

Thursday, January 1, 1914

Went to office at ten and disposed of correspondence. At noon called on Governor General and stood with him until 1 p.m. during the levee. Nearly 900 attended. In afternoon read for a time and then received with Laura, in evening dined with Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Ross and played bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Ewart and Mr. and Mrs. Ness(?)

Friday, January 2, 1914

Cochrane returned yesterday and seems to be improving. R.C. Whitney called to support Broder's claims and told me that J.P. is better. I sent a telegram to Pyne. Council in afternoon and disposed of many matters, among others the application of Greater Winnipeg Water District. In Council discussed naval question and highway bill and decided not to introduce either. Read my telegram to Churohill.

Saturday, January 3, 1914

Instructed Joseph Pope to proceed with organization of interdepartmental conference, adding Gov. Gen's military secretary as a member. Conference with Japanese Consul explaining that I must await Roche's return. Worked in office until 5 P.M. and then walked. In evening our dinner party. I took in Mrs. Rogers and Miss Tllliers at my left. Some stayed until 11.30

Sunday, January 4, 1914

Delightful day, like late September. Thermometer nearly 40. Walked for an hour from 11 to 12. This afternoon about six had a message from Ford of the Press Gallery that Sir James Whitney died today. This was confirmed by Cochrane. I prepared statement for press, expressing appreciation of his character, ability and public service. His death is a very severe loss to our party in Ontario and the selection of a successor will be difficult.

Monday, January 5, 1914

Report of Whitney's death proves unfounded. Long conference 11 to 1.45 with Trades and Labour delegation. They spoke moderately and for the most part sensibly. Jimmy Simpson of course the chief orator. Long cable from Churohill in the afternoon. He wants us to introduce bill or estimate. McVeity defeated Ellis in mayoralty contest.

Tuesday, January 6, 1914.

Conference with Manager of Lake Superior Corporation as to tariff on structural steel. White and Bredner present. Rogers returned from Montreal where he has been having a lively time with McG. and G. who are becoming reconciled, both much afraid of each other. Council this afternoon and discussed naval question briefly. Read them Churchill's telegram. Saw Ellis who takes his defeat very well.

Wednesday, January 7, 1914

Conference with McGibbon who detailed statement of his struggles in connection with Herald and Patrie. Lunch with Coderre and met Colby, Grant and others. Council all afternoon and discussed many matters, especially estimates for approaching session. Appointed committee to consider and deal with better land policy for western Provinces. Conference with Hughes.

Thursday, January 8, 1914

Conference with Japanese Consul General and delivered note verbale setting forth and affirming our position. In Council discussed naval question and decided that we would not introduce bill this session and await developments as to submitting estimates. Settled final draft of Speech from Throne. Dinner at our house in evening. Took in Mrs. Hazen. Mrs. Doherty at my left. Conference with Edwards as to investigation Kingston Pen'y.

Friday, January 9, 1914

Fine snow storm today. Conference yesterday with Clergue and others as to aid to the North Railway. Clergue a most plausible and clever talker. In Council heard Fleming and Mathieson as to representation of Maritime Provinces for 2 & hours. Hews as to Whitney's condition not encouraging. Doubtful who can form a Government in case he should die.

Saturday, January 10, 1914

Good story from C.F. Lady at Luncheon in Quebec. Had on one side man who continuously talked about appendicitis and his troubles with his appendix. On the other side the man discussed his kidneys.

Eventually she said to hostess. Evidently I am mistaken. I thought this was to be merely a luncheon, but apparently it is an organ recital. Council for a short time. Attended Can. Club luncheon to hear S.J.Elder on Panama Tolls. Very plausible presentation of U.S. argument. Dined in evening at Ewarts.

Sunday, January 11, 1914

Laura in bed with severe influenza. Thermometer 12 or 15 below last night. Walked for an hour 11.15 to 12.15. In afternoon Elder, Ewart, Fitzpatrick and others called. Read Lask's address on naval question. Delegation of Conservative Members from Alberta arrived today. Reports of Whitney's condition are far from encouraging.

Monday, January 12, 1914

Very cold. Therm. 14 below last night and tonight it will probably go to 25. Never saw the moon so wonderfully brilliant as it was this evening. Finished draft of my speech on laval question and statement to be sent out on Wednesday evening with forecast of speech from throne. Showed this to H.R.H. and discussed with him the Naval question. Very impertinent letter from S.H. who seems more vain and stupid as he grows older.

Tuesday, January 13, 1914

Still very cold and windy. Therm, over 30 below. Cochrane absent in Maritime Provinces. There seems to be much dissatisfaction about I.G.E. management. Especially about Brady who is intensely unpopular. Interview with Alberta delegation. A fine body of men very capable, earnest and determined. They declare that we will carry at least half the seats in that Province at next election.

Wednesday, January 14, 1914

Council and discussed various matters. Doherty consulted me in advance about nine Ontario County judgeships. Prevented him bringing it up in Council until after further discussion. Lougheed reported as to conversation with Sir G.W.Ross who seems very anxious that naval estimate should be brought in. Gave announcement to press forecasting speech from Throne. Dinner party at our house and took in Mrs. Perley.

Thursday, January 15, 1914

At office during forenoon and conference with McLeod as to his speech in moving address. Conference with Doherty as to H.C.B. upon letter from Miss O. Spoke of taking him into Dep't of Justice. Opening of parliament very brilliant. Lieut Gov's of Ontario, Quebec, N.B. and Manitoba present. I took Lady Laurier to tea and to her husband's room. State dinner at Gov't House. Laura although much under weather came to reception.

Friday, January 16, 1914

Conference with Doherty as to H.C.B. upon receipt of letter from Miss O. It appears that he has been drinking to excess. Sent telegram suggesting appointment here. His associations evidently very bad again. Discussed C.P.R. Pacific subsidy in Council. Sent telegram to Shaughnessy. Meighen reports excellent meetings in the West. Telegram from Griffith that Lord Strathcona very low.

