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Our Best Winter Port.

Some letters have been published in the Guardian and a few paragraphs have appeared in the Patriot, relative to the operations of our winter steamers. "Interested Islander," in the Guardian of Saturday last, takes the ground that it is practically impossible to make Charlottetown a winter port and that the public interests would be best served by sending both winter steamers to Georgetown soon after the close of summer navigation, before "the inevitable difficulties of the Charlottetown route commence to cause delays."

Dominion Parliament

Ottawa, Feb. 21—An attack upon the United States, an upon Sir George Perley, the acting High Commissioner in London, and an effort to put the "Longshoremans" Association up against Hon. J. D. Hazen, all of this by E. M. MacDonald of Pictou, were the features of an otherwise dull day in the commons. The apathy of the United States in this war has been the wonder of the civilized world," said Mr. MacDonald, and he added that because of this the Allies should go mostly to the United States instead of to Canada. Sir Robert Borden had no difficulty in disposing of this. He said it was true that earlier in the war orders might have been sent elsewhere which could have been placed in Canada, but he himself had sent forcible representations to the British government on the subject and he had been assured by British cabinet ministers and officials that orders in the future, wherever possible, would be placed here. In the first part of the war there was a hurry, confusion and extreme haste to get material. At the beginning of the industrial resources of Canada were not as well understood as later. Now, however, he was assured that Canada would receive a preference and that an endeavor would be made to secure from the Allies all orders which could be placed in Canada on reasonable terms. He added that Sir George Perley was in intimate and close touch with the cabinet ministers and British officials and devoted a great deal of time to this government. At the outbreak of the war, the Canadian manufacturer had not shown the same energy as the Americans who sent the best agents to Europe. Later the manufacturer had not shown the same energy as the American who sent the best agents to Europe. Later the manufacturer had not shown the same energy as the American who sent the best agents to Europe.

Progress of the War.

Paris, Feb. 22—The text of the French official statement given out this afternoon follows: "In the Artois district, after the violent bombardment, previously reported to have taken place yesterday evening, the enemy delivered a strong attack against our positions at the forest of Givenchy. They were successful in penetrating into our first line trenches along a front of about 800 metres, and at several places they gained lodgement in our communicating trenches. There followed a counter-attack on our part and as a result the enemy hold now only a few positions in these latter trenches. The German attacking force at this consisted of seven battalions. They suffered heavy losses. They suffered considerable losses as a result of our certain of fire and from the activities of our infantry and our machine guns. To the southeast of Rodincourt the enemy caused the explosion of a mine, but our troops occupied the crater. At Brabant-sur-Meuse, between the forest of Haute and Herbe forest, the Germans gained a footing in some of our advanced trenches. At certain points they pushed on to our communicating trenches, but our counter-attacks drove them out from these latter positions. We took about fifty prisoners. To the east of Seppois two German attacks were repulsed by us. There has been considerable artillery activity along the front between Chapelotte and Ban-

The Budget Debate.

The budget debate, in the House of Commons came to a close Tuesday morning Feb. 29th. The Opposition moved no amendment and the motion to go into committee of ways and means was adopted without division. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23—Only two men stood between me and any decoration or mention in despatches, one was General Alderson and the other was the Minister of Militia. One was six miles back and the other was 1,800 miles away. I prefer the verdict of the man who was in the trenches with me. This was the statement of Col. John Allister Currie in the house today in the course of a speech in the budget debate. He is the Conservative member for North Simcoe, and when the war broke out he and his famous regiment, the famous 48th Highlanders, of Toronto, were the first to offer active service as a unit. They went with the first contingent, and along with other Canadian battalions were cut to pieces at St. Julien. After that battle Col. Currie's name was almost the only one of the officers engaged unmentioned in despatches. The explanation or at least part of it, came today from Col. Currie. He read a letter from Brigadier General Turner, his brigade commander, in which the latter said that he would have pleasure in forwarding his name for mention in despatches. Col. Currie said he referred to this matter because there had been "some gossip regarding my conduct at the front."

De-Sept. "A Zeppelin yesterday evening flew over Lunenburg and threw down several bombs, which, however, caused material damage of little importance. Pursued by our aviators, this flying machine moved away in the direction of Metz."

London, Feb. 22—The fact that the men of the British warships are turning out a large amount of war munitions in their spare time aboard ship is revealed in a letter from the Munition Minister, David Lloyd George, to Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, made public tonight. "I have been greatly interested in the details of the splendid work done by the officers and men of the battle cruiser fleet in making munitions," the minister writes. "The output which has already been reached is very striking, but more important even that the material results is the magnificent spirit which prompted the men of the fleet to devote their leisure time to giving the men in the trenches such loyal and effective support. "The fact also that the work is being carried out by the men's own wish, and without remuneration, greatly enhances its value."

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Local And Other Items

We shall esteem it a great favor if those who have been furnished with subscription accounts will be so kind as to remit amounts due. Japan is sending four war ships to the Indian Ocean to replace others there. It is denied that a fleet has been sent to the Mediterranean. Of 411 passengers and crew of the steamer "Malaga" sunk by a mile off Dover on the 27 ult only 260 are known to have been saved. Neil McQuarrie, Esq., K. C. Summerside has been appointed Judge of the county court for Prince County. Congratulations to Judge McQuarrie. Admiral Sir Hedworth Merry commander of the British fleet at Portsmouth is mentioned as likely to be naval advisor to Lord Cecil, the new Blockade Minister. The supreme court for King County, opened at Georgetown yesterday. Judge Hazzard presiding. There are two criminal cases, and the Grand Jury found true bills in both. Thirty-six Austrian and German vessels seized recently in the Tagus River Portugal have not been confiscated, but are to be used for transport and other services. There are some eight more in other ports and these also will likely be requisitioned. Fire broke out on Monday on the Burymachos, a Russian ship laden with munitions of war, and which was about to sail from New York for Vladivostok. The fire was extinguished after the ship had been seriously damaged. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The sinking of the Italian hospital ship Mare Chiara, near San Giovanni di Medua, Albania is reported in a despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The vessel is said to have struck an Austrian mine. It is reported there were numerous victims. The monthly payments from Ottawa of assigned pay or separation allowances to relatives of dependants of the men under arms now aggregates over \$2,000,000. Over ninety thousand cheques are made out each month by the branch dealing with the part of the work. Paris advices of the 26th say there are heavy snowstorms throughout France except in the far southern districts Traffic interrupted. For the first time in years. Lyons and other cities noted for a mild climate are now covered. In some parts of the country the snow is three feet deep. Important Public Meeting A Public Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Provincial Building, on Tuesday, 7th day of March next, commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with an evening session opening at 7.30, to take into consideration the special conditions existing that may arise in this Province by reason of the war, and Prospective possibilities when war is ended. Without limit the scope of subjects to be discussed, the following will be considered. Agriculture. Fisheries. Transportation. Emigration. Technical Education. Special Industries. New Industries. The intention of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for free discussion of matters of public interest, with a view to a better understanding of our conditions and opportunities, and full operation in all things relating to the welfare of the Province. All interested are invited to attend. ARTHUR NEWBERRY, Asst. Provincial Secy. Feb'y. 28, 1916 E.

