

New Cabinet For Ontario

Premier Drury, of Ontario, has announced that R. H. Grant, member-elect for Carleton, had accepted the portfolio of Education in the Ontario Cabinet now being formed. Mr. Drury also stated that he had wired W. F. Nickel, K. C., of Kingston, offering him the portfolio of Attorney General.

The Farmers' Sun, which is regarded as the Premier, gives the following list of the new Cabinet:

- Premier—E. C. Drury.
- Minister of Agriculture—Manning Doherty.
- Education—R. H. Grant.
- Lands and Forests—Beniah Bowman.
- Public Works—F. C. Biggs.
- Labor and Health—R. W. Rollo.
- Mines and Mills—Provincial Secretary—C. Nixon.
- Secretary-Treas.—Peter Smith.
- Attorney General—W. F. Nickel.
- Without Portfolio—Lieut.-Col. D. Carmichael, D. S. O.

Fire Waste

According to the Insurance Companies carelessness is the principal cause of fires. That is a broad statement. All fires, not kindled with incendiary intent, are supposed to be controlled for a definite purpose; there is no doubt carelessness somewhere if the fire passes from control. The high proportion of fires in Canada may be partly due to careless handling of fire or potential fire; partly to careless construction of houses, and partly to the fact that carelessness with fire in wooden houses is much more dangerous than in buildings of brick or stone. Canadian losses by fire are enormous, if figures supplied from insurance sources are reliable. In 1918 Canada's per capita fire loss was reported at \$4.00; the United

In view of the critical fuel situation, export of coal from Canada to all destinations has been prohibited, except under license issued upon the recommendation of the Canadian Trade Commission. Exportation of coal to Europe will cease immediately. As the prohibition includes coal for all purposes license will have to be obtained in the usual way for bunker coal. In the case of coal already loaded for export, the Canadian Trade Commission announces that consideration will be given applications for licenses by telegraph. States at \$2.26; Russia 97 cents; France 74 cents; England 64 cents; Norway 53 cents; Italy 53 cents; Sweden 42 cents; Germany 28 cents; Switzerland 13 cents. These figures indicate a high rate of insurance for Canada compared with other countries, and there is also a higher burden of taxation for fire protection.

Private Hodges sat in his hut trying to clean his rifle. Suddenly he heard his name called. "Here," he shouted, running out.

"Wanted in the orderly room," said the sergeant, and Hodges followed him with bulging eyes and a sad heart. But he cheered up when the adjutant addressed him thus:

"I have a letter from your father. He is anxious to purchase your discharge, as he needs you to help him in his business," remarked the adjutant, looking at him keenly. "Now, Private Hodges, what is your father's walk in life?" "P-please, sir," he blurted out, "he's b-b-bowlegged!"

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