

Tuesday, June 25, 1912.

Before leaving for England held last council meeting at 2 p.m. Cochrane, Perley, Monk, Hantel White, Burrell, Hughes, Reid and Doherty. D. left at 3.15. The others came to train at 5. Many friends assembled. Three cheers when we left. Lowther's oar next to ours. Looks ill. Dined with H.R.H. Talked about Navy. Said we would see some of his relations and to take kind messages. Told me about his work in Malta and Egypt. Many friends at ship, H. Gurry called.

Wednesday June 26, 1912.

We sailed 4.30 this morning. My birthday. Royal George well filled up. We are in Room 102 suite bedroom, bathroom and large sitting-room. Arrived Quebec 2 p.m. left at 4.40. Large number of congratulatory telegrams. Saw several press men and many political friends. Speaker of Senate, L'Esperance, Sevigny. Dobell, Harry Price, Mondou, Joe Bernier of St. Boniface &c. In evening played bridge with Sr William MacKensie, Mrs. Hasen, Mrs. V. Williams.

Thursday June 27, 1912.

Fine weather Beautiful sail down the St. Lawrence River and Gulf. Head during afternoon. Also walked with Kingsmill and discussed use of merchant steamers built under Admiralty supervision.

Friday June 28, 1912.

Fine during forenoon. Walked with Magrath. Discussed Naval organisation of Empire &c. In afternoon played shovel board with Mackenzie, Mrs. Kingsmill and Laura. In evening played bridge with McKenzie and Mrs. Williams, Foggy in evening and horn sounding all night.

Saturday June 29, 1912.

Fog lifted for half an hour between 10 and 11 and then shut down again. Read part of Keith on Responsible Government. Had conference all afternoon with Haies, Doherty and Pelletier. Discussed our mission to England, Naval Defence, Copyright, naturalisation &c. Hasen went to sleep. Saw iceberg close to ship this afternoon. Still foggy.

Sunday June 30, 1912.

On upper bridge deck shortly after nine. Saw Royal Edward. Had message from Commander Roberts officers and Canadian passengers. Went to service at 10.30. Dr. Lindsay preached. Excellent sermon. Service again in second class saloon in evening. Good sermon from Toronto clergyman, Thomas. Still foggy.

Monday July 1, 1912.

Still foggy. Smooth passage. Rec'd cables from Osier and Wanklyn, from Langfeldt and Lea and from Captain Foster of Empress of Britain. Concert and patriotic meeting this evening. I spoke with Hasen, Pelletier and Doherty following. Dr. J.L. Hughes presided. Ryan, an Australian, also spoke. A very good gathering.

Tuesday, July 2, 1912.

Still overcast and foggy. Very smooth. J. Pope told me that Lord Grey wished to be appointed H.O. for Canada. This he knows from Fitzpatrick and from Malcolm. Did some work yesterday and today preparing for speeches in London. No news yet of Democratic nomination in U.S. Ship does not take news service.

Wednesday, July 3, 1912.

Heard of terrible cyclone at Regina 28 dead and 8 missing. Lord Mayor of Bristol is coming to give us official welcome at Avonmouth. Tel. from Curtis to meet Jamieson on 20th. Dictated draft speech for Colonial Institute. Made notes for speech before Emp. Parliamentary Assoc. Wrote to Mother and Perley. Took pilot on board 6 p.m. Sighted land early this afternoon. Off Queenstown at 8. Passengers (114) landed. Kennedy and other newspaper men arrived.

Thursday, July 4, 1912.

Up at 7. Thought ship at anchor. Landed Bristol little before 12. Address from Mayor and other important representative men. Snapshotted many times. Left Bristol at 1 p.m. Arrived London 3,20, Met by large gathering. Lord Strathcona, Casgrain, Mayor of

Ottawa. Cheers led by Mayor. Lord S. took us to hotel. Met Foster and others there. Great pile of invitations. Dealt with some of it.

Friday July 5, 1912.

Tremendous day with correspondence and arrangements. Very numerous callers. Bonar Law and Lord Lansdowne. Also yesterday afternoon for half an hour Harcourt, Col. Soc. who was very agreeable. Arranged for meeting of Defence Committee on Friday. Consulted Law and Lansdowne respecting Invitation from Carlton and Constitutional Clubs. Called on P.M. (Asquith) Speaker, Chancellor, War Secretary, P.M.G. and Churchill who discussed Naval situation for an hour. Very serious. Feels confident that Germany will strike. Lunched with Mrs. Long and met Walter Long and Prince Arthur. All evening at correspondence. Blount overpowered.

Saturday July 6, 1912.

Motored to MacMasters. 25 miles. Lord Strathcona called before we left. State ball 19th instead of 18th. Luncheon, Steel, Maitland and F.W. Taylor, Former inquired as to engagements. Showed him tremendous list. Golf on Sunningdale links. Dinner Sir S. and Lady Clarke, Sir Chas. and Lady Knowles, the Aitkens, &c. Knowles, Adjutant General of Duke. Very pleasant day.

Sunday July 7, 1912.

Motored during morning. Visited Wapleson links. Very beautiful. Luncheon Burdett, Coutts, Bonar Law, Sir T. Skinner, Henniker, Heaton, Hazen, Doherty, Pelletier and several others. Interesting conversation with Law on food tax, navy etc. He believes in Imperial Parliament; I dissented. Dinner Shirley Bonn, Borne, Armour and others. Went to Northoliffes in afternoon. Beautiful old house, 1521. Met Foster Fraser. Lady N. charming.

Monday July 8, 1912.

Returned to London. Very busy in perfecting arrangements. Working at it all day. Invitations pouring in by the score. Great dinner at Carlton Hotel by Bonar Law about 70 or 80. Very distinguished. Sat between Miss Law and Lady Selborne. Both very charming. Lord Londonderry at our table. Also Mrs. Lawson (Daily Telegraph) Met Balfour and Kipling for first time. Also dozens

of other noted people, especially the Devonshires whom I met for the first time, the Duke not very animated to put it mildly.

Tuesday July 9, 1912.

Went to Spithead. Saw fleet. Met many members Of Parliament on Armadale Castle. Also saw Sir George Held of Australia. Strong man. Went aboard Lion, met an admiral who has a high opinion of himself. Saw manoeuvres of hydroplane and submarines. Met Asquith and Churchill on Enchantress. Returned at 4.45 to dinner at Harcourts. Mrs. H. very charming. Met Sir J. Anderson, Duchess of Marlboro, Mrs. Maguire, Lady Crewe, &c.

Wednesday July 10, 1912.

Very active day. Lunched with Joseph Chamberlain, Mrs. C. very sweet and interesting woman, C. cannot articulate distinctly but mind seems active as ever. Innumerable interruptions in afternoon. Little time to prepare speech. However had great gathering at Royal Col. Instit. Hall. Could have been twice filled. Speech well received. Afterwards to Lady Donegals and then to Countess of Salisbury's. Was to take in Duchess of Devonshire but was late. Met princess Christian. Took in at supper (at Lady Salisbury's) Lady Edward Cecil.

Thursday, July 11, 1912

Went at 11 to Defence Committee. Impressive attendance. Asquith presided. After him Sir E. Gray and then Churchill spoke. Much information as to foreign relations, especially German menace. During afternoon had two-hour conference with colleagues. Very satisfactory. Thank Heaven no dinner for this evening. Went quietly with Laura to P. of W. theatre. Saw "At The Barn". Light comedy. Very well done. Marie Tempest.

Friday July 12, 1912.

Decided must go to Paris 27th. Had to arrange with Lord Lansdowne put off Bowood visit. Arranged with Nat, Lib, Clb. for 1st Aug. Arranged also with Ld. Claude Hamilton for dinner at Carlton on 2 Aug. Saw G.R. Parkin, (Hunter, (Swan and H.) with his expert Bentley. Further conf. this afternoon. Kemp also present. Doherty very good. Interesting interview with Lansdowne at 6.30. Dinner Duke of Norfolk. Beautiful house. Countess of Zetland, Buckle of Times and scores of others. Lansdowne somewhat depressed and



pessimistic.

Saturday July 13, 1912.

Conf. at 11 at Admiralty. Churchill, Bridgman, Trowbridge and other officials. Discussed docks, merchant cruisers &c, &c Arranged conference with him on Tuesday morning. Luncheon 1.30 at Buckingham Palace. Sat by Queen. interesting conversation afterwards With King as to inter-Imperial relations. Great Imperialist, Talks freely. Balfour, Asquith, Harcourt Crawe, &c. This luncheon was arranged in lieu of presentation at Court so that we may receive invitations to State Ball. Arrived Arundel about 7. Large house party. Magnificent castle. Took in Lady Eileen Butler whose father was military secretary of G.G.

Sunday July 14, 1912.

Church at 11. Saw Duke's private chapel. After lunch wrote. Went over castle with Duke in afternoon. Part of it dates from Saxon times but little trace of Saxon work. Gate early Norman. Most of the castle restored. Some good pictures and many very interesting historically. Lord and Lady Lovat at lunch. Had interesting conversation with Duke. Am to give him memo as to controversy in Canada. Also with Lovat who wants to give up food tax.

Monday, July 15, 1912.

Returned from Arundel noon. Conf. and corres. Then Luncheon Lord C. Beresford. Met Lady St. Helier, Lord and Lady Minto, Maxes, Gwynne, Mr. Grey &c. Interesting conversation as to naval situation. Beresford says Germany has manoeuvred us out of Mediterranean. Minto doubted Canada's disposition to cooperate on permanent basis. Then to Goupit Gallery, met H. Watson Brown, sculptor. Lady Elbermarle's, met Earl, Lord Bury and other members of the family including Admiral Keppel, Dinner Austin Chamberlain. Met Oliver, Lord and Lady Northcliffe, Lord Stanhope and others.

Tuesday July 16th, 1912.

Interesting conversation 10 to 11.15 Churchill Talked very frankly both sides. Interview quite satisfactory. He is disposed to be fair and reasonable. Will give us assurance in writing as to necessity. Proposes to ooze over and bring with him Prime Minister. Also fleet. Conf. Sir Thos. Skinner as to acquiring

Morley's Hptel 7c. Australian Garden Party this afternoon. Lady Dorothy Neville fine old lady of 80. Empire Parl. Dinner. Laura indisposed and did not go. Dinner great success. My speech much appreciated. Afterwards at Lord Hythe's and then at Lord Blyth's reception. Met Princess Alexander of Teck. Simple and sweet.

Wednesday July 17, 1912.

Breakfast at Curzon Hotel. Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick met Cardinal Bourne, Lord Edw. Talbot &c. Interesting conversation as to Ne Temere decree. Afterwards conf. with various persons. Lunch. at Lady Bathurst's. Then to Bisley with Lord Strathcona. Laura indisposed unable to go either place. Short address at Bisley. Saw many Canadians. Dinner at Lady Londonderry's. Interesting talk with Lady Castlereach. Beautiful portrait of her son. Lady Londonderry very kind regarding Laura.

Thursday July 18, 1912.

Consultation with Sir, Wm. White respecting naval situation. Seems very level headed. Conf. with Ministers. Also saw Lord Middleton respecting emigration of discharged soldiers. Thips afternoon garden Party Windsor. Had tea in Royal tent. Sat by wife of Italian Ambassador. Very interesting event. Met many Canadians.

Friday July 19, 1912.

Went to Buckingham Palace at 11. to be sworn in, Morly, Harcourt Fitzpatrick. Kneel on one knee and take oath of allegiance. Stand and take P.C. path then kneel and kiss King's hand. Afterwards lunch to meet many interesting people at Naval and Military Club. Long proposed my health. Previous conf. with Churchill as to his speech on Monday. State Bell this evening, Very brilliant. Took in Speaker's wife to supper. Wonderful display of gold plate. Ambassador's did well in state lancers. Russians had wonderful uniform.

Saturday July 20, 1912

Several conf. and corres. Went at 13,30 with B.A. MacNab to Lord's. Lunch together after. Sir Starr Jamieson came with motor at 3,30. Went with him to Newmarket. Laura had gone at 11 with Curtis and Foster. Conf in evening. Milner, Jamieson & Foster Curtis and others. Cooperation in defence and in trade, handicap of food

duties. State my views plainly. They were appreciated. Curtis had scheme of pref. in investments. Impracticable and any advantage too remote and indirect. Jamieson told me that Ld. Grey was absolutely sure that Laurier wd. carry the country on Reciprocity issue. J wrote him that he was mistaken.

Sunday, July 21, 1912.

Further conference this morning under trees in garden. Foster delivered himself cogently on food duties. Mrs. Maguire charming hostess. In afternoon went to Cambridge and attended service in Kings College Chapel. Magnificent building and wonderful music. Brand, Laura, Foster and I left for Hatfield. Chauffeur repeatedly lost way. Hatfield wonderfully interesting. Long talk with Salisbury on food duties. Distinguished company, Kitchenier, Lord Robert Cecil & clerical Cecil. Lord Colin Stuart and many others. Forget whom I took in to dinner but she was very bright and interesting. Mrs. Malcolm asked Kitchenier about German Ambassador. "Just a lawyer fellow" he replied.

Monday, July 22, 1912

Went over the house with Lord and Lady Salisbury Both charming. Saw many interesting pictures, mementoes, 4c. Queen Elizabeth's cradle, tower in which first Mary and then she was imprisoned. Left for London at 11. Luncheon with Princess Louise, Kensington palace. She and Mrs. J. Chamberlain two sweetest women in England. Very interesting luncheon. Afterwards to H. of C to listen to debate who will be historical. Asquith admitted principle of representation. Then to dinner of Chamber of Commerce. Very large and very enthusiastic. Then to Lady Derby's ball.

Tuesday, July 23, 1912.

Correspondence and engagements during forenoon. Afternoon conference with Asquith, Grey and Harcourt. Discussed many matters. Representation, Senate, Naval Defence &c. Dinner this evening with Grand Trunk directors at Automobile Club. Conference at 6.30 with Lord Alverstone. Conference with MacNab who, like Sir Wm. McKenzie, thinks things are going satisfactorily.

Wednesday, July 24, 1912

Correspondence and several engagements. Important conference with Smithers concerning controversy with Gov't respecting lease. Afternoon conference with Asquith. Dinner at Admiralty, Whitehall, by Imperial Government. Fine gathering of distinguished men. Archb. of Canterbury, members, Generals, &c. Asquith proposed my health in two sentences and I replied in three.

Thursday, July 25, 1912

Breakfast with Long and interesting conversation. Correspondence and engagements afterwards. H. of C. in afternoon. Good speeches of Asquith and Bonar Law. Dinner & reception Strathcona. Very distinguished company. American Ambassador, Cardinal Bourne, Archb. of Canterbury, Earl of Selbourne, Lord Curzon and others at our table and Lord Northcliffe. Baroness McDonald kissed her hand to me. Told her finest thing that had come to me in England.

Friday, July 26, 1912

Met delegation re Blacksood Bay 12.30. Other interviews during forenoon. Luncheon at Lord Mayor's. Very interesting. Ancestor of His Lord Mayor 150 years ago. Dinner at Balfours. Wonderful charm Of manner. Came to front door and j talked to me as we were leaving about my speeches. Thoroughly j agrees as to representation but thinks we must not hurry it. Afterwards at American Ambassador's. Handsomest house in London.

Saturday, July 27, 1912.

Left for Paris 8.30. Lord Strathcona at Hotel door and drove us to Station. Special car provided on English & French railways. State cabin on steamer and state gangway for disembarking. Arrived Paris 35 minutes late. Met by Roy, President of British Chamber of Commerce, &c. King of Spain's suite at Hotel Maurice. Went "to Comedie Franoaise and saw "Los Affaires sont les Affaires". Some London crank telephoning to me at midnight. Proved to be a German, Srlund.

Sunday, July 28, 1912.

Went to Versailles with Roy & Carnegie of British Embassy. Clever man who looks rather like an ass. Went through Palace. Then excellent luncheon. Afterwards motored back to Paris. Met several interesting French people. Invited to dine with Sir V. Caillard but declined; went to bed very early and very tired. Wrote to Laura.

Monday, July 29, 1912.

British Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Care in Bois de Boulogne. Very pleasant. President's wife very charming. British Ambassador present. I responded in English and was congratulated on my speech. In evening went with Roy to Comedie Francaise. Saw "La Medecin Malgre Lui" and "Le Barbier de Seville". In afternoon called on President Falieres and conversed with him in French. In morning called on Ministers.

Tuesday, July 30, 1912.

Visited Canadian offices in morning. Went shopping with Kemp and had lunch with him and MacNab. In evening dinner of Franco American Society. Hanotaux presided. Poinoaire at my table. None of the Frenchmen could speak English. I responded first in French and then in English. Poinoaire and Hanotaux complimented me. Said they could understand me much better than Pelletier.

Wednesday, July 31, 1912.

Returned to London. Rough passage. Barely in time for dinner of Leathersellers Society. Was inducted and signed roll. Largo dinner. Beautiful hall. My health proposed. Very tired when I responded. My certificate of election presented to me in beautiful casket. Very tired.

Thursday, August 1, 1912.

Defence Committee 11.30. Kitchener present. Spoke my mind as to display of flag and as to representation. Doherty very sleepy. Left at 1.10 for Canada Club luncheon. Strathcona presided. Busy all afternoon with many matters. National Liberal Club dinner at 7. Lincolnshire presided. Isaacs proposed health in strong Imperial speech. I had splendid reception. Banquet



finished at 10.30. Lincolnshire very considerate in sending me home early.

Friday, August 2, 1912.

Luncheon Lloyd George official residence 1.30. Met several members of Cabinet. George delightful personality. Keen sense of humour. Dinner in evening at Carlton Club. Tremendous gathering. Lord Claude Hamilton presided. Bonar Law proposed health. We got fine reception. Unique event. First public banquet in Club's history. Afterwards went to "1900" Conservative Club, house once occupied by Nelson.

Saturday, August 3, 1912.

Lambeth Palace to lunch with Archbishop and Mrs. Davidson. She is both daughter and wife of an Archbishop. Many interesting portraits, especially of Prince Henry, son of James I. In old days water gate to cross to Westminster. Old crypt under Chapel recently cleared out. Motored thence to Cliveden. Beautiful home. Both Mr. & Mrs. Astor charming. Latter unique. Wonderfully vivacious and witty. An inimitable mimic.

Sunday, August 4, 1912.

At Clivedon until afternoon. Four hundred of staff of Pall Mall Gazette came for luncheon. Little daughter of Col. Astor who was drowned in Titanic disaster was visiting them. In afternoon motored to the Aitkens' place about 30 miles. It is very pretty. They have recently bought it for £25,000. Had quiet evening. Mr. Bonar Law coming tomorrow.

Monday, August 5, 1912.

Bonar Law did not arrive until 5.15 as there are only Sunday trains on Bank holiday. Played with Aitken both morning and afternoon on Walton Heath Links which are very good. Met James Braid who is their professional. Also Riddell a Liberal newspaper man who has much to do with the links. Interesting talk with Bonar Law In evening.

Tuesday, August 6, 1912.

Motored back to London with Laura. Aitken and Bonar Law who smoked all the way. Worked at correspondence all afternoon. Called on Lloyd George by appointment. Had interesting conversation. He talked like a strong Imperialist. Thinks Great Britain will never accept protection. Believes Canada can get a preference in transportation but has no very clear ideas as to mode.

Wednesday, August 7, 1912.

Parliament expected to prorogue today. Played golf on Combe Hill links with Bonar Law and Aitken. Very good links. Bonar Law good steady player. In Afternoon discussed several questions with Churchill and told him everything depended on strength of his statement. He promised to give it personal attention. Told him I was going to Scotland.

Thursday, August 8, 1912.

This morning saw Asquith by appointment. He took me all over official residence. Portrait of every Cabinet Minister. One in office only three days. Discussed visit to Germany. He thinks idle to go there with hope of doing any good. Told him that our action on naval question depended y<sup>s</sup> on Churchill's statement. He said Churchill was good at such work. Visit from sister of Arthur Vankonghuet.

Friday, August 9, 1912.

Delegation as to selection of an Irish port as an ocean terminus. Large number present. Arranged to go to Barrow in Furness,, Newcastle and Glasgow next week. Am to receive freedom of City of Glasgow. Endeavored to reach Lord Miner so as to meet him on Sunday at Cliveden. He is absent in the North.

Saturday, August 10, 1912.

Motored to Lord Roberts. Charming place near Ascot. Met Sir Arthur Wilson and others. Delightful luncheon party. Afterwards motored to Cliveden. Discovered that Mrs. Astor had invited the

King on Sunday to meet us. He could not come. Jamison Cur's Brand and others including Oliver. Very pleasant discussion after dinner.

Sunday, August 11, 1912.

Went to Village Church. Mr. and Mrs. Pelletier came to luncheon. Some East Indian potentates came in afternoon to look at the house and pictures. The others played golf in the afternoon. There is a Very good golf course 9 holes. The grounds at Cliveden are very beautiful. Pelletiers return^ to London for dinner. We had a nice quiet evening. Mrs. Astor presses us to go to Sandwich.

Monday, August 12, 1912.

Played golf in forenoon. After luncheon motored back to London. Interviews with Erlund who hopes that I will go to Germany. Spent quiet evening. We are to leave for Glasgow tomorrow evening. Rained this evening and did not go out. We both are feeling the effects of the constant strain all summer without any respite.

Tuesday, August 13, 1912.

Interviews with Orr, Lewis & Co. and made all arrangements for departure tonight for Barrow in Furness and Scotland. Blount is to leave for home at end of week via New York. He has been working very hard and has not enjoyed the visit very much. Left at 11 for Barrow. Orr-Lewis and Sir V. Caillard accompanied us. Very comfortable sleeping cars.

Wednesday, August 14, 1912.

Arrived at Furness in time for breakfast. Delightful hotel. Laura and I were here in 1895 when we began our tour through Lake District. After breakfast we motored to Barrow and inspected floating dock about to start for Montreal. Also battle ship Princess Royal and other ships including submarine. Lunched at works and left at 3 for Newcastle. Were met by Sir Peray Girouard. Very excellent hotel.

Thursday, August 15, 1912.

Inspected works at Elswiok. Went with John Noble and Girouard. Very extensive and interesting. Saw turret weighing 270 tons swing out over receiving ship in 4 1/5 minutes. Had lunch at Works with Mr. & Mrs. Noble and principal heads of departments. Left at 3.30 for Glasgow. Met at Edinburgh by Station Master. Very fine kindly Scot. Arrived Glasgow late but saw pressmen.

Friday, August 16, 1912.

Lord Provost called this morning and took us to points of interest, museum, cathedral, &c. Then to Town Hall, introduced to Baillies. Then to St. Andrews Hall. Many people on street. Great crowd in Hall. Spoke for 35 minutes. Very enthusiastic reception. John McDonald handed down his shepherd's rook. Went to Lunoheon with Corporation. Spoke again. Then down Clyde in Lord Inverclyde's yacht to his residence. Very pleasant evening. Villagers gathered in front of his house. Bagpipes (3) at dinner.

Saturday, August 17, 1912.

Left to take boat at 10 for Loch Lomond excursion. Met by Sir James and Lady Mills and others. Motored in rain which stopped before we reached John Brown Ship rd. Luncheon. Responded to toast and got great compliments. Especially from Lord Provost. Launch very successful. Laura got beautiful pendant in honour of occasion. Took train at 5.30 and arrived Newcastle at eleven.

Sunday, August 18, 1912.

Left at 8.30. Reached Durham in time for service which we attended. Afterwards went through cathedral and lunched with the Falconers at Divinity House. Charming people. Called on the Sean who is over 90 but still a Keen fisherman. Went through Castle after lunch and then off to Lincoln. Arrived at Harinston Hall 8.45 Dined and slept there. Capt. Cockburn a charming and very interesting host. Has a delightful home looking out from a low hill over a flat and very fertile country.

Monday, August 19, 1912.

Went through Lincoln Cathedral with Dean. Saw old Roman arch over roadway. Cathedral very imposing. British, &oman, Saxon and Norman communities successively at Lincoln. Cathedral, begun very soon after Conquest. Motored to Peterborough and went through Cathedral which was greatly admired. Thence to Ely which we left in afternoon to spend night at Country place of Dunell's. Very pretty place and charming people. Beautiful gardens and shrubbery.

Tuesday, August 20, 1912.

Left Dunell's early this morning and motored through Newmarket and Hatfield to London, arriving at one o'clock. Girouard lunched with us. Afterwards went to Oval and saw England versus Australia. Met Duneil who had come by early train. Made arrangements for temporary secretary. Suffragettes and Anti-suffragettes both applying for interviews. Churohill wants us to join him on "Enchantress" at Harwich but cannot accept.

Wednesday, August 21, 1912.

Engaged in correspondence all morning. Went to "Oval" this afternoon. Saw some good cricket. This evening we lined with Sir Philip and Lady Watts. He is just leaving Admiralty and is to join Armstrong Whitworth as director. One of their men is to take his place at the Admiralty. Lady Watts apparently German. Very clever woman. Highly educated. Heard some excellent music.

Thursday, August 22, 1912.

Went to cricket at "Oval". England vs Australia. Met Sir B. Filmer who reminded me of engagement to go to Headoorn. Arranged in evening to go. In evening went with Laura to see "Beady Money" which was quite enjoyable.

