

# FIELD MARSHAL SIR HENRY WILSON ASSASSINATED BY SINN FEINERS

## Murder Took Place in Front of the General's Residence The Two Assassins Captured After Exciting Chase in Which Enraged Populace Joined

A despatch from London says Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, former Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, and lately military adviser to the Ulster Government, was assassinated at the door of his home in Eaton Place on Thursday afternoon by James O'Brien and James Connolly, two Irishmen. The assassins were captured after a thrilling chase through the streets, in which 500 policemen and civilians took part.

Half an hour later London, Dublin and Belfast thrilled with the news. Announcing the tragedy in the House of Commons, Austen Chamberlain completely broke down and the House adjourned as a mark of respect for the dead soldier. The House of Lords also adjourned after Sir Edward Carson, in a broken voice, had asked for the details of the tragic end of his close friend.

Immediately after lunch, Field Marshal Wilson had unveiled a war memorial at the Liverpool Street Railroad Terminal and here he uttered his last public words.

"We soldiers count our gains our losses," he said in his unveiling speech. "Those men we love most and honor are those who died in the great cause."

The last words of the speech were the famous couplet from Kipling:

"The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart."

The Field Marshal then drove back to his house in the heart of Belgravia. At the moment he stepped from the limousine the two men moved towards him, at the same time drawing Webley automatics. At first they menaced the startled roadman with their guns, and then turned them in the direction of Wilson, whose back was toward them.

Two shots rang out simultaneously and the startled soldier swung swiftly around, half drawing his sword. Whether the first bullets struck him is uncertain, but after giving voice to a bewildered exclamation, he turned on his heel and walked swiftly to the door, drawing out his door key as he went. He was fumbling with the lock when the guns of the assassins again barked.

One bullet pierced his head, another his ankle, and the great soldier toppled over, falling headlong into the gutter. As the two murderers started to run away, the workmen shouted an alarm, and the Field Marshal, who was bleeding profusely, was quickly carried into the house. He died ten minutes later, before it was possible to get medical aid.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson was formerly chief of the Imperial general staff of the British army. He retired from this post early in the present year and stood for the Imperial Parliament as Unionist candidate for North Down, Ireland. He was elected member for this Ulster district on February 21, and shortly afterward was appointed by Premier Craig as Ulster's Prime Agent for the restoration of order. The Field Marshal went to Belfast from England early in March with plans for restoring order, which he submitted to the Premier.

Field Marshal Wilson's career in the Great War was one of high distinction. He went out with the expeditionary force under Lord French in 1914 and was the backbone of the British staff during the long retreat from Mons. In 1916 he was sent on a mission to Russia, returning to France as special senior liaison officer at French general headquarters and later was appointed to the eastern command at home.

In 1917, however, his most important work began. In December of that year he was appointed British member on the Military Committee of the Allied War Council for the western front. He thus became one of the best known figures in inter-Allied army circles, for while Haig was the British commander in the field, Wilson was the British voice which spoke in the Council at Versailles which carried out the joint operations of the allies.

At Versailles Wilson was associated with Foch up to the time Foch took command of the joint forces in the field. He also went to Italy after the Italian debacle at Caporetto and shaped the plans for holding back the Austro-German onrush into Italy. Later, General Cadorna became his associate at Versailles as the Italian representative of the Joint Military Council.

With a capitalization of \$5,000,000, and holding a Dominion charter, the Canadian Petroleum, Ltd., has been registered for the carrying on of petroleum developments in Alberta. Active operations will be carried on in the Peace River country and the prospective oil fields to the north of that area this summer.

The commercial apple crop of Canada in 1921 amounted to 3,771,100 barrels as compared with 3,882,640 barrels in 1920, an increase of approximately 16 per cent, according to the figures just published by the Fruit Commissioner's branch. British Columbia's crop was more than 100 per cent in excess of that of the previous year. In an early survey of the entire Dominion prospects are stated to indicate a crop this year about equal to that of 1921.

The above preamble to the Constitution of Canada, otherwise known as the British North America Act, recalls the early history of the establishment of this country.

Effective from the 1st day of July, 1867, the B.N.A. Act was the result of a vast amount of negotiation. The greatest minds in the public life of Canada at that time were in conference and in consultation, and the result of the effort was constructive legislation which has stood the test of time.

