

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Elected Speaker of the House of Commons

CANADA'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL FORMALLY OPENS PARLIAMENT

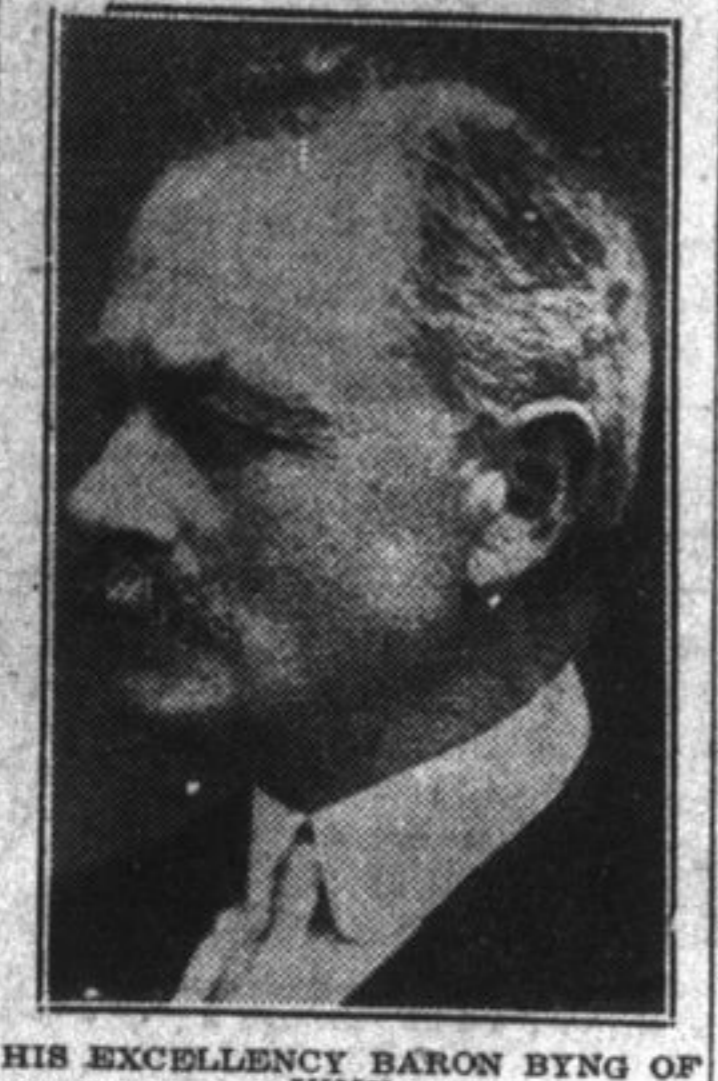
Guns Boomed as His Excellency Baron Byng of Vimy Drove to the Parliament Buildings--Speech From the Throne Announces Reductions in Taxation and Rural Credit Scheme.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Guns boomed from Nepesin Point this afternoon as His Excellency Baron Byng of Vimy formally opened Canada's fifteenth parliament. Glistening mounted guards accompanied His Excellency to the Parliament buildings and lined up before the buildings as the guard of honor. Within the buildings, too, were all the glitter, show and formality of days gone by. The senate chamber, where His Excellency read the Speech from the Throne was bright with color. Glistening uniforms, the scarlet and ermine of the supreme court judges, and evening gowns in the ladies galleries gave color and light to the scene.

It was a few minutes to three o'clock when the members of the Commons met in their own chamber with Mr. Speaker Lemieux, who was unanimously elected yesterday, in the chair. The commoners were then summoned to the bar of the Senate where Mr. Speaker Lemieux informed His Excellency of his appointment as speaker of the house. After the customary formalities His Excellency the Governor-General read the Speech from the Throne, announcing the seasonal programme of the Government. The members of the lower house, headed by the Speaker, then returned to their own chamber to begin the actual business of the session.

Speech From the Throne. His Excellency in the Speech from the Throne, read at the opening of parliament this afternoon, announced:

- 1. Substantial reductions in taxation. 2. Consolidation of certain public departments. 3. Measures to retain agricultural population on land; to encourage return to land of urban dwellers and repatriation of Canadians. 4. Rural credit scheme. 5. Tariff advisory board, for which provision was made last session, to be appointed forthwith. 6. Board of Railway commissioners instructed to include in its general rate investigation now in progress, a special inquiry into the causes of the diversion of Canadian grain and other products through other than Canadian ports; the board also to take such action under



HIS EXCELLENCY BARON BYNG OF VIMY

the Railway Act as it may deem efficient to ensure the utilization of Canadian ports for Canadian traffic.

