

Canada Votes Fifty Millions

House Laid Aside Political Differences and Spoke With United Voice

CHANGES IN THE TARIFF

War Tax Chiefly on Coffee, Sugar, Tobacco and Spirits

Canada's first war budget was presented to Parliament in a half-hour statement by the Minister of Finance Thursday. To partly meet a condition where revenues will be less than last year by some \$35,000,000 and expenditures greater by more than \$60,000,000, war taxes on two of the necessities of life, sugar and coffee, and two of the luxuries, spirits and tobacco, with minor changes affecting some forty items in the tariff schedules, are imposed.

Fifty Millions Voted

The vote of \$50,000,000 for war and defence purposes was put through the resolution stage in just one minute. The Minister of Finance declared that Canada was prepared to spend her last drop of blood and her last dollar for the defence of the Empire. Then he proceeded to tell what was needed in the way of expenditure, and how he proposed to raise it.

Mr. White declared the intention of the Government to maintain so far as possible the existing program of public works under construction, but added that new works would not be undertaken till the financial situation cleared. Under such a policy he estimated that the revenue would just about suffice to meet ordinary running expenditure. This left to be otherwise provided for capital, special and investment expenditure a total of probably \$30,000,000, together with such special expenditure as might be made for the common defence of Canada and the Empire.

The special war taxes representing only a fraction of the increase in military and naval expenditure will fall, the Minister said, on the entire community. "In paying them each citizen will feel that the amount he pays is a direct contribution to the defence of Canada and the Empire."

Both Sides United

Party lines were forgotten when the House met for the most momentous session in its history.

Mr. Donald Sutherland, of South Oxford, who moved, and D. D. Lesperance, of Montmagny, who seconded the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, dwelt upon the duty of the country to care for the families of the men who were about to risk their lives in battle for Canada and the Empire, and upon the wonderful unanimity of sentiment which had united all the states of the Empire and for the time had obliterated factional and political differences in Ireland, in Great Britain, in Canada and in every nation under the Union Jack.

The Premier, Sir Robert Borden, voiced the sentiment of the House when he said: "As to our duty, all are agreed. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Mother Country. With firm hearts we abide the issue."

The Premier's Statement

Sir Robert said in part: "It is not fitting that I should prolong this debate. In the awful dawn of the greatest war the world has ever known, in the hour when peril confronts us such as this Empire has not faced for a hundred years, every vain or unnecessary word seems a discord. As to our duty all are agreed, east and west, and shoulder to shoulder, with Britain and the other British Dominions in this quarrel. And that duty we shall not fail to fulfill as the honor of Canada demands. Not for love of battle, not for lust of conquest, not for greed of possessions, but for the cause of honor, to maintain solemn pledges, to uphold principles of liberty, to withstand forces that would convert the world into an armed camp, yes, in the very name of the peace that we sought at any cost, save that of dishonor, we have entered into this war, and while gravely conscious of the tremendous issues involved and of all the sacrifices that they may entail, we do not shrink from them, but with firm hearts we abide the event."

Sir Wilfrid Eloquent

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was received with cheers from both sides of the House. "Our answer is, 'Ready, aye, Ready!'" declared the leader of the Opposition. "Our appeal is not to the god of battles, but to the God of justice and mercy. We have had our differences and disagreements, but here and now I give the assurance that in what has been done and in what remains to be done we shall take no exception and offer no criticism so long as there is danger at the front. We propose to let the friends and the foes of Britain know that a united Canada stands with the Mother Country, conscious and proud

that she wages war not for selfish purposes, but with one mind and one heart to maintain untarnished the honor and dignity of her name, and to save civilization from the unbridled lust of conquest and power."

Parliament prorogued on Saturday after the shortest session in the history of the Dominion. The House in four days put through the tariff changes, passed the war appropriation and made drastic amendments to the banking and currency laws, without a dissenting vote. The Minister of Militia announced that a second military contingent might be sent from Canada.

JAPAN DECLARES WAR

Japan on Sunday night declared war upon Germany.

This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Kiaochau.

The Japanese Government ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea. The British official press bureau made the following announcement: "Orders have been issued by the Austro-Hungarian Government to the cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, lying in Kiaochau harbor, to disarm, and the crew proceed to Tientsin."

The blockade of Tsing-Tau, the fortified seaport of Kiaochau, has begun. British, French and Russian warships are taking part in the movement.

