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SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 25.

Mr. Meighen's Address

Moderate in tone, and admirable in
expression, Mr. Meighen's speech may
be taken as a full defence, and per-
haps the last word of the government.
It was taken down by an official
stenographer, a fact to which Mr.
Meighen himself with pardonable pride
more than once alluded. We may,
therefore, coincide that it is to be
published in pamphlet form, and serve
as the chief campaign document for
the Conservative party in the coming
campaign.

Yet we venture to think that to the
reading public the able address of the
minister-general will come as a disap-
pointment. The more they think of
his ability, his dexterity and his elo-
quence, the more they will be surprised
that so able an advocate could not
make out a better case for his client.
To set up an alibi is usually to fly a
signal of distress, and the government
arranged at the bar of public opinion
upon the nickel question sets up a
defence in the nature of an alibi. They
say in effect that the British admiralty
has the entire control of the nickel
situation; it has been taken out of
the hands of the Canadian Govern-
ment, and that for the situation, good,
bad, or indifferent as it may be, the
Ottawa Government is in no way re-
sponsible.

This defence will not appeal to our
national pride, but after all in the last
resort the imperial government is last
resort. It is a surprise, therefore, that
Mr. Meighen did not content himself
with passing on all the blame to the
admiralty instead of laboriously de-
fending such German sympathizers as
the International Nickel Company of
New York, and the Henry R. Merton
Company of London, England.

The solicitor-general tells us that
the policy, or want of policy, on the
part of the Dominion Government has
not proved to be an unalloyed success.
He says the ideal policy would have
been to prohibit the exportation of
nickel ore and nickel matte from
Canada, but explains that such a
course was not feasible in August,
1914, because at that time we had no
way of refining nickel in this country.
It would have taken eighteen months
to build a refinery. That is, in August,
1914, the government could not get the
ideal policy into force for eighteen
months. But the eighteen months
have gone by; twenty-seven months
have gone by, and we have no refinery.
One was started a few weeks ago, but,
if Mr. Meighen is right, it cannot be
completed until 1918.

Nearly all the arguments, statistics,
and correspondence produced by Mr.
Meighen was handed to him by the
officials of the International Nickel
Company. They prepared his brief,
and he appeared as their advocate.
Indeed, he says, the nickel company's
forced by the same British admiralty
to employ the unspeakable Merton firm.
The admiralty is evidently the villain
in the piece, the nickel company is an
injured innocent, and the Dominion
Government figures in the role of
Simple Simon.

Mr. Meighen on more than one point
seemed to score in his reply to Mr.
Dewart's speech of a few nights ago,
but Mr. Dewart had a chance to re-
ply, and the case will not go to the
jury until all the lawyers are heard.
Mr. Meighen has done his best, and
no man is more able, but the best
lawyer may have something to go on
and some material to work with if he
is to make out a good case for his
client.

If Mr. Meighen has said all that can
be said on behalf of the government
his client will not be acquitted by the
public opinion of Canada. But we say
this in no spirit of depreciation of Mr.
Meighen's ability. Indeed the client

for whom he could not get a verdict of
acquittal must be a man who is born
to be hung.

A New Forward Party

There is ample material in the plat-
form adopted by the new Forward
Party at the Labor Temple on Thurs-
day evening, to furnish all the existing
parties with material for some years to
come. Of the eleven planks that
constitute this progressive program
there is not one which the leaders
of the old parties would stand up and
denounce. Many of them they en-
dorse in theory, but when it comes to
putting the theory into practice there
is always all kinds of excuses and
side-steppings. Nobody will for a
moment suggest that the time is not
approaching when all these planks will
be the commonplaces of government,
and as inevitable as manhood suffrage
and representative government, but all
the politicians seem to desire to post-
pone the day of their recognition in
fact until some happier time, when
their children, who will be wiser than
they, will do that which the present
generation has not the courage nor
the wisdom to do.

There was some hope of having the
labor element of the community de-
clare itself in favor of such a platform,
but while labor is practically uni-
animous about the planks, individually
there is a marked hesitation about
building them into a platform on which
to stand.

There appears to be a reluctance to
accept results from anyone not bear-
ing a satisfactory label, and this re-
luctance is naturally cultivated and
catered to by the old line parties who
find in it one of their strongest bul-
warks. Socialists of various brands
are more hostile to each other than to
their common enemy, and labor men
continuing to place the confidence of
childish innocence in the old line par-
ties, rather than take the matter into
their own hands and achieve results.
But the pioneers have no doubt about
the final result. They are aware that
always there must be pioneers, and
those who will benefit most by their
labors are usually the last to assist.

