

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

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Mr. Stewart referred to the fact that the views of the last speaker as to the use of money for the promotion of greater Food Production were in direct opposition to those of his own leader, who advocated the expenditure of a portion of it for the encouragement of Home Gardens. This Mr. Saunders has condemned absolutely—calling it mere foolishness. It is also apparent that the honourable gentlemen are absolutely unable to comprehend the financial position of the province. An audit by financial experts, impartial men, had shown that the liabilities of the Province were lessened in the past six years by upwards of \$10,000. The public may be expected to believe those impartial experts rather than partisan members of the Opposition. Mr. Saunders had, indeed, shown that he is completely out of joint with the times as Rip Van Winkle was after his twenty years sleep.

Mr. Stewart went on to point out the great improvement that has been effected on public roads in the past six years, the main steel bridges constructed, the very apparent improvement in the condition of the public schools and their teachers, who had by the former Government had been deprived alike of supplements and bonuses. The speaker was unable to see any of these. His criticisms were of the small party political kind. As to the content, on about giving up of Government House and the payment of \$1200 a year for two houses with furniture and eight acres of land in order that our returned convalescent soldiers might have a Convalescent Home here close to their friends, he thought it too small for anything. He contended that the people of the province were most of all interested in having the Home in order that the returned soldiers might be near their relatives and friends. The Dominion Government had no such interest and might have provided the Convalescent Home outside the Province.

Progress of the War

London, April 16.—The crisis in Flanders is at hand. Entering its second week, Von Ludendorff's offensive took on new fierceness and smashed its way through six obstacles. The British line has been shattered again, this time in its strongest sector. The formidable positions at Wytschaete and on the Messines Ridge have been captured by direct assault, and the hold of the British on the famous Ypres salient is gravely endangered. The British still hold some of the more northerly Messines slopes, and have extended their line west across Mount Kemmel and thence to the hill above Bailleul, but their position has become critical, the line defending Ypres on the south has lost its anchor point. All the advantages gained by the brilliant operation by which the British took the Messines Ridge last summer have been forfeited. The Ypres salient is again becoming too cramped for safety, and a retirement from it under pressure would dislocate the entire allied line north to Dixmude and Nieuport.

Paris, April 17.—The French forces in the region of Amiens have captured a portion of the Senecot Wood against the Germans on several other sectors according to the official communication which follows: "We have attacked various enemy positions on the Avre on a front of four kilometres between Thernes and Mailly-Baineval. East of the Avre we have made progress and west of it we have taken the greater part of the Senecot Wood and carried our line to the outskirts of Castel. Further south we reached the slopes west of the heights dominating the Avre. The number of prisoners taken by us exceeds, up to the present, 500 of whom fifteen are officers. We captured several machine guns. It is confirmed that an enemy raid last night east of Gauriere Wood was deadly for our assailants. We found about forty German bodies on the ground. We took 20 prisoners, including one officer."

London April 18.—Out of the chaos of the tremendous battle along the Lys River, south and southwest of Ypres, the thunder of which may be heard forty or fifty miles away, there have come

during the past day reports which are more encouraging to the Allied powers. The British have not only held all the ground which they were defending on Tuesday, but have struck back so powerfully that Meteren and part of Wytschaete were retaken and held for a time. Only after heavy attacks did the British retire again from the villages. The most disturbing news has been a report from Berlin that Poelcapelle and Langemark, north of Ypres, have been taken by the Germans the admission from London that the British have retired from certain of their lines in the Ypres salient. The retirement here was expected for the advance of the Germans at Neuve Eglise and Bailleul left the positions in front of Ypres open to a flank attack. It is officially stated that the retirement was orderly and it is probable that it will have more of a sentimental than a strategic effect. Just how far the British lines have been withdrawn is not known. It may be, however, that the German claim of taking Poelcapelle and Langemark is the result of the British retirement.

London, April 19.—The famous leaning virgin at the top of the Albert Cathedral, now behind the German lines, was shot down by German artillery on Tuesday, says a dispatch from British headquarters in France to Reuters, limited. It is not known, the correspondent adds, whether the destruction of the statue was an act of vandalism or an accident.

