

### FEDERAL OFFICERS RESEARCH WORK BRANCHES

#### Efforts in Agriculture and Mining Departments Told of to Industrial Conference.

Officials of the Dominion government departments presented this morning a summary of the work that is being done by them to develop the resources of the country through research work in various directions. The meeting was held at the Chateau Laurier yesterday afternoon, the representatives of the industrial organizations occupying the greater part of the time. The chairman of the conference, Mr. W. H. Miner, vice-president of the Inco Rubber Company Limited, Education, and chairman of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, presided and introduced the speakers.

The story of the wonderful accomplishments of the various branches of his department were summarized by Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, who referred to some of them in glowing terms.

Among the benefits introduced to the farmer of Canada as a result of research work carried on by the department was the improvement in dairy cattle. He said the department had produced the best dairy cow in the world, one of its stations, a cow that had produced 1,345 lbs. of milk fat in 365 days. No cow had ever been known to give as much milk in a year before. The eradication of tuberculosis among cattle had been brought appreciably nearer to realization by the fine research work done in the dairy branch, among bees, as well as in the botanical and forestry sides of the research work. He named the valuable work done in coping with diseases among grains in the Prairie Provinces, and in connection with the eradication of diseases in the poultry branch.

Some of the problems that were being tackled in the sphere of pathology had been known to science for centuries and were as yet unsolved. He mentioned the research work to discover ways of increasing the hardiness of the different fruit trees, so as to overcome the loss caused every year by frost. Experiments of great commercial value in the production of a high grade of tobacco had been carried on in the Dominion. About twenty-five million pounds of Canadian grown tobacco being consumed annually in Canada at present, the further investigations would undoubtedly increase the quality of the plant and its consumption to at least four-fifths of the amount used in the Dominion.

#### SAYS RESIGNATION MUST TAKE EFFECT

Rev. L. M. Weeks to Leave Eastview Baptist Church at End of March.

Rev. L. M. Weeks, pastor of Eastview Baptist Church, last evening tendered his resignation to the board of that church, to take effect on March 31st. Rev. Mr. Weeks in handing in his resignation told the board that it was final and that he could not under any circumstances reconsider it. He stated that he intended to take a complete rest. He did not mention any plans for the future but said that for the present he would continue to reside in Eastview.

#### CATTLE DESTROYED BY FIRE ON FARM

MORRISBURG, Ont., Feb. 21.—Seventeen cows, 12 horses and 20 pigs were destroyed and two men narrowly escaped with their lives, and \$10,000 damage was caused yesterday by a fire of undetermined origin on the farm of Wm. Mullin, near here. Threshing machines were begun yesterday afternoon and it is thought that a burning brand from the outfit found its way into the well stocked barn. The threshing outfit, the property of Joseph Reddick, together with a horse was destroyed.

#### Dies After Accident.

Mr. Ralph Sparks, eldest son of Mrs. Sparks, of the late Sparks family, passed away at a local hospital this morning as the result of an accident which occurred two weeks ago, in which he was severely burned by exploding gasoline. He was twenty-six years old and was born at Vars, where he resided all his life. He leaves besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sparks, one brother, Mr. Clifford Sparks, and one sister, Miss Ella Sparks, both at home. Mr. Sparks was a grandson of the late George Sparks, who was widely known as a cattle dealer and farmer in the Vars district. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 p.m. from the family home to Russell cemetery.

### ASSUMES FULL BLAME FOR SHOP-BREAKING

#### Wilfrid Varin Took Five Watches, Silver Stolen From Hotel.

Magistrate Hopewell, in police court, remanded for a week Wilfrid Varin, 394 Wellington street, who pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking into the second hand store of Bernard Rafal, 51 William street, and stealing five watches valued at \$22. The charge against Jean St. Joliat, who was arrested with Varin for the same robbery, was withdrawn at the request of Inspector Emile Joliat. Inspector Joliat stated that later he was wanted by the Toronto police for theft and asked the magistrate to remand him till tomorrow on a charge of \$2.