Two Hospital Ships Sunk

For the sake of human nature it
will be hoped that the destruction of
the hospital ships Britannia and
Braemar Castle has been the result of
striking mines and not by the de-
liberate torpedoing of the enemy.
The Berlin despatches say that of
course they could not have been
torpedoed as their character was plain-
ly marked, but we fear that there is
a considerable doubt of the German
Kultur in this respect. The German
policy at present appears to be a
desire to cripple the merchant ship-
ping of the allies, not merely for the
immediate purposes of war, but with
a view to giving Germany the lead in
shipping tonnage after the war is over.

If Germany is defeated, which now
depends on all the nations concerned
putting their whole hearts in the task,
and not as in Canada, deliberating
whether it would be politic to do so or
not—then the allies will exact retri-
bution for every ship destroyed. Under
the policy of destroying shipping, there
can be no doubt that the great vessel
sunk off Zea would be a great prize,
and if this were the paramount con-
sideration the question of those on
board would not trouble the Germans.

There have been contradictory re-
ports about the cause of the disaster; a
circumstantial story about two tor-
pedoes, one on either side, having been
discharged, one of which missed, and
the other was effective, has been sent
over. Another story says that the
British authorities state that the ves-
sel struck a mine. Still another de-
clares that owing to her construction
no mine could have sunk the Britannia,
and that it must have been a tor-
pedo. The sinking of the Braemar
Castle will undoubtedly tend to weak-
en the faith of any who still reckon
on the chivalry or good will of the
Germans.

TINKERING WITH H. C. OF L.

Editor World: Our legislators have
been good to us winners by taking
from out our reach the bar. Like the
blacksmith with a bar of iron, they
heated it, straightened it out, doubled
it, fashioned it into many shapes, then
before it cooled again plunged it into
water—where it is likely to remain
under "Old Nick's" care. The same
legislators allow some hundreds of
trucks of good food and vegetables to
remain on the railway sidings to rot,
but if there are one or two cases of
Johnny Walker, Johnny Jamieson,
Johnny Gantorn, or any other liquor
johnny, the four above said legisla-
tors would at once jump to their feet,
stampede to the city hall, get all the
available P. C.'s fully armed, march to
the above said trucks, to watch, wait
and see if they could entangle any of
our respected hotelkeepers or law-
abiding boarding-house owners coming
along to claim the precious Johnny
liquors. But the food—oh, no—don't
tackle that, let it rot, be kept to be
sold at prohibitive prices later on, when
it is unfit for pigs to eat, making our
poor poorer. Keep the middle class
from getting any as for the poor—rich
from them—good Lord deliver us.

CARS FOR MOORE PARK.

Editor World: Some little time ago
I noticed in your paper a letter re-
garding the cars on this new Mount
Pleasant road. Are we going to get
this? It seems a long time since the
money was voted for this purpose;
and it is a long distance for the peo-
ple in Moore Park to walk. Surely
something ought to be done. We are
only about 2-1/2 miles from Queen and
Yonge streets, and yet we have fifteen
minutes' walk to get a car. What is
causing the delay?

Reader, Moore Park,

"CONGRATULATIONS, SON"

J. M. HICKEY IS DEAD
WELL-KNOWN MERCHANT

Owner of Popular Gents' Furnish-
ing Store on Yonge Street.

After an illness of one month, J. M.
Hickey, the well-known Toronto gent's
furnishings merchant, died yesterday
morning at his residence, 133 Alcorn
avenue. Seven years ago he entered
the tailoring business and later went
into partnership with Claude Pascoe.
Three years later the partnership was
dissolved and Mr. Hickey opened a store
of his own at 97 Yonge street, known
as "Hickey's," and was regarded as
one of Canada's best tailors. A wife
and three brothers survive. The re-
mains will be taken to Dundas, Ont.,
for burial.

Mr. Hickey, born in Dundas, Ont.,
was the son of the late Thomas and
Catherine Hickey. He was educated
in Dundas, and then went to Aus-
tralia. On his return to Canada, eight
or ten years later, he entered the ser-
vice of Gifford and Co., and was for
years their London (Ont.) man-
ager.

Mayor and Council Gain
Information on New Bridge

Prior to discussing the whole propo-
sition at the board of control meet-
ing on Monday, Mayor Church and
other members of the council visited
the new bridge yesterday, where
it is proposed to construct a new dou-
ble deck bridge at the joint expense
of the city and C.P.R. The structure
will give residents of the district an
other access across the C.P.R. tracks.
At North Toronto Station the de-
putation met A. D. MacTavish of the
C.P.R., from which point the whole
party walked the line as far as Mac-
leannan avenue. The members dis-
cussed as to whether with the im-
provement, Macleannan avenue be dis-
closed, or a subway or bridge constructed.
Ald. McFried declared land damages
would be excessive if the street were
buried on the staff later.