Friday, August 23, 1912.

Motored with Sir R. Filmer to his place in Kent. Fine old residence, overlooking the Weald. Family very old, and house full of objects of historic interest. After lunch motored to Headoorn and called on my relative Thomas Burden. Saw in the Churchyard tombs of my ancestors. Fine old Church partly



Norman. Thence motored to "Knole" one of the most interesting private residences in England. Lady Sackville West illegitimate daughter Of Spanish ballet dancer. She is first cousin of her husband. Strange romantic story. House full of historic and artistic treasures. Reached London late in the rain.

Saturday, August 24, 1912.

Weather still damp. Left at 5 for Nuneham (?) where we were most hospitably received by the Harcourts who have a beautiful home. Mrs. Harcourt is a niece of J. Pierrepont Morgan. Harcourt is quite versatile and among other accomplishments he is a very good amateur gardener. He is quite anxious about the Balkan situation and fears war between Balkan States and Turkey followed by a general conflagration.

Sunday, August 25, 1912.

Church with Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt. After luncheon motored to the old Harcourt seat which dates from the 12th Century. Of the original house and the kitchen and chapel remain. Both of very great interest. The former had no chimney, the smoke escaping through rude windows at the top. In the latter are tombs of many distinguished ancestors. Then motored to the Asquith's summer cottage and had a very enjoyable visit.

Monday, August 26, 1912.

Rainy and unpleasant. Left Nuneham (?) 9 and spent a quiet afternoon and evening. During afternoon went shopping with Laura. Have arranged to receive delegations of suffragettes and anti-suffragettes on Wednesday. Went with Lord Strathcona to visit Westminster Hospital site which is in some respects admirable although not advantageously located to attract a crowd. Received letter from Churchill. Enclosed draft of confidential memorandum respecting naval necessities.

Tuesday, August 27, 1912.

Visited Canadian Exhibition at Crystal Palace and found it much better than I expected.. Mr. and Mrs. Boss Robertson, Mr. Roy and J.T.W. Taylor lunched with us. Finer and oiler weather. Making preparations for our departure on Thursday. At 4 a.m. this

morning wrote Churchill that Admiralty must prepare not only confidential but publishable memo. Am preparing notes and suggestions on his draft.

Wednesday, August 28, 1912.

Received delegation of suffragettes, secretary spoke at some length. Rather aggressive and bumptious and did not impress me. Young woman with face of martyr spoke with great feeling and effect. Miss Wylie, sister of Jos. Willie also present. I explained Canadian position quite fully. Said I would not be coerced by any measure against my reason and my judgment. Secretary said ~~ix~~ not satisfactory. Anti delegation came afterwards but said nothing of importance.

Thursday, August 29, 1912.

Left at noon today for Liverpool. A large crowd present including Lord Strathcona, Col. Hughes, and representatives of the Colonial Office. Very pleasant journey to Liverpool where several notable people met us. Flowers, books, letters and telegrams abounded. Our suite not so good as on Royal George but very comfortable. Many friends on board, including Pelletiers.

Friday, August 30, 1912.

Taking life easy and making a commencement of going through large piles of editorial comment from English newspapers on my visit and my speeches. Find it more complimentary and appreciative than I expected. The ideal of Imperial cooperation seemed to have made a deep impression on the British imagination.

Saturday, August 31, 1912.

Quiet day. Still busy with clippings and books. W.F. Maclean on board. Had long talk with him on Naval and Imperial matters. Also discussed the same with J.A.M. Aikins. Fine weather. Passenger list very large.

Sunday, September 1, 1912.

Attended service in dining saloon. Weather fair and pleasant. Still working at clippings and at Silban's work on Naval Strategy.

Monday September 2, 1912.

Concert in aid of Seaman's Home. The best performance I ever saw on shipboard. Among the performers were a Scotch company who are visiting the United States. I presided.

Tuesday, September 3, 1912.

Fine sports today, very well conducted. Laura distributed the prizes. During afternoon we had a golf competition with the golf machine on upper deck. I won prize for the three best drives. Went to concert in second class saloon and spoke. Splendid reception.

Wednesday, September 4, 1912.

Have had thus far no ice, fog or heavy weather. Many messages from friends and others on passing steamers, also from Marconi Station at Cape Race. Slight abscess troubling me for three days and have called ship's doctor.

Thursday, September 5, 1912

Still fine and pleasant. Varying reports as to probable hour of our landing at Quebec, but expect, it will not be far from noon. Awakened by wild din at Rimouski tonight and found that several ardent spirits had come off in the tug to salute me. Three newspaper men also arrived and go with us to Quebec.

Friday, September 6, 1912.

Arrived at Quebec 12.45. Lady Grey' in waiting. Perley, Reid, -Hazen, Doherty and other colleagues met me. Received by Mayor Drouin and Council. Drove to City, Hall. Beautifully decorated.

Great gathering there. Address in French and English to which I replied in both languages. Pelletier also spoke. Then to Chateau Frontanac. Address from Conservative Association read by Speaker Landry. Then luncheon with L'Esperance. Then on board of Lady Grey and left about 5.30 for Three Rivers. Delightful evening on boat. Had good view of Quebec Bridge.

Saturday, September 7, 1912.

Anchored part of night. Up about 5 and saw big Rioheileu steamer pass. Portholes in Doherty's cabin open and he was nearly drowned by inrush of water from swell. Reception at Three Rivers by Mayor Normand and Council. Drove through town with Mayor and his wife. Stopped at Sorel for 20 minutes. Address by Mayor. Replied in both languages. Arrived Montreal after dark. Met by several tugs with friends on board. Wonderful welcome. Illuminations. Received by Mayor who read address. Replied in both languages. Wonderful procession to Windsor Hotel. Estimated 250,000 on the streets. Hundreds of automobiles. Crowd parted like a wave. Had to speak from stairway of Windsor Hotel. Shook hands with hundreds of people. Hand quite swollen. Spoke again outside of Hotel. Left for Ottawa by C.P.R. Train.

Sunday, September 8, 1912.

Arrived home about 8.30. Very tired. Glad to be at home again. Laura went to church. Several callers in afternoon. Letter from Duke at Quebec which I answered.

Monday, September 9, 1912.

Civic reception and procession. Address presented in City Hall. Great crowds. John Booth and Ahearn presented. Then to Exhibition Building for luncheon. Met Laurier there. Welcomed me when he spoke. After luncheon returned to office to meet several Nova Scotia members, Dennis, Crosby and others. At eight went to Banquet Chateau Laurier Reid of Australia at my right. Proposed his health and he had to leave at 10.30. Had great reception. Banquet great success.

Tuesday, September 10, 1912.

Remained quiet in house going over correspondence and getting

ready for work. Find that our visit to England has made a wonderful impression here. Banquet in Montreal arranged for 21st. Board of Trade banquet in Toronto for 23rd. Had to cancel engagement to open Halifax Exhibition Monk said to be hostile on Naval question.

Wednesday, September 11, 1912.

Council today and various matters of more or less importance disposed of. Was at Club and received many congratulations on my course in England. People seem much / more concerned over naval question than I expected. Great praise to Perley for his work during my absence. Burners that Grits are to obstruct supply in Senate during coming session in order to force us to the Country.

Thursday, September 12, 1912.

Smithers and Chamberlain. Conference with them Cochrane Rogers and White in my room. Wainwright also present. Cochrane vvery violent. Heated discussion as to questions in difference. Smithers Chamberlain and Wainwright afterwards lunched with me. They are to confer with Leonard and avoid litigation if possible. Subsequent conference with White and Cochrane. White took strong part with G.T.P. He is making good in every way.

Friday, September 13, 1912.

Council today. Discussed G.T.P. situation. White and I thoroughly resolved that nothing shall be done to injure credit of Grand Trunk or G.T.P. as that would be most dangerous under existing conditions. Gave Council for an hour an account of my visit to England to which they listened with greatest interest. Stated to them in detail the various conferences with Asquith and Churchill and the general result of negotiations.

Saturday, September 14, 1912.

Conference by appointment with Smithers for one and one half hours. Asked him if G.T.P. could pay 6 1/2 millions rental on Eastern Division. He practically said no. I suggested taking over Western Division by Gov't assuming all liabilities. He said proposal must come from Gov't as G.T. could not be supposed unable



to fulfil engagements. Thought he could carry proposal before board and before shareholders. Traffic arrangement with Grand Trunk.

Sunday, September 15, 1912.

Quiet day. The Smithers and Chamberlains came in this afternoon. Also Sir Percy Girouard and Mrs. Harries. Roses blooming in our garden in great profusion. Never saw Our place look more beautiful than it does at present. Brockington has kept it in excellent order. We are proposing to build new porch and extend verandah at back.

Monday, September 16, 1912.

Council today. Documents from Imperial Defence Committee have arrived. Will read them tomorrow. They comprise a compendium of what took place at two meetings which we attended. Discussed developments of Halifax Harbour. Believe the proposed plan will be great possibilities. There may be some objection from residential quarters.

Tuesday, September 17, 1912.

Council today. Produced documents from Imperial Defence Committee and read the whole statement from beginning to end. Colleagues much impressed. Monk said he regarded conditions as grave and emergent. He evidently thinks however that there should be an appeal to the people by plebiscite. Ontario men and Hazen as well as Rogers, Burrell and Roohe stringy opposed to this as indicating weakness and indecision.

Wednesday, September 18, 1912.

Decided not to let any of Imperial Defence documents out of my possession. Contents liable to leak. Hugh Graham came to dinner this evening. Wants more systematic arrangement for organization purposes. Offers to assist in every way if we will carry out his suggestions which in many ways are very reasonable. He tries to make it appear that our organization is very defective. Am to see him tomorrow. Council this afternoon

Thursday, September 19, 1912.

Council today. Put through a great deal of routine business. Sir George Murray will shortly arrive. Am considering with White the best use which we can make of his services. It is obvious that the present commission is useless and that it should be dissolved. Have sounded Leake on this. Think there will be no difficulty as far as he is concerned.

Friday, September 20, 1912.

Heard today that Monk is anxious to be appointed Canadian representative at Washington. It is thought that a suggestion of this would be useful. Don't think, however, that he would accept any position at present if he decides to retire from Government. Left for Montreal this evening. Laura probably coming tomorrow. Arrived Windsor Hotel. Met by Mathieu Guy Drummond and others.

Saturday, September 21, 1912.

All forenoon receiving visitors. Hugh Graham came before I was out of my bath; also Ames, Capt Bourassa Masse and many others. Called on Brierly and had interesting conversation. Also with Kydd. Called at Witness office. La Patrie and Star office. Luncheon at Mount Royal. Ames and Doherty. Large company. Spoke of my visit. Banquet in evening, finest ever attended. Marechal presided. I announced early summoning of Parliament to deal with naval question.

Sunday, September 22, 1912.

Delightful Sunday at last. Bruno, George Drummond's place. He his brother, T.J. Pease and Hal Brown have delightful residences there. Two lakes, good fishing, delightful forest, good roads. Got some ideas for a sun room. Left at 5.40 for Montreal. Went on board our car at 10 and had a light supper there. Car still very jolty.

Monday, September 23, 1912.

Arrived Toronto 8.40. Met by Kemp and President and other members of Board of Trade. Saw several press reporters at Kemp's during forenoon, also a delegation of suffragists. They were very polite and mild. Lunch at York Club. Saw George who is just leaving for England. Strong for Gov't. Went afterwards through new residential part. Wonderful growth. Banquet at 7. Largest I ever saw. 1500 guests. Audience of 10,060. Great effort to speak. Willison says best speech I ever made. I thought it below my average. Saw F.B. before leaving.

Tuesday, September 24, 1912.

Reached Ottawa. Shaughnessy came in unexpectedly at noon. Had short conference as to stock issue. He is quite reasonable but a little testy. Council this afternoon.

Wednesday, September 25, 1912.

No Council today. Worked at various matters in office and had several callers on matters of public business. Smithers arrived and renewed discussion as to Gov't, taking over G.T.P. In afternoon renewed discussion with White present who was made acquainted with what had taken place. Spoke of it also to Reid. Telegraphed for Cochrane to return. Took up matters with Leonard and Gutelius and instructed them to see Smithers and Chamberlain. Conference with Monk re his attitude on naval question.

Thursday, September 26, 1912.

Had conference with Monk this afternoon. He discussed his probable retirement unless we submitted emergency contribution to plebiscite. Spoke of his desire to leave public life. I asked him about an appointment, say at Washington. He said not at present. Desires to travel will not attack Gov't. Will remain in Parliament and support them. Conference on the whole very satisfactory.

Friday, September 27, 1912.

Large conference today with Shaughnessy and Creelman. Also with White afterwards. Shaughnessy afterwards told us that under Sec 2 of Act of 1892 they can issue without consent of Gov't. They will take this course. Cautioned him to issue clear

statement to press to prevent misapprehension. He went away in good humor. Thinks he is not getting much favor, however, from Gov't. Council this afternoon.

Saturday, September 28, 1912.

Went to office early this morning and did large amount of work so that I went off at 12.40 to Golf links with Burrell and Parley. Perley played our best ball and we came out all even. Worked all evening on naval question and got my papers systematically classified.

Sunday, September 29, 1912.

Quiet Sunday at home. Rogers absent in West occupied with campaign in MacDonald where there is a very warm contest. The Grits have brought out R.L. Richardson who is fighting for reciprocity, wider markets \*c. and is denouncing the C.P.R. stock issue. Rogers will spare no effort and expects to win by large majority.

Monday, September 30, 1912.

Documents (secret and publishable) arrived yesterday from Admiralty. Secret document very impressive. Read them to colleagues in council. Publishable document not so well drawn as the other. Omits statement that capital ships required. Long discussion as to consultation of the people. Monk very strong as to this. Nan-sol is merely his echo. It would probably be fatal to us in the English Provinces.

Tuesday, October 1, 1912.

Met American members of Joint High-Comm'n at my office. Afterwards went with them to lunch given by Magrath. Was called on to speak and spoke for about 15 minutes. Greatly complimented by all afterwards. Council this afternoon. Many applications for Senatorships. Have practically decided on Nova Scotia appointments. Curry, Dennis, D. MacKay and Gerroir. Also P.E.I. and Ontario. Inaccurate press statement as to C.P.R. stock issue. Wired to Rogers true situation.

Wednesday, October 2, 1912.

Discussed question of Doherty presiding at Redmonds recaption in Montreal. Finally decided he had better go. Laurier, Graham, Hal campaigning Ontario but apparently not making much impression. Correspondence coming in at very rapid ,/' rate since my return. Coohrane and Reid think Monk should give definite answer as to his attitude on naval question. We must go united before Parliament. Rt. Hon. Walter Long dined with us this evening.

Thursday, October 3, 1912.

Conference this morning with Deputy Governor. Went over situation in detail respecting naval and school situation. Told him that Doherty is preparing memoranda for Norfolk and that mine had; gone. Decided that he had better not go until N» returns from Home. Basileus evidently taking an interest in situation as he has sent for N. Showed me telegram from N. re letter of C.J. to Lord Onslow. Dispatched memo to N. Doherty told me purport of his memoranda. Conference this p.m. with Nantel as to his attitude on naval question.

Friday, October 4, 1912.

Several ministers absent on visit to Quebec Harbour. Monk called. Seems irritated that visit was arranged without consulting him. No Council today. George Ham called and spoke of inadequacy of our press. Urged that we should' take steps to improve it. Has high opinion of Farrar's ability. Arranged to meet him on Monday with White and Reid.

Saturday, October 5, 1912.

Various conferences this morning. Council 11 to 1. Saw Laporte, Lacoste &c before luncheon. Reid says visit to Quebec a great success and that Price will accept chairmanship of Harbour Commission. Motored to golf club after lunch with Reid and Perley. Played with Dr. Coulter and came out square. Very warm delightful day. Worked all evening over English naval debates of 18th March and 23 July. Curious conference with Father Burke as to message from Taft. Gave him memo as to matters affeefing U.S.

Sunday, October 6, 1912.



Quiet day. In poor form last night and this morning. Overstrain and fatigue and lack of exercise. Discussed with Will possibility of bringing Mother and Julia to Ottawa for the winter. He thinks it feasible. Motored to Rockliffe and Experimental Farm this afternoon. Lady Duncan Long and Mrs. Walter Long. Mr. & Mrs. Short in for tea. Had Secretary in morning. Two letters to Churchill.

Monday, October 7, 1912.

Sir Wm. MacKenzie called this morning. Discussed inquiry by Ry. Commission into freight rates. Says Canadian Northern cannot stand any reduction. George Ham came afterwards. Discussed press arrangements with him Perley and Reid. White absent in Toronto. Met Herr Horst Weber of the Leipzig illustrated Zeitung. Wants subsidy for a special Canadian Edition. Also wants to bring party of German notables to Canada. Council this afternoon. Order for reorganization of I.C.Ry. Called on C.J. and conferred as to various matters.

Tuesday, October 8, 1912.

Conference Ophrane railway matters. Previous conference by him with McKenzie who is alarmed at rate investigation. Discussed this in Council. White to take it up with Rogers. All afternoon in Council. Delegation at noon advocating appointment of Birkett to Senate. Conference all evening with Monk re naval question. He is dreadfully alarmed as to contribution without "consultation of people." Told him we must go before Parliament united.

Wednesday, October 9, 1912.

Conference with Burke respecting interview with Taft who is willing to undertake almost anything in reason if we will release Dillon. Burke bent on release. Discussed it with White and Reid who are alarmed. Afterwards with Doherty who has abundant English precedents. Long conference with Monk, Pelletier White and Reid and Nantell re naval question. I made strong appeal to Monk. Issue uncertain. Interview with M. Curry. Says he will see Cahan. Council this afternoon.

Thursday, October 10, 1912.

Council today. Discussed Quebec Harbour Commission. Talked

with Perley and Reid over naval question. Monk still uncertain; looks very worried. Dinner at my house this evening to celebrate our accession to office a year ago. Monk, Doherty, Pelletier, Perley, Reid, Crothers, Nantell, Hazen, Kemp, Ames, Fripp, White, Laura and I. Sent telegram to Hughes who is on the St. Lawrence.

Friday, October 11, 1912.

Various delegations and interviews as to vacant senatorships. Conference with Monk this A.M., who definitely stated intention to retire unless we consult people. Was worried but anxious not to weaken Gov't. Discussed his successor. Further conferences this P.M. with Pelletier and Nantell. Told them must have early decision. Afterwards discussed with Perley, Reid and White as to Perley taking Public Works. He objects on account of health. Conference in evening with Monk and Forget as to Richelieu.

Saturday, October 12, 1912.

Conferences with Reid as to Quebec situation. Sent him to Montreal to meet Price and obtain his opinion as to Chicoutimi. Drafted bill for subsidy this P.M. Think it is in very good form. Subsidy to King for increasing Naval Defence of Empire. Heard news this evening of our victory in McDonald by over 900.

Sunday, October 13, 1912.

Church this morning. Sermon by Mr. MacKay, Very mild day. Showery, like April. McOullough began work yesterday on verandah extension. He is making it too narrow. Had him sent for and explained this. Sir George and Lady Asquith Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Foster, the Hazens, Crothers and others were in this afternoon. Further letter from Cahan on naval question. Evidently trying to make all trouble possible. Mysterious telegram from Duke of Norfolk.

Monday, October 14, 1912.

Council today. Before Council read draft of Naval bill first to White and afterwards to Perley. White entirely approved. Perley suggested recital showing that the aid is of a., temporary character. Read the bill in Council and it was discussed about an hour. Doherty urged preamble, which I had drafted. Monk said not a word. There was little or no criticism of the body of the

bill. Conference with McNab and afterwards with J.R. McLeod.

Tuesday, October 15, 1912.

Conference this morning with Nantel who practically says that he will remain even if Monk goes. Monk is being pressed from Montreal to remain. Ames came from Montreal and I discussed with him Casgrain. He is content. Told him English representation from Quebec would be worked out satisfactorily within two years. Conference with McInnes and McLeod this P.M. as to harbour development in Halifax.

Wednesday, October 16, 1912.

Council today. Saw C.J. early this morning. He gave me a memo of several matters which as he thinks require attention. Recommends me to see Chapais. Lunched with Roche to meet members of Archives Commission. Conference afterwards with Coderre. Dinner this evening with White to meet Sir George Murray. Very interesting and entertaining.

Thursday, October 17, 1912.

Council today. T.J. Drummond called. Afterwards a delegation of Geo. Drummond, Lorne McGibbon, Laporte Casgrain, Marechal and Beaubien came to see me respecting Monk's retirement. The Frenchmen are greatly disturbed. I told them that I had used every effort to induce him to remain. Arranged with McGibbon to see Star and Gazette. Burke came with message from C.J. Discussed Dillon case and pressed to have him released.

Friday, October 18, 1912.

Newspaper articles this morning re Monk's resignation. No harsh criticism. Took up with Pope and Hazen necessary action re matters before Joint High Commission. Decided to appoint Stuart. Conference with Shaughnessy respecting Monk and Quebec situation. He roundly denounced Monk saying that he is of no use. Lord Leven and Melville and Sidney Herbert at luncheon. Monk handed in letter of resignation this P.M. without first submitting it to me. Conference with Ministers.

Saturday, October 19, 1912.

Conference early this morning with Monk as to terms of his letter of resignation. Explained to him how I thought it should be modified. He seemed under influence of liquor or narcotic. Afterwards long conference with Lancaster who want8 a judgeship. Played golf with Hazen. Conference with Nantel who in my office in Pelletier's presence promised to stay notwithstanding Monk's resignation. Conference in evening with ^Cochrane re Davis contracts. Bourassa said to have arrived this evening.

Sunday, October 20, 1912.

Quiet day. Didn't go to church. Walked around grounds and read Le Chat Maigre by Anatole France. This afternoon J.S. McLennan, Monk and his daughter, Peters of Toronto, Smith of University of London, T.S. Rogers and Clarence Jameson called. J.S. McLennan remained for supper and had a long talk with him. Worked with Blount 1 1/2 hours on correspondence. Hughes called and says that D.D. Mann declares Monk sold us in 1903.

Monday, October 21, 1912.

Council this afternoon. Monk did not attend. Sent me amended letter of resignation this morning. Not much if any better than the first. Conference with Rogers, thcen M.P. Davis then Pelletier. Latter wants to be Minister of Public Works. Had J.S. McL at lunch. Then conference Doherty, Pelletier & Rogers. Before lunch received French and Russian Consuls General. Long conference with Lancaster at noon and at six. Wants to be judge. Duke returned this morning at 10.30 Monk and his daughter, Laura and I went to meet him. Nearly all the members and a large gathering. Warm welcome to him.

Tuesday, October 22, 1912.

This morning arranged with Duke to receive me at noon and Monk at 12.30. Explained to Duke causes of Monk's resignation. Duke agreed with me that there could be no plebiscite. Conference afterwards with Rogers, Pelletier, RAerley and Nantel. Saw Ames and Marechal at lunch. Arranged with Ames to see Casgrain who is reported ill. Went to tea at Gov't House and met Milner and Gen'l Lyttleton. Conference in evening with Cochrane Rogers and others as to Charlevoix. Saw O'Brien and Davis. Think we can carry it.

Wednesday, October 23, 1912.

Council today and cleared up many arrears. Ames reports that Casgrain refuses to come into Cabinet. Evidently ill and nervous. Conference after Council with Nantel and Pelletier and further conference this evening with them. Pelletier very insistent on P.W. portfolio. I declined. Doherty came in and argued with Pelletier who eventually yielded. Luncheon for Lord Milner. Pelletier Rogers, P.D. Ross, Southam, Hamilton, White, Parley, Sproule, Lowther, McInnes, Girouard, Doherty and Cochrane. Rogers telephoned late for Marechal and Coderre.

Thursday, October 24, 1912.

Conference this afternoon with Cochrane Leonard and Lynch-Staunton re Davis claims. Leonard narrow and unreasonable. Afterwards saw C.J. who will send for Davis. C.J. has good news from N. by cable. Told him I had seen Duke about delegate. Practically arranged yesterday for Rogers to take P.W. and Roohe Interior. Conference with Br. Firth, Orange lecturer as to Ne Temere decree. Richelieu Election today but do not expect to win. Dinner this evening for Sir George and Lady Murray. Long conference D.D. Mann.

Friday, October 25, 1912.

Council today. Richelieu election lost by 280. On the whole a satisfactory result. Conference With Rogers Pelletier, and Nantel. Coderre still here. Very willing and devoted. Marechal did not telephone his decision this afternoon as promised. Conference with Forget and Rogers as to Charlevoix this evening. Greenshields to come in morning. Very difficult to make progress as Frenchmen are so variable and unstable.

Saturday, October 26, 1912.

Marechal not found until this morning. Came with McGibbon and Casgrain by special train this afternoon. Meantime discussed Charlevoix and Made necessary arrangements to open constituency. Cochrane recommends guaranteeing bonds of Forget's railway \$35,000 per mile. Marechal arrived at 5. Very unsatisfactory interview. Does not want to come into Government at his juncture. Fears effect on future prospects. Theatre :Every Woman"

Sunday, October 27, 1912.