Saturday, January 17, 1914

Better news from Whitney who has made slight improvement. Griffith reports Lord Strathcona sinking. Went to Gov't House to practise State quadrille. Afterwards conference with G.P. Johnston who suggested appointment of Jewish judge in Montreal. Drawing room this evening very brilliant. Duchess did not attend and was greatly missed. Took Mme. Taschereau to supper at Senate Chambers.

Sunday, January 18, 1914

Church this morning. Telegram from Griffith that Lord Strathcona is holding his own. Sent telegram yesterday to Griffith and today to Mrs. Howard. In afternoon Cowans of Oshawa, Stephens of Montreal and several of our members called. Walked from six to seven and then dealt with correspondence and in evening went over notes for my speech tomorrow in reply to Laurier.

Monday, January 19, 1914

Splendid news from Whitney who has recovered sufficiently to leave for Toronto where he arrives at 10.15 this morning. Began debate on address. McLeod and Lavallee did well. Laurier made a weak speech and quite flinched from "free food" policy. My speech was longer than I intended, but was splendidly received and vigorously applauded.

Decided to postpone state ball on account of Lord Strathcona.

Tuesday, January 20, 1914.

Debate on address continued. McLean of Halifax was followed by White who made a capital speech. He is becoming much more at home in Parliamentary debate. Sat for an hour in Council. Late at night news came of Lord Strathcona's death. Sent a message on behalf of gov't to Griffith and on behalf of Laura and myself to his daughter. Arranged with Laurier to postpone tribute till tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 21, 1914

Paid tribute to strathcona on opening of House and moved adjournment seconded by Laurier. Afterwards had conference with Forget, Greenshields and L'Esperance. Then in Council and afterwards conference with Forget and L'Esperance who complained bitterly of Pelletier. House all evening. Swelling in front of lobe of right ear giving me much pain and inconvenience.

Thursday, January 22, 1914

Long conference yesterday with Shaughnessy respecting Pacific Service. This afternoon and hour's conference with McKenzie and Mann who urge loan or guarantee to prevent their securities from being defaulted. Told them I could hold out no hope. They seem depressed and resentful. Deputation of members urging claims of Beattie to Senatorship. Business conditions apparently improving.

Friday, January 23, 1914.

Debate still continues on Laurier's amendment. Much speculation as to appointment of High Commissionership. Arranged that Duke of Argyll shall represent Canada at Strathcona's funeral, Sir C. Tupper being ill. Bribery charges at Quebec creating great sensation. Discussed a few days ago question of Manitoba representation with E.M.McD. Suggesting number of Senators as Minimum.

Saturday, January 24, 1914

Council all day. Went over questions and motions. At 12.30 interview with Governor as to some matters of minor importance. He leaves for

Quebec tomorrow night. Did not deal with County Court Judgeships, that question becoming acute. Discussed French treaty rights with Doherty and Hazen and decided not to enforce Customs and Fisheries Act of last Session. Discussed also with Doherty Dullman case as to which he is much exercised.

Sunday, January 25, 1914

Kidd came this morning and made incision in minor lobe of ear. Very painful but great relief afterwards. Says I must remain in house two or three days. In evening wrote to Hal who has been freely yielding to his craving for liquor and acting very badly.

Monday, January 26, 1914

Remained in house all day under Doctor's care. In evening Sir C.F. came and we discussed Newfoundland situation and Dullman case. He advises that he had better not write to Howley and that Dullman case might stand until end of Session, asks me to expedite matters of construction at Quebec.

Tuesday, January 27, 1914

Remained in house all day. Both yesterday and today went over correspondence with Blount. Prepared to go to House for vote this evening but Pardee paired with me. Laura went to Jewish ball at Chateau and was very pleased with her reception, but she is becoming tired of constant social strain.

Wednesday, January 28, 1914

Got ready to go to House as Kidd says I may go out; but Rogers and other Ministers thought it unnecessary. Considered redistribution measures and High Com-missionership and asked Newcombe's opinion as to appointment of Senator or M.P. without salary. Did not go to Cabinet ladies reception this evening, but Laura returned saying that it was a very great success.

Thursday, January 29, 1914

Went to office this morning and attended to arrears of correspondence. Council at two and then to House at three. Vote on

amendment came at six and we had a majority of 45. Called on White and found him feverish and nervous. Discussed arrangements with Bank of Commerce. In evening went to State Ball. Very brilliant scene. Danced in State quadrille with Princess. Took Duchess into supper. Met Mrs. Dana Gibson.

Friday, January 30, 1914

Conference with Maritime members one and one quarter hour as to redistribution. Found them desirous of an arrangement to retain present representation, but not excited. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have really no ease. Three members of Quebec Legislature have resigned in consequences of charges brought by Mail. In House took up Estimates. Dined at Gov't house to meet Taft who was very amusing with stories of Gridiron Club.

Saturday, January 31, 1914

Council all day from eleven. Went to hear Taft's address before Canadian Club which was very good. He had great reception. H.R. H., Laurier and I spoke briefly. Discussed in Council redistribution and Naval question, the latter in consequence of impatient secret cable from Churchill. In evening saw Martin Harvey in "The Breed of the Treshams" Very melodramatic. He is an excellent actor. We went behind to see him at close of play.

Sunday, February 1, 1914

Attended consecration service at All Saints. Archbishop conducted service and Bishop of Montreal preached the sermon. In afternoon Lord Chelmsford, Mr. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Griffiths and others called. Chelmsford very interesting man. Ear troubling me again. Went to Dr. Klidd yesterday morning and had it painted with iodine and Laura painted it today.

Monday, February 2, 1914

Council at two. Discussed bill of L'Esperance for repeal of Laurier Naval Act. Decided it would not probably be reached. Private members day and answered nearly two hundred questions and passed nearly 200 motions. Interview with Lord Chelmsford re Aldwych site. Had him, Tupper and Bond at lunch. Tupper very cordial and quite like his old self. My ear very painful. White had operation on his ear yesterday and his condition serious.