WINTER TOURIST FARES

Special fares are now in effect to
resorts in Florida, Georgia, North and
South Carolina, Louisiana and other
southern States, and to Bermuda and
the West Indies. Return fares, \$1.
\$1.19. For tickets, reservations and
all information, apply to W. J. Mot-
ter, city passenger agent, northwest
corner King and Yonge streets, Main
4209, or Depot Ticket Office, Main
4860.

Employment Bureau Ready
To Register Women Workers

In charge of Dr. W. A. Riddell, the
new government employment bureau
for the registration of women work-
ers opened yesterday at 164 Bay
street. Miss Florence Harvey is as-
sociated with Dr. Riddell in the work
and Miss Weaver of Toronto will be
on the staff later.

Four classes of work are being dealt
with at present—those of the office,
shop, factory and munitions. The card
system is in use for both employer
and employee. Employers are being
circulated regarding the activities
of the new bureau. Registration was
brought on opening day.

Facilities to women are being
arranged for in the same building as
the offices for women's registration.
The offices are open from 9 a.m. until
4.30 and later if it is found necessary.

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Thirty-Seven Toronto Men
Return Tomorrow Morning

On Sunday morning 45 returned sol-
diers are to reach the city. In the party
are 37 Toronto men. The soldiers will
arrive at North Toronto station at 8
o'clock. The list follows:
Toronto: Pte. S. S. Austin, 11 Regent
street; Pte. J. H. Aldred, 1285 Len-
downe avenue; Pte. L. H. Bodman,
516 Church street; Pte. W. G. Bloom,
32 Pape avenue; Pte. T. E. Bragg, 2
Soho street; Pte. A. Burrow, 42 Green-
wood avenue; Pte. G. Curtis, 123 Con-
nelly street; A-Sergeant A. Crisp, 415
Ashdale avenue; Pte. J. J. Darlison,
25 Fairbanks avenue; Pte. Fred Duck-
er, 478 Queen street west; Sgt. P. A.
Davis, 1012 Logan avenue; Pte. J. J.
Dennan, general delivery; Pte. J. El-
liott, 55 Denison avenue; Pte. A. Finch,
113 Auburn avenue; Pte. A. Fleming,
8 Belmont street; Pte. W. G. Gifford,
207 Sunnyside street; Sgt. W. R. Gosh,
Gov. Gen'l Body Guard, armories; Sgt.
W. Heron, 225 Concord avenue; Pte.
W. Higgins, 1273 Huron street; Pte.
W. Hill, 107 1/2 Scollard street; Pte.
B. S. Jackson, 8 Oaklands avenue; A-
Sergeant G. C. Lowther, 48 Moscov
avenue; Pte. H. Marshall, 208 Hallam
street; Pte. S. Moore, 125 Rossmore
avenue; Pte. R. Postlethwait, 55 Clin-
ton street; Sgt. C. Paynton, 120 Rox-
borough street west; Pte. W. Patter-
son, 188 Manning avenue; A-Sergeant J.
Rosa, general delivery; Pte. D. Sim-
mons, 227 Shaw street; Pte. A.
Stroud, 22 Wilmfred avenue; Pte. J.
E. Thornton, 584 Church street; Sgt.
H. Wilmshurst, 2 Stanley street; Pte.
W. W. White, 17 Huron street; Pte.
Hamilton; Pte. R. Byng, 414 Herk-
imer street; Sgt. A. Kennedy, general
delivery, West Hamilton.

Pte. S. W. Wray, Beaumaris; A-
Sergeant E. A. Morris, Midland; Pte. R.
D. Blott, Dunville.

Buffalo Ekursion Saturday, Nov. 25th,
via Grand Trunk Railway, \$2.70 Re-
turn; Niagara Falls, Ont. \$2.25 Re-
turn. Under Auspices of Toronto
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Grand Trunk city ticket office, n. w.
corner King and Yonge Sts., phone
Main 4209, or depot office, phone Main
4860.

IN SEARCH OF PICTURES.

Mrs. Florence Harper, of New York,
formerly Miss Florence MacLeod of
Woodstock, spent a few days with her
sister, Mrs. William Hyslop of Scarth
road, Rosedale, before leaving for the
Russian front in search for pictures,
which she will use in her lectures.

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FEW LOCAL NAMES
IN CASUALTY LIST

Only Seventeen Toronto Men
Mentioned in Latest
Ottawa Reports.

KILLED IN ACTION

Lt. Frank Oliver, Son of Ex-
Cabinet Minister, Fell
While Fighting.

Seventeen Toronto soldiers are list-
ed in the casualty reports of yester-
day. One has been killed in action,
two have died of wounds, one reported
missing is now "believed killed," one
is seriously ill, and twelve are wound-
ed.

Lieut. Claude Cecil Wimpey, son
of Mr. E. Wimpey, Ryrie Building,
is officially reported to have been
wounded on Nov. 18. He was a School
of Science student when he joined the
C.O.T.C. He went to England with
the 116th Battalion, but saw service
at the front with a 75th Battalion
draft. His home is at Oakville.

