

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

THE MONTH IN PARLIAMENT

- 1914.
January.
1 **CUSTOMS REVENUE FOR DECEMBER SHOWS DECREASE** of \$991,175 as compared with December of 1912.
- 2 **DR. MICHAEL CLARK, M.P.** addresses public meeting at **GLACE BAY, N.S.**, on Federal Political issues.
HON. GEO. PERLEY RETURNS after several months' absence in Europe.
- 7 **GRAIN GROWERS' CONVENTION AT BRANDON PASS RESOLUTIONS** opposing the **BORDEN NAVAL POLICY**, condemning electoral corruption and demanding enforcement of **Combines' Investigation Act**.
- 9 **HON. MESSES. W. T. WHITE** and **G. P. GRAHAM** at **GANANOQUE BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET**. Minister of Finance says financial crisis is past.
- 10 **PREMIERS FLEMMING OF NEW BRUNSWICK** and **MURRAY OF NOVA SCOTIA FYLE** **MEMORIAL OF MARITIME PROVINCES** against reduction in Parliamentary representation of Maritime Provinces.
DELEGATION OF TWENTY-FOUR ALBERTA CONSERVATIVES, members of the Legislature and defeated Federal candidates, **ARRIVE IN OTTAWA** to press for Provincial control of natural resources, free wheat, reduced duty on agricultural implements, cabinet representation for Alberta, revision of grazing land leases, etc.
- 12 **FREE WHEAT RESOLUTION** unanimously carried by **MANITOBA LEGISLATURE**.
HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX at **TORONTO CANADIAN CLUB** on "THE QUEBEC ACT."
- 13 **HON. T. W. CROTHERS** **ANNOUNCES** Government contemplates **AMENDMENTS** to enlarge scope of **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVESTIGATION ACT**.
- 15 **DOMINION PARLIAMENT OPENS AT OTTAWA**—Third Session under Borden administration.
- 16 **SENATOR GEORGE A. COX DIES AT TORONTO**.
- 17 **TOTAL IMMIGRATION** into Canada increased by six per cent during 1913. Immigration from United States shows decrease.
- 20 **LORD STRATHCONA**, Canada's High Commissioner in London, **DIES AT LONDON**.
- 21 **HON. DR. MONTAGUE** in **MANITOBA LEGISLATURE** brings down **RESOLUTION TO SPEND \$2,500,000 ON MAIN HIGHWAYS** of that Province.
CHARLES H. PARMELEE, EX-M.P. KING'S PRINTER, DIES AT OTTAWA.
- 23 **MEETING OF LIBERALS AT NORTH BRANT**. **MR. N. W. ROWELL** speaks on **RURAL DEPOPULATION**.
- 24 **MR. J. S. EWART, K.C.** at **CANADIAN CLUB** Chateau Laurier, speaks on the **AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND NAVAL POLICY**.
HON. GEO. E. FOSTER RETURNS TO OTTAWA after month's absence in England. Announces Imperial Trade Commission will visit Canada next summer.
- 27 **SIR RODMOND ROBLIN** **INTRODUCES REDISTRIBUTION BILL** IN **MANITOBA LEGISLATURE**.
BANQUET OF LAURIER LIBERAL CLUB at **BERLIN, ONT.** **MR. E. J. HALEY**, President, in chair. Addresses by **HON. MACKENZIE KING** and others.
- 28 **MEETING OF LIBERALS AT REVELSTOKE, B.C.**
W. H. TAFT, ex-President of United States delivers series of addresses in Toronto.
- 29 **HON. W. S. FIELDING** retires from Presidency and editorship of **MONTREAL HERALD-TELEGRAPH** on ground of control of paper by interests of which he is not informed.
- 31 **W. H. TAFT, ex-President of the United States** addresses **CANADIAN CLUB OF OTTAWA** at Chateau Laurier on problems of government and international relations.