Tuesday, February 3, 1914

Conference as to Chelmsford's mission and decided that Council would hear him and Bond on Thursday. Council and dealt with routine matters. Went into Estimates in afternoon. In evening did not go to House as my ear was increasingly painful. Worked at papers connected with redistribution and considered the personnel of Committee to whom bill is to be referred.

Wednesday, February 4, 1914

Dr. Kidd came this morning but postponed operation till afternoon, that I might fulfil engagements. Met several delegations and especially Kersey and Wanklyn respecting Pacific Steamship service. Practically decided that our best course is to be mail couriers for U.K. and world across Pacific. Operation at 5, very painful, no anaesthetic. Braced up for our dinner party. I took in Mrs. J.D.Held and Tupper took in Laura. Wound very painful, passed sleepless night.

Thursday, February 5, 1914

All day in house. Very much worn out. Dr. came at 11.15 when I was very sound asleep and they found it difficult to awaken me. Slept most of the day and read very little. Heard that White is gradually improving. Laidlaw came today and gave me another treatment. Took specimens of blood to ascertain whether opsonic index has improved.

Friday, February 6, 1914

Very much improved today after excellent night's sleep. Blount came and I dealt with correspondence for an hour. House yesterday disposed of Bill to abolish honours and Bell to abolish capital punishment. No one seems to have noticed humour of dealing with the two subjects in immediate sequence.

Saturday, February 7, 1914

Dr. gave permission to go to office and arrived shortly before noon. Attended council 12 to 5.50 and discussed many matters of importance, e.g. introduction and reference of redistribution bill, notice to deter immigration of labourers, running of trains on transcontinental Ba6t of Levis &c.&c. In evening dinner party at Chief Justice's. Took

in Lady Fitzpatrick. Mrs. Anglin at my left. Very pleasant party.

Sunday, February 8, 1914

Kidd came this morning and says that this will be his last visit if progress continues. Laidlaw came yesterday and gave another treatment and says that culture shows similar organism of low virulence. Obsonic index has risen to 95. He wants it to rise above 100. Various callers in afternoon including D.H. McDougall, General Manager of Dom.Steel Corporation. Worked at correspondence during the evening.

Monday, February 10, 1914

Worked at home until eleven, then called on White. Found him still confined to his bed but hopeful of getting out in about a week. Urged him to go immediately for a three weeks holiday. Conference with Pelletier and Hazen's as to McLean's motion re Atlantic service. Interview with H.R.H. In House from 3 to 6 and during evening worked at matters connected with redistribution bill.

Tuesday, February 10, 1914.

Worked all forenoon at preparation for speech *on* redis. bill. Discussed it briefly in Council. Introduced bill in a nonpartisan speech Of one hour, which was well received. Laurier said nothing and McDonald of Pictou made a few observations as to effect of subs. 4 of 5S.51 of B.N.A.Act. Called on White and found him better. Conference with Ames as to Monk's resignation.

Wednesday, February 11, 1914

Cochrane presented letter from Angus McDonald which seems to prove that C.F. was mistaken. Cochrane told us that he leaves for Europe on 28th. His health very precarious. Conference with Shaughnessy who spoke of C.N.R. application and thinks we should be very careful. Discussion all afternoon in House on Hudson Bay railway. Dinner at our house this evening. I took in Mrs. W.J.Roohe. Cowan of Vancouver came.

Thursday, February 12, 1914

Many conferences. Met Lord Chelmsford and promised to write. Discussed the Aldwych site proposal in Council. Wrote and telegraphed McBride having first shown letter to Rogers. Put through Mounted Police and Conservation Com'n Estimates. We carried local by election in Victoria, N.S. Discussed our highway bill with delegation from good roads Convention.

Friday, February 13, 1914

Busy day with conferences, delegations &c. Interview with Lorne McGibbon who described what he had accomplished at Quebec. Conferences also with L'Esperance and Lancaster who requires careful handling. Showed Churchill's telegram to the Duke who was much pleased. Called on Jamieson who said he would have no objection to having his County added to Annapolis or Yarmouth. Conference in evening with Cochrane as to High Com'nship H&c. Perley in afternoon with tale of woe.

Saturday, February 14, 1914

At office early to deal with correspondence. In council 11 to 6.31 dealing with many matters. Discussed North Ry read long letter from White strongly opposing it. Conference with R.E.Harris who very earnestly asked reasonable protection to Steel Industry, alleging that it is in deplorable condition. Conference with E.N.Lewis and severely disciplined him for putting notice on order paper respecting Asiatic immigration.

Sunday, February 15, 1914

Very cold yesterday and today. Walked for an hour 11 to 12. Brilliant sunshine. In afternoon several callers. Lady Boss, J.A.M. Aikins, Dr. Doughty and others. Asked Will whether he had heard from Hal and he replied in negative. In evening Blount came and I disposed of large mass of correspondence. Interview over telephone with ?F. as to his assertion respecting Angus McD. He seems greatly disturbed as to his misstatement.

Monday, February 16, 1914

Northrup brought on his motion as to divorce procedure and made a very good speech. Doherty and Laurier spoke also. I prepared amendment which was moved by Barnard, after which I spoke and adjourned the debate. Everyone was pleased with the way in which a difficult subject was handled. Transcontinental Ry, report has produced great

sensation.

Tuesday, February 17, 1914

Council for an hour. Moved second reading of redistribution bill in brief speech. Laurier spoke but made no real attempt at criticism. Lash presented read statement on behalf of Canadian Northern ry. , showing that Mackenzie and Mann had put into the Railway all the assets and profits derived from associated Companies and enterprises. White much better and expects to be out tomorrow or Thursday.

Wednesday, February 18, 1914

No Council today. Long conference with Sir W. Mackenzie as to aid to Canadian Northern. Gave him no encouragement. Attended dinner of R.B.Bennett to eastern and western members. In House A.K.Maclean moved electoral reform resolution and I spoke in answer to Laurier for 15 minutes. Skating party at Gov't House in evening. Very beautiful scene. Took in Duchess to supper.