7. Completion forthwith of the Hudson's Bay Railway.

8. Royal commission into maritime rights.

9. Bill to transfer natural resources to Alberta and to amend the Dominion Elections Act. The Speech has words of affectionate remembrance of Queen Alexandra, and indicated that a resolution of sympathy will be submitted to parliament. It speaks of the "growing prosperity of our favored land," and emphasized the increase in Canada's export trade and greatly improved earnings of the National Railways.

It announces further that simplified forms of public accounts will be issued periodically in order that the people of the Dominion may have an exact knowledge of the sources of revenue and the objects of expenditure. It intimates that the Canadian West Indies trade treaty will be submitted for the ratification of parliament. The speech further expresses the view, "that a general increase in the customs tariff would prove detrimental to the country's continued prosperity," and it lays down the principle that "taxation should bear as lightly as possible upon necessities of life and on agriculture and other primary industries."

GOVERNMENT IS TO BE CHALLENGED AT ONCE

Announcement Made After Meeting of Conservative Members on Friday.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Premier King's announcement that the Government intends to resume appointments, unless at once challenged by the Opposition, may provoke some stormy questioning in the House to-day. The statement was widely discussed by the members. "The Government will be challenged at the first opportunity," was pledged at the first opportunity," was pledged at the official and emphatic announcement made at the conclusion of the first Conservative caucus of the season, held this morning. To-day's meeting was enthusiastically described by Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, as a "splendid" whole-hearted approval of the amendment to be moved in the House to the Speech from the Throne, calling for a vote of non-confidence in the Government was given. Donald Sutherland, Oxford South, was re-elected chairman of the caucus.

Express Confidence in Premier King

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—A resolution of confidence in the leader of the Liberal party, Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, was passed in the House of Commons and in the Senate this morning. The resolution was moved by A. Stork, member for Skeena, and seconded by F. Rinfret, member for St. James. Hon. Charles Marleau was elected president of the Government caucus. The caucus adopted a resolution reading in part: "Liberal members of the Senate and the House of Commons at this, their first meeting since the recent general elections, desire to avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to express to the Prime Minister, Right Hon. Mackenzie King, their unqualified appreciation of his able leadership of the party in the last parliament and throughout the recent campaign. They look forward to his early return to the leadership in the House of Commons. They desire to express their entire approval of the constitutional course which as Prime Minister he has pursued, in view of the results of the general elections."

Hon. W. B. Ross Becomes Tory Leader in Senate

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Hon. W. B. Ross, senator for Cape Breton, was to-day elected leader of the Conservative party in the Senate. Senator Ross succeeds the late Sir James Loughhead, who died several months ago. George W. Kyrle, ex-M.P., and former Liberal whip, may be appointed to the Dominion Senate at an early date.

A MONUMENT TO FALKLAND VICTORY

PERRY, Cornwall, England, Jan. 8.—A granite monument from the quarry here has been sent to the Falkland Islands, where it will be raised to commemorate the victory of Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee's squadron over the ships of the German admiral, Count Maximilian von Spee in the battle of the Falkland Islands in December, 1914, after von Spee had defeated a British flotilla off the coast of Chile.

WHY HE KILLED HER.

Lumberjack Says Aged Woman Had Abused Him. Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Napoleon Pelletier, twenty-one-year-old farm helper and lumberjack, who confessed that he killed Miss Mary Kilfoyle, the aged woman, in her farm home near Manotick station, told the police that he killed her because she abused him and accused him of theft. Fully composed, police state, and without a tremor, Pelletier related the story of the killing, illustrating with the axe he used, how he struck Miss Kilfoyle down, then tying a rope around her neck to shut out "gurgling sound."

TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS.

Stratford Gas Company Hit by Hydro Competition. Stratford, Jan. 8.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Stratford Gas Company would suspend operations on February 8th. About 700 consumers are affected. Popularity of hydro, which reduced the company's business, is the reason of the decision, according to the manager, J. P. King. Last Monday, the ratepayers rejected at the polls a by-law authorizing the purchase of the plant for \$60,000. The utility was organized fifty-two years ago, and is now operating without a charter by consent of the city.