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15 **OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. SPEECH FROM THRONE** contains little promise of constructive legislation. No reference to either naval or tariff issues. Redistribution bill and bill to increase representation of western provinces in Senate are main items in Government legislative programme.
- 19 **DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THRONE**. **SIR WILFRID LAURIER** says Government has met Parliament with small list of assets and long list of liabilities. Sir Wilfrid moves **LIBERAL AMENDMENT** expressing regret that speech from throne contains no indication of any action by the Government to relieve admitted business depression throughout Canada. **PREMIER BORDEN** in reply holds out **no hope of any tariff reduction**, or other action by administration, and says in effect that nothing will be done in regard to **NAVY** until there is Conservative majority in the Senate when Government will make contribution of three ships to British Navy.
DR. MICHAEL CLARK (Red Deer) (L) follows Premier.
- 20 **MR. A. K. MACLEAN** (Halifax) (L) **REVIEWS GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL RECORD** pointing out huge increase in expenditures in face of falling revenue and consequent heavy borrowings of Government. Minister of Finance **HON. W. T. WHITE** in reply defends growing expenditures. On **TARIFF** issues Mr. White argues against removal of duties and for continued protection without a revision of the tariff. **HON. FRANK OLIVER** (Edmonton) (L) continues debate.
- 21 Eloquent tributes paid to **MEMORY OF LATE LORD STRATHCONA** BY **PREMIER BORDEN** and **SIR WILFRID LAURIER**.
- 22 **DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONTINUED** by Messrs. **JAMESON** (Digby, N.S.), **HUGHES** (Kings, P.E.I.) (L.) **SCHAFFNER** (Souris) (C.), **TURGEON** (Gloucester) (L) and **NICHOLSON** (Queens, P.E.I.) (C). Mr. Nicholson recommends to Government policy of "dash away and spend the money."
- 23 **MR. D. O. LESPERANCE**, Conservative-Nationalist, introduces **BILL TO REPEAL LAURIER NAVAL ACT**, says he does so "from a sense of personal honor" and "not to embarrass a member of this Government." **DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONTINUED** BY **MESSES. NESBITT** (Oxford, N.) (L.), **LEWIS** (Huron W.) (C.) **SINCLAIR** (Guysboro, (L) **MEIGHEN** (Portage la Prairie) (C).
- 24 **DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONTINUED** BY **MESSES. D. A. LAFORTUNE** (Montcalm) (L) **BRODER** (Dundas) (C.) and **HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX** (Rouville) (L).
- 25 **DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONTINUED** BY Postmaster-General **L. P. PELLETIER** and **MESSES. MCKENZIE** (Cape Breton, N.) (L) **BENNETT** (Calgary) (C.), **W. F. MACLEAN** (York, S.) (C.) and **VERVILLE** (Maisonneuve) (L). Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment voted down by 108 to 64, a Government majority of 44. **W. F. Maclean** breaks from party in favor of removal of wheat duties.
- 28 **DEBATE ON ADDRESS CONTINUED. DR. D. B. NEELY** (Humboldt) (L) **MOVES SECOND LIBERAL AMENDMENT** declaring regret that speech from throne gives no indication of any intention on part of Government to take steps to secure **FREE ACCESS TO MARKETS OF UNITED STATES FOR WHEAT** and wheat products of Canada by removal of present tariff bars. Minister of Public Works **HON. ROBERT ROGEE**s replying for Government refers to Liberal arguments for tariff reductions as "childish twaddle". He says "sounder reasons" will have to be given for the removal of the wheat duties and **ASKS THE HOUSE TO REJECT THE AMENDMENT**. **HON. FRANK OLIVER** and **MESSES LEVI THOMSON** (Qu'Appelle) (L.) and **GEO. McCRANEY** (Saskatoon) (L.) and **DR. MOLLOY** (Provencher) (L.) supply "sound reasons" Minister of Labour, **HON. T. W. CROTHERS** says western farmers need education more than wider markets.
- 29 **DEBATE ON DR. NEELY'S AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS CONTINUED** BY **MESSES. MacNUTT** (Salt Coats) (L.), **RAINVILLE** (Chambly Vercheres) (Conservative-Nationalist), **CRUISE** (Dauphin) (L.), **W. F. MACLEAN** (York S) (C.) **DOUGLAS** (Strathcona) (L.) and **WARNOCK** (Macleod) (L). **AMENDMENT DEFEATED** by vote 102 to 57, a Government majority of 45.
MAIN ESTIMATES for coming fiscal year tabled. Total \$190,735,176, an increase of nearly \$12,000,000 over main estimates of preceding session, with supplementary estimates still to be brought down. Vote required for **INTEREST ON NATIONAL DEBT** and for sinking fund shows **INCREASE OF \$1,738,013**.
- 30 **HOUSE IN SUPPLY. ON NAVAL ESTIMATES** (Civil Government) Liberals criticize vote for naval service when no service is given. Minister of Marine and Fisheries **HON. J. D. HAZEN** evades any pronouncement on Government's naval policy.

A CONTRAST THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

From the Speech from the Throne, at the opening of Parliament.

"Canada has been favored by a long series of prosperous years."

(The Laurier Administration, 1896-1911)

"At the present moment business is slightly restricted."

(The Borden Administration, 1911-14)