Thursday, February 19, 1914.

Decided in council on 9 members for the Representation Bill and moved in the House accordingly. Sifton came to see me in order to urge that Can.Nor.Ry. should not be allowed to smash. Delegation from Montreal to urge guarantee of bonds for tunnel. Kemp came to give his views as to bilingual postal card. He regards situation as very serious. Dinner party in evening. I took in Mrs. Meighen. Meighen looks very pale and ill.

Friday, February 20, 1914

Council at 3 and then to House for an hour. Afterwards at office to take up accumulated correspondence. J.D. MacD. and Geo.Henderson discussed matters in Halifax. Then conference with White at his room respecting G.U.B. and Quebec & Saguenay. Letter from Farquhar practically saying that Duke will remain another year if King gives permission.

Saturday, February 21, 1914

Blount came at 8.30 and went through much correspondence. Fierce letters pouring in about bilingual P.C. Spoke strongly to Pelletier about detriment to party which his stupidity and vanity have occasioned. Dealt with Hew Brunswick claim and other important matters in Council. In evening went to concert at Government House. Musicians from Toronto. Miss Marjorie Dennis (vocal) and Miss Vera Barston especially good. Laura and I went in with Duke and Duchess. Duchess looking much stronger.

Sunday, February 22, 1914

Did not go out this forenoon, but took complete rest. In afternoon Plummer and McInnes Came to speak about duties on steel, products. Afterwards Sir John Willison as to Imperial Press Congress. Lord Brooke and Col. Hughes also called. Then came Parley with a long discussion about various matters. Then Blount to go over the correspondence. Did not go out doors at all.

Monday, February 23, 1914

Alex Laird came from Toronto at my request. Discussed with him Quebec and Saguenay Ry. and informed him Gov't would give guarantee of \$35,000. per mile. Discussed also Can.Nor. situation which he regards as very grave. In House Laurier moved for papers respecting Georgian Bay Canal and long discussion ensued. Rogers announced Commission to consider commercial feasibility. Received delegates from Chambre de Commerce on same subject. Egan's ball masque at Chateau in evening.

Tuesday, February 24, 1914

This morning received notice that Buchanan would introduce discussion of transfer of natural resources to Western Provinces. I replied stating position as to negotiations. Conference with Lash as to Can. Nor. and afterwards as to Quebec-Saguenay. Gave letter to Laird as to bond guarantee. Dinner at speaker Laundry's in evening. Quite dull except for Senator K who as usual got drunk.

Wednesday, February 25, 1914

All day in Council. Discussed at great length Can. Nor. appl'n. Varying opinions but all agree that we can do nothing without fullest information. Decided to ask McK whether he will give his own personal guarantee to protect Gov't In evening attended dinner of Dob. Rifle Ass'n to H.R.H. who made as usual an excellent speech.

Thursday, February 26, 1914

Gave dinner to about 40 members and press men in Restaurant. Very pleasant time. Long conference with McKenzie who is stupidly unreasonable about assistance to C.N.R. Discussed it also with Osier and arranged with Shaughnessy and Taylor that Rogers should go to Montreal and consult them on the subject. Worked late in my room at correspondence.

Friday, Feb. 27, 1914

Weather much milder for first time since 26 Jan. Conference with McKenzie in morning and with him and Mann in the afternoon. Gave McK. memo of points to which he should address himself and asked for formal application. Rogers went to Montreal to see S. & T. Large delegation of millers as to free wheat and Gov't line of steamers across Atlantic. Heard them from 12 to 2. Very tired in evening and did not go to the House.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 1914

Conference early this forenoon with Rogers, White and Parley. Conference with Bowden as to exam'n of C.N.R. line. Says a thorough examination would take 6 months. White very excited about C.N.R. Confce with Parley as to High Com'rship. Did not sit in Council this afternoon. Dinner in evening. Took in Mrs. Crothers. Ottawa Univ. defeated Princeton at hockey 3 to 2.

Sunday, Mar. 1, 1914

Attended church this morning and heard good sermon from missionary who spent 5 years at Horsehells Island - a fine looking clear cut man. Blustering boisterous weather this afternoon. Several callers including a Newfoundlander, Goodyear, who is a student at Toronto University. Lord Minto died today; sent tlgm to Lady Minto and gave appreciation to the press. Hon. C.R. Devlin also died today.

Monday, Mar. 2, 1914

Shaughnessy and Taylor came from Montreal and we discussed greater part

of day affairs of C.N.R. Shaughnessy very bitter against McK. and insists that he should be eliminated. Taylor very nervous and apprehensive as to effect of default on London market and on banking situation. Continued discussion during evening at dinner given by Rogers at Chateau. All day debate on Oriental Immigration.

Tuesday, Mar.3, 1914

At 10 went to Social Service Congress and delivered address of welcome. Dr Carman in chair and lively as a cricket. My address well received. Further discussion with Shaughnessy as to C.N.R. and as to restraining capitalization of railways. Grits moved strong resolution against Crothers to which he replied in capital speech. I closed debate in vigorous speech and received great applause from our members. Vote at 1.45.

Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1914

All afternoon debate on old age pensions. White made a capital speech. McK. called at six with refce to C.N.R. application but did not produce promised statements. Delegation of shipbuilders asking for bounty on tonnage. Asked them to differentiate it from bounty on wheat. Reception of Cabinet ladies at Chateau went off well. I danced several dances. Took Mrs. White to supper.

Thursday, Mar.5, 1914

Laurier brought on his motion as to deputy speaker in a moderate speech. I replied in like tone and asked him to withdraw his motion which he did. McK. brought his application respecting C.N.R. and it proved very unsatisfactory. Told him it would not go either in Council or in caucus. Afterwards discussed it with raler(?) and Rogers.

Friday, Mar.6, 1914

Various confces during forenoon and at 12.45 received delegation from Social Service Congress as to electoral purity and as to Amendments to Criminal Code, B.C.Miners strike and cigarette bill. In afternoon at House and Conference with McK. respecting C.N.R. in evening at my office going over their proposals and long oonfce with Raid and Rogers as to County Court appointments and C.N. R. application.