Conference with Rogers, Pellitier Doherty and Nantel at Chateau Laurier. Marechal arranged last night to give final answer today at three. Called on Sifton who is still confined to his room. Coderre, Rogers, Mrs. Hanan and her son and others oalled this afternoon. Afterwards had long conference with Perley who fears English of Quebec may be dissatisfied if Coderre becomes Secretary of State.

Monday, October 28, 1912.

Conffce this morning with Perley then with Rogers and Coderre. Beaublen Patenaude Cousineau Blondin, Marechal and others arrived from Montreal. Long discussion. Finally decided that Coderre should take position of Secretary of State. He left for Montreal to return tomorrow morning to be sworn in. Played golf from 4 to 5.30 with Charley Jones. Dinner this evening with Rogers at Chateau. A.P.McLaren lunched with me and discussed his work in the West.

Tuesday, October 29, 1912.

Coderre came from Montreal. Council at 12 and passed orders for hie appointment to Privy Council and as Secretary of State, also appointments of Rogers and Roche. Coderre I Mulvey Blondin and Roche went to Gov't Houae where Coderre was sworn of the P.C. and as Minister and received the Great Seal. I gave luncheon at Club to all Ministers and to Ames and Sevigny who are in town. Discussed situation with Ames.

Wednesday, October 30, 1912.

Council today. Glowing telegram from Dennis as to Cochrane\*s announcement in Halifax. It has been received withutmost enthusiasm. Also a telegram from Dwyor President of Board of Trade. Burke came today respecting Dillon, Spoke to him strongly as to his unpardonable action in Hew York. He is a most foolish and dangerous man and visits my office altogether too frequently.

Thursday, October 31, 1912.

Council today. Appointed C.J. of Court of Appeal and of Common pleas. Also two Ontario High Court Judges. None of us very

enthusiastic about one of them, Leitch. After Council Pelletier disclosed plan for getting control of La Presse through Bienvenu. I am to send for T.G.S. and discuss it with him. Understand strong possibility that Coderre may not be opposed in Hochelaga.

Friday, November 1, 1912.

All Saints Day. Did much work in office. Telephoned for Shaughnessy to come tomorrow. Rogers in Montreal looking over Hochelaga situation. Delegation 12 to 1 from Union Of Canadian Municipalities. This evening called on C.J. and told him of Burke's indiscretion in New York which he deplores. Burke is certainly so stupidly indiscreet as to be impossible. Long walk with Burrell this afternoon.

Saturday, November 2, 1912.

Shaughnessy came from Montreal. Discussed La Presse situation. He thinks Bienvenu thoroughly reliable. Also Monk's resignation which he says has fallen flat. Long walk with White this afternoon. Blount back from Halifax reports splendid reception to our proposals for Harbour equipment. Telegram from Julia that she and mother will leave on Wednesday next.

Sunday, November 3, 1912.

Church (All Saints) this morning. Splendid sermon by Rev. A.W. Shatford of Montreal. Laura and I remained for Communion Service. Before service Will and I examined rooms at Roxborough which Mother and Julia are to occupy. Think they will be very comfortable but the outlook from the windows is not very pleasant. Hazen, Ripley and Hogg this afternoon. Also Washington and Butler from Gov't House.

Monday, November 4, 1912.

Council today routine matters. Saw several press men during forenoon and had at luncheon Jennings Shanks Watson, Barnard and Kydd. Explained our naval policy to them and they seemed well satisfied. Jennings thinks desirable to repeal Naval Service Act. Kydd thinks people not very enthusiastic but will like our proposals all right as a reasonable thing to do.

Tuesday, November 5, 1912.

No Council today. Conference with Pelletier who still complains of Leonard. Had Ross, McNab, Carman, Tarte, Givens, and Miller, at luncheon. Discussed naval programme with them. They received it well. Dined at Schreibers and afterwards at 11 had interview with Pelletier Lacoste and Bienvenue respecting La Presse.

Wednesday, November 6, 1912.

Council today. No very important matters. Discussed our attitude towards Provincios in Companies reference. Julia and Mother starting for Ottawa tomorrow in my car. Heard that Morine closeted with Laurier in mysterious conference today. Delegation for one hour from Toronto Harbour Board very business like. Long conference all evening with Hazen, Pelletier, White and Kemp as to Niobe, Rainbow and Naval College. Desbarats present part of the time.

Thursday, November 7, 1912.

McBride and Bowser arrived this a.m. Conference with them at 11. In afternoon submitted to McBride confidential and secret communications from Admiralty as authorized by them. Dined this evening at Rideau Ball. Sir George and Lady Murray were also guests. Played bridge with Duchess, Mis? Cordon and Col. Ramsay. Laura played at table with Duke.

Friday, November 8, 1912.

Council today. Long conference with McBride this morning. Explained Naval policy and described position I had taken in England. He suggested Commission to consider permanent policy, but otherwise was heartily in accord with proposals. Discussed commission to consider claims of Provinces Probably that Coderre will have no effective Opposition, Hochelaga. Mother arrived this a.m. She seems much changed. Delegation from Toronto Harbour Board and Chamber de Commerce.

Saturday, November 9, 1912.

Numerous interviews today. Especially with Labor Delegation from 11.30 until 1.15. They want 8 hour day, repeal of Lemieux Act, referendum on Navy &c. Saw Governor General and urged

appointment of Sifton to P.C. very strongly. Also Knighthood of Bienvenue. Went for a long walk with Hal. Discussed Soheelite, also private Secretaryship. He is to considering.

Sunday, November 10, 1912.

Quiet forenoon at home. Blount came in evening and finished correspondence. Julia, Hal and Mabel at dinner. Several friends arrived for tea in afternoon. M.K. Wilson Mrs. Jtanford, Loughed, & o. Went to see Mother this afternoon and much improved in appearance. A most charming springlike day. Buds bursting on the shrubs.

Monday, November 11, 1912.

Worked all day on my Naval speech. Burrell came at 5.30 and stayed till 7 discussing Agricultural Aid Bill. Saw C.J. in evening and discussed Burke's eccentricities and indiscretions. Asked him about Senators for Ontario and P.E.I. He advises that Doherty keep in touch with Canal. Says that Sinnott will be next bishop of P.E.I.

Tuesday, November 12, 1912.

Worked at speech during forenoon. Met Sir Trevor Dawson at 12. Delegation from Ottawa 12.30 respecting Federal District. Told them there would be agitation for removal of Capital on account of. unsanitary conditions. Douglas and Girroir at luncheon. Council this afternoon and then conference with Doherty, Cochrane O'Brien successively until 7.15. Labour man ant against Coderre.

Wednesday, November 13, 1912.

Council. Burke arrived this a.m. He seems nettled as Fitzp. has evidently ragged him. Continually speaks of Fit., not being sufficiently appreciative. O'Brien very anxious about his claim against Forget. Discussed it with White and Cochrane at luncheon. White apprehensive about guaranteeing bonds. Met this evening Hazen, White, Boherty and Pelletier and finally arranged about repeal of Naval Service Act.

Thursday, November 14, 1912.

Good reports from Hochelaga but apparent lack of interest. Fine feeling in Westmount. Letters from Fullen and Bruchesi advocating Souly of Windsor as Senator. Correspondence heavy and worked at it during evening. Have completed draft of Navy Speech. Discussed Law Branch House of Commons with Speaker. Also clerical assistance to members.

Friday, November 15, 1912.

Council today. Conference with R.B. Bennett who is leaving for England. He is in good form and very confident as to what we can do in the West. Discussed with him McBride's suggestion of a Commission on permanent naval policy. He rather approves. Heard today that Mme. Pelletier cooks in the closet of her bedroom for herself and Pelletier, principally onion compounds. People in flat above object.

Saturday, November 16, 1912.

No Council today. Hall still here. Discussed Sheelite. Concluded better to appoint all Senators for N.S. Monday or Tuesday. Tremendous telegrams from Gillies and his friends. Lunched at Glut with Rogers and afterwards went with Rogers, Creelma, Baker and Hal to see football vs Toronto University at Lansdowne Park. McGill won 14 to 3. Worked at my navy speech all the evening. Gave Laurier copy of secret memo from Admiralty.

Sunday, November 17, 1912.

Quiet day. Laura suffering from incipient grip. Conference with M.P. Davis this A.M. and arranged interview for him with Cochrane. Met Shaughnessy this afternoon. Discussed Quebec and Saguenay Ry. Also Bienvenue honours. Went to see Mother this morning. She seemed very well and was reading. Miss Crawley her attendant rather fresh.

Monday, November 18, 1912.

Willison arrived this morning. Had him at luncheon and afterwards discussed Navy Bill. He is quite satisfied with our proposals. Clergue, Tait, Curry and Others want guarantee of bends for North Hallway connecting Hudson Bay with Montreal



and Quebec. Clergue very plausible. Council this afternoon. Nickle arrived. Discussed with him speech from Throne. Sir G. Murray broke elbow this afternoon.

Tuesday, November 19, 1912.

Council this afternoon. Appointed six Senators, one from P.E.I and five from N.S. Conference with Governor General and got leave to announce the names. Shaughnessy reports that Bienvenue and Lacoste will arrive tomorrow. C.J. sent me yesterday letters from Norfolk as to situation in Quebec. Saw him this evening at May Club Ball. Says he will forward note to Norfolk from H.R.H.

Wednesday, November 20, 1912.

Read my Navy Speech to Council yesterday. Some unimportant changes proposed. Will omit reference to permanent policy. Men beginning to arrive for opening tomorrow. Hall still here. McKenzie discussed Sheelite. Wants to buy my interest. Told him not unless I was satisfied it was worth the money. Davis still dissatisfied with his treatment by Cochrane.

Thursday, November 21, 1912.

Parliament opened today. Weather most beautiful like a day in May. Very brilliant scene. Loughheed and I in uniform met H.R.H. the Duohess and the Princess. Saw afterwards several of our men. They seem in very good form. State Dinner at Government House this evening. Sat next to Lieut. Governor Langelier. Wood's A.D.C. got drunk and had to be taken home by an orderly. Debate on Address fixed for Monday.

Friday, November 22, 1912.

Discussed Debate with mover and seconder, Rainville and Nickle. They happen to sit for seats which returned Cartier and McDonald. Some of the French members are restless about naval question and will bolt. Mondou is especially unreliable. Hal and McKensie had interview about Soheelite. Dennis and Curry exceedingly grateful for their promotion to Senate.

Saturday, November 23, 1912.

Council. Preparing for Session. Discussed with Burrell scope of bill to aid agriculture. Have decided to appropriate ten millions over ten years. Decided to keep control of building battle ships. Changed form of Bill accordingly and telegraphed to Churchill. Drawing Room this evening very brilliant affair. Julia went with us.

Sunday, November 24, 1912.

Church this morning. Went to see Mother this afternoon and found her looking and feeling very well. Several friends in for tea this afternoon. Rogers reported conferences with Shaughnessy and Graham. Parley came afterwards. Then spent an hour with Mother and Julia. Both well. Mother's mind wanders a little occasionally.

Monday, November 25, 1912.

Began Debate on Address. Rainville and Nickle spoke well. Laurier made a weak speech and proposed amendment respecting McDonald and Richelieu elections. I replied in 35 minutes and had a great reception. Oliver followed for two hours in one of his rambling diatribes. White adjourned the debate and will speak tomorrow afternoon.

Tuesday, November 26, 1912.

Continued debate today. White made an excellent speech. Had discussion with Rainville and Sevigny. Decided that I should meet French members and discuss naval question. Afterwards discussed it in Council. Cochrane had luncheon for U.S. Alaska Commission. I proposed health of President in short speech. Liberals evidently intend a long Debate on Address.

Wednesday, November 27, 1912.

Met French members this afternoon. Told them we propose repealing Laurier Naval Bill. Gave them an outline of our permanent policy. Boulay, Barette, Bellemare, Achim and Bailbault said they agreed that proposals are wise but they are bound by promises. Lavallee and Gauthier said notwithstanding promises they would vote for us. Also Paquet Rainville, Blondin and Sevigny. State Ball this evening. Quadrille of Honor went well. I danced with Duohess and Laura with the Duke.

Thursday, November 28, 1912.

Saw Mondou Monday last and again today. He evidently Intends proceeding with his amendment which is inspired by Cahan and Bourassa. We are to discuss it again next Monday. Rogers spoke on McDonald election this afternoon and did well. Meighen out Carvell into pieces. Our men seem in good fighting form. Discussed with the N.S. Members personnel of the new Fishery Advisory Board.

Friday, November 29, 1912.

Debate dragging. James McKay spoke this afternoon. I did not go to House this evening being very tired. Rogers left for Montreal to see Graham and Shaughnessy. Burke reports as to conditions in the West and says they are fairly good. He is sometimes reckless and foolish but means well. Claude McDonnell says that he can get Fallon to withdraw as to Scully.

Saturday, November 30, 1912.

Council today. Discussed pelagic sealing claims and went over order paper. Interview 12 to 1 H.R.H. and explained again difficulties of touching question of precedence at present. Sent him outline of speech on Naval Question. Received very nice acknowledgement. Met C.J. on Daly Avenue and discussed Davis claims, Archbishop's Gauthier's irritation at being, placed on left of Lowther at State Dinner, &c. Dined with Sir G. and Lady Murray at Chateau. Party of 48.

Sunday, December 1, 1912.

Went for long walk with Laura. Bright morning. Very delightful. This afternoon Murphy and McKay, Burrell and others called. Rogers reports that G. and S. are in good form and both coming to Ottawa this week to discuss important matters. Went at 6.15 to see Mother and found her very happy and comfortable. She has aged much in two years.

Monday, December 2, 1912.

Debate continued today. It has become draggy and attracts little attention. Conference with Edwards re Warden at Kingston Penitentiary, also one with Hughes on Saturday. They are very fierce against the Catholics. Having a great deal of trouble with press men as to advance outline of my speech.

Tuesday, December 3, 1912.

Forget spoke this afternoon and was followed by Lemieux who was very coarse and abusive. Wilson made capital speech in evening. Very aggressive with much humour. We had 48 majority on straight party vote. Mondon had only four votes on his amendment. Our men in most excellent form and spirits.

Wednesday, December 4, 1912.

Private members day. Disposed of numerous questions and motions. Arranged to introduce naval Bill tomorrow and postpone second reading until next week. Great interest and many people coming from all parts of the country. Dinner this evening at which I took in Mrs. Crothers and had Madame Coderre on my left. Carrioks, Rainvilles and others also guests.

Thursday, December 5, 1912.

Introduced Naval Bill today. Tremendous audience. Speaker stupidly interrupted me to put Motion in which he was entirely out of order. I sat down on nothing and broke my glasses. Speech splendidly received. Applause was tremendous all through. At the end House and galleries sang the National Anthem. Rule Britannia was also started, but God save the King prevailed, tremendous congratulations from everyone and telegrams began to pour in this evening. House adjourned at 6 as members were too excited to work or attend.

Friday, December 6, 1912.

Messages of congratulation pouring in from all parts of Canada and British Islands. Mounted Police Bill introduced this afternoon after discussion and passage Of the necessary resolution. Very fine message from Lord Roberts.

Saturday, December 7, 1912.

Council from 11 to 7. Delegation 12 to 1 from Ontario and Quebec Gov'ts as to Peace Celebration. Reaume for Ontario and Taschereau for Quebec urged importance of worthy national celebration. Appointed Perley Burrell and Hazen White and Pelletier a sub-committee to confer with the two Governments. Quiet evening. Messages still coming from every quarter.

Sunday, December 8, 1912.

Church this morning and long walk with Laura for an hour before. Lancaster, Oarrick, Rogers, Georgeson and others in this afternoon. Georgeson gave thorough and lucid account of conditions in Alberta. Went with Laura to see Mother Julia and Mabel found them all well and happy. Conference with Burrell in evening respecting his agricultural bill.

Monday, December 9, 1912.

Council. Private members went through a great number of questions and motions. Sergeant at Arms has undergone serious operation and recovery doubtful. New rooms ready. Am using them for dictation but not for conference. Do not like furnishings or furniture (except rugs which Laura selected).

Tuesday, December 10, 1912.

Council. Discussed plans for new Government buildings and decided that arrangement proposed by White (English Landscape Architect) was suitable. Replied to Harcourt's letter and declined G.C.M.G. at New Year. Discussed Bienvenue's position with Rogers and Pelletier. Arranged Naval Debate for Thursday until adjournment for Christmas Recess. Weather mild and delightful.

Wednesday, December 11, 1912.

Council. Private members day. Debate as to dismissals. Made statement as to case of Landry who pointed to office without knowing he had been convicted as a criminal. Hear McInnes sore at not being appointed Senator. Many letters and telegrams still coming in with congratulations on my speech. Cabinet wives' reception this evening. Two Australian ladies, Misses Denham, Daughters of Prime Minister of Queensland.



Thursday, December 12, 1912.

Debate on Navy. Laurier moved amendment for two fleet units. Rather weak speech over which he perspired. Great crowds in galleries. Grits sang National anthem and we joined. He is aiming at dissolution and depending on his prestige, nationality and religion in Quebec and on this proposal in other Provinces. Our men are not afraid of it. Hazen responded in good speech but too long. Graham followed and Pelletier moved adjournment.

Friday, December 13, 1912.

Graham speech yesterday withy and sarcastic. A great deal of quotation. Pelletier replied in long speech today which will read better than it sounded. Made clear Laurier's attempted strategy. He was followed by Lafortune under whose influence debate degenerated into vaudeville. Graham brought nearly to that condition.

Saturday, December 14, 1912.

Confce with M.P.Davis as to Fallon's attitude re Senate and Scully. Council 11 to 7. Disoussed order of debate. Foster to speak on Tuesday. Will make great effort. White also to speak before adjournment. I am wanted for great meeting at Sherbrooke on 3rd January. Dined with Pelletiers at the Roxborough.

Sunday. December 15, 1912.

Most enthusiastic and flattering letters from Sir Charles Tupper and Geoffrey Robinson, Editor of the Times Saw Mother, Julia and Mabel this afternoon. Julia a little gloomy but cheered up. Bogers and wife, Colin Campbell and the Molson MacPhersons in for tea this afternoon. Weather wonderfully mild.

Monday, December 16, 1912.

Debate on Naval Bill still continued. No specially notable speech. Duke consulted me about proposed visit of Lord Grey to Canada and we both agreed that it would be inadvisable at present. Am arranging for a short holiday at Atlantic City.

Tuesday, December 17, 1912.

Debate on Naval Bill still continued. Decided to adjourn on Wednesday instead of Thursday. Weather continuing very mild. Forget in great anxiety that we shall assist his railway enterprise. Am receiving numerous letters of congratulation from England on my speech introducing Naval Bill.

Wednesday, December 18, 1912.

Foster made magnificent speech on naval bill this afternoon. He took up point after point put forward by Laurier, Graham and Clark and fairly crushed each one. Guthrie had little time for reply and made no effort at a speech, merely challenging us to dissolve and go to the country. Reception this evening by Cabinet ladies. Great success.

Thursday, December 19, 1912.

Very busy day getting ready for short vacation. Saw Mother and Julia before leaving and arranged Christmas gifts. Mother very well but her mind wanders a little at times and she speaks of going to Grand Pre in a few hours in my "motor oar" meaning the Private Car in which she came. Left for New York.

Friday, December 20, 1912.

Arrived New York 7.30. Plaza Hotel, 13th floor looking out over Park. Went to bookstores and visited Chiropodist, M. Nachbar. In evening saw "The Firefly" at the Lyrio. Fairly good.

Saturday, December 21, 1912.

Quiet day. Visited some shops with Laura. In evening saw "Fanny's First Play" at Comedy Theatre. Very clever and very well acted.

Sunday, December 22, 1912.

Quiet day. Walked in central Park in the morning. In the afternoon drove with Mr. Ritter and Wm. Smith in Central Park. Ritter then took us to the Pennsylvania Station. Had pleasant journey, arriving at Atlantic City (Marlborough-Blenheim) 8.30. Porter on train from New York comes to Canada for every political campaign on Lauriers private car.

Monday, December 23, 1912.

Delightful air and weather. Went to Golf Links and played under tuition of Caddie Campbell (colored) one of the most intelligent instructors I ever met. In evening read and played cards with Laura, invitation from British Ambassador to spend Christmas with them but declined.

Tuesday, December 24, 1912.

Heavy snowstorm last evening. Heavy swell today. Prospects of golf have disappeared but the snow and the sea and the whole surroundings are so beautiful that I am quite content.

Wednesday, December 25, 1912.

Beautiful weather. Laura and I went to service at one of the Anglican Churches. Very pompous little man preached but he had nothing of note.

Thursday, December 26, 1912.

Met Mrs. Walter Massey and her family at Carpet and Bug Shop where auction was being held. Very charming people. Her son introduced his tutor, Mr. Nicholson, in evening. He seems a bright young man and is studying for the Ministry.

Friday, December 27, 1912.

Weather not so pleasant. Heavy rain all forenoon, during which I walked to Inlet (2 1/2 miles) and return and succeeded in blistering both heels. In afternoon resorted to a bath chair and found it very comfortable.

Saturday, December 28, 1912. Went to Self links but did not play. Discovered letters lying in Hotel Office for several days without any notice or intimation to me. Office organization very poor.

Sunday, December 29, 1912.

Left for Hew York this afternoon. Train very crowded. Went to Belmont where we had a very cordial reception and have a delightful room.

Monday, December 30, 1912.

Met Mrs. Sanford of Hamilton who has just arrived to meet Lady Aberdeen. Went to bookstores &c. In evening saw "She Stoops to Conquer" at 29th St. Theatre. Very well acted and enjoyed it very much. Met Mrs. Sanford on return to Hotel and Laura and I had supper with her.

Tuesday, December 31, 1912.

Left for Ottawa this evening. Met Lady Aberdeen and Miss Asquith this afternoon at tea with Mrs. sanford. Lady Aberdeen in good form and very pleasant. Miss Asquith expressed great delight at being first to offer me personal congratulations by word of mouth on naval policy.

Wednesday, January 1, 1913.

Arrived half an hour late, went at once to Governor's office and attended levee. Very cordial greeting from Duke. He told me that the King had written to him a very appreciative letter respecting our policy and my speech. Called on Mother and Julia and saw Hal and his children. Eunice grown tremendously since I last saw her a year ago. Thursday, January 2. Correspondence very heavy. Working at it yesterday and today. Council this afternoon. Conference with Duke at noon. Found him disturbed about condition of our defensive forces. Says artillery good, some cavalry fair but infantry very poor. Bead to me letter from the King. Very appreciative.

Friday, January 3, 1913.

Council today. Disposed of a great deal of business. Very complimentary letters from Amery, Sir Wm. White and Gregg of The Times. Discussed Estimates and tariff with White. Told him that he and I would settle tariff matters and avoid protracted discussion in Council. Conference with labour men as to C.P.B. strike. They are very sore against Crothers for his refusal to appoint board.

Saturday, January 4, 1913.

Council 11 to 6. Principally estimates. Called on Mgr Stagni (?) and had very pleasant interview. Yesterday had interview with Beaubien as to Monk's attendance on or after 14th. He thinks it much better that Monk should not come. Very confident that we can carry 20 or 25 seats in Quebec next election.

Sunday, January 5, 1913.

Quiet day. Hal and Children at dinner. Telegram from Lyttleten as to my views on food taxes. Went over British Press comment on our Naval policy and found it very satisfactory and appreciative. The little Englander note is, however, sometimes sounded. Massingham and Manchester Guardian chiefly sang this strain.

Mondays January 6, 1913.

Council. Interviews and delegations. Worked at house until one o'clock. Delegate called at 12.30. Monsigneur Sinnott with him. Very pleasant interview. Lunched with Casgrain, Powell and Magrath. Discussed organization of boundary waters committee etc. Prepared Order In Council for investigation of B.C. claims.

Tuesday, January 7, 1913.

McKehzie called with proposal to lend his Co. 30 millions and give them subsidy on 2200 additional miles of railway. Discussed this afterwards with Cochrane and White. Plummer and McInnes had interview with White and me as to bounty on pig iron. Lunched with Mother, Julia, Hal, Will and children. Dinner party Dr. and Mrs. Parkin and others. Took in Mrs. Anglin.



Wednesday, January 8, 1913.

Council. Nearly finished estimates. Considered answer to Lyttleton's telegram and denial of understanding with unionist party. Called to Rideau Hall to see Duke. Duchess very ill again and removed to Victoria Hospital Montreal. Met Dr. Garrow and Dr. Chipman. Duke much disturbed. He thinks Lord Grey's recent speech very injudicious.

Thursday, January 9, 1913.

Housed with severe influenza. Brought in Japanese Treaty and accompanying documents and studied question pretty carefully. Weather very moderate. Dictated correspondence in my room. Duchess no worse. Wrote to Duke.

Friday, January 10, 1913.

Still housed. Dictated correspondence. Up part of the day. Read some of Bart Harte's sketches. Weather still moderate.

Saturday, January 11, 1913.

Still housed. Gave up dinner at Chief Justice's. Cleared up my old papers and pamphlets. Weather getting much colder.

Sunday, January 12, 1913.

Weather below zero. Dr. Magill called this afternoon. Very earnest about interior elevator system. Discussed it with him. Discussed with Perley sending minister to London. Julia and Mabel came to tea.

Monday, January 13, 1913.