Local and Other Items

Four men of no stated occupation were arrested in Toronto on April 18 on a charge of breach of an order-in-council which reads that everybody from the ages of sixteen to sixty must be engaged in some useful occupation.

The roll of Canada's real titled aristocracy has been presented to parliament. It is the aristocracy of valor and the titles are the proudest democracy can crave. A return was cabled giving the list of Canada's V.C.s. There are twenty nine of them of whom eleven have paid the supreme sacrifice of courage, and devotion to duty.

Exemptions of men in Class one of the ages of 20, 21 and 22 are cancelled. Thus all unmarried men and widowers who were of these ages when they claimed exemption, will be required to join the colors irrespective of any exemption from military service granted or pending. The calling to the colors of these men for the three years mentioned, is expected to yield at least thirty thousand men physically fit for combatant service overseas.

The third anniversary of Ypres and the 17th anniversary of Prædeburg were celebrated in Charlottetown on Sunday the 21st with a church parade to St. James Church and St. Dunstan's Cathedral and a short joint service at the Queen Square Monument. After the church services the soldiers met at the Queen Square monument where an immense assemblage had gathered. After the "First Post" was given by Bulger Murchison, several hymns were sung and a short address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Fullerton. The gathering united in repeating the Lord's Prayer. This service closed with the placing of wreaths on the monument the Last Post and the National Anthem.

DIED.

QUINN—At the P. E. I. Hospital April 28th James Quinn aged 56 years. R. I. P.

McDONALD—At Souris, Sunday, April 14th, Mrs. Anne F. McDonald, aged 78 years. She leaves to mourn two daughters and five grand children. R. I. P.

HAWKINS—In this city April 20th, Mrs. Alice Hawking, widow of the late William Hawkins, aged 80 years. R. I. P.

FLYNN—In this city on April 22nd after a short illness, Nellie Flynn in her 20th year, daughter of Mr. Anthony Flynn, driver on the P. E. I.R., and Mrs. Flynn.

Local and Other Items

An earthquake rocked South Carolina on Sunday, April 21. Hemit and San Jacinto are reported destroyed with loss of life. Los Angeles also suffered many women were injured in panics at theatres in the city.

The strike of three thousand steel workers and miners which was called on April 19 has been declared off, and the majority of men have resumed work. The Government has promised to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the matters in dispute, and this was satisfactory to the men.

Rheims, which has been on fire for a week is now nothing but a great pile of smoking ruins. During the past week the Germans have fired more than 100,000 shells into the heart of the city, according to the correspondent of Le Matin and flames from the burning buildings can be seen by aviators 60 and 70 miles away.

An amendment to the Statute Law has been introduced in the legislature, at the instance of the Fox Breeder's Association, placing silver and patch foxes in the category of domestic animals. Under the amendment a person finding one of these animals must advertise the fact before appropriating the animal to his own use.

It was announced at Ottawa on April 22 through the Chief Press Censor's Office that the following troops have arrived safely in England. Infantry drafts from 1st Central Ontario, 2nd Central Ontario, British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, artillery drafts from London, Ont., Guelph Ont., Toronto, Ont., Vancouver, B. C., Winnipeg, Man. R. A. F. Pilots, R. M. C. Cadets, Imperial recruits, details. A total of officers and other rank, 3,827.

The annual graduating exercises of the nurses of Prince Edward Island Hospital which took place in the Prince of Wales College Hall on April 16 were largely attended. The following young ladies received their diplomas as trained nurses: Miss Mabel Andrew, St. Eleanora. Miss May Wright, North River. Miss Carrie Aorn, Charlottetown. Miss Lena Aorn, Millview, Miss Mae Minchin, New Perth, Miss Florence Martin, Alberton. Miss Jennie Pancher, Charlottetown.

The public understands and appreciate the feelings of the married men of the first Canadian contingent, who are home on furlough, and who feel that they should not have to return to the front. They have served their country well and deserve retirement to civil life. The difficulty is, however, that the demand for the soldiers is greater than ever, because of the enemy's activity. The petitioners, being trained, are particularly required. Also, they signed up for the duration of the war.