As in all contracts not every eventuality may be covered, but if a spirit of co-operation prevails negotiation will solve occurring difficulties. This has been the case in Canada. During the fifty-five years since the B.N.A. Act has been effective we have had many incidents develop which, but for mutual desire for satisfactory agreement, would have resulted in considerable friction. These, happily, have been overcome and the anniversary of Canada's birthday witnesses a cloudless sky.

From the above, however, it must not be taken that there is a lack of aggressiveness on the part of the provinces. As each of these in turn has been taken into Confederation an individual understanding has had to be reached. Each province has its own peculiar problems which must be provided for, and, while it is desirable that this provision be made, the conditions under which the earlier en-

frants to the union must not be interfered with or militated against. Especially has this aspect of the Canadian Constitution been emphasized in a number of negotiations which are at present pending before the government and people of Canada. One of these, the Intercolonial Railway, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is claimed by the people of those provinces as a portion of their allotment on entering Confederation, and therefore should not be expected to pay its way as a railroad. They base their claim on section 145 of the Act. Inasmuch as the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, have joined in a declaration that the construction of the Intercolonial is essential to the consolidation of the Union of British North America, and to the assent thereto of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and have consequently agreed that provision should be made for its immediate construction by the Government of Canada. No mention is made of operation, and in consequence the question of rates, etc. is the subject of negotiation.

British Columbia, on the western extremity of the Dominion, also entered the Confederation in 1871, on condition that she be connected by railway with the east. The project was delayed for many years, but in 1885

Manitoba, in 1870, joined Confederation, the territory included within the province having been purchased by the Dominion from the Hudson's Bay Company, and Alberta and Saskatchewan were erected into provinces in 1905, the Dominion retaining control of the natural resources of the three Prairie Provinces. The latter are now the subject of negotiation, the provinces desiring their control.

In this latter problem the present Minister of the Interior and Minister of Mines, Honorable Charles Stewart, must bear a prominent part. Responsible for the administration in trust for the Canadian people as a whole, the transfer of the natural resources, such as lands, forests and minerals, to the people of the individual provinces must be on terms of mutual agreement. There is undoubtedly much to be said for both sides, and the problem will call for cool judgment and give and take on the part of all interested.

It is a happy augury of the future of Canada that, after fifty-five years of family life, the original Confederation pact, adopted by the Imperial Parliament on March 29, 1867, and under which the destinies of this country are guided, should find the various members living in harmony, in prosperity and in a determination to make of Canada a homeland for her people.

The Usual Place.  
Teacher: "Now can anyone tell me where Magna Charta was signed?"  
Voice from the Back: "Please sir, at the bottom."

A syndicate of British and California business men are organizing a ten million dollar undertaking which will be a holding and operating company of large British Columbia properties. It is to acquire the property and assets of the Masset Timber Co., the Puget Sound Box Co. and the Western Marine Supply Co. The company will build and operate large sawmills and operate a large fleet of lumber-carrying ships. Many prominent men from both sides are behind the project.

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Quebec, Que.—Recently Canadian refiners landed about 225 tons of sugar at Antwerp, Belgium, thus invading the home of the sugar beet, and placing Canadian granulated cane sugar in direct competition with the sugar beet variety grown in that country. It is a matter of record that it compares quite satisfactorily.

Toronto, Ont.—That an arrangement had been effected by the Ontario Government with the British Government by which members of the Royal Irish Constabulary will be brought to this province and assigned in establishments.

lishing themselves in farming occupations, was the statement made by Hon. Manning Doherty, Minister of Agriculture. He stated that already 20 men had been signed up with Ontario farmers for 12-month periods at wages of \$20 per month.

Winnipeg, Man.—The Fur Auction held under the auspices of the Winnipeg Fur Auction Sales Company was attended by more than 250 buyers, representing fur dealers from all parts of Canada and the United States. Bidding was brisk and prices good according to officials of the company. Fifty thousand muskrat skins were sold at an average price of about \$2 each, beavers brought an average of \$30, and martens \$20. Mink were sold up to about \$10 a skin, and raccoon for \$4.75. Raw skins sold more readily than dressed furs.

Regina, Sask.—The Saskatchewan better farming train, under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Pacific Railway, will shortly commence its tour of the south-eastern and east-central portion of the province. The train consists of 14 lecture and demonstration cars, including livestock, field husbandry, boys' and girls' section, household science, poultry, farm mechanics, feed and dairy section.

Calgary, Alta.—Drifts of the Pouce Coupe Oil Ltd. and the Great Slave Oil