Drove to office. Heard appeal of Ry. Companies against Toronto. Long hearing., many counsel. Afterwards considered two capital cases. Room very cold and got slight chill. Could not go to theatre with Laura as arranged. Conference with C.G.Henshaw and J.A.McDonald. Latter as to senatorships.

Tuesday, January 14, 1913.

Debate on navy resumed. Guthrie made long and rather weak speech. At end urged compromise. Very slim house. In afternoon had many visitors; among others Sir Wm. McKenzie who urged claims of his company, financial aid; in view stringent money conditions. Influenza still handicaps me. Did not go to House in evening. Dinner party this evening. 14 members of H.C.

Wednesday, January 15, 1913.

Private members day, but no important motions. Lemieux made rather vicious speech about Montreal Harbour Commissioners. Doherty informs me that Duke refuses to sign order directing that law shall take its course in a capital case we recently considered. Advised him to have prisoner respited pending consideration of Duke's action.

Thursday, January 16, 1913.

Explained to Council my position on capital cases, showing clearly that Duke bend to follow the advice of his Ministers in such cases. Doherty informed us that judge had respited prisoner without intervention from us. New facts brought to his notice in another case and respite also directed that case.

Friday, January 17, 1913.

Debate on Navy Bill continued. Pugsley made a long and tiresome speech followed by Murphy who did not speak well. Many applications for Ontario senatorships. Also in Saskatchewan. Delegation Casgrain, Marechal, Beaubien, Coderre, Patenaude, Coueigneau, Pope, Gault and Doherty last evening re Quebec organization. Delegation today respecting Agriculture and Highway Bills.

Saturday, January 18, 1913.

Influenza developing into bronchitis. Saw Dr. Kidd at

one o'clock and he strongly advises remaining in house three days. Council all day. Discussed building of interior terminal elevators. Fogers, Forbes and Doherty are to make report. We carried Antigonish on Thursday for Prov'l Legislature by 350. Weather most variable and unpleasant.

Sunday, January 19, 1913.

Quiet day. Stayed in house by orders of Dr. Kidd who says I have mild form of bronchitis. Mathison of P.E.I, came in afternoon. Speaks of wonderful possibilities of oyster culture in that province. Malpeques sell for more than double the American oyster. Could not go to see Mother but telephoned Julia.

Monday, January 20, 1913.

Remained in house today and worked part of time with Secretary. Disturbing letter from Duke and private one from Lowther. Duke asks me to come to Montreal. Lowther says Duchess must return to England and Duke wishes to terminate his governorship and go with her. Lowther thinks this would be a great mistake and so do I.

Tuesday, January 21, 1913.

Office today. Heard delegation as to Lafontaine Park and as to Port Maiden. In afternoon heard delegation of shipbuilders which Currie managed very badly. Very garrulous old man from his riding tired every one. White moved second reading of Bank Act and made an excellent speech.

Wednesday, January 22, 1913.

Committee on Japanese Treaty this morning. Practically decided not to accept unreservedly, or so as to repeal any provision of immigration Act. Attack on Crothers this afternoon. He made poor defence. Discussed Railways' Extension in Nova Scotia. Dinner party this evening. Landry, Lemieux, Mathieson, S.Sharp, Duff, MacKay.

Thursday, January 23, 1913.

Went to Montreal. Discussed strike of C.B. of Ry Employees With Shaughnessy. Lunched with Duke who discussed Navy Act, Japanese Treaty but especially the necessity of returning to England in March. Explained very serious illness of Duchess. Probably tumor requiring operation. Sent flowers to Duchess. Long discussion with Baker who detailed many woes. Called on Monk and found him in good form. Long conversation in evening with McG. Returned 1 a.m.

Friday, January 24, 1913.

Went to House this afternoon. In evening long conference with Forget and Greenshields respecting Quebec and Saguenay Railway. They are very anxious that Gov't should acquire it. Two delegations from Saskatchewan as to Senatorships. Thomas McKay and H.W. Laird are the candidates. Got through with West Indies bill. Burrell made excellent speech in introducing Agricultural Aid Bill.

Saturday, January 25, 1913.

Council all day. Discussed steamship mail subsidies. C.P.R. has too large a share. Arranged for meeting tomorrow re Quebec & Saguenay railway. Hughes still anxious about his brother in connection with Kingston penitentiary Opposition questioning him about a private oar as to which he has blundered. Dined this evening with Japanese Consul. Took in Mrs. Nakamura who is very bright and entertaining.

Sunday, January 26, 1913.

Several people in this afternoon and among others Lord Basil Blackwood and Capt. Long. Blackwood son of Lord Dufferin. Called in afternoon and saw Mother Julia and Mabel who are all well except for slight attack of influenza. Japanese treaty under consideration. Dined with Rogers and discussed Quebec and Saguenay railway. Cochrane, White, Rogers, Perley, Pelletier present.

Monday, January 27, 1913.

Private members day. Lemieux made violent attack on Sir B. Forget in connection with Quebec merger. Quebec and Saguenay Railway and Banque Internationale. Dictated draft of memorandum on Japanese Treaty. Delegation from Saskatchewan as to appointment of H.W. Laird as Senator. Rogers says that he is the best man but his reputation is not good in some respects.

Tuesday, January 28. 1913.

Resumed discussion of Bank Act. Various attacks on bill and on present banking system by many members. Men on our side refrained from speaking in order to get bill to committee on Banking and Commerce. Currie of SImcoe, however, made an excellent speech. Grits broke agreement that debate should end today. Sat until one. Forget raised question of privilege. Made a plausible defence and a capital attack on Lemieux who he challenged to resign and contest any one of three seats.

Wednesday, January 29, 1913.

All afternoon debating Naturalization bill on motion of E.M. McDonald. He and Doherty made very good and instructive speeches. Doherty somewhat prolix and involved. Ladies of Cabinet reception this evening. A great success.

Thursday, January 30, 1913.

Finished Bank Act. White made excellent reply in closing debate and produced splendid effect on our members. Discussed Japanese Treaty in Council. Read my memorandum which was thought excellent. It has been printed but will require further revision. I intend to send it to Colonial Office. Letter from Duke as to announcement to press as to his leave of absence.

Friday, January 31, 1913.

Resumed Naval Debate. Devlin of Wright made long and flatulent speech followed by Beland, Nantel wished to reply but I restrained him. Did not go to House in evening. Delegation from Wiarton urging McNeil as Senator. One from Saskatchewan urging Thomas McKay as Senator. One from Yukon urging Thompson as Minister of Mines.



Saturday, February 1, 1913.

Conference this morning with Japanese Consul. Discussed situation with him quite frankly. Think he was impressed. He suggested that if we insist on proviso as to Immigration laws, we should, pass a note verbale declaring that these laws are of general application. Reported to Council as to this and they approved. Passed O.C. as to enquiry into B.C. claims. Dined with Hazens.

Sunday, February 2, 1913.

Very busy day. Could not get to church. Worked on Japanese memo then went to see Mother and Julia. Found Mother quite bright but sometimes confused in her ideas. In office an hour from 12 to 1 with Blount. In afternoon Sir Alex Bonnie and Dr. Houston called. Worked at Japanese memo in evening.

Monday, February 3, 1913.

Private members day. Bills all the afternoon Rogers reported on his Visit to Montreal and new form of Baker's insanity. In evening went to opera and heard Madame Edvina in La Tosca. Beautiful, graceful, a fine actress with a tendency to overdo the part and a fine well trained voice. Mario was poor. House crowded.

Tuesday, February 4, 1913.

Conference with Major Hughes. Seems a moderate and sensible man. Also conference with Japanese Consul General as to our adherence to the treaty. Interview apparently very satisfactory. Conference in afternoon with Stefansson who discovered blond Esquimaux in our Northern Country. In evening conference with Cochrane, Rogers, Haaen, Magrath and Stewart as questions concerning Livingstone Channel. Naval Debate. Our members attendance unsatisfactory.

Wednesday, February 5, 1913.

Worked hard in Council all day. Forestar discussed his west India Steamship Service. Considered, obvious and decided to hold one on Friday. Learn that Grits are determined to obstruct. In evening took Julia to Opera and saw Carmen. Madame Dereigne had principal

role and took it very well especially the song "SI je t'aime, prends garde a toi". Laura went with Mrs. Sladen.

Thursday, February 6, 1913.

Conference this morning with Hearst, Beak, Magrath and Stewart as to Livingstone Channel. Then received delegation of Toronto and other municipalities as to federal aid for municipal railway. Then delegation from Mining Associations. Rebate continued on Naval Bill. Grits evidently talking against time. Long conference with Hughes and afterwards with Held, Loherty and Rogers re Warden Kingston Penetentiary. Afterwards with Major Hughes.

Friday, February 7, 1913.

Caucus at ten. Explained Grit tactics and the cause pursued in England under similar conditions. Said that opposition could force us to the country any year if they could do it this year. Said we must do two things First fight them and second "lick" them. Tremendous applause and perfect unanimity. Real business only twenty minutes. Afterwards God speed to FO<sup>^</sup>Ce/t who leaves on Sunday for Australia. More conferences re Penetentiary. Col. McLean made strong speech favoring our proposals.

Saturday, February 8, 1913.

Council nearly all day. Conference with Japanese Consul General and submitted to him proposed official and unofficial letters re Treaty. He said they were quite satisfactory to him. Sent them to him afterwards. Foster discussed further his West Indies Steamship Service. No decision but feeling of Council in favor of the C.P.R. proposal. In evening went to opera. Romeo and Juliette. Julia with us in our box. Also Clarence Jameson. He would like to be Clerk of the House vice Flint.

Sunday, February 9, 1913.

Walked to Roxborough and saw Mother Julia and Mabel. All well. Mother looked exceptionally well and seemed very bright. Said Miss "Clarence" (Crawley) unsatisfactory, waking her up before daylight and made her take her breakfast whether she wanted it or not. Then to church.

Monday, February 10, 1913.

Private members day. Discussed private bills nearly all afternoon and evening. Discussions as to Wardenship of Kingston Penitentiary. Matters very serious as Edwards acting very badly and evidently bent on a quarrel. Hughes foolish action re private oar to the fore. Discussed Livingstone Channel with W.R. White and Stewart.

Tuesday, February 11, 1913.

Interview with W.R.Givens who has proved able and resourceful in dealing with Kingston wardenship. He has practically arranged a basis of arrangement. Lemieux made long campaign speech on Naval question. Mondou, Lamarohe and Barette acting very badly on that question. Stayed at home this evening and read portions of Naval debate.

Wednesday, February 12 1913.

Private members day. Excellent speech from Meighen on Agricultural credits. Too much theory and not sufficient appreciation of differing conditions in Canada and Europe. White in his reply seized on the vital point in that regard. Osier gave dinner in my honour tonight. All our members present. Tremendous enthusiasm. Glee Club consisting of Weichel, Murphy, Edwards, Carrick, Stanfield, Barrette and Sevigny and Edwards.

Thursday, February 13, 1913.

Debate on Naval Bill. Dined with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers at Chateau. Sir Wm. and Lady MoKenzie. Laurier spoke after 8 and I followed him in a short incisive speech without preparation. Was much complimented. Had majority of 47 on Laurier's amendment and 32 on bill., Seven of our men (Nationalists) broke away on vote for resolution. Forget and Rogers of great assistance.

Friday, February 14, 1913.

Various bills today as Laurier asked to have second reading of Naval bill postponed until Tuesday. Conferences and delegations in morning and during afternoon. Passed a few items in Estimates

by consent late in the evening. Endeavouring to limit and settle legislative programme for session.

Saturday, February 15, 1913.

Council all day. Discussed and considered various questions connected with legislative programme for Session. In evening dined with the Hazens. Tedious consideration of the Wardenship of Kingston Penitentiary. Doherty's procrastination and his unwillingness to appoint Hughes have given much trouble.

Sunday, February 16, 1913.

Quiet day. Saw Mother and Julia and brought little Mabel to dinner, afterwards in afternoon Laura and I drove her to Roxborough. Mother very well physically but occasionally confused in her thought. Stefansson called in afternoon. The usual number of visitors between 4 and 6 P.M.

Monday, February 17, 1913.

Private members day, the last. Long discussion on private bills. Especially on Richelieu and Ontario navigation Bill. W.F.McLean moved amendment en third reading to refer capitalization to Hallway Board. This was defeated. Emmerson moved resolution for investigation into express charges but acquiesced in our amendment.

Tuesday, February 18, 1913.

Resumed Naval Debate. Turiff moved amendment that further consideration of the bill be postponed until after redistribution and general election. Poor speech. There are rumors that this amendment is the real beginning of obstructive tactics. He was followed by Crocket who made a very cogent speech.

Wednesday, February 19, 1913.

Debate on Navy continued. Hear Liberals are to obstruct for a time at least, but may eventually yield if we maintain firm front. Currie, Bennett, (Calgary) Meighen and Jameson working on

revision rules restricting debate. MoKenzie here pressing claims for consideration of aid to Canadian Northern.

Thursday, February 20, 1913.

Surprised to find that Middlebro intended further motion against R.C.Miller who was again brought to bar of House and again refused to answer. Several motions and long discussion. Eventually he was committed to common gaol. I spoke at end of Debate on last motion and was very warmly congratulated by our friends. I reproved Middlebro for not considering me as loss of day disturbed arrangement to vote on Tuesday.

Friday, February 21, 1913.

Continued debate on Naval question. Crothers made excellent speech. The debate dragged on through the evening. MoKenzie continues to press his application, part of which seems well founded. He left for Toronto and will return on Tuesday. Am preparing for my visit to Albany tomorrow.

Saturday, February 22, 1913.

Council from 10 to 2. Gave a resume of Canadian Northern application for assistance. There was no discussion. Told them matter coming up early next week. Art 3.15 left for Albany in heavy snowstorm going via Montreal. L.K.Jones accompanied us. Arrived Albany 8.a.m. and remained in Car.

Sunday, February 23, 1913.

Most hospitably received by Governor and Mrs. Sulzer. Major Schermerhorn Military Aide met us at train and conducted us to Executive Mansion. Very commodious apartments and most comfortable house. Attended service in Presbyterian Church. In evening dinner Mr. and Mrs. Van Mayhoff of N.Y. and Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Glyn. Discussed waterways with Sulzer.

Monday, February 24, 1913.

Inspected Capitol and Education Building. Latter a very beautiful structure. Bizarre effect of Greek contrasted with adjoining



Gothic of Capitol. Met Conservation Commission. Capt. Sims of Alaska and several press men. In evening banquet of University Club. I was very tired and did not speak well. Left for Ottawa at midnight before conclusion of banquet.

Tuesday, February 25, 1913.

Returned from Albany at noon. Found McKenzie and McInnes here. Mel. presented amazing statement of amounts he has raised outside of Govt guarantees and subsidies. Long and not very effective speech from R.B.Bennett He has much ability and great facility of speech but he lacks common sense. Clark of Red Deer followed. Very plausible but very answerable.

Wednesday, February 26, 1913.

Was in House only 10 minutes today. Engaged in conferences as to assistance to be granted Canadian Northern. Several of my colleagues and afterwards Osier and McKenzie and McInnes. Finished about 10 p.m. Afterwards in office preparing for Naval debate as vote on second reading will take place tomorrow. Went to Station to meet H.R.H. the G.G. and Duchess who looked ill and tired.

Thursday, February 27, 1913.

Conference with Shaughnessy as to Canadian Northern. Carried second reading by 30 but several of our men ill or absent without pairs. Laurier spoke and I followed for about an hour, exposing; their thoroughly absurd and inconsistent position. Laurier; Graham and all their following looked tremendously crestfallen. Our men cheered me to the echo and were wonderfully pleased a net-exultant. Home at 2.30 a.m.

Friday, February 28, 1913.

Naval bill in Committee. Grits wasting time in idle inquiries as to cost of battle ships and fleet units. Passed first clause and adjourned at 11.30. Interview yesterday with H.R.H. on general subjects. Aim to prepare memo for him to submit to Col.Secy. on matters of Imperial concern. Told W.S.Hughes to accept Doherty's offer.

Saturday, March 1, 1913.

Conference with Japanese Consul who delivered letter stating that his Govt will agree to our proposals as to accepting treaty. Submitted his answer to Council. Discussed West Indies Steamship service, also wardenship of Kingston and Manitoba. Penitentiaries. Dinner party in evening Took in Madame Blondin, who is very intelligent & interesting.

Sunday, March 2, 1913.

Lunched with Governor General. Duchess looked much better than on Thursday. Duke in very good spirits. In afternoon many callers. Cowan, Swiss Consul General &c. Discussed closure with Currie, Bennett and Meighen. Also some matters with R.R. Saw Mother Julia and Mabel and found them all well. Mabel very sweet. Weather cold and blustery.

Monday, March 3, 1913.

Naval debate resumed on clause 2 which was supposed to be non contentious as it was common to Laurier's policy and mine. Long and obstructive debate. At midnight Laurier asked adjournment. I asked progress. At 1 a.m. each asked the same. At two he moved a dilatory amendment. At 3.45 I went home leaving opposing forces in line of battle. I entered House again at 9.45 having been absent 6 hours.

Tuesday, March 4, 1913.

Shaughnessy arrived. Had conference with him this afternoon respecting Can. Nor. application &c. I attended luncheon of Canadian Mining Institute. Found strong feeling against Grit obstruction. Debate still goes on. Speeches largely irrelevant but. we do not interfere. Evidently they will keep it up until Saturday night. Laurier has accepted invitation to dinner to Bryce next Monday.

Wednesday, March 5, 1913.

Debate still proceeding night and day under Obstructive tactics. Our forces divided into three shifts. Grits have moved subamendment to their amendment. Our men in splendid fighting spirit. Long tiresome discussion gives me more opportunity to

work as I do not attend it except for a few minutes occasionally. Rumors that Grits will make charges of personation against Coderre.

Thursday, March 6, 1912.

Long conference with H.R.H. as to his approaching departure. Am to make a report to him on matters of Imperial concern. Spoke to him about G.G. warrants in case the Senate should reject supply bill. Suddenly called into House upon appeal from Currie and Chairman. Had to say he was wrong. Both he and Speaker "bungled the matter. Wrote Currie consoling letter. He wept. Geo. Lafontaine also wept today when I spoke kindly to him.

Friday, March 7, 1913.

Mann arrived from Toronto to size up situation but has not yet learned much. This evening went to Canadian Mining Institute dinner and had fine reception. On reaching my house received telephone message from H. of C. to come immediately. Point absurd, viz; that sitting could not continue into Saturday.

Saturday, March 8, 1913.

Debate still proceeding without intermission. Attended Canadian Club luncheon in honour of Brits. His address very instructive and interesting as usual. I spoke for about ten minutes afterwards, was in good form and received many warm congratulations. Mann says Laurier very angry and will fight to end. Laurier says I practically agreed not to sit beyond midnight. This is of course untrue.

Sunday, March 9, 1912.

Heavy snowstorm, mild and damp. Conference with Bryoe this afternoon at which we discussed various matters outstanding with U.S. Says Bryan and Wilson will probably agree. Bryan very enthusiastic respecting celebration of Centenary of Peace. Discussed diversion of water from Lake Michigan by Chicago. Arranged for Magrath and Casgrain to meet him. Dined at Government House this evening.

Monday, March 10, 1913.

Monday resumed discussion House of Commons on Naval Bill. First held caucus of members who were very enthusiastic and determined. Left question of closure in hands of Government. Various grit members protracted the discussion. Laurier demanded text of Churchill letters. I had received permission which reached me later in afternoon. Dinner in honour of Bryoe at my house. Laurier, White, Perley, Fitzpatrick and others. After dinner went to House and read letters between 11 and 12. Grits very angry at their contents.

Tuesday, March 11, 1913.

House sat in Committee all night. Papers this morning publish Churchill's letters in full. They are considered very damaging to Grits.

Wednesday, March 12, 1913.

House sat in Committee all night. Naval debate going in full force. Grits are attacking Churchill vigorously and unfairly. Hugh Graham here this afternoon. Has seen Laurier but conversation confidential. Graham very angry at Rogers but at a meeting in my office explanations made, and better relations established. Very warm party feeling in House.

Thursday, March 13, 1913.

House sat in Committee all night. Grits still pounding the air and making very exaggerated misrepresentations. Held Council this afternoon in my office. Receiving many telegrams of encouragement from all parts of the country. Haggart died this morning. I referred to his death this afternoon. Various conferences as to closure rules and Ooderre charges.

Friday, March 14, 1913.

Decided yesterday at a conference in my Office to put through the Naval Bill by Brand's methods. Blondin agreed to do it. This morning I was in my private Office Eastern Block when Speaker came and said that Blondin had funk'd. Afterwards, however, Blondin told me he would do it. However some of my colleagues and some of the members are doubtful. I went to office early this morning and remained in House until 8 Saturday morning. Ruled

Laurier's amendment out of order. Points of order all night and appeals therefrom. Objection that Deputy Speaker absent and Chairman not qualified. I made short speech in French. Quebec members congratulated me. Returned to House this afternoon after two hours sleep. Very warm and even better feeling between the two parties. As midnight approached Speaker twice had to take chair amid scenes of great disorder. The whole opposition on their feet gesticulating and bellowing. Dr. Clark was named by Speaker who showed great decision and firmness. I prepared resolution suspending Clark but first asked him to apologize which he did. Our men angry at end and both sides wanted a physical conflict. Primeval passions.

Sunday, March 16, 1913.

Very tired. Slept till noon, went this afternoon to see Mother, Julia and Mabel; all well. Julia angry because not invited to dinner at Government House. Conference with Rogers, White, Burrell and Pell<sup>©</sup> tier respecting Coderre. Afterwards with Meighen respecting rules.

Monday, March 17, 1913.

Motion against Coderre by blackmailing gang voted down. Members not thoroughly satisfied. Called Council at 2 and again at 7.30. Doherty made long and rather tiresome speech. Best speech on any side was Meighens. Majority 33.

Tuesday, March 18, 1913.

Went into supply. Grits agreed to pass supplementary estimates for 1913 before 6 P.M. tomorrow. Saw Laurier in evening. Told him scope of our legislative programme. Asked him about supply and about Naval Bill. Said they would probably give supply but would not commit himself on Naval Bill. Saw Bishop Fallon who is still pressing Scully's claims to Senatorship. R.B. Bennett of Calgary very profuse of criticism.

Wednesday, March 19, 1912.

Prepared and issued statement to press as to obstruction and amendment of rules. Conference with Caldwell of Manitoba as to complaints of Catholics. Doherty very much excited. Saw Father Burke respecting same matter. Fred Nicholls of Toronto called; very angry at writs for their obduracy. Says he will throw himself



strongly into next election.

Thursday, March 20, 1913.

Interview with Duke 12 to 1. Discussed naval situation. He enquired as to permanent policy. X told him what we proposed in early future but that we had rather be right than be in a hurry. He is disturbed by Hughes's desire to be made a General. Thinks this would be quite irregular. He spoke about rumors respecting statements of Ministers. I told him 99 per cent were nonsense. In afternoon had Council. Then Government House and tea with Duchess who looks very bright and cheerful.

Friday, March 21, 1913.

Went to office all morning and then to Station to attend Duke and Duchess on their departure for Halifax. Proceedings quite informal but quite a crowd had gathered who gave the party a fine cheer, (led by me) when the train pulled out. Then to visit Mother and Julia. Then afterward\* luncheon to Church. Very wet and mild, almost a hurricane late in afternoon.

Saturday, March 22, 1913.

Long telegram from Churchill on Thursday as to forming Imperial Cruising Squadron based on Gibraltar. Decided in Council yesterday to approve it. All morning engaged in interviews, in drafting this telegram, in preparing report to H.R.H. as to permanent policy and in drafting reply to Laurier's pronouncement on Naval bill which appeared this morning. Road beyond Cummings Bridge 3 to 4 feet deep in water yesterday afternoon.

Sunday, March 23, 1913.

Laura confined to bed all day with grippe. I called for Julia and Mabel and went to All Saints. In afternoon Perley called also Consul General of U.S. Afterwards Blount came and went over work of week with him including reply to Laurier's statement which appeared in press this morning.

Monday, March 24, 1913.

In office all day. Council at 12. Routine matters. Saw McGibbon at luncheon. He is very shrewd and active. Thinks situation in Quebec unsatisfactory on account of weakness of French Ministers. Letter from Shaughnessy as to arrangement with Laurier re Naval bill. Conference in evening with Rogers and Perley. Telephoned to Shaughnessy to come tomorrow.

Tuesday, March 25, 1913.

House met after Easter Holidays. Met Laurier by appointment at eleven. Discussed supply and business of House. He agreed to give vote of one sixth on account, but wanted explanation as to items for Halifax Terminals and for Levis, Shaughnessy arrive this evening Dined with me at Club and discussed Naval situation. Debate all afternoon and evening on Speaker's ruling.

Wednesday, March 26, 1913.

Lunched with Rogers to meet Shaughnessy. He has seen Laurier who is vague and indefinite as to his intentions. Conference with M.P.D. who says Fallon is obstinate as to Senate appointment. House debated various matters on motion for supply. Gov't ready to make explanations as to Halifax Terminals. Further conference with Meighen as to amending rules.

Thursday, March 27, 1913.

All our men report that feeling throughout country is strongly in our favour. Debate today as to Landry case. Opposition made a poor argument and were completely answered by Doherty, Hazen and White but they all voted for their amendment. Sent telegram to Foster, advising not to enter into any trade understanding or tentative arrangement with Australia until after full discussion in Council.