The funeral of Mr. H. A. McKenzie, of the Post Office, took place Sunday afternoon from his late residence, Kent St., to St. Dunstan's Cathedral and thence to Fort Augustus for interment. The funeral was attended by the Caledonian Club, headed by their piper, and the Knights of Columbus. Services in the Cathedral was conducted by Rev. J. J. McDonald, Kirkcaldy, and at the grave by Rev. A. J. McDonald. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Thomas McMillan, John M. Hughes, Thomas Burnett, Dr. McMillan, Fred McRory and Fred Essery.

The plans of the National Registration Board for a complete registration of the men and women power of Canada have been approved by the Cabinet, and an official announcement will be made. Every male and female between the ages of sixteen and sixty will be compelled to register on a day in June which has not yet been fixed. It will likely be some day in the first week of that month. There are drastic regulations which will make it necessary for every one to comply with the orders. It is understood for instance that a person without a registration card will be unable to travel on a railway train and will be unable to draw his pay envelope if working for a firm. He or she will lose the right to vote.

A Week of Dedication and Preparation for the Solemn Duty of Greater Food Production

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PROCLAMATION

(L. S.)

A. C. Macdonald
Lieutenant Governor.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or may concern.

GREETING:

A. E. ARSENAULT,
Attorney General.

WHEREAS, it has been made clear that an adequate supply of foodstuffs to Great Britain and her Allies is now one of the most critical and essential problems in connection with carrying the war to a triumph;

AND WHEREAS, Our Province of Prince Edward Island by virtue of its agricultural resources and good farming lands, occupies a position of special responsibility;

AND WHEREAS, the season approaches which shall determine for another year the amount of foodstuffs which this Province shall produce;

WE THEREFORE, believing it to be the aspiration of Our people to discharge every responsibility as in the past, and confident of their willingness to take advantage of the opportunity involved, to the end that the cause of righteousness for which we struggle may be advanced, have thought fit by and with the advice of Our Executive Council for Our said Province to appoint, and do hereby appoint, a week of Dedication and Preparation for

the period of production approaching, beginning on the twenty-second of April instant.

AND WE DO HEREBY URGE and request the careful consideration and patriotic co-operation of all Our people in the matters herein set forth to the end that each and everyone may prepare to do all that is possible to increase the production of foods; and particularly to assist in the formation of Greater Production Committees and in the work ensuing therefrom:

AND WE DO HEREBY FURTHER URGE and request that each and every Clergyman in Our Province shall from his pulpit on Sunday the 14th day of April instant, set forth the facts of the food situation as it affects the Allied cause, emphasizing the responsibility resting on this favored land, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on the human efforts put forth towards production that they may be blessed by Him Who alone giveth the increase:

ALL OF WHICH PREMISES All our loving subjects and all others whom it doth or may in any wise concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WITNESS: Our trusty and well-beloved His Honour Augustine Colin Macdonald, Lieutenant Governor of Our said Province, in Council, at Charlottetown, in said Province, this tenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen and in the Eighth year of Our reign.

By Command,
ARTHUR NEWBERRY,
Assistant Provincial Secretary

Commencing April 22nd

Suggestions for Preparation Week

EQUIPMENT

1. Examine, repair, paint, and oil machinery.
2. Have extra singletrees, double trees, and three and four horse eveners.
3. Now is the time to order spraying and harvesting machinery.
4. A lost half day may effect harvest.

HORSES

1. Increase the feed as work increases.
2. Be good to the colt, bathe his shoulders with warm brine before work starts. Use cold water on his scoulders every time he comes in from work.

CROP PLANS

1. Sow cereals in the following order, as soon as possible after the land is ready to be worked, wheat, oats, peas, then barley.
2. Plant potatoes and corn when the land is warm and mellow.
3. Should the season be late work only such sized areas of land at one time as can be seeded before bad weather sets in.

4. Should it happen that work is started before the field is all quite ready, the damp place should be frequently harrowed until the moisture content is just right for it to break up nice.
5. Roll all new meadows as soon as they are firm enough to carry the horses. This will greatly increase the yield of clover.
6. Sow mixtures; equal parts of wheat, oats and barley; or equal parts oats, barley, and peas or vetches. They yield more than either one alone and can be used for soiling or pasture if necessary.

SEED

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2. Treat against smut in grain and scab in potatoes with formalin.
3. If in doubt test your seeds.

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