Saturday, Mar. 7, 1914

Very early at office. Confce with Meighen as to amendment to By. Aot and as to debate on N T.B. Com'n report. Confce with McK as to C.N.R. Appl'n and then in Council. Debating a capital case and the appointment of the Ontario County Court Judges. Then to Canadian Club and listened to a very fine address by Meighen on the Panama Canal Tolls question. In Council until 7.15 and at 8.15 confce with McK. at my house.

Sunday, Mar. 8, 1914

Went for long walk. Very delightful day. In afternoon many callers including Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Evans. In evening dined at Chateau. Rogers had large party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Evans. McK left last night for Toronto after receiving full par's of all further information desired.

Monday, Mar. 9, 1914

Council at 12 to consider despatch from Ambassador asking further concessions re Fishery Regulations. We declined. Committee on C.N.R. met at eleven and discussed situation. Mrs. Reford came to get advice as to her son who is studying to enter foreign office. Broder's motion to prohibit cigarettes came on late and I moved to refer it to special committee.

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 1914

Committee C.N.R. met again. McK. did not put in an appearance. His statement is not ready. Reid says very little information as to physical condition is in Department. Carriole introduced discussion on iron industry. Dr. Clark made his usual free trade speech. Discussed resolution to increase representation of Manitoba in the Senate. Laurier argued that we had no power.

Wednesday, Mar. 11, 1914

Matheson and McLean from P.E.I, came re redistribution. Had them and Lloyd Harris at luncheon. Knowles moved resolution for removal of duty on agricultural implements. I replied in 15 minute speech. Meighen made brilliant speech at midnight Division shortly before 2 a.m. Conference re C.N.B. McKenzie made his statement before committee of Council. Eclipse of moon 10 to 12. Very fine.

Thursday, Mar.12, 1914

Long confce with Mckenzie et al. respecting C.N.R. application. Confce in evening continued until nearly midnight. Got a clear understanding of their financial position. Gave dinner in evening to 40 members and Senators. A young press gallery man McCormack made a clever speech. Members much excited as to C.N.R. application.

Friday, Mar.13, 1914

Confce with McKenzie and afterwards with Chamberlain who wants a guarantee for S.T.P. bonds to complete mountain section. Had long talk with J.C.Douglas who shares Dennis' opinion that we can carry 14 out of 18 seats in Nova Scotia. W.H.Moore came to see me in the evening and inter alia offered to assist us with his papers.

Saturday, Mar.14, 1914

Mackenzie looks very haggard and worn and has aged 20 years in the past 2. Saw him at 11 and Lash at 1 but said very little. In Council 11 to 5.46 and dealt with many long delayed matters. Roche brought up amendment to land Act and White discussed Civil Service and Superannuation. Foster very urgent to have fourth member on Georgian Bay Com'n. In evening dined at Chateau with Yadas. A party of about 50 and very enjoyable. I took in Mrs. Yada. Host proposed Zing's health and I the health of the Emperor of Japan, to which Yada spoke in reply very appropriately. Then I got Laurier to propose health of host and hostess. Then Yada proposed health of Laurier and myself to which I replied.

Sunday, Mar.15, 1914

Went to early service but Laura did not go until 11. Beautiful day, thermometer over 40. Heavy fall of soft damp snow yesterday.

Monday, Mar.16, 1914

Old man of the Sea arrived again today. I met Bell Shannon and Saunders and instructed them as to C.N.R. audit but word came from Toronto that they are not to go until Wednesday night. Council at 11 and passed Supplementary Estimates. In evening went to St.

Patrick's banquet. My speech well received. Fuller of New York Murphy and Laurier also spoke.

Tuesday, Mar. 17, 1914

At 6 Gutelius came with statement showing necessities of C.N.R. during next six years about 235 millions. Discussed situation with Reid and Rogers and afterwards with White. The latter very pessimistic. Came home at 9.30 to consider my speech to caucus in the morning. The situation is very trying. Apparently the Liberal Provincial Gov'ts will stand by us, as indeed they are forced to do.

Wednesday, Mar. 18, 1914

Caucus for 3 hours. Gave a plain and business like statement of the C.N.R. situation and invited opinion and comment. Fierce invective against M. & M. On the whole caucus cleared the air. Hal arrived at noon and looks well. Three Rivers provincial election went to Liberals by practically same majority as at General Election.

Thursday, Mar. 19, 1914

Long confere with Lash and previous confere with Angus Sinclair and with Cantley. Sent for Gutelius and told him and his assistants to go over their conclusions with C.N.R. engineers. Arranged confere with Bennett and Sinclair and between Bennett and Lash. Attended Banquet to Bowel 1 and DeBoucherville and proposed their health.

Friday, Mar. 20, 1914

Long confere with Bennett in morning and again in afternoon. He was impressed by Lash and Sinclair. Arranged with him to remain instead of going West. Letter from 'Baker' as to possible scandal postal station site on St. James St. Montreal. Told Blount to make careful enquiry. Received delegation as to iron bounties. Drury, McKenzie and Lott.

Saturday, Mar. 21, 1914

In Council all day. Long discussion on wheat agricultural implements and iron and steel duties. Nothing definitely decided. Rogers, Roche and Crothers very insistent that agricultural implements be reduced to 10 percent. Afterwards discussed with White O.H.B.. situation. He says that Walker is greatly agitated over situation. Dined with the Farquhars and heard Madame Carti sing charmingly.

Sunday, Mar.22, 1914

Walked with Hal. for an hour and discussed his appointment to the Civil Service. In afternoon several callers. In evening went over correspondence with Blount. Minnes came at 12.30 and reported my ear much better, suffering severely from very heavy cold which I have had all winter.

