

WAR CABINET AND NEW MINISTRY IN BRITAIN

Lloyd-George's Men and Plans Announced Officially—Five Men to Conduc. War

Official announcement was made in London on Sunday night that the new Government had been constituted with a War Cabinet comprising the following: War Cabinet—

- David Lloyd-George (Lib.), Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.
- Earl Curzon (C.), Lord President of the Council. He will also be Government leader in the House of Lords.
- Arthur Henderson (Lab.), Minister without portfolio.
- Lord Milner (U.), Minister without portfolio.
- Andrew Bonar Law (U.), Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has been asked by the Premier to act as leader in the House of Commons and also as member of the War Cabinet without being expected to attend regularly.

The General Ministry

The other members of the Ministry, who are not in the War Cabinet, and their party affiliations follow. There are three new officers—the Minister of Labor, Food Controller and Shipping controller: Lord High Chancellor, Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay (U.); Secretary of State for the Home Department, Sir George Gray (U.); Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Arthur J. Balfour (U.); Secretary of State for the Colonies, Walter Hume Long (U.); Secretary of State for War, The Earl of Derby (U.); Secretary of State for India, Austen Chamberlain (U.); President of the Local Government Board, Baron Rhondda (D. A. Thomas) (Lib.); President of the Board of Trade, Sir Albert Stanley (U.); Minister of Labor, John Hodge (Lab.); First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Edward Carson (U.); Minister of Munitions, Dr. Christopher Addison (Lib.); Minister of Blockade, Lord Robert Cecil (U.); Food Controller, Baron Devonport (Lib.); Ship Controller, Sir Joseph Patten MacLay (Lib.); President of the Board of Agriculture, Rowland E. Prothero (U.); President of the Board of Education, Herbert A. L. Fisher (Non-party); First Commissioner of Works, Sir Alfred Mond (Lib.); Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir Frederick Cawley (Lib.); Postmaster-General, Albert Illingworth (Lib.); Minister of Pensions, George N. Barnes, (Lab.); Attorney-General, Sir Frederick E. Smith (U.); Solicitor-General, Gordon Stewart, K.C. (Lib.); Secretary for Scotland, Robert Munro (Lib.); Lord Advocate, James A. Clyde, K.C. (U.); Solicitor-General for Scotland, Thomas B. Morrison, K.C. (Lib.); Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, Baron Wimborne (Lib.); Chief Secretary for Ireland, Henry E. Duke (U.); Lord Chancellor for Ireland, Sir Ignatius J. O'Brien, K.C. (Lib.); Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay, in accepting the office of Lord High Chancellor, stipulated that his right to a pension be waived.

The War Programme

Lord Northcliffe's organ, the Weekly Dispatch, says that Premier Lloyd-George's war programme comprises the following: Firstly—The arming of merchantmen in order to fight the submarine peril. Secondly—The preparation for the Spring offensive. Thirdly—The mobilization of the civil population between the ages of sixteen and sixty. Fourthly—The making effective of the blockade. Fifthly—The rationing of the population by the issue of food tickets. Sixthly—The increasing of the home food production. Seventhly—The banning of work immaterial to the war. Eighthly—Enforcing of the prohibition of luxuries. Ninthly—The instituting of meatless days.

SASKATCHEWAN VOTING

First Results of Provincial Referendum on Liquor Dispensaries

Voting on Monday throughout the Province on the question of liquor stores abolition, to go into effect on December 31, has resulted in part, as follows: Returns received Monday night showed forty-one towns for abolition, with a vote of 6,842; against, 634; while in eighty-six villages the vote was: For, 4,871; against, 940. Some of the other returns are: Regina city—For abolition of stores, 1,143; against, 117. Moosejaw city—Ward One—Dry, 418; wet, 76. Lloydminster—Dry, 118; wet, 28. Battleford—Dry, 327; wet, 58. At Yorkton a vote of ten to one was piled up for abolition of Government dispensaries, the figures being 687 for abolition and 68 against.

FRANCE MAY FOLLOW

Centralized Control For War Purposes is Demanded There

A bill, the purpose of which is to re-organize and simplify the existing Cabinet was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies Saturday night by a group of five Deputies, among them Abbe Lemire and M. Franklin-Bouillon, Vice-President of the Foreign Affairs Committee. The measure provides that during the war the Cabinet shall be composed of five members, who shall be the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Interior, War and Marine.