GAELIC TONGUE DYING.

De Valera Complains of Attempt to Destroy Nationality. Dublin, Jan. 8.—Eamon de Valera, in a speech at Rathmines, a Dublin suburb, last night, said the Gaelic language was rapidly dying, notwithstanding attempts to save it. He complained of the attacks being made against its preservation, saying they were designed to destroy Irish nationality.

QUEBEC TO CONTROL POWER DEVELOPMENT

Policy of Prohibition to Be Continued Says Speech From Throne. Quebec, Jan. 8.—Quebec's determined attitude in regard to electricity developed by means of the water power in the province, is emphasized in the Speech from the Throne, delivered by Hon. Narcisse Perroteau, Lieutenant-Governor of the province, in opening the third session of the sixteenth Legislature yesterday. There is the definite statement that the Government intends to continue its policy of prohibition in the matter of export, and, so that there may be uniformity of action, this attitude on the part of the Government will be written in the form of a statute. In this way, Premier Taschereau's view, emphasized at a time when a project was under way to develop the Carillon water power, and export the power to the United States, is to become a law of the province, and stand as a constant reminder that this province wants to keep its natural resources for the benefit of its own people. Care is taken in the speech, however, to point out that the prohibition as to export does not apply to the sister provinces.

Costs 66 Cents to Obtain Vote of Canadian Elector

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—It costs the Dominion about sixty-six cents to obtain the vote of each elector in Canada. Based on a rough estimate of the cost to the Government of the last general election and taking the estimated popular vote, that is the figure arrived at. The estimate of cost is about \$2,100,000. The popular vote was roughly 3,157,545.

Boy Killed in Street.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—William Merchant, aged fourteen, was found lying in a street with a broken neck. He is believed to have been killed by an auto.

Double Life Alleged.

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Gertrude Astek is alleged to have "country" and "city" husbands. Yesterday she was charged with bigamy, and remanded for a week. Her "country" husband lodged the charge.

THE ELECTION OF A SPEAKER IS UNANIMOUS

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Agreed to by All Parties.

LAPORTE AND MEIGHEN

Make the Opening Speeches--Mr. Lemieux Was Deeply Affected by Generous Cheers.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—"When you have a good Speaker, keep him because they are hard to get," stated W. F. Maclean, Conservative member for South York, in supporting the motion of the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, acting leader of the Government, nominating the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, as Speaker of the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lemieux was elected unanimously and so pleasant were the proceedings which led up to his election that it was difficult to imagine that within a few days both parties would enter upon a bitter political struggle. Mr. Maclean's statement expressed the views of the members of the House of Commons, and in his speech of thanks for his election, the Speaker was deeply affected by the generous cheers which greeted him. The Speech of the Hon. Ernest Lapointe, acting leader, was brief and non-contentious in nominating the Speaker. The main feature of the proceedings in the House of Commons was the statement by the leader of the Opposition to the effect that the appointment of a Speaker has historically never been a matter of controversy and that the nomination of Mr. Lemieux was made by the custom in his capacity as a private member of the House of Commons and not as a member of the Government. After the Speaker had returned thanks for his election the House adjourned and will proceed this afternoon to the Senate chamber to hear His Excellency read the Speech from the Throne. Then the House will adjourn until Monday when the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne will take place. Mr. Meighen will speak on Monday afternoon.