Monday, Mar. 23, 1914

McBride arrived this morning. Conferred with him for an hour and a half respecting Asiatic immigration, better terms and other matters. Had luncheon for him of 16 at Club. Confce with H.R.H. as to honours but without definite conclusion. Committee on C.N.R. met at my office in afternoon and evening and laid down definite proposals for negotiation. We decided to ask for 50\$ of stock and guarantee of floating indebtedness.

Tuesday, Mar.24, 1914

Met Lash and communicated our proposals which he regards as quite unreasonable and excessive. MoK.said same subsequently. Graham made violent speech all afternoon and evening, attacking report of Transcontinental Com'h Middlebro is to reply. Confce with Gutelius who reported extraordinary observations of MaoKenzie.

Wednesday, Mar.25, 1914

Confce with Beck this afternoon as to radial railways He discussed C.N.E. and talked of unpopularity of M.& M. Tlgm from Shaughnessy offering to come up and replied that we would like him to come next week. Lash discussed our proposals that half of stock shd be transferred to Gov't. White and he had lively altercation. Graham continued his speech for two hours. Attended dinner given by Burrell to Ministers of Agriculture. Sat next to Motherwell.

Thursday, Mar. 26, 1914

Delegation of 1500 in Commons Chamber on Waterways, power and assistance to radial railways. Beck made good speech. Got away at 1*50 and arrived at Commander Evans Canadian Club luncheon just too late for lunch. I went on with lunch while he went on with his address, but he finished first. Very great number of delegations and conferences all the afternoon and evening. Very tired. McBride agreed over telephone that C.N.B.C. Ry. might be made subject to Ry. Com.

Friday, Mar. 27, 1914

Confce this forenoon with Lash and Perley discussing question of stock to be delivered. Discussed in Council Indian Com'n and telephoned MoB tide at Montreal. Conferred with Rogers and Reid and with Gutlius as to C.N.R. situation and in evening with MacKenzie Delegation from Hamilton as to appointment of Milne to the Senate. Suffered much from insomnia this week. Heard from Beaubien that Monk is seriously ill and cannot recover.

Saturday, Mar. 28, 1914

Discussed C.N.R. matters before Com. They agreed to 45% of stock. Conferred with Lewis and Meighen as to form of agreement. Disposed of many matters in Council. Told Perley he was to go to England. Come home at 6 and practised golf with parachute ball. Long confuse in evening with McK who tried hard to get me to reduce stock to 30 millions.

Sunday, Mar. 29, 1914

Went to see Jamieson and found him greatly improved. Also saw Lancaster who looks very ill. Told him if he found it necessary to resign that he must consider his health above all. Attended All Saints Church and heard good sermon from My. MaoKay, a most earnest and thoughtful man. In afternoon had several callers and in evening took correspondence with Blount.

Monday, Mar. 30, 1914

People voted today by a majority of over 1300 against 31 Mile Lake water supply. Confce with Murray and Tilley as to New Brunswick Central Ry. Discussed it briefly in Council. Confce with MacKenzie Perley and Lash and arranged for Perley and Lash to meet Lewis in the evening. Did not go to House in evening as I suffer from a very

distressing cold.

Tuesday, Mar. 31, 1914

Formation of Canadian Bar Association. I attended afternoon meeting and made a brief address. I met at 5 the auditors after previous conference with Meighen and glanced over their report respecting C.N.R. Arranged that Meighen shall meet them this evening. Discussed the proposed agreement with Reid. Interview with Japanese consul as to B.C. Discrimination. Extended O.C. prohibiting immigration of labourers into B.C. In evening sent for Br. Kidd. Says my lungs are all right.

Wednesday, Apr. 1, 1914

Went to see Dr. Minnes as to condition of nostrils. He says partly due to uric acid condition of system. Extracted small piece of bone from gum, evidently part of root of tooth removed about 15 years ago. Prepared speech in reply to Laurier on Transcontinental Report. Saw Sir W. McK. for a few minutes. Interview with H.R.H. and discussed honours list, especially as to West.

Thursday, Apr. 2, 1914

All day preparing for reply to Laurier. He began his speech about 9.30 and spoke until after eleven. It was not very convincing. I began shortly after eleven and spoke for over an hour. Had great reception from our men. We had 38 majority on the vote. Remained until after 3 a.m. to put through supply. Then walked home in company of Morphy. Thermometer 15 above.

Friday, Apr. 3, 1914

Various conferences with MacKenzie who is very hard pressed by his contractors. Meighen is doing splendid work in his conferences with Lash and has arranged for a further examination of C.N.R. accounts. Delegation of 16 Ontario members urging us not to reduce duties on agricultural implements. Several fear results in their ridings.

Saturday, Apr. 4, 1914

Confce with McKenzie and then all day in Council discussing tariff. White proposes changes in Agr'l implements, steel rods and woollen goods. After long debate #8 struck out the latter and some minor items. Poster strongly against reducing duties on implements, fearing that it would be destructive of protective principle and would alienate our friends. After Council discussed C.N.R. matter with Lash. Weather cold and unpleasant with snow flurries.

Sunday, Apr. 5, 1914

Went to see Fred who has been quite ill for weeks. Then to All Saints. In afternoon Alfred Noyes and Mrs. Noyes, Hon. J.A. Calder, Br. Mackintosh Bell and Mrs. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Barnard called. Bell very interesting and bright and his wife charming. H. Noyes very quiet. Discussed Western situation at some length with Calder who impresses one as a man of great ability and good judgment. Discussed water situation with Ellis.

Monday, Apr. 6, 1914

Discussed with White during forenoon some incidents of budget. He spoke more than three hours and with great effect. His tariff changes well received and Grits look greatly disappointed. At end of his speech he received a great ovation. Telegraphed for Shaughnessy to come tomorrow. Discussed C.N.R. situation with Meighen. People more inclined to consider that aid should be given on reasonable terms. Mederic Martin defeated G.W. Stephens for Mayor of Montreal.

