

COMMONS WORK TO BE HURRIED

As the Premier Wants the Session Concluded by End of May.

WAR AND GENERAL BUDGET

WILL REACH RECORD AMOUNTS IT IS EXPECTED.

The Museum is Being Used As a Temporary Commons Chamber—Members to Sit Just Where They Can Find Room.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Ottawa, March 6.—Monday, March 15th promises the liveliest and most business-like opening of the Canadian Parliament since confederation. No time will be lost in unnecessary ceremony as the Government is desirous that the actual work of the House shall be commenced without delay.

It is expected that the debate on the speech from the throne will be rushed through to make way for the discussion of the war and general budget which it is expected will reach record amounts. Sir Robert Borden is anxious that the session be concluded by the end of May to enable the representation of the Government to leave for the Imperial conference in London.

THE TEUTONS STILL CONTINUE FIGHTING

And the Bolsheviki Commander-in-Chief is Peeved of Course.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 6.—An official Russian statement received here today says Ensign Krylenko, Bolsheviki commander-in-chief, has sent a message to the German and Austrian chief commanders, stating that the Germans and Austrians are still fighting, notwithstanding the conclusion of peace. Ensign Krylenko asks whether the German high command has taken all steps necessary for the cessation of hostilities.

THE TRIAL BEGINS.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Halifax, N.S., March 6.—Capt. Lamedoo, former master of the French mail ship Mont Blanc; Pilot Francis Mackay and Commander Wyatt, R.N., were again arraigned in police court today on charges of manslaughter in connection with the Halifax catastrophe. The evidence given was largely that at the former enquiry.

ACTION THROUGH BRITAIN

(Canadian Press Despatch) Washington, March 6.—It was stated officially today that the United States had sent no communication to Japan regarding action in Siberia. All expressions in that direction were sent through Great Britain with whom Japan negotiates.

Canadian Casualties.

Wounded—G. A. Lacombe, Prescott; B. Fuller, Shannonville; G. W. Clapper, Belleville. Gassed—T. M. Norris, Cornwall. Ill—O. N. Hyslop, Smith's Falls.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British.

The English troops raided the enemy's trenches, early this morning, east of Bullecourt, and captured a few prisoners and two machine guns. Our casualties were slight. Successful raids also were carried out by our troops, last night, north of the Scarpe, and in the neighborhood of Lens. South-east of Gouvaucourt a hostile raiding party was repulsed. Additional prisoners and machine guns were taken by us as a result of these encounters.

Canada is producing 300 airplanes a month.

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25,396 DRAFTEES HAVE REPORTED UP TO DATE

3,085 Have Been Apprehended—4,719 Failed to Report, Still at Large.

Ottawa, March 6.—Apprehensions of defaulters under the Military Service Act are proceeding rapidly. Up to yesterday there was 3,085 apprehensions throughout the Dominion. The largest number were made in the Montreal military district, 605. The Kingston district came second with 451 arrests and the Toronto district third, with 397.

Up to noon yesterday also, 25,396 men had reported for duty in the Dominion. There are 4,719 who have yet failed to report and not yet apprehended or investigated. This total is divided among the various military districts as follows: Toronto, 1,337; Kingston and Ottawa, 384; Montreal, 708; Quebec, 36; Halifax, 148; St. John, 122; Winnipeg, 709; Vancouver, 402; Regina, 442; Calgary, 221; total, 4,719.

One Submarine Lost Out of Four

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 6.—

Some questions having been raised over the meaning of the statement made by Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech to the House of Commons yesterday with regard to the chances of destruction which a German submarine takes in cruising into British waters, Sir Eric was asked to amplify it. "It means," the First Lord stated today, "that one submarine is lost out of every four or five submarines, which start from enemy ports."

ONTARIO BAKERIES MUST BE LICENSED

And Medical Health Officers Must Say First If They Are Fit.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, March 6.—The Legislative municipal committee today reported the bill compelling all bakers and manufacturers of confectionery to secure a license from municipalities and no premises will be licensed till the medical health officer has reported on the fitness of the same. There will be no license fee.

MILITARY DESERTER IN POLICE NETS

Young Chap Asked For Shelter After Running Away From Military Authorities.

A young chap who hails from near Mountain Grove does not care to do the khaki and he has been having an exciting time. He was rounded up a few days ago and brought to the city, but managed to make his escape from the military authorities, and on Tuesday night drifted into the police station and asked for protection. He was accommodated, but at the same time Constable Samuel Arnie looked him over, believing him to be of military age. He made an investigation with the result that it was found that the young fellow was wanted by the military authorities. Now he will have to face the music again.