The robbery at Rafal's store took place on the night of Feb. 10th. Rafal heard someone in the shop burglarized and ran to see what the burglar was doing. He found one of the stolen watches on the sidewalk outside the shop. Another watch was found in a second-hand store in Hull, where Varin had sold it for \$2.

Inspector Joliat said that Varin admitted the charges of getting the stolen watches back were very slight as he had sold them to a thug named who had returned to the bush.

#### INSPIRED DENIALS

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Recent widespread rumors that there would be changes made in the Bonar Law cabinet, have inspired in the Conservative organs, Premier Bonar Law and Sir Robert Borden, were chatting together last night. One well-informed newspaper correspondent writes, "but friends of the late chancellor say that he does not desire to immediately resume ministerial office."

#### COLD SNAP PROVES FATAL TO DUCKS

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 21.—Their sense of pity touched by the spectacle of scores of starved and frozen bodies of wild ducks lying on the ice of Hamilton Bay, the local Humane Society, Gun Club and Angling Club all have combined to succor the hundreds of other hungry ducks by supplying them with frozen fish for a few more days until the ice breaks up and they can forage for themselves.

#### Conservatives Opposed.

The Morning Post, which represents the die-hard section of the Conservative party, goes further and says Conservative opinion would in no wise approve of Mr. Chamberlain's return as party leader.

#### Liberals in Caucus.

Liberal members of the House of Commons were in caucus this morning for discussion of various matters on the legislative program. One of the matters up, it is understood, was the redistribution committee, which is to be announced in the house within the next day or so. The government's attitude in the matter of the civil service resolution moved by Major C. G. Power of Quebec South was also on the tapis.

### RUMOR LORD CECIL TO ENTER CABINET IS UNCONFIRMED

#### Declares He is Sailing For U. S. March 21st, Which Proves He Knows Nothing of It.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Rumors of possible cabinet changes are discussed prominently in the morning newspapers, but nowhere is there definite confirmation, or indeed much to suggest that there are more than speculative gossip. In some quarters it is asserted that any reconstruction of the government in the near future is quite unlikely.

Lord Robert Cecil's name comes to the front in the discussions, but coupled with the reports as to the political future of this champion of the League of Nations and the recent debate in the House of Commons, is explained by himself in an interview published in the Westminster Gazette.

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### HOUSING QUESTION PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN MITCHEM ELECTION

#### Is Proving "Thorn in Flesh" For Govt. Candidate, Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The cabinet at Westminster and Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, minister of health, in his candidature for a seat in the House of Commons as representative of the Mitchem division of Surrey are finding the housing question a sad thorn in the flesh, and every day seems to add new complications to the situation. Until yesterday afternoon it was believed that the difficulties had been admirably by a decision which it was understood the government had taken to postpone all decentral of rents for a period of two years.

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### CAPTAIN FORCIBLY TAKEN FROM SHIP BY CREW MEMBERS

#### Sailors Knocked Him Down and Placed Him in Lifeboat When He Refused to Leave.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(Montreal Gazette.) Standing on the icy sea, washed deck of his sinking schooner Santino, Captain George Poppe directed the rescue, by the freighter Egrement, of four of his crew, ordered the remaining sailors into the lifeboat and declared he would go down with his vessel. Members of the crew knocked their commander down, put him in the lifeboat and got him aboard the rescue ship, which arrived here today. The rescue was made with difficulty in a snowstorm off Nantucket Light on Sunday.

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Those who are fortunate enough to attend the performance of this organization on Thursday evening will not only show their appreciation but will also secure full value for the money expended. There are 75 boys ranging in age from eight to twelve years, who have been moulded into a musical organization of which the people of Ottawa may indeed be proud. The wonderful control the leader has over her boys and the evident delight with which the boys enter into their work speaks volumes for the spirit of co-operation that exists between boys and teacher and makes some of us wish we were boys again so that we too might receive the benefit of such training as these boys are obtaining.

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