News In Condensed Form Off the Wires

British Columbia claims world's record for low fatalities in coal mining in 1919. The Government decides to allow banks two percent on the sale of excise stamps. After seven days tie-up the London, Ont., street railway resumed service today. Convicted of theft in Paris court, Mile. Hortense Langvillier took poison and fell dead. Rev. Father Poltras, 53, Quebec-born pioneer missionary priest, is dead at Duluth, Minn. Harvey Firestone, American tire magnate, says the peak of rubber prices has been reached. Queen Marie of Roumania speeded to Milan by special train to consult with Crown Prince Carol. Expedition to Palestine to excavate ancient City of Mizpeh is planned by American scientists. Police were called when strike-breakers attacked union men coming out of Quebec shoe factory. Hungarian police now hold fifteen men in counterfeiting scandal, while 85 detectives hunt suspects. Mayor Samson, of Quebec, who was disqualified, will be opposed when he seeks re-election on Feb. 15th. Engineer Sam Lackie, of North Bay, was killed in a collision in the T. & N. O. yards at Mulock, Ont. Commission of engineers is planning a railroad under the Andes, uniting Buenos Aires with Chile. Woodrow Wilson Fund directors cannot agree on notable to receive reward for public service in 1920. Curfew regulation was rigidly enforced in Gloucester Bay district, N.S., to prevent further looting of stores. Commissioners of the County of Dublin, Ireland, set aside \$50,000 to provide work for the unemployed. Count Stanislas Rochefoucauld, French nobleman, was married at Paris to a musical comedy actress. Manitoba School for the Deaf may adopt radio equipment, since remarkable cures are reported at Winnipeg. Shot at by assassin, Albert Brault, Superior Court bailiff, escaped unharmed at St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que. Weather Probabilities. Saturday, moderately cold, with light snow.

YOUNG COUPLE GET MARRIAGE LICENSE

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A marriage license was issued yesterday at the City Hall to a 17-year-old boy and a 14-year-old girl, parents of both contracting parties having given their consent. The previous youngest couple to obtain a license were each 16 years old.

Bootleggers Out \$100,000 From Commission's Profit

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—Bootleggers have made such inroads into the profits of the Manitoba Liquor Commission that the authorities have offered a reward for the apprehension of violators or information that will lead to the seizure of illicit stills. It is estimated that the Commission's profits decreased \$100,000 in 1919.

Miss Macphail Prepared to Do Anything Reasonable

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—"I really don't know what has been happening here during the past few days, but I am prepared to do anything reasonable," said Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., today when asked if she would align herself with the reorganized Progressive party. Miss Macphail has been ill at her home for the past few days and was unable to attend the two-day conference of the Progressive members.

Stay On The Farm.

Too many people on the farms were dissatisfied with their lot and this was harmful to the future generations, which should be encouraged to stay on the farms. The lot of the farmer was far ahead of the business man in the town, yet one never heard the business man cry down their own business. It was no wonder that boys leave the farm. The farmer's lot was a happy one, and he was comfortable. The people on the farms must realize that they have a very noble occupation. "What we need in this province is to get rid of this talk of the farm being no good." Education was the only and the best means of solving this problem. Fifty per cent of the children of the rural sections had not passed their entrance and this was largely due to the selfishness of the farmer, who wished to make the son work instead of going to school. The methods of teaching in the schools of the province were deplored by the speaker, who thought that the people turned out were deficient in English, which should be the main thing in the education of the farming population.

Dr. Taylor's Address.

Principal R. Bruce Taylor, of Queen's University gave a short address to the convention. He had read the addresses given during the convention by Mr. Pablow and Mr. Zuffelt, and what they had emphasized more than anything else was cleanliness. His knowledge of dairying was limited, but he thought that the universities could be of great assistance in solving the problems of the dairymen. Queen's University had been a help in just such work through their science departments. The advance in medicine brought about an advance in cleanliness. There were two obstacles in the path of progress. One was the conservatism of the people, which hindered standardized output, and the lack of education of the people of the working classes. He urged the dairymen to read difficult books and to attempt to master them. He also mentioned a number of cases where people with a limited education, had mastered some of the finer pieces of English literature. Dr. Taylor mentioned former Premier Drury, with whom he was acquainted, and with whom he was very much impressed. He had discovered that the former premier knew almost off by heart, Smith's "Wealth of Nations," and he thought that a great deal of Mr. Drury's success was to be accounted for in this way. No university could do better for the country, than turning out a class of students with a love of good books.

DAIRYMEN URGED TO FIGHT AGAINST LOWER STANDARDS

Close of the Eastern Ontario Convention--Principal Taylor, of Queen's, Said He Thought the Universities Could Be of Great Assistance in Solving Problems of Dairymen.

The final session of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association was held on Thursday night at the Dairy School. There was a large attendance, and a very successful convention was brought to a close by a number of able addresses.

The work of the year was reviewed in the report of the secretary, who pointed out that it had been the most successful year from the point of view of the amount of milk produced, and for the price received by the producers. The aim of the dairymen during the year had been to better the quality, and the producers were urged to continue their fight against those who lower the standard of dairy products in Canada. Various items that enter into the success of successful butter and cheese making were enlarged on by the report.

