at the Government. Opposition members enjoyed themselves immensely as they watched the proceedings.

In the first place, W. F. Nickle, Conservative member for Kingston—who, by the way, was sitting today on the Opposition side—undertook very firmly to rebuke Major-Gen. Mewburn, minister of militia, because the latter sought to dispose of an important resolution dealing with the inequalities of the present system of separation allowances. Nickle declared that the question was one of great importance to be so disposed of, and made vigorous appeal for the better treatment of soldiers' dependents.

He was backed up by T. M. Tweedie, who succeeds R. B. Bennett as member for Calgary West, and who contended that the present system was characterized by inequalities, which could not be excused. Gen. Mewburn had lost a good deal of his militant attitude before they were through with him.

Row Over Deputy Speaker. But the real row came when Sir Robert Borden moved the appointment as deputy speaker of the House, of George M. Bolvin, M. P. for Sheffield. The rules require that when the speaker is of English-speaking origin the deputy must be a man of French working knowledge of French. There is only one French-Canadian on the Government side, Dr. Jerry Chabot, and he wouldn't take the job. So the Government had to come to the aid of the back-benchers and the burly form of Col. John Currie arose.

Slap in People's Face. "What," he asked dramatically, "will the whole world say if this House appoints this man as deputy speaker, which no doubt has been arranged to be done? If this House elects him deputy speaker, we shall be electing a man who represents all that the people of this country voted against at the last election. I feel deeply on this question. I would almost say that it was a slap in the face to the soldiers in the trenches and to the electors who voted for this Government to appoint a man to the position of deputy speaker who

has opposed everything that the soldiers voted for and that the Government represents. That is all." It was all. For Mr. Bolvin calmly took his seat as the House moved into committee.

Horatio Hocken, who sat directly back of the valiant colonel, looked dry lips but did not rise to back him up. Silent were Edwards of Frontenac, and Donald Sutherland of Oxford. Silent was Gen. Am. Hughes. Silent all the champions. And Mr. Bolvin is deputy speaker, and occupied the seat at the head of the table most of the evening.

Caucuses were held, however, in the corridors all the evening. There was much grinding of teeth, and there were many maledictions. But the appointment has been made, and it cannot be unmade. And Mr. Bolvin will make a most efficient deputy.

It may have been that the thing was rankling in the breast of Dr. Edwards of Frontenac, when later in the afternoon during the discussion of a resolution of Sir George Foster regarding the hiring of hay, he caustically remarked that it might be better to have the opinion of the Government's "day" early in the subject before the resolution went through. The reference was to Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, and the famous "day debate" of a couple of sessions ago came back to the memory of members who had been in the House at that time.

Mr. Carvell was not there, so he could not give his advice on the subject. Early in the afternoon Sir Robert Borden gave out a lengthy statement regarding the absence of Sir Thomas White. Serious impairment of health is given as the reason for his absence. He will not be back this session, Hon. A. K. Maclean will deliver the budget, and even now Ontario Conservatives are reminding in anticipation of what it may bring forth.

Free Implements On Taps. In the meantime a resolution calling for free agricultural implements, moved by Molloy of Provenccher and seconded by White of Victoria, Alta., may be expected at any time. The vote will be an interesting one.

An interesting discussion on titles will be a feature of the session. W. F. Nickle has a resolution on the order paper to the effect that titles be confined to those who have earned them, and that no title be granted which can be used by those who have not. This not only is aimed against hereditary titles, but is designed to prevent the wives of titled gentlemen from taking to themselves the corresponding female equivalent.

Donald McMaster has also an anti-title resolution to move. Significantly enough, it will be seconded by Hon. W. S. Fielding, who today made his maiden speech in the thirteenth Parliament from the Opposition side. In the meantime a long list of Canadian titles is being held up overseas for some reason or other.

Good progress was made with legislation today, the Opposition expediting the Government's measures. So speedy was the progress that the order paper was exhausted before the evening.