Former Kingstonian Dead.

Montreal, March 6.—George A. Ward, secretary-treasurer of the City of Verdun for twenty years, was found dead in his bed when one of the family went to his room to wake him to go to Ottawa on civic business. He was fifty-three years of age, and was born in Kingston.

To Call 2,000 Bank Clerks.

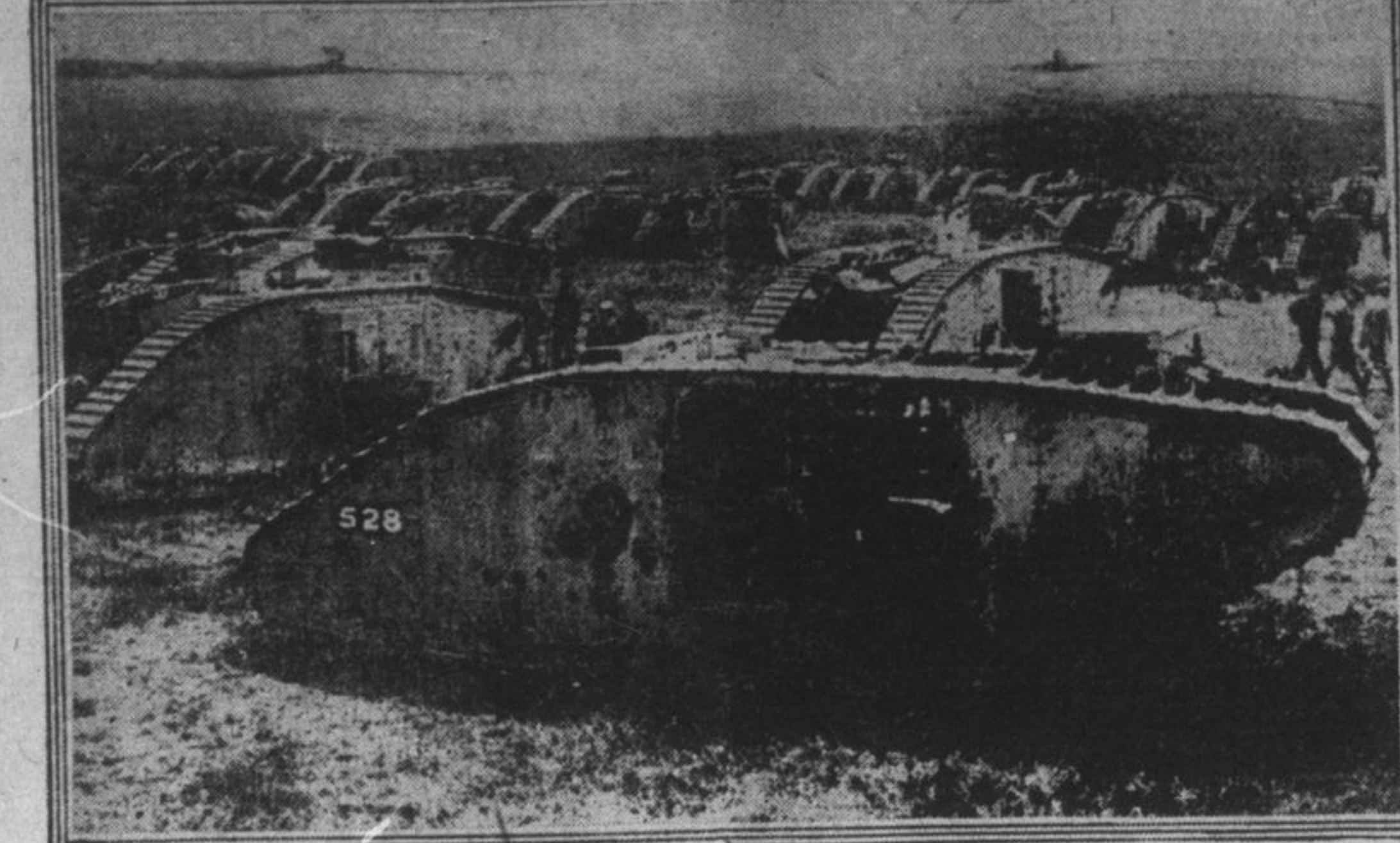
Ottawa, March 6.—Two thousand bank clerks will be called up for service in batches from now till Sept. 15th as the result of a judgment given by Justice Duff today under the Military Service Act. Nearly every bank is affected.