The cry for leadership waxed stronger in every part of the press, some demanding a form of personal dictatorship, others insisting on a limited war council after the English model. But, whatever party they belong to, all writers are agreed that the Government machine must be radically changed at once to meet the situation.

Probes High Living Costs

The Labor Department at Ottawa is now sending out several thousand circulars to coal dealers, cold-storage houses and potato dealers throughout Canada requiring prompt response to a series of questions as to stock on hand, wholesale and retail prices, daily deliveries, etc.

John E. Chisholm, Conservative, defeated ex-Speaker Hon. J. A. Sheppard for the Moose Jaw seat in Saskatchewan Legislature, by a majority of 70.

McWILLIAMS.

The weather for the last week has been very mild and no snow, allowing the farmers to get their plowing finished.

Mr. Philip Lawrence Mr. Farr Lawrence Mr. Roy Lawrence Mr. Joseph Dixon and Mr. Philip A. Harrison attended the Guelph Winter Fair last week and report a pleasant and profitable time.

Mr. George Lawrence is having a new gasoline engine installed to do his pumping. This, together with complete water works throughout his stables, will give him much comfort and convenience.

Mr. Fred McArthur, of Priceville is pruning Mr. Tom Mac's orchard.

Mrs. James Tucker returned on Saturday after a couple of weeks visit with her son in Toronto.

A Red Cross concert was given in Ebenezer Church last Friday night.

The talent came from Holstein and despite the rainy evening and muddy roads they managed to get through. They gave a fine program every number being good and well rendered. Mr. Drum and Mr. Smith of Holstein kindly gave the use of their cars for the occasion. Proceeds entirely for Red Cross.

A social evening under the auspices of the Red Cross was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins on Friday evening of last week when a goodly number attended. A very pleasant evening was spent. Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross.

L. O. L. No. 1192 met on Monday evening when the officers for the coming year were installed. After the business of the evening was over they held what they termed a smoker. Sandwiches, coffee and cigars were served and a pleasant hour was spent. Quite a number of visiting brethren from different Lodges in the District

were present. At the hour of twelve all arose and sang the National Anthem and dispersed for their homes all having enjoyed the evening. Following are the officers for the coming year: W. M., W. R. Watson; D. M., Thomas Ritchie; Chap., Allen Bell; Rec. Sec., R. J. McFadden; Fin. Sec., Geo. Whitmore; Treas., Jack McGill; Lecturer, Reuben Watson; D. of C., John Ritchie, Sr. Com. Man., Donald Watson; Jr. Com. Man., James Lawrence; W. Williams; George Hopkins; Roy Lawrence; Tyler, Thomas Bell.

Mr. Will Cameron of Mount Forest accompanied by a lady friend visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Watson.

She is a poor cook who is unable to make good.

Most people gladly take advice from a stranger.

Shop Early for Christmas Buying

Goods selected will be kept until the proper time, and delivered if required.

War Souvenirs, made of a steel shell, with brass mountings—Card Receivers, Candle Sticks, Etc. From \$1.50 up Also a fine assortment of Brass Goods at old prices.

Magazines and Daily Papers Subscriptions taken here for whole or portions of year. Wesaveyoumoney

China is Always an Acceptable Gift

See the pretty pieces we are showing at reasonable prices.

Cut Glass, although upon price, we are offering 20 per cent. discount off to holiday buyers.

Dressing Cases Manicure Cases In White Ivory and Ebony From \$2.00 to \$18.00

Save the Coupons. With them You Can Buy from us Rogers' High-Grade Silver Plate at Plate.

Books Make Fast Friends

We have a fine assortment for all ages.

If in doubt give a book.

Liggett's Chocolates

Huyler's Chocolates

Lowney's Candies

New Packages Fresh Goods

Perfume Always Pleases

Elegant Boxes

New Odors

and quite inexpensive 25c to \$2.00

Macfarlane's Drug Store The Rexall Store

C. P. R. Town Office—Buy your tickets here. Save Your Coupon



This Christmas

Let us Give Moderately to Each Other and Generously to the Soldiers' Families

Nineteen hundred and sixteen years ago came the very first Christmas, and for all these centuries there has recurred the Great Anniversary with its message of good will to men.