Plea for Rural Carriers. J. H. Burnham's resolution to the effect that the postmaster-general provide the postmaster-general with power to revise rural mail contracts not yet fully executed, because of the conditions prevailing unfairly on the carriers, owing to the sudden rise in prices, caused some comment by members on both sides of the House. Mr. Burnham explained that the postmaster-general has no power to revise a rural mail carrier's contract in any way, but that the Government should make prices had risen to their present height had yet a period to run. He knew of cases where rural mail carriers were losing money on the work.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting postmaster-general, said his remedy would be to cancel existing contracts when they bore too heavily on the carriers, and call for new tenders. These tenders would be based on conditions prevailing at the time.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux said that in his opinion the system of advertising for mail carriers' contracts was all wrong. He said there was a large expenditure in advertising in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba newspapers for men to handle mail in the province of Ontario.

Fielding Offers Remedy. Hon. W. S. Fielding, in a first speech, as a private member of the House, said that the matter was really of the utmost importance, but he doubted if the remedy proposed was a safe one. These contracts, he said, were performed at a low rate, because the fascination of a Government dollar is strong. He had known many men who had ruined themselves by taking Government contracts at too low a figure. He regarded the suggestion that the postmaster-general should revise the contracts, however, as being unsafe. He was not surprised that the acting postmaster-general should shrink from it. It would be a disagreeable duty to have to decide the contracts to be revised. Mr. Fielding suggested that a better solution of the problem would be to offer a percentage increase all-round on contracts taken within a fixed period.

The former minister of finance was generally applauded by members on both sides of the House. The premier promised the question raised should have full consideration by the Government and Mr. Burnham withdrew his motion.

Separation Allowances. The House then took up a further motion by Mr. Burnham providing that "it should not be necessary for soldiers' dependents to show total disability in order to obtain aid or other forms of support from the separation allowance branch, but that such aid support possible."

Mr. Burnham cited cases to show that the present method of granting allowances to soldiers' dependents worked unfairly. It was very serious matter, he said, and apt to induce fraud and bring about the greatest possible hardship. A dependent, he went on, when applying for separation allowance, must show that the soldier was the sole means of support, must show that if a male relative remained at home, he was totally incapacitated and absolutely unable to furnish any portion of the means of support. This regulation was very unjust to the soldier and to his family.

Mewburn Brushes It Aside. Major-Gen. Mewburn replied that the subject would require great consideration. Separation allowance had been granted to dependents on defined and definite terms. To go into the question of apportionment would require an enormous staff, and enormous responsibility would be thrown on the department in investigating every single case. Such cases as Mr. Burnham had cited would be met by the provision under separation allowance regulations the patriotic fund took care of the case. He suggested that the motion be withdrawn.

W. F. Nickle, Kingston, thought the matter should not be put aside quite so easily. He emphasized the point that under the voluntary system a man with dependents should make arrangements in regard to their support. But a man now might be required suddenly to become a soldier and find himself with a soldier's pay of \$110 a day. The separation allowance went to a wife as a legal right, whether she had an income of \$20,000 a year or \$5 a week. But there was no provision for other dependents unless the soldier had been the sole support.

Duty of the State. "If men," Mr. Nickle declared, "are going to be taken compulsorily, then I say when a man goes it is the duty of the state to supplement the income of those whose income has been depleted." T. M. Tweedie (Calgary) supported this view. The motion was finally withdrawn by Mr. Burnham.

Mr. Lemieux, in moving for the production of all letters and telegrams which have passed between Henry Tucker, K.C., the prime minister, the department of militia, and the officers of the patriotic fund concerning the



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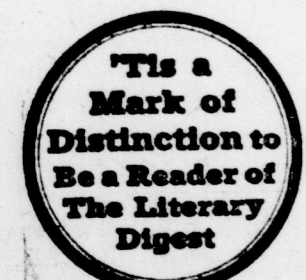
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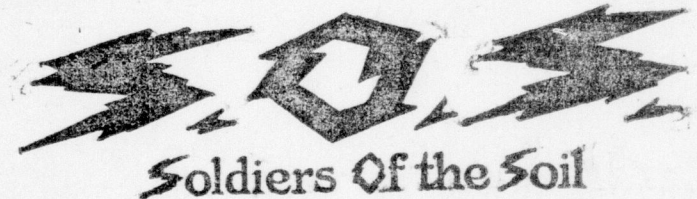


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