Women in Manitoba are to have, under the new Dowry Law to be reported to the Legislature, a life interest in their husbands' holdings to the extent of 20 acres on farms and the home site up to six lots in cities.

PREPARED TO WITHDRAW RATHER THAN SUBMIT.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Petrograd, March 6.—The Bolsheviki leaders are prepared to withdraw even as far as the Ural mountains rather than submit to the defeat of the revolution, said Leon Trotsky, Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, in an interview today.

A BRITISH "TANKDROME" SOMEWHERE ON THE WESTERN FRONT



This official British photograph is the most remarkable ever taken of what the English call a "tankdrome." Here are shown more than twenty of the monsters that have thrown terror into the heart of the Hun.

THE CALGARIAN HAS BEEN SUNK

Canadian Allan Liner Struck by Four Torpedoes off Irish Coast.

FORTY-EIGHT WERE LOST

THE VESSEL WAS COMMANDED BY CAPT. KENDALL.

It Looks As If Several German Submarines Had Concentrated To Sink the Calgarian. (Canadian Press Despatch) Belfast, March 6.—The British Canadian Allan Liner Calgarian has been torpedoed off the Irish coast. There were 610 persons aboard, nearly 500 of whom have been landed at an Irish port. The Calgarian was struck by four torpedoes. The British official announcement says: Two officers and forty-six men were lost in the sinking of the Calgarian, which was being used as a British armed merchant cruiser. She was sunk March first. The Calgarian was a Canadian Allan liner, 17,000 tons, built in Glasgow in 1914. The last report of her service from Canada was when she left Halifax with troops in 1916.

SIZE OF PAPERS REDUCED.

Majority Will Probably Only Issue Two-Page Editions. London, March 6.—An announcement has been made that the newspapers will be subjected to a drastic reduction in the quantity of white paper permitted to them for daily scale. The Times will be limited to 120,000 copies, and to make up for the serious loss of revenue entailed by the restriction entailed and also by the limitation of advertising space the price of the paper will be restored to threepence. The announcement emphasizes the seriousness of the paper shortage, which threatens to bring about a marked change in the character of British publications. One newspaper with a daily circulation of more than 1,000,000 copies, has been experimenting for some time with a one-sheet edition. Stocks of paper have shrunk to such an extent and production has fallen off so that a decrease in size is inevitable. By greatly decreasing the advertising space, eliminating features and cutting down the news, it is thought it may be possible to get the essential matter on two pages. This is the policy which the Paris newspapers have been following for some time. The Times will go on a ration basis and no copy will be supplied to any person who does not undertake to share it with one other reader.

U.S. Steamer Torpedoed; Beached.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 6.—The United States steamer Armenia, 5,464 tons, is beached on the British coast as the result of an attack by a submarine. The crew has arrived safely at an Irish port. She had previously been pierced by a German torpedo and patched up.

THE NEW LEADER.

Of the Liberals in Province of British Columbia. (Canadian Press Despatch) Victoria, B.C., March 6.—After several ballots Hon. John Oliver was chosen by a full Liberal caucus as the new leader of the government here and as premier he will also retain the portfolio of agriculture also.

FEW FAILED TO QUALIFY.

Over 2,000 Canadians From the Banks Get Commissions. London, March 6.—Of 2,300 Canadians in the ranks at the front recommended for promotion to commissions by commanding officers since the 1st of April last, less than five per cent. failed to pass the examinations necessary to qualify.

March Towards Damascus.

London, March 6.—An official statement on operations in Palestine reads: "From Friday to Sunday several encounters between mounted patrols occurred east and north of Jericho. Between Saturday and Sunday our troops advanced northwards to a maximum depth of 3,000 yards on a frontage of 12 miles astride and west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus Road, encountering little opposition. "An enemy airplane was brought down in our lines east of Jaffa. The pilot and observer were wounded and captured."

Others To Sign Peace.

Amsterdam, March 6.—The Leipzig Neu Nachrichten's Berlin Correspondent says that negotiations with Serbia and Montenegro are a matter of a few weeks, as both, like Rumania, are out of the war and must sign peace. A London cable says that 225 officers and 6,888 men have arrived safely from Canada.