And so we give gifts.

Men and women of Ontario! We who stand for good will among men and nations; we whose men fight that there may at last be real peace on earth—let us make this a Christmas worthy of the day it commemorates—let us lay aside a generous proportion of our Christmas money for the families of those who are fighting the good fight.

Give to the Canadian Patriotic Fund

the fund that guards the soldiers' families from want.

Great as the result will be among the families of our soldiers, greater yet may the blessing be among us, the givers. Christmas will have a more vital meaning for us than perhaps ever before, and as for the children, who can measure the impression they will receive and keep of that Christmas Day when they shared their Christmas with the loved ones of the men who saved their country!

Let each Canadian boy and girl get a lesson from this historic Christmas which will go with them all through life.

Good men and women of Ontario! Can the need of our soldiers' families cry in vain for the relief which this Fund alone makes possible? Can we—can we, in the face of it all, again give lavishly among ourselves? Shall we not this year, with hearts full of the spirit of Christmas, lay aside a generous proportion of our Christmas money for the cause which so urgently needs it?

"Somewhere in France" he is fighting the good fight.

Somewhere in Ontario all that he holds dear is depending upon our decision.

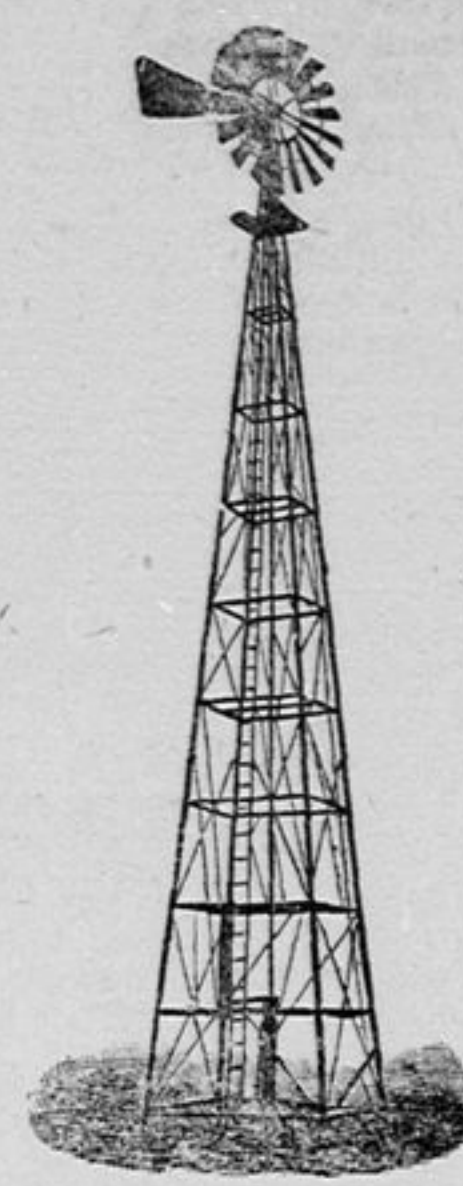
Truly "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ontario will be asked in January to assure the Canadian Patriotic Fund that it can depend on having six million dollars in 1917 for the families of Ontario's soldiers.



Four million of these dollars must be secured from individual subscriptions. If there is no branch of the Fund in your town or county send your subscription direct to the Head Office, Canadian Patriotic Fund, Victoria street, Ottawa.

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Everything in our line at lowest prices for Cash. All kinds of Grain bought and sold.

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TELEPHONE No. 8 (Night or Day)

The Ideal Gent's Furnishing Store

WE are fully prepared to fill your needs in Furnishings for the Christmas Trade. We can show you the largest and most up-to-date stock of Gent's Furnishings in town. Call in and see the

largest assortment of the newest neckwear, from 25c to \$1.00; also gloves, the largest assortment you ever had the privilege to pick from. Dressing gowns, bath robes, house coats, hosiery, underwear, knit goods, mufflers, etc. A grand display of handkerchiefs and mufflers, worth your time to come in and see.