Lieut. W. M. E. Chester, reported
wounded, also went overseas with the
116th, but was transferred to another
unit in France. He is a son of J. F.
Chester, 588 Yonge street. Lieut.
Chester was educated at Wellesley
School and Jarvis Collegiate. Prior
to enlisting he was an accountant
with E. B. Clarkson & Sons.

Lieut. John Blake, reported wound-
ed in a telegram received by his wife,
155 Brevin Avenue, enlisted as a pri-
vate in the 96th Battalion, was pro-
moted to be sergeant-major before
going overseas and on reaching France
was transferred to a 4th Division Pa-
tillon and given the rank of Lieuten-
ant. Before enlisting he was with the
Dunlop Tire Company.

It was believed to have been killed in
action proves to be erroneous. The
report was based on information which
apparently confused Capt. McLean's
name with that of his father. The
latter, Capt. J. H. McLean, died in a
London hospital about a week ago. His
son is now serving, and his name has
not appeared in any of the casualty
lists.

Flight-Lieut. M. R. Helliwell, son of
Grant Helliwell, Toronto, is reported
to have been slightly wounded in the
right eye. He is now in a Rouen hospi-
tal. Lieut. Helliwell was educated at
Jarvis Collegiate and Toronto Uni-
versity.

Report a Mistake.
Major Alex. Munn, yesterday report-
ed to have been killed in action, is
now reported to have died of wounds.
Lieut. Allan Oliver, son of Hon.
Frank Oliver, former minister of the
Interior, has been killed in action,
while serving with artillery from Ot-
tawa. He was well-known in Tor-
onto having been a student at St.
Andrew's College from 1905 till 1910.

Lieut. George Livingston, reported to
have died of wounds, went overseas
with the 84th Toronto Battalion, but
on reaching England was drafted to
another regiment. His home was in
Hamilton.

Pte. Joseph Parker, of 18 1/2 Ash-
dale avenue, previously reported
wounded, is now stated to have died
of wounds. He was a Toronto mem-
ber of an Ottawa battalion. Pte. Par-
ker was formerly a hockey player. His
brother, W. A. Parker, thinks there is a pos-
sibility of a mistake as a year ago
Pte. Parker was in Denver, Col.

Pte. Bruce Clark, son of Mrs. Clark,
118 St. Vincent street, has died from
wounds received in the left thigh over
a month ago. He went overseas last
September with a hockey team, and
was transferred to the C.M.R.

Pte. W. Reed, reported as missing
for several weeks, is now believed to
have been killed in action. His mother
who lives at 503 Davenport road has
just received this report from Ottawa.
Pte. Reed was 18 years old and went
overseas with a hockey team. He
was reported dangerously wound-
ed in the right leg, hip and shoulder.
His wife and boy live in Toronto. He
went overseas with the 84th Batta-
lion.

Pte. John W. Hewitt, reported
wounded and missing, was an Lan-
caster boy, well-known in athletic cir-
cles. Before enlisting he was with
the York Knitting Mills and lived at
the corner of Keele street and Mil-
lerton avenue. His parents reside in
Princeton, Ont.

FAVOR HIGHER RATES
ON LUMBER SHIPPED

Canadians. Give Testimony Re-
lating to C. P. R. and Govern-
ment Roads.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 24.—The pro-
posed increase in freight rates on lum-
ber shipments over the Bangor and
Arroostook, Maine-Central, Canadian
Pacific and Canadian government
roads would place New England and
Canadian shippers on an equal com-
petitive basis, according to testimony
given today by Canadian shippers
favoring the increased rate at the
hearing before Wilbur Le Roy of the
inter-state commerce commission.

New England lumber dealers assert
that the proposed rates were high
compared with those in other sections
of the country, and that the result
would be the closing of the New York
market to them and to some extent
the "Long Island Sound" markets.

The Canadian shippers who testified
were Peyton Bennett, traffic manager
of Price Brothers of Quebec; and Her-
bert Buckley, representing the John
Bennett Co., of the same city. Mr.
Bennett urged that the advanced rates
would enable his concern to do busi-
ness in southern New England where
he said it had been unable to enter
into competition before.

City Hall Employees Object
To Military Registration

City hall employees object to the pro-
posed registration of military eligi-
bles in the building. The institution,
they say, has outdistanced every other
business place in the number of re-
cruits sent forward.

In the work department, 398 have
enlisted. Of these, 12 have been killed,
1 has died of wounds, 3 are missing.
Pte. S. W. Wray, Beaumaris; A-
Sergeant E. A. Morris, Midland; Pte. R.
D. Blott, Dunville.

In the street cleaning department,
197 men have enlisted, of whom four
have been killed and 28 wounded.

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