Friday, March 28, 1913.

Debate on various matters going into supply. Finished all my estimates. Had luncheon with Bennett (R.B?) to meet Thompson's wealthy Englishman who thinks of settling in Canada and of entering political life. Seems a level headed and capable man. Yesterday sent a cable to Churchill congratulating him on his speech. Rogers reports tonight that Laurier is more inclined to make reasonable arrangement respecting Naval bill.

Saturday, March 29, 1913.

Worked at correspondence until noon. Then Council until 6. Difficulty about contract prepared by Perley for Atlantic service as it is likely to raise trouble in St. John. Hazen is to see Shaughnessy. Went to annual dinner of Press Gallery. Had interesting talk about England with Laurier who sat on other side of Grange, the President. Very good speeches from all the guests.

Sunday, March 30, 1913.

Quiet day. Julia and Mabel to dinner. Rosamond came in during afternoon and sang inimitably "Stop your ticklin' Jock" with perfect Scotch accent. Many callers in afternoon, among others Capt. Long and Perry of the Round Table group. Quiet evening. Rather tired all day and glad to be alone with Laura all evening.

Monday, March 31, 1913.

Rather tired and grippy today. House in Committee after a wearing tiresome discussion. Made statement as to Halifax Terminals which was well received. Some Liberals, notably Pugsley, evidently desirous of refusing supply. However, Laurier will adhere to his promise as he has in effect publicly admitted it.

Tuesday, April 1, 1913.

Further discussion in supply. Took up P.O. Estimates in order that Pelletier might have opportunity of explaining mail look contrast. Passage of arms between him and Lemieux in which Pelletier undoubtedly scored. Lemieux said there should be investigation. I spoke and said that any relevant investigation would be granted. The Grits did not look pleased with result of debate.

Wednesday, April 2, 1912.

Passed appropriation bill give us two months supply. Afterwards took up Japanese Treaty bill. Laurier and Lemieux took great credit for arrangement of 1607-08. Second reading carried

without division. Considerable debate followed in committee. Adjourned at 12.30 Told Laurier would take Naval Bill tomorrow. Luncheon with Church Missionary Board at Chateau Laurier. Fine reception.

Thursday, April 3, 1913.

Interesting conference with Laurier this morning. Frankly said that they are obstructing as we did in 1908 and 1911. Said Franchise Bill of 1908 was introduced by mistake through Aylesworth's deafness. Asked him to fix day for third reading of bill. Said he could have all the time he desired. Said he would consider and give me an answer on Saturday. Debated Japanese treaty bill all afternoon. Dinner party for members this evening.

Friday, April 4, 1913.

Conferences and correspondence, during forenoon. Continued debate on Japanese Treaty. Oliver moved an amendment. Vote taken at six 76 to 36. In evening Pugsley moved another amendment and Emmerson made an unusually dreary speech of an hour. We wanted a vote on 3rd reading but Grits said there was an agreement for no vote after 6. Carried nem.com.

Saturday, April 5, 1913.

Correspondence until 11 and then Council until 5. Laurier called at one and said that they would make no arrangement. Announced this to Council in afternoon and told them we must proceed with closure. They all agreed. Read and discussed Van Home's letter respecting position of Dora. Steel Corp'n. Settled contract with C.P.E. Allans, Can. North and white Star for improved mail service.

Sunday, April 6, 1913.

Dr. Kidd came and lanced (cruciform) very hard and painful boil on my neck. Went over documents relating to closure. Heard that C.Sifton and Laurier have been in conference. Rogers Bays Sifton is quite ill and going South and that he talks quite disparagingly of our Naval policy, saying that we ought to announce a permanent policy.

Monday, April 7, 1913.

Dr. Campbell Laidlaw came at 10.30 and examined me. Urged me to remain in house today and follow treatment. Sent for white, Rogers and Hazen and arranged to do so. At 2.30 however, Rogers telephoned that they thought I should come if possible. I went at 5.30 and returned at 7. Asked Laurier to fix date for committee stage and third reading. He diplomatically declined in lengthy but weak speech to which I replied. Much pain during night.

Tuesday, April 8, 1913.

Dr. Laidlaw arrived with culture of bacteria from carbuncle on my neck. Says they were very virulent. Again Injected vaccine into my left arm which has been very stiff and sore. Discussed Mines Branch with Brock who seems to be honest, faithful and devoted. He complains of political appointments and promotions by Nantet and Coderre. Promised to remedy grievances.

Wednesday, April 9, 1913.

Dr. Laidlaw came and dressed neck preparatory to my attendance at House. Caucus at noon. Enjoined them not to raise points of order and not to interrupt. Afterwards meeting of Council in my room. Decided Hazen to move previous question. If Laurier rises at same time, then Northrup to move under rule 17 that Hazen be now heard. I spoke 1 1/2 hours. Programme then carried out. Laurier and Grits very angry and demonstrative. Pugsley spoke until 6 and then until 8.30. Laurier followed in violent but ineffective speech. Doherty followed in best speech of his life.

Thursday, April 10, 1913.

Our men said to be in splendid spirits. I did not go out today as my neck in bad condition last evening. Dr. Peterson called to offer me Honorary degree from MCGill University. Spoke interestingly of Naval question. Strongly supporting us. Charles Magee also called with important letter from Sir Geo. Ross to him as to compromise on Naval question.

Friday, April 11, 1913.

Neck still somewhat painful but better. Doctor came at 10.30; went



to office at 11.45. Interview with Japanese Consul who delivered declaration as to continued control of immigration by his Gov't which I announced to House at 3. Prepared despatch 4s to order in Council bringing treaty into operation and dealt with much correspondence. Free Press says Grits will not fight further.

Saturday, April 12, 1913.

Neck improving. Doctor came at 10 went into Council at 11. Conference with Japanese Consul at 3 who Delivered thanks of his Gov't to which I replied suitably. Disposed in afternoon of several questions relating to our legislation for this session. Have sent several telegrams to Duke conveying congratulations on successful operation which H.R.H. has undergone and for which we are most thankful.

Sunday, April 13, 1913.

Beautiful April day. Sat on upper verandah outside door of my bedroom for half an hour without hat or overcoat and was too warm. Doctor came at eleven and says neck much better. Went to see Mother and found her very much weaker. She has been unable to walk for a week. Julia looks rather careworn. Entreated her to get more assistanoe. Rogers and White in for supper.

Monday, April 14, 1913.

Debate oontinued on closure resolution. Rumor is that Grits have in mind some coup and that they intend to give us a surprise. Debate seems very lifeless and Grits themselves are paying little attention to it. Doctor dressed my neck and thinks it is looking well but advises me strongly to take a holiday at earliest moment.

Tuesday, April 15, 1913.

Debate on closure seems more and more lifeless but this may be due to prearrangement and for the purpose of putting us off our guard. Conference with administrator yesterday as to Japanese treaty and various matters. He thinks Doherty should be more in evidence in oertain quarters. Very tired and worn out yesterday but better today. Had Riordan and Douglas with Bilkly at lunch at Club.

Wednesday, April 16, 1913.

Closure debate continued. Oliver endeavoured to bring on motion of censure against Rogers. Speaker ruled it out under "routine motions" and also on motion to adjourn debate. We then told Oliver House would be moved into committee of supply tomorrow. Debate still lifeless. Beland made a clever speech.

Thursday, April 17, 1913.

Motion by Oliver to censure Rogers debated at great length. Vote taken at 2.20. Our majority 39 without Rogers who did not vote. I then moved that committee rise. Pugsley rose and said we should vote some supply. I acquiesced much to his surprise and we stayed until 4. Very tired and my neck very painful. Conference today with Fitzpatrick and in afternoon with Hughes as to Mackenzie's resignation.

Friday, April 18, 1913.

Unimportant resolutions &c and then Burrell's Agricultural Bill. Further consultations as to Gen. McKenzie's resignation. Conference with him. He is evidently a somewhat dour and tactless man who has a personal contempt for Hughes. The great danger is a discussion and a scandal. Hughes well meaning but blundering in his methods.

Saturday, April 19, 1913.

Council all day. Various discussions with administrator, McKettzie and Hughes as to enforced leave of absence to latter. Called at 6.45 upon Administrator who made best suggestion viz to telegraph the Duke that McKenzie should be recalled to consult with Ian Hamilton. In Council heard Dr. Magill as to Jones. Decided to retain him as Comm'r. Set a thief to catch a thief.

Sunday, April 20, 1913.

Went early this forenoon to call on Mother and found her much brighter and looking much better. Julia has a most excellent trained nurse. Also a masseuse, Miss Yates, who seems to be very expert and has greatly benefitted mother. Japanese Consul and wife paid farewell visit. Called on Administrator and discussed McKenzie affair. Went to station at 7.10 and met Sir C. Tupper

who looks well.

Monday, April 21, 1913.

Further consultations with Hughes and Mackenzie as to their quarrel. In house discussion of Highway Bill. Laurier asked for delay when I called the order for amendment of the rules. Every one on both sides very tired and hopeful of an early closing of the Session. Hughes apparently desirous of being both Minister of Militia and Commander in chief.

Tuesday, April 22, 1913.

Saw Administrator and explained position of matters in Militia Department. Took up closure resolutions. Laurier made a lengthy speech raising some new but rather weak points to which I replied. Late at night Meighen made a magnificent speech which greatly enthused all our men. Have decided to make him solicitor General.

Wednesday, April 23, 1913.

Saw General Mackenzie who promised to write to me a letter as to his attitude in the Department towards the Minister. Continued the debate on closure, vote finally taken about midnight. We had a majority of 35. There was very little demonstration by the Grits. The fighting spirit seems to have left them. Bad news as to Duchess' condition. Sent Duke a telegram.

Thursday, April 24, 1913.

Took up Agricultural Aid bill and other minor bills. Everything went quietly. Made reference to death of Sir Richard Scott. Dined this evening with Sir Charles Fitzpatrick to meet Dr. McNally the new Bishop of Calgary. He seems a very capable and interesting man.

Friday, April 25, 1913.

White exploded in Council today about the conduct of McCurdy Niokle Sharp and Aikins in the Banking and Commerce committee.

They have been giving him a great deal of trouble. In afternoon he asked me not to speak to them until after he had taken the matter up. Made excellent progress in the House today.

Saturday, April 26, 1913.

Council all day. Very tired and went to bed at six. Weather very warm and rather depressing. Discussed at length in Council Doherty's proposed amendments to Criminal Code. Decided not to bring on Naval Debate for some days. Laurier is to speak in Toronto on Monday, May 5. Loughheed informed me of important letter from Sir G.W. Ross suggesting compromise.

Sunday April 27, 1913.

Still tired and out of condition. Many people in during afternoon. In evening had Cochrane, Bogers, White, Hazen, Perley and Loughheed at supper to discuss proposal of Sir G.W. Ross. Decided to be non committal at present. Loughheed leaves for Toronto tonight. Conference yesterday with General MacKenzie and received letter from him as to attitude towards Minister.

Monday, April 23, 1913.

Correspondence and details. Discussed with Rogers the Canadian Northern application and recent conversations with Mann who has submitted further memorial; Business in House went fairly well. Customs Estimates in evening until 12.30. All trees in neighborhood covered with millions of very small tent caterpillars. Foliage will probably be completely devoured and destroyed.

Tuesday, April 29, 1912.

Took up third readings today and got through with five including West India agreement. Highway Bill and Agricultural Aid Bill. Divisions and amendments in first two. Further conference with Mann and many delegations as to vacancies in Senate. Cochrane in favor of McColl as second protestant. Doherty ill with gall stones. White angry about obstruction by our friends on Bank Act.

Wednesday, April 30, 1913.

Work in House went on well and made satisfactory progress. Laurier objects to our taking forenoons. Mann says Grits are intending to make strenuous fight on Naval bill and wants us to introduce subsidy bill first. Called Council for tomorrow at ten. Loughheed reports fairly satisfactory conference with Sir G.W.Ross, in Toronto re Navy.

Thursday, May 1, 1913.

Council all forenoon. Discussed Senatorships and Canadian Northern subsidy. Division of opinion as to appointing one French senator. White opposed to giving Can. Nor. the subsidy of \$12000 per mile which they ask. Luncheon of Empire Parl'y Association to meet Colonel Allen, Minister of Defence, New Zealand who made an excellent address. Dined at Country Club with Rogers to meet Aliens. Large party.

Friday, May 2, 1913.

Discussion of Western freight rates. Then in evening miscellaneous Government orders. Hear that Grits are in great fettle as to their prospects. Dinner for Aliens this evening. Women looked very handsome. Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Eraser, the Aliens and Laura. Delightful summer day.

Saturday, May 3, 1913.

Council nearly all day. Discussed Senators. Ontario Ministers agreed on Foy, Smith, Casgrain and Harvey Hall. Cochrane dissented as to appointment of latter at present. Also discussed Canadian Northern application and Rogers had a good practical suggestion. Saw Doherty afterwards who took proposed appointment of Casgrain better than I expected. Fitz says that mischief is brewing in the Senate. Saw Mother and Julia who leave shortly for Grand Pre.

Sunday, May 4, 1913.

Walked with Laura in Rockcliffe. Weather very warm. In afternoon had several callers including T.H.Mawson the town planner. He is evidently very anxious to undertake the planning of Ottawa. In afternoon and part of evening worked at Naval bill.



Singular that radical press of G.B. is so opposed to every movement for cooperation between G.B. and Dominions.

Monday, May 5, 1913.

Miscellaneous matters today. Meighen moved adjournment in order to discuss freight rates on North Atlantic. His course was not particularly useful to Gov't as it gave opposition opportunity to taunt us with inaction. No reply to my telegram of yesterday to H.C.B. News as to Duchess not very reassuring. Negotiations still proceeding between Lougheed and Roes as to Naval Aid Bill.

Tuesday, May 6, 1913.

After a discussion on Grain Act amendments we took up Naval Defence Act. White quoted from Churchill in support of a previous speech. Clark was about to reply, when Pugsley interposed and a duel ensued "between him and Hazen in which the latter scored heavily. The Grits are evidently determined to make us apply closure and we are quite willing.

Wednesday, May 7, 1913.

Discussion continued on Naval Aid bill. Nothing new elicited as the old ground is continually gone over. Hazen gave Pugsley a fine setting down and placed his shifty character before the House in striking language. McGibbon who controls Montreal Herald here informing us that "Baker," has made an offer for the Herald and has already purchased the "Witness".

Thursday, May 8, 1913.

Naval Aid Bill continued. Laurier spoke and I answered him. Our men much pleased with my reply. We went over each clause in committee, postponing consideration of each and before the Committee rose I gave the necessary notice that there would be no further postponement. Liberals with quite as much as we to get through with the bill.

Friday, May 9, 1913.

Naval bill went through Committee about 3.15. although Liberals

very quiet through the day but made a disturbance at the end when they sought to move an additional clause in order to protract the agony for another day. Blondin did well except in forgetting to recognize me immediately when I moved to report bill as amended. Members surprised Laura at 3.30 by presenting her with a magnificent electric motor.

Saturday, May 10, 1913.

Spent all day in Council discussing supplementary Estimates which are altogether too large. We were all very tired after last nights long sitting. Discussed some matters with Fitz preparatory to his departure for Washington. Laura took me out in her new motor car which she drove herself from office to house under direction of the lady chauffeur.

Sunday, May 11, 1913.

Went with Laura to try her new car. Called on Mother and Julia and went to service at All Saints. Mother looks well in the face and seems bright but is very weak. Disturbed at receiving no reply from Hal and telegraphed to James McDonald for news as to his whereabouts. Long talk with Perley about summers work. Went over correspondence with Blount for two hours.

Monday, May 12, 1913.

White's mother very ill, necessitating his departure for Toronto tonight. Delivered his budget speech. He made an excellent business statement and speech was well received, went through several minor bills. Then took up consideration/of Naval Service bill amendment. Pugsley made a demonstration and tried to attack Deputy speaker but was voted down on appeal to House.

Tuesday, May 13, 1913.

Debated all day motion to censure Deputy Speaker. Meighen made a crushing reply to the speech of E.M. Macdonald in moving the resolution. I spoke briefly in the afternoon and opened the Horse show in the evening, returning in time to vote, we had 44 majority. Sir Wm. McKenzie much disturbed at confidential information that F. intends to dismiss Government after senate rejects Navy Bill. Told him it was nonsense.

Wednesday, May 14, 1913.

Engaged all day in miscellaneous bills. Arranged in Council for Hazen, Kemp, Burrell and myself to speak on third reading of Navy Bill. Trouble about senate appointments and Deputy minister of mines. Laura learning to drive her car very skilfully. Drove it to country Club and through street traffic. Meeting at Toronto promises to be great affair.

Thursday, May 15, 1913.

Naval Defence Bill received its third reading without closure. I spoke five times on various amendments. In reply to Laurier I occupied an hour at the end of the debate. Laurier was to be their last speaker but afterwards they put up Graham and Charlton. Laurier and Builbault contended for the honour of moving six months hoist and Laurier won by a neck or rather by a mouth. Five Nationalists against us and we had a majority of 33. Luncheon for Robert Mahtell. His wife very charming.

Friday, May 16, 1913.

MaoKenzie wants us to grant subsidies to C.N.R. of 22 millions. Told him it was too large an order. He looks rather tired and careworn and has aged greatly in two years. White returned today and we took Bank Act afternoon and evening. Tonight spent 3 1/2 hours in preparing Toronto speech. Our friends prophesy a great meeting. It is a great strain, coming when one is so tired.

Saturday, May 17, 1913.

Very reassuring news as to Duchess In this morning's bulletin. Council all day. Discussed Supplementary Estimates and Hallway subsidies. Our total Estimates will run about 204 millions which is altogether too large. Went home very tired at 5.30. Revised speech then and from 11.30 to 1. Saw Mantel in Macbeth in evening. Very good performance. Lady Macbeth especially well acted.

Sunday, May 18, 1913.

Revised Toronto speech from 10 to 1. Dull and cold day. Caterpillars swarming on our trees and even over verandah and

sides of house. Hews from Halifax respecting Hal very unsatisfactory. He has not been taking care of himself. Had appointment with Crosby and Rogers but they did not arrive. Left for Toronto at 10.45 accompanied by Pelletier and Hazen.

Monday, May 19, 1913.

Received by Price (H.W.) and Osler at North Toronto. Went to Osler's house. Lunched at York Club and dined at Queen's Hall. Wonderfully impressive demonstration in evening. 30 thousand people tried to enter Arena. Entire Hamilton contingent failed to gain admission. Spoke for 50 minutes and had magnificent reception; Wonderful torchlight procession afterwards. Crowd stayed with us at station to the end. Left for Ottawa at 11.45. Our members greatly pleased with meeting.

Tuesday, May 20, 1913.

Arrived safely. Went to office and then to House. Resumed discussion of the Bank Act which finally passed through committee and stands for third reading. McKenzie here as to aid for his enterprises. Did not go to house this evening being greatly fatigued. Hear on definite authority that "Baker" is endeavouring to combine "Herald" and "Witness" into a Liberal paper and put Fielding in charge as Editor.

Wednesday, May 21, 1913.

Continued budget debate in house. Discussed Hallway subsidies in Council. Afterwards committee of Council in my room at H. of O. Decided to cut out everything except revotes. Can Nor. and Northern By. from Montreal to N.T.B. Much debate as to latter. Cochrane strongly averse to building It as a Gov't work. Long conference with Sir Wm. MacKenzie in evening. Conferences with others until midnight.

Thursday, May 22, 1913.

Curious rumors about worth Ry. scheme. White bitterly opposed to it and thinks it will land us in trouble. Conference with Beaubien as to honours to McGibbon. Conference yesterday with McG. who told me the whole story of H.G.'s negotiations with him as to Herald and Witness. In evening long conference with Laidlaw on behalf of Farmers' Bank. A great blatherskite. Probably getting a commission.

Friday, May 23, 1913.

Understand Senate will certainly reject Naval Bill. Discussed with Fitzpatrick and Doherty the appointment to Senate of Col. Mason. They both approve. Kemp goes to Toronto and will sound him. Whitney wishes to arrange for Gibson to continue as Governor until Gov't House completed. Told him after consultation with Ontario Colleagues that we had no objection and would do it. Mother has not been at all well. Julia proposed leaving yesterday but postponed it. She is much upset over situation and difficulties of journey.

Saturday, May 24, 1913.

Reviewed Boy Scouts with Sherwood and Rowley. Council at eleven. Pierce controversy between Pelletier and Doherty; also between Crothers and Cochrane. Very unpleasant. After Council had conference with Doherty and Pelletier but made no progress. Pelletier came in afternoon for two hours in a condition bordering on delirium. Lunched with Fitzen and dined with him in evening to meet Spring Rice who impresses one very favorably.

Sunday, May 25, 1913.

A terrible day with Pelletier and Crothers about Senate appointments. Pelletier to see me from 12 to 1. In afternoon Crothers from 5 to 6 almost crying. In afternoon 3 to 4.30 arriving with Spring Rice in Rockcliffe Park. We left carriage and went along old path under cliff. From (?) Spring Rice, Fitz & Lady Fitz, Mr. & Mrs. George and many others in afternoon. In evening we dined at Chateau with Rogers to meet Spring Rice. Large and very pleasant party.

Monday, May 26, 1913.

Very tiring and worrying day, especially as to Senate appointments. Doherty has to some extent become sane on the subject but the Frenchmen, especially Pelletier, are absolutely delirious and wild. Innumerable conferences with them until 1.30 a.m. Pelletier says he must resign unless a Frenchman appointed. I gave best of reasons why it cannot be done now but said it would be done on next occasion. Gave luncheon at Club for Spring Rice. He was 45 minutes late. Mistook both hour and place. He is tremendously interested in knowing everything about



our (?) relations.

Tuesday, May 27, 1913.

Various conferences and preparation for leaving this afternoon for Grand Pre with Mother. Called on Pelletier who is on verge of nervous prostration. He delivered to me his written resignation but only tentatively. Further arrangements to be made after my return. Left at 1.35 with Dr. Small, Miss Church a trained nurse and maid. Two private cars. Very tired and glad to get away. Spring Rice called this morning P.P.C.

Wednesday, May 28, 1913.

Mother standing journey very well. Our special train made very poor time and we did not reach Moncton until 12.30 p.m. instead of 8.30. Read on train Arnold Bennets "Your United states". Very interesting, also Pierre de Coulevain, "lie inconnu". At Moncton Mother so well that I returned by Ocean Limited. Conversed at Moncton with Jno. M. Lyons re superannuation; also Br. Price and Geo. Harris.

Thursday, May 29, 1913.

Returned Ottawa noon. Went at 1.30 to office. Discussed Farmers Bank case, Grand Trunk loan and other matters in Council. Great pressure as to aid for North Railway. Understand Pelletier in better form. He was in the House this afternoon. Conference with Blain, Edwards, and others respecting Farmers Bank. Stefansson placed the case of the Esquimaux before me. They are being decimated by measles and syphilis.

Friday, May 30, 1913.

Up to 11.30 only in House for 30 minutes. Gave statement of our programme to Laurier. Scene in Council between White and Cochrane as to aid for North By. Conference with Wainwright as to loan to G.I.P. White saw Laurier who said he would support it. Clive Phillips Wooley who is en route to England. Our men disturbed as to Naval programme. Bennett, Boyce, Crocket, Baker, Bradbury, Jameson and others came as delegation to ask that indemnity be raised to \$4000.

Saturday May 31, 1913.

Two delegations as to increase of indemnity. They made out a fairly strong case. Fowler in afternoon especially effective. Discussed it, in Council. Great majority favored \$1000. additional allowance for this session but not for Senate. Conference with Chamberlin and had him at luncheon. He is very friendly. Arranged terms of loan to G.T.P. and put notice on order paper. Excellent progress in Estimates. Grits very eager to bring Session to end. I am very tired but nerves all right.

Sunday, June 1, 1912.

Laura took me for two hour spin in her motor through Rockcliffe Park and along Driveway. She drives the oar exceedingly well. Weather yesterday and today warmer and like summer. May has been very cold and unpleasant. Perley came at 4 and confided to me his approaching marriage to Millie White. Several members called and Capt. and Mrs. Long. Rogers leaves for Montreal at request of H.G.

Monday, June 2, 1913.

Busy day in House. Heard of great disturbance about C.H.R. Saturday. Talked to Nickle and Barker. Called caucus at six which lasted until 7.45, and was fairly satisfactory. Passed many bills which went almost without discussion. White moved concurrence in Senate amendments to Bank Act. Bennett, Nickle and Meighen made foolish speeches and divided house. All men of very poor Judgment.

Tuesday, June 3, 1913.

Discussed Railway subsidies and loan to Grand Trunk Pacific. Our men stood solidly by us, especially Bennett and Nickle who in the first instance were much opposed. Great disturbance about increased indemnity. Our men say that it must not be extended to the Senate but say that the Senate will agree. Council decided to give \$1000 to Commons but not to the Senate.

Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

Discussed many bills all of which passed. All members very tired

and anxious to end work this week. Arranged with Laurier that prorogation will take place on Friday at four. Discussed Farmers Bank. All members agree that premise of relief should be given except Cochrane. He showed me letter from Fallon commending our recent appointments to Senate.