The work of chief dairy instructor was also praised by the report. Eighteen meetings had been held during the year in various districts and much knowledge had been dispensed.

Value of Education.

W. J. Bell, B.S.A., Principal of the Kemptville Agricultural School, spoke on the value of education to the farming communities of Ontario. He also gave some pointers in regard to the better utilization of waste land in Eastern Ontario, for stock raising. He thought that much of the land that at present is idle, might be used for rearing sheep. The number of sheep in Eastern Ontario should be increased ten per cent. The better feeding of young cattle, so they might produce a better brand of cow, was urged by the speaker, who also urged the farmers to buy stock when the price was low. Farmers might also exercise more business ability in their stock raising. Poultry and horses might also prove to be a means of increasing the income of the farmers, on the more barren sections. There was money in poultry, if scientific methods were followed.

Resolutions Passed.

The convention passed resolutions thanking the City of Kingston for the hearty welcome extended to the dairy association; to Mr. Zuffelt, and his staff, for their courtesy and kindness; in making the convention a success; the provincial department of Agriculture, for their hearty co-operation during the past year and approval of the appointment of Mr. George H. Barr, as dairy instructor for Ontario; thanks to Mr. Pablow and his staff; Department of Agriculture at Ottawa; to Mr. Ruddick and his staff; to the local press for splendid reports of the convention; to the speakers and all who contributed to the success of the meetings; to Mr. Fair for taking the dairymen out to see Hemlock Park Stock Farm. The Association expressed its approval of the policy expressed by Mr. Barr, in his proposed cream grading for this province, also the issuing of yearly certificates to cheese and butter makers.

Value of Milk.

The season of 1919 has been a good one for dairying, particularly for those connected with the cheese business, which is the chief branch in Ontario," said Prof. H. H. Dean, of the Guelph Agricultural College, in his address on "Notes and Suggestions on the Dairy Industry of Ontario." Farmers, particularly, have been well paid for their efforts in producing milk to be made into Canadian Cheddar Cheese. None so well deserve to be encouraged as do the men and women on farms who rear, feed and milk cows. I am told that during the season of 1919 many patrons of Eastern Ontario cheese factories were receiving \$200 and over per month in the form of milk cheques from herds of about twenty cows. This satisfactory financial condition has caused a spirit of optimism among members of this Association. The signs of the times indicate that we would be well advised to not neglect the production, manufacture and sale of cheese in all those sections of the province where we have suitable factories, and men of experience to produce the milk, make the cheese and sell it.

Standardizing Methods.

"I have two suggestions to offer," added the speaker. "One is that there is need for standardizing methods of buttermaking similar to what has been done in cheesemaking. At present, in Ontario some buttermakers pasteurize the cream; some do not. Among those who pasteurize the cream, some heat to 130 degrees to 140 degrees, and some to 170 to 180 degrees. Some 'neutralize' and some do not. Among those who 'neutralize,' there is a great variety of substances used and various degrees of acidity are followed--possibly there are some, who did not know how much acid the cream contains before and after adding the neutralizer. Some churn the cream sweet, and some have it ripe or sour. Some heat heavily and some lightly or not at all. Some have an 'overrun' and some an 'under-run.' All this has

and, who would pass this trait on to their children. Reading of a high order was emphasized by the speaker, who pointed out that the more difficult the book, the more it would strengthen their characters.

Election of Officers. After the convention was adjourned, a meeting of the directors was held and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Hon.-president, J. R. Dargavel; president, W. H. Olmstead; first vice-president, Alexander McGruer; second vice-president, J. F. Gibbons; executive, W. G. Godkin, J. A. Sanderson, A. F. Gibbons, Alexander McGruer; E. Campsall, A. J. Robertson, G. A. Gillespie; secretary, T. A. Thompson; treasurer, J. R. Anderson.

The delegates to the fairs for the years 1920 are: Mr. G. A. Gillespie, Canadian National Exhibition; Mr. A. McGruer, Royal Winter Fair, Toronto; Mr. M. B. Cochrane, Canada Central Exhibition, Ottawa; William Newman, delegate to the National Dairy Council.

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