Tuesday, Apr. 7, 1914

Confce with Jap. Consul and afterwards with Wanklyn as to Chinese immigration. Attended H.R.H. and discussed honours. Chapais declines Knighthood. Long coffee with MacKenzie in afternoon and with Mullarkey in evening who spoke freely as to Gouin. He says Gouin is for Gouin chiefly. Had Shaughnessy at dinner and discussed C.N.R. situation freely with him, and previously with Calder of Sask. Telegraphed Hot Springs for rooms and had answer within hour and half.

Wednesday, Apr. 8, 1914

Quite a snow fall last evening. Shaughnessy met Committee this

morning and we discussed quite fully the question of taking a considerable portion of G.N.E. stock as a bonus. He is strongly opposed to our doing so but we beat him on the argument pro and con. Attended House and announced that we would give \$10,000 to families of those who suffered by Newfoundland disaster. Left at 4.45 for New York. Drayton Graham Davis and others on board.

Thursday, Apr. 9, 1914

Arrived New York 20 minutes late. Went to Scribners. Saw Nachbar and went to several shops. Weather very cold. Mrs. Hazen dined with us and we went to see "A Pair of Sixes" at the Longacre Theatre. It proved to be a farcical comedy. Very amusing. Sent Easter cards to Mother, Julia and the children. No reporters have disturbed us. Peel already the benefit of getting away from the daily routine.

Friday, Apr. 10, 1914

Weather much milder. Laura and X walked on Fifth Ave. for an hour and then went for an hour to a moving picture theatre. Press reports say that weather is very cold in the South, but probably much milder in early future. At 5.08 we left for Hot Springs. Had a very good room and comfortable journey. Met a lady and gentleman from Montreal who recognized me by my portraits.

Saturday, Apr. 11, 1914

Arrived Hot Springs shortly after nine. Went to Dr. Pole and found that the elder had died 28th Dec. last. Took massage at 11 and bath at 12.30. In afternoon played golf with Osler and Bogart. Latter a very steady player. In evening played bridge with Miss Thompson and Mrs. Egan. Many Canadians here including Mrs. Gibson, Miss Gibbons, the C. S. MacInneses and several others. A most delightful day.

Sunday, Apr. 12, 1914

Most charming weather. Bath at 7.15 for an hour and massage at 9.45. Went to church and remained to communion. In afternoon Laura went for a drive with Mrs. Gibson and I slept, read and walked. In the evening the usual concert by the orchestra, very good selections. Felt rather tired from effects of baths and massage. Left eye in bad condition, evidently from effects of uric acid.

Monday, Apr. 13.

In better form today. Tlgm from Blount as to Knighthood for DE Blachelle. I replied strongly approving of him for that or K.C.M.G. Played golf in afternoon with Osler and Bogart and did a little better. In evening played bridge with Laura, Mrs. Egan and Miss Gibbons. Osler was to have played but went to bed tired out with too much golf. Says he suffers frightfully from insomnia.

Tuesday, Apr. 14, 1914

Saw Dr. Pole this morning. Test shows slight excess of uric acid and of indican. Otherwise very good. Says my intestinal disorder is largely the result of nervous strain and of lack of exercise. Played golf with Cerby 12.15 to 2 and beat him one up. Negotiated crater first shot both yesterday and today. Tlgm from Blount telling me not to hurry back. Foster to reply to Laurier.

Wednesday, Apr. 15, 1914

Sir T. Tait wife and daughter have arrived from White Sulphur Springs. Weather wet but practised this afternoon and took a short lesson from J. Green. Relations between U.S. and Mexico evidently becoming very strained and there seems every probability that war will ensue.

Thursday, Apr 16, 1914

Played golf with Corby and beat him 5 up in 11 holes. Find that I cannot play so much golf as I did two years ago. It seems to fatigue me more. In evening played cards for a short time and then read. Mrs Thomson {widow of S.R.I and her daughter play very good bridge. Harding of Montreal, formerly of St. John, arrived this morning.

Friday, Apr. 17, 1914

Played foursome. McCarthy and I against Masten and McInnes. They beat us at first but we were all even at 17th and I divided 18th with Masten. We did 14, 15, 16 & 17 in a total of 11. Weather very delightful. Tlgm from Blount saying that I need not return until Friday, the 24th but we have arranged to be in New York on the 20th.

Saturday, Apr.18, 1914

Delightful day. Played golf in the morning badly and fairly well in afternoon. lady Egan gave dinner party. Osier McCarthy Mrs. Gibson Mrs. Hazen Laura and I. There have been 42 Canadians in the Hotel since we have been here. Discussed with Gillespie of New York his proposal to establish works in Ottawa.

Sunday, Apr 19, 1914

Quiet day. Got ready our trunks during forenoon and said goodbye to various friends. Left at 4.40 for New York. Lady Egan, Miss Douglas and Miss Gibbons went by the same train. Dined early and went to bed at nine. Weather yesterday and today delightful temperature 76 in the shade.

Monday, Apr 20, 1914

Arrived New York on time. George T. Wilson called at nine. We lunched with the Wilsons at Sherrys and met a large party. I sat between Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Demarest. The latter is a lady of ideas. She insisted on dancing with us between the courses (as is the custom in the U.S.) and I essayed the hesitation waltz. In the evening went to the theatre and saw "Potash and Perlmutter" and afterwards with the Wilson* and Demarests to see Joan Sawyer dance.

Tuesday, Apr.21, 1914

Yesterday afternoon discussed with Said and McNab the Newfoundland situation. During this morning went to various Shops and in afternoon saw Pinafore at the Hippodrome. Expected to leave tomorrow morning but at last moment secured accommodation on the Sleeping Car for Montreal and left at 7.45 for Ottawa.

Wednesday, Apr.22, 1914

Arrived Ottawa at 11.30 and at 2 went to Councoil and afterwards to the House. Saw McKenzie for a moment at 6. Went over the result of Meighen's work with him and discussed situation, with Rogers. Budget debate still proceeding and Laurier expected to speak tomorrow. Chamberlain in town with reference to Grand Trunk application.