Thursday, June 5, 1913.

Tremendous outcry from members about increased indemnity for this session. Some 50 of them in Room 16 almost in mutinous condition. Stanfield afraid they would not vote on any question this evening. Passed supplementary estimates. I remained until 3 a.m. but House did not adjourn until 4.30. All supplementary estimates passed.

Friday, June 6, 1913.

Laurier introduced naval question and gave me an opening to make statement that before additional ships to be laid down by G.B. are completed we will introduce a bill to pay for them and take them over. The statement evidently discomfited him and a warm debate ensued. Made statement of proposed assistance to Farmers Bank. Fitz prorogued Parliament at 4. Dined at Country Club with Hazen. Had Croquet at lunch. He wants a judgeship.

Saturday, June 7, 1913.

Very tired. Lancaster wasted my time for 35 minutes as to steps to create a vacancy that he may be appointed judge. Debated redistribution, superannuation and civil service reform in Council. Hear that Sifton is advising Grits as to their organization and that McK sent an anonymous letter to Gazette attacking the Government. Very tired this afternoon Went to bed at 4 to rest for 24 hours.

Sunday, June 8, 1913.

Rose at 3. p.m. much recovered from weariness. Conference with Perley as to his vacation. Letter from Duke expressing great regret at action of Senate. Dictated letters to Blount for two hours In the evening. Laura went to lunch with Hughes at Chateau to meet General Sir Ian Hamilton and found him very charming and entertaining.

Monday, June 9, 1913.

In council at eleven. Ministers all very tired. Concluded to leave important discussions until we reassemble. Prepared letter for signature as to North Railway. Arranged to leave for Halifax on Friday. Lunchd at Club with Hughes to meet Sir Ian Hamilton Gen. and Major Madooks. Dined with Fitzpatrick and afterwards went to Chateau to listen to a long conference between H.G. and McGibbon re Montreal Herald.

Tuesday, June 10, 1913.

Very busy and worrying day. It seemed that people from four corners of Earth were upon me. German Consul complained of discrimination against his country. Talked frankly to him and had him at luncheon. Hear Fisher is to run in Chateauguay. Conferred with Meighen as to Solicitor Generalship last evening. Had Drayton ( a most valuable man) in conference as to ocean rates. Very tired tonight.

Wednesday, June 11, 1913.

A more satisfactory day. Got through with a great deal of business and disposed of many troublesome matters. White saw me in the forenoon and said he would like to retire from public life at some convenient time. He is very tired and somewhat depressed. Discussed business conditions with Meredith (H.V.) and Sir W. McKenzie. Both are fairly optimistic H.G. is bombarding me with letters now that E.E. has gone West. Learment of Montreal called on me respecting his gift of Quebec House to Canada.

Thursday, June 12, 1913.

Working hard all day to arrange for visit to Halifax. Letter from Hughes and further trouble as to General McKenzie's resignation. Am postponing reply until I get all the documents before me. Banquet by Bankers Association. I presided and gave address of welcome. Americans very fluent and eloquent but speeches too long and too numerous. J.J.Hill read from typewritten document for more than half an hour. Banquet lasted until 2 a.m.

Friday, June 13, 1913.

Left for Montreal enroute for Halifax. Called on Shaughnessy Who grumbled at C.N.R. subsidies. Lunohed with H.V.Meredith at Mt. Royal Club. Met H.G. still excited about "Herald". Afterwards saw McG. who is very firm. Went to Australian-Montreal cricket match. Met Peterson, Moyse, Leacock, and MoPhail. Left for Halifax at 6 p.m. by speoial with Jameson, Harris and L'Esperanoe. Also Cowie.

Saturday, June 14, 1913.

Arrived Moncton at 1 p.m. and met Cochrane Inspected shops and saw various people. Left for Halifax at 2.30. Inspected Station at Truro and met Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield. Arrived Halifax at 8.30 and was received by great gathering with torchlight procession &c. Held reception for an hour at City Hall. Cochrane and I afterwards addressed great crowd outside.

Sunday, June 15, 1913.

Myalgia of muscle of neck kept me awake nearly all night. Sent this morning for Dr. H.K. McDonald who ordered in trained nurse, Miss MacKay. Under treatment all day and canoelled. all engagements. Gow says Hal in a very bad way, drinking again and in condition of nervous prostration. Saw several visitors during day.

Monday, June 16, 1913.

In bed all day but saw numerous visitors. M.C.Grant wishes me removed to his house but had to decline. In evening got out of bed to go to meeting respecting terminals. Remained for an hour and a half and spoke for about 15 minutes. Power and Bell almost alone in their opposition! Meeting oame to an end after my speech.

Tuesday, June 17, 1913.

Cochrane left for Sydney this A.M. at 4. Got up at 7.50 although neck stiff very painful. Saw many visitors during the day. Nurse gave massage treatment whenever possible and sometimes during conferences. Called at Rod McDonalds McKeen's, H.McInnes's and Judge Graham's. Sent Blount to search for Hal and brig him to Grand Pre. Went on board car at 10.30.



Wednesday, June 18, 1913.

At Windsor met Eunice and had seven Edgehill girls in Car. Very bright and interesting. Julia and Mabel met us with Mother at Grand Pre. Found Mother much the same but bright and cheerful. Dr. Chipman thinks no immediate danger. H.V. Tremain took us for motor drive this afternoon. Hal arrived with Blount this evening. Does not look well. He with Eunice and Henry came on oar to start for Ottawa.

Thursday, June 19, 1913.

Left for Ottawa at 6.20. Tremain joined us at Windsor and came to Truro. Black and Senator Curry in for dinner. Hal seems better today and quite cheerful. Eunice indisposed and remained in bed. Telegraphed Laura of our arrival. Neck still painful and did not sleep much. Very tired and will welcome a rest.

Friday, June 20, 1913.

Train two hours late and missed connection at 9.10. Took C.P.R. at 9.45 leaving oar to follow in the afternoon. Found great piles of correspondence. Worked till 11 and then played golf two hours with Burrell and Dr. Robertson. Hal and children arrived in evening. Eunice with us and Hal and Henry at Roxborough.

Saturday, June 21, 1913.

Worked at correspondence all forenoon. Dr. Laidlaw gave me treatment for continued tendency to boils. Dentist examined teeth and found them in good condition. In afternoon slept for 3 hours and then walked 1 1/2 hours. Hal and Henry brought Eunice in evening. They spent a pleasant day in wandering about City. Laura says McInnes offers to take Hal into partnership.

Sunday, June 22, 1913.

Very pleasant day. Laura and I went to early service. At 10.20 Laura took us out in motor. Fromageot called in afternoon; also W.A. Black and the John Fosters. Hew park opposite our house looking very pretty. Heard story of bachelor who being reproached said "It is the regret of my life that I did not get

married before I was old enough to know better!"

Monday, June 23, 1913.

Had eyes and hearing tested by Minnes. Sight (with glasses) and hearing both above normal. New glasses ordered. Conference with McKenzie as to Grand Trunk and with McInnes as to many matters. He offers to take Hal into his office. White leaves for England July 1st. Despatched much business in Council. Weather hot for first time since 1st May. Very tired and long for respite from work. Wired Meighen. Told Lancaster Meighen is to be Solicitor General.

Tuesday, June 24, 1913.

Long conference with Bishop Charlebois respecting School at Norway House. Very interesting man, speaking quaint English. Appointed 3 County Court judges, Claude Maodonnell dined with us. Thinks redistribution should be by commission of judges. Rev. Mackay called on parishioner in Lower Town who discussed St. Jean Baptiste celebration and in answer to enquiry said she thought it was 60th Anniversary of Saint's Wedding!

Wednesday, June 25, 1913.

Fierce half insane letter from Lancaster as to Solicitor Generalship. Working hard to complete work in preparation for holiday. Meighen arrived today but had not time to see him. Discussed his appointment with Doherty who thoroughly approves of it. Countless interviews with people who are hovering like vultures eager to have some matter dealt with before my return.

Thursday, June 26, 1913.

Reid went to Quebec to meet Cochrane and Hazen. Meighen sworn in as Solicitor General and writ issued for Portage la Prairie. Nomination day 19th July. Telegraphed Rogers as to Indian School at Norway House. Meighen strongly of opinion that it would be folly to establish another school in competition with that which has been in existence for 75 years. Ontario Ministers of the same opinion.

Friday, June 27, 1913.

Conference with Administrator who things I should visit Quebec in September, especially if Duke is there at that time. Latterly he has urged that in interest of good relations in Canada Duke of N. should be successor to H.R.H. The Duke's great position as premier Duke, his opposition to Home Rule, his service in S.Africa, his wonderful influence at the Vatican, render him unique in character and influence.

Saturday, June 28, 1913.

Hal left today for Banff with Eunice and Henry also Blount his wife and son, all in my private car. Work pretty well up to date and I hope to get away to St. Andrews on Monday evening or Tuesday morning. Wild letters and telegrams from H.G. Played golf this afternoon with Egan. Laura came to Golf Club and dined with me. Weather much cooler and pleasanter than yesterday. Telegram from Harcourt that Duke will remain another year.

Sunday, June 29, 1913.

We remained at home all day both very tired. The trees, shrubs and grounds very beautiful although the grass is a little burnt in spots. Black, Hensley, Magrath, Banbury Williams and Christie came in for tea. In evening arranged packing and attended to correspondence. Weather very delightful, more like September than June.

Monday, June 30, 1913.

Tremendously hard day. Went to office at nine and left at midnight. Was out half an hour at luncheon but not at all for dinner. Conferences with Geo. E. Drummond who is in financial straits and appeals to us to buy his railway from Mines to Bathurst. Also with M.P. Davis who bitterly complains of harsh and unjust treatment. Discussed it with Cochrane and asked Reid to take it in hand, interview with Administrator and arranged message to Col. Sec. as to extension of Duke's term.

Tuesday, July 1, 1913.

Left for Montreal at 8.30. Weather abominably hot. McGibbon's mother met us. H.G. showered wild letters upon me also several interviews. Went with McGibbon to Forest and Stream Club.

Laura quite ill all night from fatigue and heat but refused to have doctor or nurse. Had suite at Bits-Carlton. Very well conducted and handsome hotel but apparently very few guests. Attentions of Manager &co to us quite embarrassing.

Wednesday, July 2, 1913.

Further conferences with H.G. and Mc.G. respecting Herald, former most anxious and latter very determined. Consulted Riddell as to investments. Conference with Sir T.G.S. as to financial situation, crops, &c. &c. He says he has many grievances which he wants to ventilate at an early visit to Ottawa. Complains of no subsidy on Pacific. Left for St. Andrews at 7.30. Weather intensely hot.

Thursday, July 3, 1913.

Arrived St. Andrews at 11. Met by Judge Gookburn with motor and driven to hotel. Met many friends. In afternoon took lesson from golf instructor. Weather still very warm. We have room 151 overlooking water and very pleasant. Hotel much improved since our visit of nine years ago. Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. W.J. Shaughnessy have cottages adjoining hotel. St. Andrews certainly is most beautiful.

Friday, July 4, 1913.

Played golf with Laura this morning but did badly. Took lesson from professional this afternoon. Weather intensely hot and oppressive, most unusual for St. Andrews. Letters beginning to come in from persons who have discovered my whereabouts. Hotel greatly improved since we were here in 1904. Large modern addition, casino, &co. &co. We have room 151. Very comfortable.

Saturday, July 5, 1913.

Played golf this morning and went for long drive with Lady Shaughnessy in afternoon and then to tea at their cottage. In evening went to Casino where there is dancing every Wednesday and Saturday evening. Bathed yesterday and today at Beach and found water very good. Mason an, an Englishman and a strong Conservative, in charge.

Sunday, July 6, 1913.

Heavy rain this morning and dense fog in afternoon. Did not go to church. Called on Gills in afternoon. Sir T.G.S. arrived from Montreal and called at Hotel this evening\* He does not play golf ride drive or bathe but simply does nothing and seems to enjoy it. Fires throughout hotel this afternoon and evening. Laura very angry because steam heat turned on in our room.

Monday, July 7, 1913.

Most delightful day. Practised golf in morning and then bathed between 12 and one. Played golf with Laura in afternoon and both did fairly well. Decided to take on Gills tomorrow afternoon as they have challenged us. In evening played bridge with the Bailantynes. Steam heat again turned on in our room. Several letters and telegrams about political matters.

Tuesday, July 8, 1913.

Dined with Shaughnessys this evening and stayed rather late. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins only other guests. Played bridge after dinner. In afternoon Laura and I played against Mr. & Mrs. Gill. Both of us off our game and were beaten very badly. The Egans arrived from Ottawa today and weather very dry and hot.

Wednesday, July 9, 1912.

Played golf with Mrs. Egan against her husband and won. In afternoon slept,, watched tennis and played at bowls in casino. Excellent bowling alley. In evening sent for Dr. O'Neill, being apparently threatened with another abscess or carbuncle. Had dinner in my room and finished "Les Passageres" by Alfred Capus.

Thursday, July 10, 1913.

Last two days delightful weather, but today cold with pouring rain and strong wind. Bowls in casino during part of forenoon. Wrote in afternoon but had a long sleep after luncheon. Still bombarded with letters and telegrams so that it is impossible to keep ones mind off political affairs.



Friday, July 11, 1913.

Dr. O'Neill's treatment proved very efficacious and danger of another abscess seems to have disappeared for the present. Played golf as usual, and took thinks very quietly in afternoon and evening. Dined with the Hopkins. Mrs. Hayter Reid very amusing with respect to Sir W. Van Home's eccentricities.

Saturday, July 12, 1913.

Played golf as usual and had fairly enjoyable day. Telegrams from McInnes as to interview, with him and Sir Wm. V. Home on Tuesday or Wednesday next. Hopkins invited us to lunch on Yacht for next Wednesday. Perley writes that important letter ooming from Churchill to be answered before 17th.

Sunday, July 13, 1913.

Col. Hughes, Sir Ian Hamilton, Gen'l Ellison and Major Maddook arrived this morning and left at 2 P.M. Went with them for motor ride in Egan's car. We nearly upset in returning over slippery roads, no chains on hind wheels. Expected letter from Churchill but did not arrive.

Monday, July 14, 1913.

Played golf in morning. Letter from Churchill arrived at noon with statement of Parley's and Hazen's views. Arranged code with Churchill through Perley. Went carefully over letter. Discussed it with President of "Luna" whose views concurred largely with my own. Partly drafted telegram to Churchill.

Tuesday, July 16, 1913.

Played return match at Golf with Gills and beat them two up. Gave further careful consideration to Churchill's letter and completed draft of telegram. Two hours and a half this evening in coding it. Preserved conditions so that we have practically a free hand in taking up the question at next Session,

Wednesday, July 16, 1913.

Did not play full course but only a few holes, returning in time for lunch on Hopkins Yacht which was very enjoyable. Returned 5.30 and found McInnes. Went with him to Van Home's and dined there. In evening discussed Van Home's letter to me and assured him that I, had no idea that he was bluffing or misrepresenting position as he understood.

Thursday, July 17, 1913.

Various letters from C.J. as to Davis matter. Telegraphed for Reid to come in order that I may have full understanding of situation as it has developed since my departure. G.J. very much concerned as to Davis' treatment and explosion and violent quarrel between him and commissioner.

Friday, July 18, 1913.

Telegram from Reid that he will arrive tomorrow. Sir Ian Hamilton Ellison and Haddocks returned yesterday and will remain until Tuesday or Wednesday. Played golf and took things quietly in evening. Life here very pleasant if one could get clear of politics. Mrs. Egan and I beat Gill and Laura at golf 9 up and eight to go.

Saturday, July 19, 1913.

Reid arrived today. Discussed Davis situation with him and found his statement reassuring. Also discussed naval question and my reply to Churchill. VaneHornes invited Hamilton, Ellison, Reid Maddocks and myself to luncheon tomorrow. Played golf in afternoon.

Sunday, July 20, 1913.

Went to Anglican church and afterwards to Van Home's to luncheon. Sir Wm. in great form with his reminiscences of the construction of the C.P.B., especially with regard to a notable character Major A.B. Rogers. Hamilton left for Ottawa to attend function at Queenstown Heights much against his will. Reid also left for Ottawa.

Monday, July 21, 1913.

Hopkins getting up class to learn Turkey Trot and Tango. Teacher coming from N.y. We laughed at the idea of joining. Played golf. Hughes sent report as to Quebec administration showing that there has been great incompetence and neglect. McInnes writes as to effect of removal of Dr Curry's name from Army list.

Tuesday, July 22, 1912.

Arranged with Van Homes to go to St. George in Coven Hoven tomorrow. Many warnings that boat is not very safe. Played golf, Much correspondence about political matters This place although very delightful is not quite suitable for a man in active public life who desires an absolute respite for a few weeks.

Wednesday, July 23, 1913.

Went to St. George with the Van Homes. Sail up the river very beautiful. Met by the Mayor, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Magee. Drove around the town. Had luncheon on board the yacht. Weather rather rough during return. Got in about 7.20 and found that our friends were rather anxious as to our whereabouts. They all think the boat unsafe in rough weather.

Thursday, July 24, 1913.

Dined at Markey's who have a very pretty place which must have involved the expenditure of a very handsome sum. Van Home thinks property at St. Andrews is very low. He says that no railway ever made money by (a) increasing rates or (b) decreasing its staff or (c) lowering its rate of wages or (d) decreasing its train service. Says only proper method is to increase traffic.

Friday, July 25, 1913.

Hotel is beginning to fill up for August. Have engaged our accommodation to return to Ottawa on Thursday which will complete four weeks holiday. Letter from Hughes as to complaint of Sifton that Ferguson Commission is directed against him and that Rogers is desirous of attacking him.

Saturday, July 26, 1913.

Telegrams and correspondence continue to pour in about various political matters. Many persons apparently consider that my attempt at a holiday gives me ample opportunity to attend to their personal applications or grievances. Played golf and in evening bridge.

Sunday, July 27, 1913.

Went to Presbyterian Church and heard good sermon from Rev. Mr. Muir of Annapolis. In afternoon called at Lady Tilley's and met the Bishop and Mrs. Richardson. Bishop a very fine man of broad views and great ability; a most eloquent speaker. In evening listened to music and sang hymns.

Monday, July 28, 1913.

Visited Biological Station this afternoon and found it very interesting. Professor Prince absent in Nova Scotia. Played golf in forenoon. Weather very delightful but foggy in the evening. Have met Bonaparte who was a member for some years of U.S. Cabinet as Attorney General. Very quiet man who goes in for no games or amusements.

Tuesday, July 29, 1913.

Played golf in forenoon. Left at 3 with Judge Cookburn for St. Stephen calling on the way at Grummer's summer cottage. Visited Ganong's garden which is very beautiful. Drove through St. Stephen, Calais and Milltown. Very enjoyable day and very pleasant drive home in the evening.

Wednesday, July 30, 1913.

Dined with the Gills and had a very pleasant evening. Bathed in the morning and played golf in ] the afternoon. McInnes arrived late this evening but did not see him. Weather delightful and very sorry that we cannot spend the remainder of the month at St. Andrews.

Thursday, July 31, 1913.

Played golf with Mrs. Joseph this morning. Had conference with McInnes as to I.G.K. matters. He says that conditions are not good as farmers are dissatisfied on account of increase in freight rates and employees are disturbed and angry by reason of new arrangement of schedules. Left at 5.45 for Ottawa.

Friday, August 1, 1913.

Reached Ottawa at noon and met by Kemp and Perley. The latter took me to the luncheon to the Geological Congress. I gave them an address of welcome. Very distinguished men from all parts of the world. In afternoon conference with Stanfield, Rhodes, Nicholson and Rowlings respecting I.C.R. matter. Stanfield wants to resign as a protest against Brady.

Saturday, August 2, 1913.

Further conference with Stanfield and afterwards with Reid who says that Cochrane is very much worried and disturbed over I.C.R. matters. Worked at my correspondence. Had interview with M.P. Davis who detailed his grievances at length. Arranged to go over them with him on his return on Tuesday or Wednesday. Miss Wylie of Toronto came to make profile for Exhibition Medal.

Sunday, August 3, 1913.

Quiet day. Roamed over Glensmere all forenoon and had tremendous excursion through shrubbery and thickets on the bank above the river. Discovered excellent place for terracing on spot overlooking river. Several callers in the afternoon. The new park opposite our house is looking very beautiful. No word yet from Cochrane.

Monday, August 4, 1913.

Miss Wylie worked at my "profile" while I occupied myself with correspondence all forenoon; and again in the evening while I was engaged in reading Hamilton's handbook on naval question. Played golf with Laura in afternoon. D.M. Stevenson called upon us from Chateau this evening and I invited him to luncheon tomorrow. Hamilton's article good but very elaborate.



Tuesday, August 5, 1913.

Held council today and dealt with several matters awaiting my return. Weather very cool and pleasant. Conference with Stanfield who left for N.S. Promised to take no step towards resigning without further consultation. Lord Provost Stevenson lunched with me and I had several Ministers to meet him. Hal and children arrived from West in afternoon. Hal looks well and apparently greatly benefited.

Wednesday, August 6, 1913.

Conference with Marechal, Beaubien, Tarte, Nantel and Coderre respecting acquisition of La Patrie. Business statement to be given. Hughes wants me to go on an excursion to his district for a holiday. Did not go out of office from 2 until 10.30. P.M. Engaged in revising naval article for our handbook prepared by Hamilton also pamphlet for bye-election.

Thursday, August 7, 1913.

Had Phillip Roy and A.A. Bannerman (of London, introduced by D. MacMaster) at lunch. Touche, M.P. of London also called. Council this afternoon 3 to 6. Conference yesterday with Fitzpatrick who thinks Quebec terminals are being neglected. Wants me to visit Quebec in October. Cochrane arrived yesterday from Toronto and looks rather tired and worn. Morphy called, and as to conditions in Newfoundland.

Friday, August 8, 1913.

Had interesting and busy day in arranging to take week end holiday tomorrow and Monday. Discussed I.C.R. conditions with Cochrane who seems anxious to solve difficulties and is sending for Gutelius. Conference with Fitzpatrick and afterwards with him and Cochrane. He is to meet Cochrane in Quebec on 14th. O'Brien enraged at Cochrane re Welland Canal. St. John people pressing to have Gov't built Grain conveyers. Had Bannerman Touche and Faithful Begg at lunch.

Saturday, August 9, 1913.

Did not go to office today. Laura (?) me to the Golf links and I played with her in the morning and with Dr. Robertson in the afternoon. Played very badly in both occasions. Returned and worked during part of evening. Weather somewhat warmer but very pleasant. Wrote long letter to Duke who is to sail for Canada on 19th October after Prince Arthur's wedding on the 15th.

Sunday, August 10, 1913.

Spent quiet day. Arranged books and wrote letters during forenoon. In afternoon the Morphys came, also Hal and children who stayed to supper, went for walk with them from 6 to 7. Surprised that Strathcona Park looks so pretty; flowers are really very beautiful. They leave tomorrow for Halifax. Arranged to meet Hal tomorrow morning.

Monday, August 11, 1913.

Long talk with Hal this morning and gave him some strong advice in a quiet way. He seems to be taking a more real interest in life and to be more alive to his responsibilities. At 12.30 went with Laura and Mrs. B.W. Fraser to Golf. Played their best ball and gave them a stroke on the long holes. Beat them 3 up. Played my best game of the season.

Tuesday, August 12, 1913.

In office all day. Council 11.30 to 12.45 Laura drove me to Rideau Hall Cricket field where I again met the Australians and had lunch with the two teams. Our team made a poor whewing as the Australians nearly doubled the score before losing their first wicket. Worked hard all the afternoon and evening. Conferenoe with Roche and Crothers tomorrow respecting Japanese influence and Indian.

Wednesday, August 13, 1913.

Had Mr. Snead Cox and his two sons at lunch. Editor of "Tablet" and said to be very important man. Conference with C.J. as to Quebec terminals. Conference with Roche and Crothers as to threatened influx of Hinoos by direct line. Conference with W.J. Stewart as to boundary line through St. Clair flats and said that he and Gibbons need not insist on our contention if we can improve position at Soo. Played golf with Laura and Mrs. Fraer. My best game.

Thursday, August 14, 1913.

Conference with Fitzpatrick as to conditions in Quebec and as to my visit there in September. Proposed to have no partisan banquet under Chairmanship of Mayor. Conference with Crothers, Roche and Sir J. Pope as to threatened Hindoo immigration and arranged to have Order in Council drafted. Weather very cool and delightful.

Friday, August 15, 1913.

Completed draft of O.C. respecting Hindoo immigration and telegraphed it to Harcourt. Conference with Wainwright as Calgary Barracks property and arranged for interview next week. Conference with Broder as to attending celebration of Chrysler's Farm on the 28th and finally agreed to go. Arranged to leave for Halifax on 12th September.

Saturday, August 16, 1913.

Went to office for an hour and then to Golf Links with Laura. Played in afternoon with Dr. Robertson. In evening dictated draft of my address at Toronto Exhibition and to the American Bar Association. Weather intensely hot. Took our mattresses out on Upper front verandah which was delightfully cool and refreshing and slept there part of the night.

Sunday, August 17, 1913.