LADIES! At this store you cannot go wrong in selecting a gift for a man or boy. I have been selling clothes for men for years, and I know what they like. You can get the masculine viewpoint on the gift question here, and out of the number of suggestions I can offer you, you can surely find what will please him.

Overcoats for men and boys—a few left at special prices. Hats, caps, shoes, rubbers, overalls, odd pants, tweed raincoats, etc. We have a special line for ladies and children in caps and scarfs to match. Call and see these. See our well-kept stock of men's shirts—some special lines in fine shirts, also an extra large stock of plain and wool-work shirts. Call early and get the best.

George S. Burnett The Ideal Gent's Tailor and Furnishings Store

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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CORNER CONCERNS

Miss Mary Douglass, of Orchar spending a few weeks with her Mrs. James Johnson.

Mr. Earl Mead has returned to the West with sufficient opinions to make him think of going in spring.

Fox hunters are enjoying themselves. Just enough snow to trap animals.

Messrs. W. Hastie, N. McLeod and your humble servant were to Jurors at the Capital this week there were no cases their cancelled.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamilton are making a visit from Owen Sound this week.

The ladies Red Cross sewing will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Leacock on Wednesday, the ladies are invited and their needed.

A bright bouncing baby boy to the home of Mr. James J. since we last wrote.

We spent a pleasant hour with Red Cross workers at the home of James Hopkins on Friday night collection amounted to \$12.00.

Mr. James Eden has been stabling in Mr. Alex Grierson's also a row in his own barn. There has been favourable fair for work.

Mr. and Mrs. James Law entertained a house full of relatives Friday night and a pleasant time spent.

ALLAN PARK

Miss Blanche Wise spent last visiting friends in the neighborhood of Louise.

Misses Katie and Pearl Brig Louise visited Allan Park for a few days.

Mr. Wm Brigham has sold his contents to Mr. Maynard near Listowel. We welcome proprietors but regret to see Mrs. Brigham retire from business where they had the full confidence of the public.

A regular meeting was held last night in the Orange Lodge, goodly number of brethren as to show their fidelity to the cause. Mrs. Edward Hopkins visited ham friends for a few days this

DARKIES' CORNERS

Rev. and Mrs. Whaley were visitors in the neighborhood of last week.

Several from here attended knitting contest held at the Mrs. Thos McGill of town Ritchie taking the prize for a time while Miss Lizzie Weir took prize for plain knitting. Prizes for no. 9 etc.

We are pleased to see Lawrence around again after confined to the house for weeks with a sore throat.

A most successful Red Cross was held last Friday evening home of Mr. and Mrs. James. Proceeds of evening \$11.80. Misses Maud Hamilton, Nina den and Mr. Jack Arnett spent evening with Mrs. C. R. Mr. Roy Patterson, after some time at his home here, Thursday to the West.

Miss Ethel Weir is assisting C.L. Grant's store for the Murray Ritchie and daughter Milton spent Tuesday evening at home in Egremont.

The Orangemen held a smoking Lodge rooms Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. William Hill spent Sunday with Mrs.

A Christmas Suggestion

In our advertising column there appears an appeal which goes straight to the heart and of every Canadian.

It is made by the Canadian Fund on behalf of the family and it consists of the simple forward suggestion that this we should give moderately to our soldiers' families.

Naturally the less we give who are not in actual need will we have to give to those. And it is only those who are by the Fund. Of the family member who have enlisted in armies but two out of the help from the Fund.

The aim of this great patri- zation is to supplement the grant and the soldier's such sum as will maintain in reasonable comfort. To this the enormous sum of million dollars will have in 1917 and of this Ontario asked to contribute six million.

To comply with the request sacrifices but certainly not with those made by who have sent their husbands to the German bullets. It is pride as it is our duty these brave women do not that by reason of their for it must be remembered married man has left Canada without his wife's care.

Ontario as a whole in this Christmas towards of Christmas-boxes. A will show that generosity placed on this time of emergency if it implies an of ability to help the cause we are all devoted. Let people therefore save in an essential that they may the things that are essential to them is nothing more than the maintenance of and children whose fathers are fighting Canada to these let us give till it