

FULL AND COMPLETE PROVISION FOR SOLDIERS

COMPLETE PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR TAKING THE VOTES OF ALL SOLDIERS

Women in Active Service Overseas, Such as Nurses, and Men Under Age Will Be Able to Cast Ballot if Bill of Hon. Mr. Doherty Becomes Law.

MEASURE GIVEN ITS FIRST READING IN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY

New Bill Provides for Simplified Ballots Which Will Be Counted in Old Country and the Result Cabled, Thereby Avoiding Risk at Sea.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—Hon. Mr. Doherty said that the purpose of the bill was to make complete provision for the taking of the soldiers' vote during the war in a more complete form than was provided in the original bill. Since the legislation of 1915 conditions had altogether changed and what was sufficient then was not sufficient today, while the conditions of the war would make it impossible to afford the security necessary for securing the vote here.

The bill, apart from making changes to meet these altered military conditions makes changes in the condition of the military vote. It is proposed, said Hon. Mr. Doherty, "to include all soldiers and persons in the military and naval service of Canada, and those in the imperial service who were enrolled in Canada, but whose service is such that they can be available for the vote, as for instance, the aerial service."

It was, he said, a matter of taking the vote, not merely of providing the vote, and it would not be easy to get the vote here. Considerable thought, he said, had been given to providing opportunities so that every person serving in the war should be able to record his vote, but the government would be open to receive any suggestion looking to further assistance in obtaining that object.

It is intended, continued Hon. Mr. Doherty, "to do away with the distinction between the soldier that is of age and the soldier who is not, and also to do away with considerations of sex in regard to those in active service for Canada overseas. Nurses will be included, and everybody else who is doing service in which we are fighting will be entitled to vote. If a man is an Indian, if he is a soldier at the front, Mr. Marshall—What about the French reservists with the Canadian forces?"

Hon. Mr. Doherty replied that this question had been considered but the bill did not provide to give them the vote, owing to impossibility of getting the machinery necessary for such an operation, although it was recognized that it was desirable that they should be given the vote.

Proceeding Hon. Mr. Doherty said that the principal change in the machinery for taking the soldiers' votes practically as though we were conducting an election over there. The result of the election would be communicated to the proper officers and the results as announced would then determine the election. The reason for this was the magnitude of the number of men overseas and the difficulty and unsafety in many respects surrounding transportation between Canada and the Old Country.

Count Ballots Overseas. Originally, said Hon. Mr. Doherty, the position was fairly easy, but as matters were today it would be very difficult to carry on an election overseas and send the ballot boxes back to be counted, because they might be lost in transportation. Therefore the government had provided for the carrying on of the election and all necessary proceedings, down to the counting of the ballots overseas.

For this purpose an assistance clerk of the crown in chancery would be appointed who would carry out the same functions overseas generally carried on by the same officials here.

Another important matter, said Hon. Mr. Doherty, was making provision for counting the ballots overseas, which called for reliable and competent officers, whose reliability should give every guarantee of impartiality. A certain number of special returning officers would be appointed, each assigned with credentials to the commissioners in France and England

CANADIAN AND U.S. FOOD CONTROLLERS EXPECT TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION

Dominion Official Deferred Action Until United States Officials Had Secured Their Full Powers from Congress—Ministers Reply to Number of Parliamentary Questions.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—(Canadian Press)—In the house today Mr. Archie McColg called attention to Washington dispatches stating that the food controller of the United States was preparing to control prices of wheat and flour for bread. He asked if similar action was proposed to be taken in Canada before the present crop was disposed of.

Sir Geo. Foster said that legislation had been passed empowering the food controller here had deferred action until the United States authorities had secured their full powers. It was, he said, the intention, that the two bodies in the two countries should work as far as possible in harmony, but no decision had yet been come to as to what should be done in Canada.

Conscription Bill. Hon. Mr. Marcell asked if the minister of militia had been correctly reported as saying at Camp Borden that the military service bill would be put into force without delay. "That is correct," responded the prime minister.

Replying to a question by Rosh Laforest of Laprairie-Naperville, Sir Thomas White said that he had severed his connection with the National Trust Company in 1911 and had resigned from the board of directors of the company. Sir Joseph Flavelle was president, Z. A. Lash, K. C., was vice-president and Sir Edward Kemp was a director of the company and had been in 1914.

INDICATIONS NOW POINTING TO SUICIDE AS THE EXPLANATION OF DEATH OF HARRY L. WILLIAMS

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THRILLING AIR FIGHT WITH GUNS

Two German Machines Which Raided England Sunday Brought Down.

ONE HOSTILE PLANE TURNED IN WATER

One of Destroyed Machines Gotha Airplane and Another a Seaplane.

London, Aug. 12.—The text of the statement issued by the British Admiralty said:

"One hostile airplane of the Gotha type was destroyed during the return of the raiders to the Belgian coast, and one hostile seaplane was destroyed off the coast of Flanders at approximately the same time. A large number of naval machines engaged the other raiders over the sea without decisive result.

The pilot who destroyed the Gotha, and who was flying in a land machine reports that he fired and pursued an enemy airplane flying at 12,000 feet from North Foreland about fifteen miles off Zeebrugge, where he lost the hostile aircraft.

"Returning to the mouth of the Thames he observed an aircraft firing bursting in the vicinity of Southend, and he flew in that direction, climbing. He then observed eight Gotha airplanes, steering northeast. The enemy machines were about 2,000 feet above him when he got beneath them. He pursued, climbing to 15,000 feet and attacked without result when about thirty miles out to seaward.

"At this moment he saw a single hostile machine 4,000 feet below the enemy formation but flying with it. "He attacked from the front and drove the enemy down to the water, where he observed him turn over and saw one of the occupants hanging on to the tail. He thereupon threw in his lifebelt and did two or three circuits around him before returning to England. While returning he endeavored to communicate the position of the hostile machine to British destroyers."

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Stranger Investigated. Yesterday afternoon a man who answered to the description of the person who accosted the three women on Rockland road, near the corner of Main street a few evenings ago, and talked about the murder, was escorted to police headquarters and investigated. It was found that the man is a carpenter and a French-Canadian from the North Shore. He says that he is not a stranger in the city, having worked for a contractor here. He has been walking about different parts of the city, and has possibly discussed the murder with people, but knew nothing more about it than what he had heard. He was not identified as the man who was talking to the women, and as there was nothing to show that he had any connection with the case he was allowed to depart.

HENDERSON DEFENDS POSITION

Mr. Henderson here interrupted the speaker by asking if he had not suggested to Mr. Lloyd George that if the labor conference decided to favor the Stockholm conference the government would respond to his appeal for unity in securing a victory. He was not sure, he added, that it was necessary to say more than the above statement (the premier) had made in the press. Each member of the cabinet had told him that Mr. Henderson had left the impression on their minds that he intended to use his whole influence to drown down the Stockholm conference at this labor conference.

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Mr. Lloyd George replied that he had said he would not consent to Mr. Henderson or any delegates representing Great Britain to attend the Stockholm conference.

Moncton, Aug. 12.—Arrested at the altar was the experience of a young American in this city Saturday. The young man halls from Fulton, Tenn., and has been employed by a paving company. While here he fell in love with a Moncton young woman and shortly after noon yesterday they were married. He had been married about a minute when an officer appeared on the scene and placed him under arrest on a charge of using language insulting to King George. When the policeman was informed that a wedding ceremony was in progress he remarked that the minister could wait.

The bridegroom and bride claim that the charge was trumped up by a woman who was jealous. The charge is the second of the kind which has been made against an American citizen here within a few days. The other defendant is an agent, who claims he was merely joking.

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