Telegram from White as to acquiring Westminster Hospital site and from Strathcona respecting reports of cyclone in West. Answered latter. Conference with McBride 10.30 to 2.45 on various matters, naval programme, Japanese immigration, &c. He is on his way to England. Looks thinner than formerly but very bright and optimistic. Heat very excessive.

Monday, August 18, 1913.

Council to answer White's telegram. Decided not to purchase until after conference with him on his return. Worked all day in office. Weather somewhat cooler. Interesting letter from

Dr. I. M. Goldstein representing Russian Government who called on me a few days ago J respecting trade relations with that country. Partly revised draft of addresses during evening.

Tuesday, August 19, 1913.

Council to consider some public work appropriations. Discussed reception to Governor General on his return and present to Prince Arthur on his marriage in October. Conference with Wainwright as to Calgary Barracks property and explained position in which we are placed by O.C. passed by late Government. Went to golf at 3.45. Played my best game of the season.

Wednesday, August 20, 1913.

Council today from 2 to 4. Dealt with urgent matters. Discussed Quebec situation re N.T.R. terminals with Cochrane and afterwards with. Consultation with Doherty as to order of receiving Degree at McGill. I suggested Haldane, White (C.J. of U.S.) and Talori. Went to Robertson's dinner to educationists. Robertson's speech full of fine phrases but does not amount to much. I have never yet read his report.

Thursday, August 21, 1913.

Revised speech to American Bar Association. It promises to be a very distinguished gathering. Major Leonard called in some perturbation about my asking Grant his engineer for statement as to Quebec terminals which I had done at Cochrane's suggestion. At five o'clock went to Golf links and got exercise in a lesson from Keffer for an hour and a half.

Friday, August 22, 1913.

Council 2 to 5. Disposed of practically all outstanding matters. Passed Order in Council respecting apprehended influx of Hindoos. Read to Parley my address to American Bar Association. He highly approved of it. Letter from Sir Francis Hopwood as to naval questions. Wrote and telegraphed him. Rain for 17 hours today very welcome after long drought.

Saturday, August 23, 1913.

Quite ill last night but went to Office for three hours and finished work. Curious message from Bryan respecting Thaw; does not seem to have much sense or meaning. Hughes left for England today with about 40 officers to attend British manoeuvres. Foster on his way East from Vancouver. Leaving for Toronto tonight. Laura afflicted with incipient "stye" on right eye. Mr. and Mrs. Perley accompany us.

Sunday, August 24, 1913.

Arrived Toronto. Attended service at cathedral. Most excellent music. Met W.R.Brook and other friends. McNaught called and took us to Yacht Club in afternoon and met many friends. Walked to other side of Island and admired pretty cottages. Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and others. Supper at Kemps in evening. Very interesting day.

Monday, August 25, 1913.

Conferences with various friends in morning. At 12.30 went to Exhibition with Mr. McNaught and lunched with directors. At 2.30 address was presented to me and I opened Exhibition with speech which received warm commendation. Went to Australian and West Indian exhibits. In evening dined at Government House. Large party assembled. Interesting conversation with Lady Walker and Sir W.R.Meredith.

Tuesday, August 26, 1913.

Conferences in morning. Attended at 11 to lay foundation stone of new Technical School, a wonderful building and institution second probably to none in the world in its extent, its scope and its purpose. Excellent speeches by Hiltz, Gourlay and others. I spoke to a large gathering for 20 minutes. Then to Exhibition at 2.30 where we remained until 10.30, having a royal reception, and left for Ottawa at eleven.

Wednesday, August 27, 1913.

Arrived Ottawa. Worked in office all day until 4 p.m. Foster returned and was in Council this afternoon. Looks in particularly good form. Has been absent for 6 months. Left at 4.30 for Morrisburg and arrived at 9, an hour late. Received by a large gathering at Station and taken to George Cook's



residence where we were most hospitably received. Mrs. Cook and family very charming.

Thursday, August 28, 1913.

Went this morning to the village and examined interesting collection of historical objects connected with battle of Crysler's farm. Then after lunch went to field and found gathering of some ten thousand people. Spoke for 35 minutes and splendidly received. Lemieux followed in an excellent speech. A most impressive gathering. Left at 4.30 for Ottawa and worked all the evening.

Friday, August 29, 1913.

In office and at Council all day. Sir F. Hopwood came to discuss oil production and naval question. Had interesting conversation on both questions and explained to him our political situation. Asked him why G.B. does not consent to immunity of private property from capture on the high seas during war. Promised to send me a resume of the discussions. Worked at home in evening and went on board our car for Montreal.

Saturday, August 30, 1913.

Hopwood and J.R.Macleod accompanied us to Montreal. Graham called for us and we spent the day at Cartierville. Hoopers Wanklyn and F.E.Meredith at dinner. Returned in evening to Ritz Oarlton and found that many American lawyers had arrived for convocation. In afternoon went with Grahams to see polo and met Hamilton Gault and others. Mrs. Hooper very bright and interesting.

Sunday, August 31. 1913.

Conference first with Fitzpatrick and then with Haldane. Discussed naval question, additions to Senate Jfcc • Met his Secretary, Sir Kenneth Muir Mackenzie. Luncheon at Mount Royal. Met Kellog, Chief Justice White, Dickenson, Glasgow and many others. Reception at Hunt Club in afternoon and Kellog's dinner in evening. Showed my speech to Fitzpatrick and Willison who warmly commended it. Called on Strathcona.

Monday, September 1, 1913.

Went with Taft and Severance to the convention. Delivered my address at 10. Most flattering reception and a shower of compliments. Lunched with Strathcona and finally persuaded him to withdraw his resignation. Went to hear Haldane at 2.30. Very good address and splendidly received. Received degree from Magill at 5. Doherty's dinner at 7.30. Reception afterwards. Shook hands with 2000.

Tuesday, September 2, 1913.

Various interviews during forenoon. Interesting conversation with Capt. Bertrand Stewart who spent two years in German prison. In afternoon spoke at laying of cornerstone of Cartier Monument. Taft spoke well. Lemieux made stump speech. Called on Archbishop and on Bishop Farthing, Said farewell to Kellogg and others. Left at 8 for Ottawa.

Wednesday, September 3, 1913.

White returned last Saturday. Saw him today and he looks well and seems cheerful. Discussed the financial situation. Also discussed with Rogers the situation in the WeBt as to which he is very optimistic. Dispatch from Ambassador as to sending troops to take part in Ceremony of reinterment of Canadian and American officers at Detroit.

Thursday, September 4, 1913.

Worked at routine matters. Dispatch from Washington answered by Order in Council regretting that it is impracticable to send troops. In evening attended opening of meeting of Canadian Political Science Association. Shortt read a curious and rather academic paper declaiming against the party system. McPhail made an interesting and witty speech.

Friday, September 5, 1913.

Attend luncheon Canadian Club and heard interesting speech from Labour. Evidently a great orator in his native tongue and a very striking personality. I moved and Laurier seconded a vote of thanks. In evening worked for a short time at ray Halifax speech. White, Burrell and I played golf in the afternoon.

Saturday, September 6, 1913.

Worked in office part of the forenoon. Telegram from Duke stating that Duchess must come Immediately to Ottawa on arrival at Quebec and therefore luncheon, reception &c. cannot take place. Letter from Mayor of Quebec suggesting a non partisan banquet to take place sometime in October. Played golf in afternoon. Rogers reported as to his visit to Montreal.

Sunday, September 7, 1913.

Quiet day at home. Heard that Lady Shaughnessy had undergone operation yesterday and wrote to Sir Thomas in afternoon. Several callers including Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Jameson, Rogers and George Ham. Very delightful autumn day. Our place very beautiful and restful. It would be delightful if one could enjoy it without the cares of office.

Monday, September 8, 1913.

Went to Exhibition luncheon and spoke briefly. Laurier, White, Burrell and Foster also spoke. Council at 3 and discussed specially the new arrangement with Royal Mail packet Line for service to West Indies. In evening revised part of my proposed speech at Halifax. Conference with Blaok (W.A.) after council.

Tuesday, September 9, 1913.

McInnes came from Toronto and discussed steamship service. Dictated remainder of my Halifax speech and revised it all evening until midnight. Proposed banquet at Quebec postponed from 22nd instant until middle of October. It is to be a citizens banquet and Liberals do not want it on anniversary of their defeat two years ago.

Wednesday, September 10, 1913.

Conference with L'Esperance who is dissatisfied with postponement of my Quebec banquet. Put through a great many matters in Council. Conference with Lowther as to reorganization of Governor General's office. Completed, revision

of my Halifax speech. Letter from Shaughnessy as to withdrawing G.P.R. and Allen Steamers from Halifax.

Thursday, September 11, 1913.

Wrote to Shaughnessy as to steamship service. Rogers called us on telephone and says he will be all right. Wrote to Hopwood advising that nothing more definite can be said at present. Mrs. R.W. Fraser is invited by Laura to accompany us to Halifax. Went on board a little before 8 and arrived at Montreal at 11.16. Remained in car all night.

Friday, September 12, 1913.

Left Montreal at 8.30 this morning. During forenoon H. McInnes and M.C. Grant called; and afterwards W.A. Black. McInnes and Grant explained that under the guidance of a German named Frank gifted with a very oily and plausible tongue they have invested a very large sum in a Manufacturing Establishment at Edmonton and are likely to make a heavy loss. Played bridge in afternoon.

Saturday, September 13, 1913.

Arrived at Truro about half an hour late. Met. John Stanfield and others. Met at Halifax by large number of friends. Laura went to Hotel and I started for Grand Pre at 3. Hal accompanied me. Arrived about 6 and met by Julia in motor. Found Mother looking better than when I saw her last but confused in thought at times. Hew nurse whom Julia deems to like.

Sunday, September 14, 1913.

Pleasant day. Rose late, as Julia insisted on giving me my breakfast in bed. Went for walk through Gaspereaux with Hal. Mother still bright but confused in thought. Not much inclined to talk. Held her hand which seems a great comfort to her. Sir O. Townshend called. Looks well but very deaf. Drove in motor to Windsor with Julia and Hal. Galled on children, supper at Sangsters and slept at H.V. Tremains. Inspected Hurds immigrant school boys at Hantsport.

Monday, September 15, 1913.

Left Windsor for Halifax this morning. Conferences with Crosby, Hays and Foster, also conferences all day with many applicants for office. In afternoon drove to Point Pleasant to examine commencement of work, also to Three Mile House. Examined sites proposed for North End P.O. Conference with Hal as to offer from U.S. to buy Scheelite property.

Tuesday, September 16, 1913.

Further conferences all forenoon with various applicants for office &c. They were as thick as autumn leaves in Vallambrosa. At 4 P.M. went to Provincial Convention at Masons Hall which was crowded to the doors, many standing. I spoke for nearly an hour and a half. Very warm congratulations, especially enthusiastic on good roads and naval questions. Dined at M.G.Grants. Met Gorden the new President of C.M.Ass'n.

Wednesday, September 17, 1913.

More conferences all forenoon. Luncheon at Government House. Very large party. Too elaborate a lunch. Drysdale quite noticeably affected by liquor. At 4 went to meeting of County Executive and Ward Chairmen and listened to more than two hours to complaints as to distribution of patronage. Then to Dennis to dinner to meet Ward Chairmen. Then to Armouries to inspect 63rd. Then to McInnes.

Thursday, September 18, 1912.

Further conferences with applicants who do not seem to become less in number. Lunched with Harris at Halifax Club. Callers kept me busy until 7 P.M. Went to banquet of Manufacturers Ass'n at 8. Spoke without preparation but speech well received. Saw something of Gordon the new President who seems a very capable man.

Friday, September 19, 1913.

Callers all forenoon until 12. Then went to inspect new pier under construction at Deep Water. It is a tremendous structure; but the new piers at Freshwater will be 50 per cent longer. In afternoon went to Golf Links and played with Conway, against Charles Archibald and G.S. Campbell. Conway afraid that they would beat us too badly and we gave them the second hole and in the end they beat us.



Saturday, September 20, 1913.

Left Halifax at 8.20. At Truro met by Mr. and Mrs. Stanfield and others. At Amherst Rhodes joined us. At Moncton saw Dr. Price and many others. Played bridge in afternoon. In evening Boulay, Bellemare and Ohampoux called. Said they would hold five meetings tomorrow to celebrate victory of two years ago. They all seemed to be in good form and spirits. James Ross died yesterday. Sent condolence to widow and son.

Sunday, September 21, 1913.

Arrived Ottawa at 11.30 and very glad to be home again. Raining all afternoon. Went through a great pile of newspapers and in afternoon conferred with Gutelius as to I.C.R. matters and as to sailings of C.P.R. boats. He says Shaughnessy and McNicol are determined to get hold of local traffic and we ought not to give it.

Monday, September 22. 1913.

Correspondence at office all morning. Conference with Smithers and Chamberlain 12 to 1 respecting G.T.P. and as to our possible intention to take over the line. Council all afternoon. Discussed the acquisition of the Westminster Hospital Site. Issued writ for Chateaugay Election. M.P.Davis says great quarrel in Quebec as to non-partisan banquet to me. Walked with White 6. to. 7. Discussed C.P.R. and G.T.P. and Naval question. Worked all evening.

Tuesday, September 23, 1913.

Yesterday issued writ for Chatauguay election and today for East Middlesex. Appointed Vance and Livingstone County Court Judges. Walked with Reid and discussed South Lanark. Perley rather melancholy and says that he does not stand up for his rights. Worked until late at revision of handbook. Very tired and rather under the weather. Clare says Increased militia expenditure is hurting us in South Urine.

Wednesday, September 24, 1913.

Completed revision of handbook and gave copy to Perley and Bilky. Heard this morning that L.C. Christie my legal secretary is ill in hospital and that he was operated on last evening for appendicitis. Saw him and found him doing well. Telegraphed to his father. At 3 went with Perley to golf links. He gave me a stroke a hole and I beat him 5 up in 14 holes.

Thursday, September 25, 1913.

Conference with Smithers. Told him we had no desire to force hand of G.T.P, and that we desired them to carry out contract to operate line from Winnipeg to Moncton but that we would have to take over entire line to coast if they did not fulfil contract. He expressed hope that we would give them better terms. Conference with Balderson. Council all afternoon. Discussed grazing leases. Conference in evening with Rogers and Reid at my house.

Friday, September 26, 1913.

Worked at home part of forenoon. Then to office. Conference with Rogers. Went to luncheon Canadian Club and heard Foster deliver interesting speech on his visit to Australasia, China and Japan, I spoke briefly afterwards. In afternoon put in preparation work in connection with approaching Provincial conference. Dinner at Country Club by Mrs. Egan. I took in Lady Sibbald Grey. She asked about her father's Aldwyck Scheme. I explained difficulties.

Saturday, September 27, 1913.

Council to consider case of Gibson for capital punishment. Letter from Duke thanking us for gift to Prince Arthur. Played golf in afternoon with White. He tires easily and is of highly nervous temperament. Charles Read drove us home in his motor. Worked part of evening. Weather decidedly cool, but pleasant. Autumn tints wonderfully vivid.

Sunday, September 28, 1913.

Quiet day. Weather perfect. Went over a pile of newspapers in forenoon. Read evidence in Gibson case and thoroughly satisfied myself that his evidence is entirely unreliable. In afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Carrick, Doughty, and Roy called. Afterwards Laura and I went to see Christie in hospital and found him doing well.

Blount came in evening with correspondence.

Monday, September 29, 1913.

Long conference all forenoon with Shaughnessy as to Steamship sailings, I.C.R. agreement, subsidy for mails and subsidy for Pacific line. Reached agreement on most matters. Went to luncheon given by Burrell in honour of Lowther. Councoil all afternoon. Came out for long conference with Balderson but found him obstinate and determined to run. Walked in evening on navy question.

Tuesday, September 30, 1913.

Various conferences during forenoon. Letter from White as to effect of UtS tariff on our shipping. Looked into treaty of 1815. Instructed Pope to prepare Order in Council making further protest. In latter part of afternoon went for walk through Rockcliffe with White, Hazen and Reid. In evening attended dinner at Country Club in honor of Col. Lowther. Fisher nominated yesterday in Chateauguay.

Wednesday, October 1, 1913.

Council 2 to 5. Fixed South Bruce election for 23-30th October. Discussed preparation; of Estimate White shows signs of nervousness. Conference with Reid as to loss of ships in Hudson Bay. Conference yesterday with Administrator as to Secret reports from Governor to Colonial Office. Long conference with Lorne McGibbon as to extraordinary contentions and intrigues between him and H.G. Also as to purchase of La Patrie.

Thursday, October 2, 1913.

Warm rain. White gave luncheon to members of Ottawa and Hull Commission. Holt will make a good chairman. Conference with Rogers as to prospects in Chateauguay which he considers to be good. Subsequent conference with Sir Gilbert Parker. Invited him to luncheon tomorrow. He thinks Conservatives will come in at next election but will not stay long. Message from C.F. as to inviting Laurier to banquet at Quebec.

Friday, October 3, 1913.

Council to dispose of White's report as to more thorough supervision of Estimates. Message from Quebec as to advisability of inviting Laurier to my banquet. Said I had no objection. Conference with Sir Wm. Mackenzie as to Canadian National League. Walked to Rideau Hall and examined additions which are being carried out with great efficiency and expedition. Letter and telegrams from Toronto as to commuting Gibson's sentence.

Saturday, October 4, 1913.

Correspondence by telegram as to hearing counsel on applications to commute Gibson's sentence. Samuel, P.M.G. of United Kingdom arrives Monday and dines with us Tuesday. Cabled Churchill as to disposal of squadrons two days ago but no answer. Fisher and Morris nominated today in Chateauguay. Conference with Sir W. Mac-Kenzie early this morning as to general conditions and especially as to Moore.

Sunday, October 5, 1913.

A most glorious summer like day and went to call on Christie at Hospital and then to All Saints. Stayed to Communion. Mr. MacKay looks ill and worn. In afternoon Shaffner, Binnie and Pickell and Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Poster called. Binnie and Pickell very interesting men. Discussed water supply with them. Laura and I went for a long walk in evening. Also walked with Draytons after service.

Monday, October 6, 1913.

Nearly all day engaged in hearing counsel on behalf of Gibson condemned to death on conviction for murder. Case very peculiar. Circumstances point strongly to guilt in one aspect and raise reasonable doubt in another. Also heard Rev. Mr. Long. Discussed it in Council. Discussed it with Administrator over telephone. Council in afternoon dealing with various matters.

Tuesday, October 7, 1913.

Great uproar in St. John over sailing of Steamships to Halifax. Delegation from St. John to arrive tomorrow. Further discussion of Gibson case. Heard Rev. J. McNeill his spiritual adviser.

Decided, to commute. Heard Samuel's address before Canadian Club. Had dinner party in his honour at my house. He speaks fluently and is undoubtedly clever.

Wednesday, October 8, 1913.

Tremendously busy day. Conference with Samuels 10 to 11.30 on naval question..Then to Council until 12.15. Then with Administrator until 1.30. Then conference with Rogers as to La Patrie 1.45 to 2.15. Then conference with Sir H.G. as to various matters connected with "honors" until 2.40. Afterwards Council and then listened to and addressed St. John Selegation for an hour. Then conferences with Leonard and Reed respecting Transcontinental and called on Judge Cassels as to postponement. Correspondence all evening.

Thursday, October 9, 1913.

Conferences during day with Hazen, Thorne, Daniels and Robinson respecting St.John situation. Spoke pretty freely as to extraordinary outburst in St. John especially as we have given so many proofs of our desire to benefit that port. No Council. Discussed Middlesex with Reid and told him I had unfavourable reports. Went to hear Edward Lankow in evening. Magnificent voice which he uses with great skill.

Friday, October 10, 1913.

Council to oonsider Pedley's oase. I deoided against Foster''s protest to allow him to resign without prejudice to any proceedings Gov't may take as to oollection of profits. Rogers returned from Montreal with good news as to Chateauguay but says Liberals have 200 outsiders in riding and are making desperate fight. in afternoon played golf for two hours with Laura.

Saturday, October 11, 1913.

Correspondence and Council this forenoon. Accepted Pedley's resignation subject to any action Crown may take against him. Appointed D.C.Scott to be deputy minister in his stead. Played golf a portion of afternoon until rain came. Weather very warm and oppressive. In evening received news that we have carried Chateauguay by about 140. First time Conservatives have won in that County since confederation. Many congratulations.



Sunday, October 12, 1913.

Cooler today and delightful. Rogers and Mrs. Rogers lunched with us. Drove afterwards to Government House and inspected improvements. Several callers in afternoon, and Blouin same in evening to take up correspondence. Called on Christie at Hospital and found that he is leaving this afternoon. Discussed naval question with Rogers.

Monday, October 13, 1913.

Many letters and telegrams of congratulation upon Chateauguay election which has produced profound impression. Met Sir Charles Davidson at Club also introduced F.E. Benson the actor. John Stanfield lunched with me. Called on Pelletier who is confined to bed with neuralgic face. Discussed with him visit to Quebec; also with Reid and Rogers. In the evening saw Taming of a Shrew. Chauffeur Maxwell drunk and ran our car into stone pillar of gate. Pillar set back 6 in.

Tuesday, October 14, 1913.

Council and disposed of many matters. Discussed naval question with Reid. Lunched with P.D. Ross to meet P.B. Benson who is a very delightful companion with fine sense of humour. Went over Quebec improvements with Lafleur and with Yates and Fraser. Cochrane reported quite ill and will probably have to go away for three months. Better news from East Middlesex. Evening saw Benson company in Shylock. Not very good.

Wednesday, October 15, 1913.

Council. Settled telegrams to Imp. Government respecting Naval question and Hindoo Immigration. Pelletier quite amenable and moderate on naval question. Coderre and Nantel the same. Went over my Quebec speech with Leonard also with Pelletier; also with C.J. also with Price. They all think it very good with one or two minor changes.

Thursday, October 16, 1913.

Council 11.30 to 12.30. Definitely settled telegrams to

Imp.Govt and sent them. Interview with Price as to Quebec situation. He is very optimistic. Interview yesterday with Mayor Drouin, who is taking his duties in connection with the banquet very seriously. Had Sir Alfred (?) and Mr. R.R.Mond (?) at luncheon. St. John agitation about sailings of C.P.R. quieting down.

Friday, October 17, 1913.

Conference with Perley as to his position without portfolio Melancholy and dissatisfied but anxious to do his duty. Conference with Rogers Perley and Reid as to Federal Press Bureau. Rogers agrees to organize if Perley will take it over on return in January. Played golf in afternoon. Story by Rev. Duncan. Preacher inquired why gentleman left church. Sexton replied, Oh! that's nothing. He's a somnambulist\*

Saturday, October 18, 1913.

News from East Middlesex not very encouraging. Burrell calls it "so so". Our candidate very unpopular. Extraordinary request from H.G. to give him a regular certificate of character in respect of his knighthood in 1908. Cochrane returned this morning and looks far from well. Urged him to go away for three months. Perley leaves tomorrow until about 1st Jany.

Sunday, October 19, 1913.

Quiet day. Walked around place during forenoon. Met C.J. In McDonald Gardens at 12.30 and walked with him until 1.15. He thinks we should consider Georgian Bay route carefully. Advocates knighting of C.J. Arohambault. Mmes. Pelletier and Lamothe and Miss Albro of Halifax called in afternoon. Mme. P. mischievously pretended she thought Miss A. to be Mrs. Jameson.

Monday, October 20 1913.

Thanksgiving day. Weather very wet and strong wind. Remained in office nearly all day. Heavy cold rheumatism and carbuncle on neck make me in bad form for Quebec. Went to bed at 5. Dr. Kidd came at seven and prescribed. Told me doubtful whether I could go to Quebec. Had fair night. Rogers looks over fatigued. Long conference with Doherty just returned from West.

Tuesday, October 21, 1913.

In bed nearly all day. Laidlaw came and lanced carbuncle and injected serum into my arm. Neck very sore. Long conference with Cochrane and Held as to Canadian Northerns proposal to go to St. John. Cochrane strongly opposed to it. thinks I had better discuss it with Hazen as he is afraid he (Cochrane) will go in the air. Left for Quebec at 5.45.

Wednesday, October 22, 1913.

Arrived Quebec and went to Frontenac. Many callers. Boxes of flowers for Laura and ad libitum. Left at 9.30 to visit Quebec Bridge. Went down incline on oar attached to steel cable. Wonderful masonry. In afternoon received many callers. In evening great banquet. Atmosphere horribly smoky. My speech received with great applause. About one quarter of audience were Liberals.

Thursday, October 23, 1913.

Early this forenoon went over the battlefields park with Garneau and Taschereau. Work and design seem excellent. Then attended at Court House to be received by Judges and bar of Quebec. Lemieux made a very flowery and flattering speech. Then went to Levis and Lauzon where bouquets were presented and addresses read. Turned first sod Of Dry Lock. Made three speeches in French. Sinner in evening at Club by L'Esperance and Watson.

Friday, October 24, 1913.

Laid corner stone of N.T.P. shops at St. Malo this morning. Large crowd and fine reception. Streets gaily decorated. In afternoon laid cornerstone of dam at St. Charles River. Large crowd. Hazen made speech in French here and at Lauzon. In evening we dined with -Prices and returned to Chateau Early. Duke arrives this evening. Have been under Doctor's care all the time in Quebec. Suffering much from carbuncle.