CHOLERA IN A CUP KILLED GEN. MAUDE

British Commons Votes £25,000 to Widow of Tigris Hero.

London, March 6.—The House of Commons voted £25,000 to the widow of Major-General Frederick Stanley Maude, Commander of the British expedition on the Tigris front, whose death occurred last November. Premier Lloyd George, in speaking of General Maude, said: "General Maude died a victim to his inbred courtesy. He visited a plague-stricken area at the invitation of its inhabitants who wished to thank him for his many kindnesses. He knew the peril so well that he forbade any soldier of his escort to eat or drink during the visit. But when the ceremonial cup was offered to him as a part of the 'welcoming festivities' he ran the risk himself rather than hurt the susceptibilities of the people. There was cholera in the cup; he died in a few days. "General Maude will be remembered as one of the great figures of this war. I do not know what destiny has in store for the land which General Maude conquered, but I am certain that the whole course of its history will be changed for the better as a result of his victory and rule. His name will always be cherished by its inhabitants as the gentlest conqueror who ever entered a city's gates."

THINK GERMAN DRIVE STARTING

The French Critics See Preliminaries in the Present Fighting.

STRATEGY OF NAPOLEON

IS BEING RELIED UPON BY THE GERMAN GENERALS.

The Huns May Be Only Feinting at Certain Points And About To Drive Elsewhere. Paris, March 6.—"Are the Germans really beginning their offensive?" is the question on the lips of every Frenchman today. The increase of activity on the front since March 1st, the very date previously announced as likely to mark the beginning of a hostile effort, would seem to answer the query in the affirmative. For three months French military experts, to say nothing of the Germans themselves, have been shouting "wolf" so loudly that a mixed state of opinion has developed. Many persons refuse to admit the likelihood of a "great German drive" at all. There is much divergence of opinion also among the chief military writers of the French press.

War Tidings.

One wing of the Bolsheviki is opposed to peace with Germany and fighting will be again started. China will send 20,000 troops to Siberia. Supplies are to be furnished by Japan. Miss-Yorke Shannon, Picton, left for Rochester last week where she will take up her duties as nurse.

People Fleeing From Petrograd

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 6.—The evacuation of Petrograd has begun. Three state ministers, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, dated Tuesday, have started to leave the capital from which the population also is fleeing hastily. The Bolsheviki Government propose to declare Moscow the Russian capital and Petrograd a free port.

A Divergent View.

On the other hand, Marcel Hutin, in the Echo of Paris, who is generally well informed, says: "The enemy is not on the eve of beginning a big offensive on our front. His local attacks will have no morrow of a great battle." These press opinions represent the general trend of French opinion. Whether one accepts or refuses the theory of an offensive, the decision is mostly based on judgment of the German internal situation rather

THE IRISH LEADER HAS PASSED AWAY

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THE LATE JOHN REDMOND, M.P.

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Death was due to heart failure following the recent operation for intestinal trouble.

News of the death brought messages of regret from all classes and sections of the community. Lloyd George will move the condolences of the Commons at the first opportunity. The funeral will probably take place in Dublin with a requiem high mass in Westminster Cathedral. For more than twenty-five years John E. Redmond fought for Home Rule in Ireland and for a majority of that time he was the recognized leader of Ireland's "Struggle for Liberty." As chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, the Nationalists, he exerted a powerful influence in bringing about the creation of the Irish Convention, organized in July, 1917, to devise a system of government for the island. Redmond was one of the delegates to the convention which sat at various times at Dublin, Belfast and Cork in 1917 and 1918.

Born in 1861, son of W. A. Redmond, the deceased member of the British Parliament from Wexford, Ireland, John E. Redmond, had sat almost continuously in the British House of Commons since 1881. There his parliament fights for Home Rule earned for him the sobriquet of the "Stormy Petrel of the House." He was an able lawyer, but never practiced. He devoted himself almost wholly to his parliamentary and political duties.

With the entrance of Britain into the war, Redmond immediately declined his position as squarely with the Government in the earnest prosecution of the war. His support of the Government brought upon him the open and bitter condemnation of the Sinn Fein party. He maintained his loyal position even during the exciting days of the Sinn Fein revolution.

John E. Redmond was a brother of Major William H. Redmond, who was killed in action in Flanders. Capt. William A. Redmond, M.P., son of John E., for East Tyrone, was awarded the Distinguished Service Order medal for gallant conduct in the war.

Decorated by Belgium.