BRUSSELS CAPTURED

Unfortified Capital of Belgian Offered no Resistance to Germans

The Germans are over-running North Belgium, and are moving on to Ostend and Antwerp. The British Consul at Ostend on Friday advised all the English to leave that place, and most of them departed for Folkestone. The Germans occupied Brussels, the capital of Belgium without firing a shot. Cavalrymen took possession of the city Thursday, and held it until the German hussars and Uhlans arrived the next day outside the gates, where they were met by the Burgomaster. The German general notified him that Brussels must pay a war levy of \$40,000,000 which is equivalent to \$55 from every man, woman and child in the city.

No information is available as to whether the Germans now intend to devote themselves to the task of reducing Antwerp or to an endeavor to force their way southward into France. It seems, however, that the determination is to attack the Belgian army of some 150,000 men who are still in or around Antwerp. The Germans already are advancing in the direction of Ghent. They have occupied Alost, fifteen miles northwest of Brussels, and Wetteren, eight miles southeast of Ghent, and apparently intend to overrun the whole of northern Belgium to the sea.

NOT LAST GREAT WAR

Expert View as Expressed by a Neutral Observer

That the war in which the great European powers are now engaged will be short and decisive, and that it will not be so terrible as to make wars impossible in the future, is the editorial expression of The Army and Navy Journal of New York. The Journal says:

"The present war in Europe will not be the last war, as some are rashly predicting. As long as racial prejudice exists and until there is universal brotherhood, wars will occur. The treaties that will be signed at the close of the war will last until the vanquished have gained sufficient strength to attempt to regain their lost honor and territory. The war will be a short and decisive war. More men may be killed in battle, but the percentage of the casualties will scarcely be larger than in former years. Owing to improved methods of sanitation and in training soldiers, the number of deaths from disease will be reduced to a minimum. The developments of modern implements of warfare will shorten the time of the war and reduce the amount of suffering and financial loss. Within a year Europe will be in peace again, and in a few years will have recovered almost entirely from the effects of the war. It will not be so terrible that in another crisis like this nations will refuse to go to war."

CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS

How the Recruits Must Measure up Before the Sergeant

Following are the physical qualifications for Canadians volunteering for service overseas:

In the artillery the gunners have to be five feet seven inches or over and the drivers five feet three inches. The chest measurement must not be less than 34½ inches.

For the engineers the height for the sappers must be five feet four inches and over; for the pioneers five feet seven inches and over. The chest measurement must be the same as for the artillery, not less than 34½ inches.

The infantry's minimum height has been cut to five feet three inches, and the chest measurement not less than 33½ inches.

In the Army Service Corps, horse transport, the height for drivers must also be five feet three inches and over and for the supply and military train branch the same. The chest measurement must be a minimum of 33½ inches.

In the Army Medical Corps the height and chest measurement must be the same and the age limit for all between 18 and 45 years.

Bayonet Not Obsolete

It is a great mistake to imagine that the bayonet is obsolete, or that the days of hand-to-hand fighting are over. When an advance begins, it must go on. To stop is bad, to retreat fatal. The bayonet is relied on to push the charge right home, when the desired spot is reached. Whatever may have happened to the sword and the lance, the bayonet is as important to-day as it ever was. The mere sight of it in the hands of a British soldier is often enough to frighten an enemy.

Swiss in Canada

There are about four hundred men of the Swiss militia in Canada and almost 1,500 in the United States.

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Potatoes, bush, 75 to 80
Butter, per pound, 25 to 27
Eggs, per dozen, 22 to 23
Hay, per ton, \$18 to \$20
Hides, \$10.00 to \$11
Hogs, live, \$9.00 to \$9.25
Beef, \$10 to \$11
Sheepskins, 50 to 80
Wool, 18 to 27
Flour, Samson, \$3.10 to \$3.25
Flour, Winnipeg, \$3.05 to \$3.25
Flour, Silver Leaf, \$3.00 to \$3.20
Flour, Victoria, \$2.95 to \$3.15
Flour, new process, \$2.90 to \$3.10
Flour, family, clipper, \$2.85 to \$3.05
Bran, per 100 pounds, \$1.40 to \$1.50
Shorts, do., \$1.45 to \$1.50
Mixed Chop, do., \$1.70 to \$1.90
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