Saturday, October 25, 1913.

Laura and Hazen left for Ottawa last evening. I remained to meet Duke and Duchess. They landed about nine. Duchess looks well but

much reduced in weight. Washington says she has only 7 feet of small intestine out of 42. Had long conference with Duke who is in good form, and entertained aides and Washington with some new stories which they thought very amusing.

Sunday, October 26, 1913.

Very tired today. Several callers in afternoon. Blount came in evening and went through correspondence. Cochrane said to be much improved in health. Reid says our prospects in South Bruce very good but he has gone to Toronto to get more definite news and will return on Tuesday. St. John-Halifax steamship difficulty still unsolved.

Monday, October 27, 1913.

Attended at eleven to welcome provincial conference. They say their session will be a long one. Conference with McBride who told me of his discussions with Churchill. Canadian Club luncheon addressed by McBride and Scott. Grits very angry because McBride spoke out on navy question. Duke made excellent speech in reply to congratulatory references in speeches.

Tuesday, October 28, 1913.

Arranged to meet delegates at three but they postponed interview until 5 when resolutions were presented and spoken to by Whitney and Gouin. Principal demand was large increase of subsidies. I returned non committal answer, saying that they should not come oftener than once in ten years for increase. Gave dinner in evening to delegates and others which went off very well.

Wednesday, October 29, 1913.

Conference myself and Dr. Roche with Soett, Sifton and Roblin. They asked about transfer of whole or part of natural resources. I asked about allowance in lieu thereof. They suggested it might be allowed to remain in lieu of lands alienated. I asked about homesteads, Sifton agreed to continue homesteading. Scott dubitante. Roblin perfectly satisfied with present position. I told them to meet and endeavour to agree.

Thursday, October 30, 1913.

Conference with Hazen as to Halifax-St. John difficulty. Both he and Pelletier explain that no inducement offered to Dan. Northern to transfer Royals to St. John. Conference with McBride as to Alaska Ry. and as to inclusion of Yukon. Lunched with McB. at Chateau. Friends disturbed about my illness at Gov't House last evening. Message from Duke and from Worthington. Worked at correspondence with Blount all evening at my house.

Friday, October 31, 1913.

Conference with Duke as to various matters, especially as to honours. He said that at later date he wished to discuss Hughes' administration and actions. Discussed St. John affair with Hazen and Cochrane. Left at 4.35 for New York. Fitzpatrick Cochrane White Pelletier and Reid came to Station to see me off. Both Laura and I very tired and glad to get away. Brother of Major Chambers on board invalid en route for Bermuda.

Saturday, November 1, 1913.

Arrived New York and went to Algonquin. Newspapers were on my trail almost immediately after arrival. In afternoon went to see Warfield in "Auctioneer" and in evening saw Laurette Taylor in Peg O'my Heart. Both very good, especially Peg, which was taken beautifully, with a slight note of pathos and sadness through all the fun and humour. J.E. Dodson invited me to dinner in honour of Cyril Maude.

Sunday, November 2, 1913.

Quiet day. Walked in Fifth Avenue and Central Park. In evening was guest at dinner in honour of Cyril Maude, who did not arrive until nearly eleven. I spoke in reply to toast to H.M. the King and the President, deferred to trade conditions briefly. Interesting speeches by Wm. H. Crane and J. Huntley Manners who spoke very strongly in favour of clean stage.

Monday, November 3, 1913.

Went to Scribners and ordered books to be sent to White Sulphur Springs. Met Crane of Chicago who introduced me to a Professor of University of W. Virginia just after latter had picked up my gloves. Had to remind him they were mine. In evening saw Cyril



Maude in "Second in Command". Very well put on and reception most enthusiastic.

Tuesday, November 4, 1913.

Left at 9.15 for White Sulphur Springs. Journey very tiresome and tedious. Dining Car service on Pennsylvania very poor. Arrived at 11.15 and were met by McLaughlin formerly of Homestead. Beautiful hotel. We have a very commodious and delightful room beautifully furnished. The weather most delightful. Very excellent bath house.

Wednesday, November 5, 1913.

This hotel very beautiful. It was designed by English architect, Sternes, and furnished under direction of his sister. Draper of Massachusetts, his daughter Miss Richardson and two gentlemen of the name of Bachelor motored over from Hot Springs. We played golf this afternoon. Links very wet. Only 9 holes playable. Laura very indignant. Golf house very pretty and comfortable. Telegram from Blount asking address.

Thursday, November 6, 1913.

Telegram from Blount announcing that he will arrive tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Merrill motored from Hot Springs. We lunched with them. They want us to spend a day with them at Hot Springs and offer to send a car. Scenery very beautiful but road not safe except in very dry weather.

Friday, November 7, 1913.

Weather still delightful. Blount arrived late last evening. Wont over St. John Halifax, situation with him and Bent telegram to Hazen. Dictated part of Kazan's speech and C.N.R. announcement. Wrote to Duke as to honours. Blount says Cochrane very ill and probable he must undergo operation. Greatly distressed by news. Wrote to his wife. Played golf with Laura in afternoon.

Saturday, November 9, 1913.

Blount returned last evening. Rain this morning. Practised for an hour on links. In afternoon Laura and I walked around the hill and saw some very beautiful scenery. This must be a very delightful spot in summer. Rhododendron in great abundance apparently growing wild. Weather getting much cooler and snow beginning to fall as we retired.

Sunday, November 9, 1913.

Heavy snowstorm last night. Complete winter aspect today. Long letter from Geo. Clare as to causes of our defeat in South Bruce. Took bath at noon. In afternoon Laura and I walked around hill to promontory and Lovers' Leap. Heard that storm had extended over all the northern portion of continent. Hot Springs elevation 2113. Here 1930.

Monday, November 10, 1913.

Still cold and snowing. Laura and I walked for an hour this morning. Saw Dr. Kahlo at eleven. He thinks I am doing well. In afternoon I walked over golf links and realized how beautiful the long course must be in summer. Telegram from Whitney stating that Cochrane's condition is not so serious as reported.

Tuesday, November 11, 1913.

Still cold. Ground covered with snow. Exercised on golf links. At noon Mrs. P.D. Ross called up from Hot springs saying they had just arrived and expected to meet us there. Decided to leave in the morning. Dr. Ha his says liver has become normal. Wrote to Blount giving message to Duke as to conferring Knighthood on H.V. Meredith.

Wednesday, November 12, 1913.

Left for Hot Springs. McLaughlin very sorry to have us go. Train more than 2 hours late. Arrived 12.30 Mr. and Mrs. Ross met us at station. Secured delightful room 616. Met Drapers, called on Dr. Pole and got prescription for bath. Practised half an hour on links with Ross. Took bath at 4 and massage (Hillman) at 9.20 Weather very fine and snow rapidly disappearing.

Thursday, November 13, 1913.

Snow going very fast today. In afternoon Ross and I put on rubbers and played 13 holes of golf. There are some banks of snow which make it difficult to find the ball. Met Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Hew York who are very delightful people. Brown has a mania for giving advice as to one's style. He plays fairly well.

Friday, November 14, 1913.

Telegram yesterday informing me of Lady Strathcona's death. Telegraphed and wrote to him in condolence. Wrote to Worthington and sent panoramic postal card to Duchess. Played golf and found snow almost completely gone. Met Mr. Bullivant of New York a very delightful man. Told us that having distributed some very excellent tobacco among friends in England he afterwards heard them calling out on the golf links that his tobacco was a damned sight better than his golf.

Saturday, November 15, 1913.

Took a lesson to prevent slicing. Rules.

1. Put my right hand well over, knuckles of first finger on top of club.
2. Hold firmly with left hand.
3. Swing back very slowly.
4. Do not lift hands above shoulder.
5. Pcause at the top.
6. Keep left arm close to the side.
7. In coming back let the wrists turn at proper time.
8. Turn face of club slightly in.
9. Don't move the head.
10. Look at the bottom of the ball at the back, or rather look behind the ball.
11. In taking back club draw it along close to the ground at first.

Sunday, November 16, 1913.

Drove with Gov. Draper, Mrs. Gannett and Miss Richardson to Fassifern Farm (9 miles distant) for luncheon which was served in delightful southern style. Draper told me of his great fight with the I.W.W. and of their utter defeat. We returned at 4 P.M. in heavy rain storm. Orchestra played in evening delightful Andante from Surprise Symphony by Haydn.

Monday, November 17, 1913.

Weather delightful today. Still taking baths and massage which seem beneficial. Read French play "L'Enigme". Not much time for reading with baths massage and out door life. Hotel has still large number of guests who seem principally attracted by golf links. Large influx of convention of Electrical Dealers.

Tuesday, November 18, 1913.

Great concourse of guests still arriving for convention. On the links I hear at 7.30 in the morning. Weather still delightful and almost too warm. Draper's son is to winter at Herschell island. I arranged through L'Esperance to have mail forwarded to him by mounted Police Patrol.

Wednesday, November 19, 1913.

Lunched with Mrs. French who has beautiful place on hill. Husband is dead. She is from New Orleans. Her house is filled with beautiful southern furniture (mahogany) Mrs. De Kovan, Mrs. and Mr. Brown and Miss Cameron guests. Mrs. DeKovan is authoress of recent life of John Paul Jones and evidently a very clever woman. Had interesting conversation with Miss Cameron. Mrs. French has a ranch near Calgary and her son of 18 with tutor is there.

Thursday, November 20, 1913.

Weather still delightful. Telegrams from Bryan and Lane arranging for former to give us a dinner on Friday, 28th instant. Lane giving up his prior claim. We accepted. Played golf as usual. Our arrangement of two adjoining rooms (616 and 618) with connecting bathroom is most convenient.

Friday, November 21, 1913.

Weather delightfully fine and warm. Laura and I played golf this afternoon. She and Dr. Smith beat Mrs. S. and me. In evening we played bridge with Mr. Bullivant and Mrs. Sawyer his sister. Letter from Colonel Hughes as to condition of the country, immigration policy and militia estimates.

Saturday, November 22, 1913.

Weather still very fine and warm. Thermometer stood at 72 in shade at 1 P.M. Played golf with Rosses in morning and with Boss and Smith in afternoon. Letter from Blount indicating that Cochrane cannot come to Ottawa next session and that my view that he must give up work for at least six months is quite correct.

Monday, November 23, 1913.

Weather still warm but overcast. Interesting letter from the Duke. Lunched with Mrs. French; only ourselves and Miss Cameron and Miss Booker who are her guests. Laura suffering much from insomnia which she attributes to the altitude. Telegram of congratulation from Quebec Board of Trade on laying of last rail on Eastern Division National Transcontinental.

Monday, November 24, 1913.

Smith and I played loss today but he was in great form and we were off. Rosses left for New York this evening. We are to leave on Wednesday or Thursday. Weather still very delightful. Mr. and Mrs. Corby arrived from New York this morning and are to remain all the week.

Tuesday, November 25, 1913.

Called on Dr. Pole this morning and had a long talk. He gave me good advice as to conduct of life &c. When I remonstrated at inadequacy of the fee he mentioned he said that it was worth it to see me. Spoke of Roblin and wished to be remembered to him. Played golf in afternoon with the Smiths.

Wednesday, November 26, 1913.

Telegram from Lane that Bryan wishes us to dine with him on Friday. Accepted also for luncheon with Lane on the same day. Thus we leave on Thursday evening. Played golf with the Smiths. The links in very good condition. Stopped baths and massage yesterday. 20 baths, 12 treatments.



Thursday, November 27, 1913.

Played with Mrs. Smith against her husband and Laura. They gave us 8 bisques and we beat them on 18th hole which we got in 3. Left for Washington. Smiths and Corbys accompanied/us to the station. Gave Mrs. S. the ball with which we played the last match inscribed with my initials.

Friday, November 28, 1913.

Arrived 7.15 Washington. Thos. Spring Rioe met us at station. Interview with Tyrrel and Percy. Lane and Bryan oalled. The latter took me to call on President. Lunched with Lane and met Houston Bedfield and Postmaster General as well as Bryan. Also Senator Bacon. Large dinner party at Bryans in evening. German and French Ambassadors. I proposed President's health and Bryan proposed King's health. Chief Justice proposed my health.

Saturday, November 29, 1913.

Left Washington at 12.30 last night and arrived here this morning. Visited bookstores. In afternoon went to see Ethel Barrymore in 'Tante'. Bather disappointing. Met Fosters at train and had long talk with them. Told them Bryan had spoken of having visited Mexico for a holiday and Laura suggested to him that he would hardly go there for the rest cure at present.

Sunday, November 30, 1913.

Arrived at noon. Met Blount on train who reported as to various matters and especially as to a curious communication from Halifax. White and Hughes met us at the Station and Roche came in the afternoon. Rogers absent in Winnipeg attending to the Macdonald election. Situation in S, Lanark complicated by appearance of Arthur Hawkes.

Monday, December 1, 1913.

At office all day attending to correspondence. Conference with Reid as to general conditions. He says Laurier's speech at Hamilton has produed little impression. Council all afternoon.

Every one thinks I am looking in fine form. Discussed expenditure, western conditions, tariff changes, nail subsidies &c. &c. Rogers evidently expects contest in McDonald.

Tuesday, December 2, 1913.

Slept very badly last night and had hard work to keep on my feet today but got through a great deal of work. Discussed with Held and White the situation in S. Lanark which is quite unsatisfactory. Council in afternoon. Conference with Governor General about various matters and especially with regard to Col. Hughes and his administration of the Militia Department. He was not complimentary to the Col.

Wednesday, December 3, 1913.

Excellent speech before the Canadian Club by Sir George Paish. Conference with McInnes as to absurd rumor heard in Montreal respecting sale of my holding in North Atlantic Collieries. Conference with Japanese Consul as to our proposed restrictive regulations. He suggested excepting Japanese. Told him that was out of the question. Discussed regulations in council. Dined at Gov't House. Took in Princess.

Thursday, December 4, 1913.

Lionel Curtis called and had a very interesting half hour with him and took him to luncheon. Further discussion of immigration regulations and practically settled form. Tedious consideration of South Lanark election. Discussed it in Council and decided to take part for Hanna. Called up Hughes at Lindsay and asked him to be here on Monday. Dined with the Gills. Judge H. quite tipsy and fell over the hearth fender in the music room.

Friday, December 5, 1913.

Conference with Doherty and afterwards with Pelletier as to agitation respecting use of French language in Ontario. Received civil service deputation. Conferred with Japanese consul as to proposed regulations prohibiting entry of labourers in B.C. Very satisfactory interview. Discussed in Council capital case (Indian) from British Columbia and decided to recommend no interference.

Saturday, December 6, 1913.

Discussed immigration regulations in Council. Telegram from McBride that he approves. Conference in afternoon with N.W.White as to Indian Commission. Said that McKenna in two occasions for a considerable period was beside himself with drink. Worked at correspondence until 6.40 then to Country Club. Dinner given by Berkeley Powell. Very enjoyable. Played bridge and won. Rowley brought us from Chateau in his motor.

Sunday, December 7, 1913.

Weather since we returned wonderfully mild, with temperature like early October. Self has been going on all the week. At lunch this morning and then to Gov't House for luncheon. Duchess very bright and cheerful. Worthington thinks doubtful if she is ever any stronger. Duke told of Scotchman in Montreal who called out "To hell with the Pope". French after vain attempts to stop him threatened "If you do not stop that I will call out 'To hell with Harry Lauder'".

Monday, December 8, 1913.

Conference with Hughes as to meeting in Lanark. Found him quite ready to speak. Conference with H.e.H. as to the Hindoo situation and explained position and nature of proposed O.C. He seemed quite relieved. Discussed and passed O.O. prohibiting immigration of labourers into B.C. until 31 March 1914. Weather colder and seasonable with 6 inches of snow last night. Conference with Gutelius and Harris as to -carriage of mails from steamers.

Tuesday, December 9, 1913.

Conference with Ames as to naval policy. He has with wonderful industry secured vast detailed information, prepared lantern slides &c. and is prepared to deliver lectures. Conference with B.A.McNab as to Newfoundland and agreed to go to Montreal to meet W.G.Reid. Conference with Hearst and Lynch Staunton as to water powers in dispute. Discussed with Foster distribution of honours.

Wednesday, December 10 1913.

Went to Montreal. Called on T.G.S. and discussed business conditions navy question and other matters. Found him in high good humour. Lunched with Held and discussed Nfld question at considerable length. He wants me to send for A.B.M. and have him advise Coker as to sending in petitions for plebiscite. Called on Meredith of Bk Montreal and arranged for message. Returned at four and had long conference with Lash on train. Fielding banquet last evening seems to have produced little impression.

Thursday, December 11, 1913.

Sent message to Morine through Bk Montreal. Got answer that he will arrive on 17th. Long confuse with Jennings of Mail & Bmpire and had him at luncheon. He thinks country not so enthusiastic as a year ago about naval defence. Greatly exercised about excitement respecting high cost of living. Conference with A.E.Harris respecting lands at Montreal held under lease. Referred him to Railways and Marine.

Friday, December 12, 1913.

Council all afternoon, passed many Orders. Had German Consul General at luncheon. Conference with Kemp as to redistribution and especially as to representation of Cities. Conference with Japanese Consul General who says his Gov't is greatly exercised at Order of 8th instant and practically wants Japs exempted. Told him this was quite impossible. News that we have won S.Lanark by 135 and McDonald by 900.

Saturday, December 13, 1913.

Council this forenoon and discussed surrender of Indian Reserve at Howe Sound. Roche prepared with full information. Also discussed difficulties between G.P.B. and I.C.E. over mails. Saw Japanese Consul at 10.15 and gave him note verbale in reply to his. Also interview with Rufus Pope as to conditions in Eastern Townships. Attended luncheon at Country Club to H.R.H. Very good and enjoyable. Walked to town afterwards with Hazen, Loughheed and Newcombe. Dinner at Cassels.

Sunday, December 14, 1913.

Fine bright day. Dr. Laidlaw came and examined the "brawny swelling" which he says is being absorbed. John A. Stewart Hamilton, Magratt, and Lewis came in afternoon as to grant for peace celebration. Shaughnessy also called and discussed difficulties with I.C.R. naval question, high cost of living, &c. Rogers is to arrive on Tuesday morning. Every one smiling hugely at Hawkes receiving only 64 votes in S. Lanark.

Monday, December 15, 1913.

Meighen arrived this morning and reported as to the McDonald election and as to conditions in the West. In that election they discussed principally the naval question, the high cost of living and reciprocity, especially the duty on wheat. Rogers will arrive tomorrow morning. Meighen says we have a splendid party in Saskatchewan and should make great gains if our policy can somewhat moulded to meet their views.

Tuesday, December 16, 1913.

Conference in morning 11 to 2.45 with delegation from Canadian Council of Agriculture. They spoke numerously and lengthily. Drury made best speech. Said high cost of living not due to the present Government. In afternoon heard delegation of farmer and fruitgrowers headed by Senator Smith. They strongly objected to propaganda of the previous delegation, in evening worked at the office studying especially the naval question.

Wednesday, December 17, 1913.

Conference with Plummer as to giving orders for rails to keep mills open during next three months. Council all day. Morine arrived and I conferred with him for an hour or more as to Newfoundland conditions. He is optimistic. Dinner party in evening. I took in Lady Evelyn Farquhar. After guests had left MoG. arrived in highly nervous condition and stayed until nearly one. Made wild and absurd proposals for and in his finances.

Thursday, December 18, 1913.

Council from 11 a.m. Decided to appoint three permanent officials as Board to Investigate increase in cost of living.



Discussed redistribution and arranged to have schemes prepared for Ontario and Quebec. Decided to purchase no site in London at present and telegraphed Lord Strathcona. Dinner of Edinboro University Club. President Falconer presided. H.R.H. attended. Dr. Gordon made admirable speech.

Friday, December 19, 1913.

In council from 11 a.m. to midnight. White returned at five from Picton. Discussed and disposed of many matters, petroleum regulations, legislation for coming session &c. Received Chinese Consul. Conferred with Rogers as to McG's astonishing request for assistance. Wrote Shaughnessy and Chamberlain and McKenzie to provide all possible employment this winter. Conferred with Leonard on same matter.

Saturday, December 20, 1913.

My cold still very severe. Was treated by Dr. Minnes with spraying &c. Conference with Doherty as to release of Dillon. He becomes intensely excited whenever the case of an Irishman is in question. However, he makes out a good case but the release would undoubtedly raise a storm. Conference with White as to Bank of Commerce. He rages fiercely against Walker. I went home at 3.30 to nurse my cold.

Sunday, December 21, 1913.

Stayed in house all day nursing my cold. Duke and Boscawen came in afternoon and stayed nearly two hours. Duke becoming quite deaf but makes one repeat everything until he quite understands it. In evening Blount came and we went over correspondence. Rogers left for Winnipeg last night and several others have gone for the Christmas vacation. Cochrane arrived this morning from Toronto but I did not see him.

Monday, December 22, 1913.

Saw Cochrane who looks much better than I expected. Reid says that the work will pull him down at once but Cochrane states that he is to go to Toronto and be examined every week. C. says J.P.W. very ill and cannot attend session this year. Left at 3.30 for Montreal to attend dinner of Dominion Can. Trav. Ass'n. Had excellent reception and spoke about 20 minutes. Dinner kept up

to 1.30. Last hour and a half very tiresome.

Tuesday, December 23, 1913.

Up early and breakfast with W.D.Reid discussing Newfoundland question. Both of us afraid of Morine's lack of judgment. Called on M\$Bk and found him very cheerful. Also on Hugh Graham and discussed naval question. He is coming on Saturday to see W.L. Discussed business situation with Shaughnessy and Chamberlain and lunched with former. Called on Jan Home who is confined to bed with illness. Interview with McG. who wants us to raise a trifle of 200 thousand dollars as a loan to him. Conference with Forget and Greenshields at the train.

Wednesday, December 24, 1913.

Council at eleven to consider two capital cases. Both commuted but with great doubt as to one. Discussed increase of allowances to Governor General. Farquhar tells me they are considering Lord Methuen who is a poor man and could not accept under present conditions. Conference with Japanese Consul as to immigration order. He is very persistent. Conference with White as to Quebec-Saguenay.

Thursday, December 25, 1913.

Went to office for an hour and then to church. Laura and I stayed to communion. Discussed status of Church Edifioe with Magrath and told him I would remove to Cathedral unless title properly vested in Parish authorities. Walked in afternoon. Many Xmas cards and telegrams. Will and Annie and Mr. and Mrs. Grierson and Miss Albro dined with us. Very pleasant evening. Carrick called with regard to moving the address.

Friday, December 26, 1913.

Office all day. Conference with Japanese consul who on behalf of and under instructions from his Gov't is very insistent in a courteous way that Lemieux understanding 1 shall be unaffected by recent order. Discussed with White and Cochrane overtures in respect of Newfoundland. Concluded to move very cautiously with M. Weather much colder and very pleasant. Many telegrams of greeting from all parts of the country.

Saturday, December 27, 1913.

Council to deal with several unimportant matters. Discussed expenditure. Doherty discussed organization of his department. White exhibited statement from Boville as to expenditure showing that we must go slowly. In afternoon went to Government House to see Childrens Fancy Dress party. Very pretty and interesting. Duchess looked very frail. Rosamund Macoun looked very sweet and lovely. Ruth Grierson presented me with buttonholed bouquet. Ewarts dined with us and played bridge in the evening.

Sunday, December 28, 1913

Walked for an hour. Most beautiful winter day. Answered curious letter from H.G. His interview with L. evidently unsuccessful as I knew it would be. Consul Goor called in afternoon also Chief Justice Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. William Scott and her brother. Mrs. Scott a very handsome and charming woman. Viscount Campden of British Embassy at Washington wrote that he would call on me tomorrow at my office. Head Doherty's report on Dullman.

Monday, December 29, 1913

Long confidential letter from Churchill as to naval question indicating strong cleavage in British Cabinet as to increasing armaments. Conference with R.B. Bennett as to western conditions, duty on wheat, &c. Conference with Farquhar as to honours list when he announced Egans Knighthood. Long conference with Morine as to negotiations with Morris as to union of Newfoundland with Canada. Prepared careful statement for him. Saw Pavlowa at Russell theatre this evening.

Tuesday, December 30. 1913

Conference in forenoon with C.S. Molnnes, Stewart et al as to matters before the Joint High Comm'n. Afterwards to Rideau Hall and long conference with Duke as to union with Nfld and as to naval question. He agrees that it is undesirable *To* have second rejection by Senate. Drafted and discussed with White long cable to Churchill which went this evening. Think his letter to me should assist situation here.

Wednesday, December 31, 1913

At office all day, clearing up correspondence &c. Council in afternoon and dealt with a variety of matters. Heard very unfavourable report as to Whitney's health from Dr. G. Stirling Ryerson. Discussed with Dr. Reid proposal to commute Dullman's sentence and found him in very much disturbed at the idea. Discussed it briefly with Doherty and asked for a more comprehensive report as to British procedure. At home all the evening and rather disturbed sat no letter or telegram from Grand Pre as to dear Mother. Very thankful for all mercies during past year and that, in this life of strain and stress, health and strength have been vouchsafed to us. Rogers arrived from Winnipeg in good form and I conferred with him as to several matters.