Peterboro, March 6.—Company Sergeant-Major Sam Thomas, a Peterboro member of the 21st Battalion, has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. He enlisted here in the early days of the war with the 21st Battalion and has been in France since the Eastern Ontario Battalion went to the front in the early autumn of 1915. His brother, Sergt. Fred Thomas, who was also a member of the 21st Battalion, was killed in action in August, 1916.

SINK U-BOATS FASTER THAN THEY ARE BUILT.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, March 6.—First Lord of the Admiralty Geddes yesterday said the submarine situation is improving greatly. The losses in February last were only half those of February, 1917. For some months the Allies have sunk submarines faster than the Germans have made them.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL MEETING

William Cook, Was Elected President For 1918 on Tuesday Evening.

ADDRESS BY R. E. BURNS

ON RECENTLY PASSED CANADIAN INCOME TAX ACT.

Some Discussion On the Nationalization of the Grand Trunk—Objection to Kingston Expressing Opinion Till Cabinet Took Action.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held on Friday evening and was well attended. The officers for the year were elected. R. Easton Burns gave an address on the new income tax and R. Meek opened a discussion on the Drayton-Ackworth railway report.

As usual a selected committee brought in a report on prospective officers for the board. The eleven councillors were elected by ballot from a list of fifteen chosen by the committee. The officers were elected as follows:

- Honorary Presidents—W. F. Nickle, M.P., and Dr. A. E. Ross, C. M. G.
President—William Cook.
First vice-president—John M. Campbell.
Second vice-president—Elmer Davis.

Treasurer—G. B. McKay. Councillors (in the selections of which W. Y. Mills and G. Lockett were referees): Rev. J. D. Boyd, R. E. Burns, O. Chown, J. A. W. Craig, J. G. Elliott, W. R. Givens, F. King, C. Livingston, R. Meek, R. J. Rodger, J. McL. Stephen.

Address on Income Tax.

R. Easton Burns gave a very instructive and interesting address on the recently passed Income Tax Act which now applies to Canada. In 1914 Mr. Burns said Canada jumped into this European war without regard to the eventual cost. This he said, was quite right and would never be regretted, but it does not get away from the fact that the cost must be provided for.

In 1915 the tremendous expense of carrying on a war began to be felt. The Government then passed a Special War Revenue Act. The first part applied to bank circulation, insurance companies and banks or trust companies. The rest of the act was that of war stamps or letters, telegrams, pulman car tickets, etc.

In 1916 the cost of the war was still increasing and more money had to be raised. The country generally was prosperous and most of the firms were making big money. Sir Thomas White is a very astute financier and he had passed the Business Profits War Tax Act of 1916. This affects business firms of over \$50,000 working capital. The exemption of this is 7% in the case of incorporated firms and of 10% in the case of individuals. The tax on this was placed at 25% to the Government. In 1917 Sir Thomas brought in an amendment. This is on a sliding scale. On profits over the 7% or 10% exempted amounts the profits up to 15% is one quarter; up to 20% is one half and over 20% three-quarters of the profit go to the Government.

In speaking of the experiences of various countries on Income Tax, Mr. Burns said that Great Britain had had one for some fifty years and it was now working quite smoothly. In the United States an income tax was started in 1913, but so far as it might possibly do. One of the reasons was the difficulty of determining one's income. There is a difference between what one earns and what one receives. An option is given to those affected in the United States under the Act.

Mr. Burns then took up the Canadian Act, clause by clause. He used various authorities in determining answers to several of the questions. There are many such questions that require a ruling from the committee which will look after the administration of the Act. The Minister of Finance has vast powers and will thus be able to prevent any invasions of the Act.

The address was followed by a lengthy discussion by the members, who asked numerous questions which were answered very satisfactorily by Mr. Burns.

A vote of thanks to the speaker, moved by R. Meek, seconded by J. McL. Stephen, was passed unanimously.

The Railway Question.

Robert Meek, acting for the mayor, called the attention of the members to the addresses which will be given this (Wednesday) evening at the City Hall. They will be addressed by Mayor Church and George Wright, of Toronto. They will advocate the adoption by the Government of the Drayton-Ackworth report on the railways. This commission advocates the Government taking over the G.T.P., C.N.R. and G.T.R. companies. These the commission wants to be operated by a company to be formed called the Dominion Railway Company.

Mr. Meek was not in favor of supporting any resolution which would help establish the suggestions of (Continued on Page 5.)