Thursday, Apr. 23 1914

Called committee to hear Meighen's report and discussed Canadian Northern situation thoroughly. Laurier spoke in afternoon and moved weak resolution. Foster replied but not by any means up to his usual form. In evening heard Hamlet (Forbes Robertson) for an hour and then conferred with MacKenzie for an hour as to C.N.R.

Friday, Apr. 24, 1914

Rhodes explained Tramway matter from his standpoint. He seems to have acted in a very straight forward manner. Chamberlain came and produced hesitating opinion from Finlay as to question in issue. Told him I could not depart from my original proposal. Further confce with Meighen and with McK. and went over whole situation with Rogers before his departure for Toronto this evening.

Saturday, Apr. 25, 1914

Confce with Chamberlain this morning. Imported to Council who approved of my stand. Long confce with McK. in forenoon and again from 4 to 6.30 and practically settled bill and agreement. In evening went to Press Gallery Dinner. Doherty delivered very clever and witty speech. Met Ogden M. Reid, proprietor of New York Tribune.

Sunday, Apr. 26, 1914

Rain yesterday and today very welcome. Men began on Wednesday or Thursday on our grounds on plan prepared by Todd. Cleared up a lot of arrears with Blount. In afternoon Ogden Held called and afterwards Mr. & Mrs. Frank Barnard who are visiting Ottawa on their way home from their annual winter visit to Switzerland.

Monday, Apr. 27, 1914

Confce with MacKenzie and afterwards with Lash. They vehemently urged that Gov't should not have more than 30 millions of stock. Went over agreement with Meighen and instructed calling caucus. Confce with Bennett in afternoon and again at midnight but found very intractable. Evidently greatly piqued because he was not called into consultation on legal questions.

Tuesday, Apr.28, 1914

Caucus of members and Senators at ten. I explained C.N.R. proposals fully and they were received with warm approval. Bennett and Nickle left caucus and gave foolish statement to the press. All Ministers greatly pleased with result and many members came and warmly congratulated me. Bennett threatens to submit resolution to Laurier and to take seat on the other side of the House. Set notice of resolutions ready and placed in votes and proceedings. Also prepared statement for press.

Wednesday, Apr.29, 1914

Publication of C.N.R. proposals elicited warm approval. Wonder is expressed that we made so good a bargain. Wm. MacMaster in calling on me offered warm congratulations. Ames and Parley urge action to bring in Casgrain. Discussed it briefly with Pelletier and arranged interview with Patenaude. Discussed G.T.P. claim with Laurier who considers our proposal reasonable.

Thursday, Apr.30, 1914

Patenaude came to luncheon. He recognizes the weakness of Casgrain as a Minister but thinks he is the best man available. The French think they are not adequately represented in the Cabinet. He thinks Casgrain should replace Coderre who is very little in touch with the party outside of his own constituency. Tariff discussion in the House principally on potatoes. White handles everything remarkably well.

Friday, May 1, 1914

Tariff still under discussion, which ended, at midnight yesterday. Delegation from Halifax yesterday respecting sailing ports of Mail Steamers. They lunched with me today. Discussed yesterday with Rogers and Kemp and today with Pelletier. dual postal card. Pelletier said glad to arrange if he could, get rid of Lemaire. Redistribution committee at deadlock in two cases, one in Quebec and the other in Nova Scotia. Told our men to stand firm. Laidlaw says obso(?) index is 111. Gave me a treatment.

Saturday, May 2, 1914

Conferences and Correspondence until 11 and then council until 5. Saw H.R.H. at 12.39 who informed me that his successor will be Prince Alexander of Teok, great grandson of Gei.iii. His wife is Princess Alice, daughter of Prince Leopold and niece of the Duke. Discussed this with a few colleagues and wrote Duke and Harcourt our entire approval. Dined with Mrs. J.F.Stairs and met Dr. MacKintosh Bell and his wife. Long conference at luncheon with Bennett as to C.N. Agreement which he thinks very defective.

Sunday, May 3, 1914

Roamed over grounds this morning. A beautiful spring day. Good progress has been made in the work(?) which Todd planned for us. Sent message to Princess Louise sympathy on death of Duke of Argyll

Monday, May 4, 1914

Conference with McCarthy as to Bennett. He says B. was always dissatisfied about something and never knew his own mind. Put various statements respecting C.N.R. one of which had an admission which the Grit reporters discovered and grotesquely magnified. Wrote Duke as to Cartier memorial and had telegram from him that Lansdowne will represent Canada at Argyll's funeral.

Tuesday, May 5, 1914

Wrote Hanna, Foy and Hearst as to date of Ontario elections. Debate all afternoon and evening on I.C.R. I followed Macdonald of Picton. We had a majority of 39 and none of our men broke away although some are greatly dissatisfied. Am beginning to think that Cochrane is not a great success as an administrator. He sails for Canada on the 9th.

Wednesday, May 6, 1914

Confered with McKenzie and afterwards with Meighen as to Grit tactics and as to documents to be laid on table. Put them on at 3 o'clock and moved for morning sessions beginning on Monday the 11th. Grits took up much time unnecessarily on bill amending Dominion ; Lands Act. Laurier made further requisitions for information in connection with G.H.I. Pelletier declares he will not stand for Rogers' decision as to redistribution of Quebec. Confce with Biggar as to G.T.P.

Thursday, May 7, 1914

Militia Estimates on today. Hughes occupied centre of stage all afternoon and made on the whole a good speech marred as usual by bad breaks. Scored heavily on Lemieux in exchange of sallies. Long conference with Martin as to Newfoundland affairs and discussed it over the telephone with Reid in New York. MacKenzie arrived from Toronto & conferred with me respecting C.N.R. proposals. Sevigny reports bad conditions in Quebec by reason of Pelletier's selfishness. Conference at 11 p.m. with Leonard as to Reid's letter respecting his resignation.

Friday, May 8, 1914

Discussed with Leonard Reid's letter to him and his proposed resignation. He wishes letter of appreciation from Cochrane, Reid and myself. Arranged with Laurier to have portions of C.N.R. documents printed. Conferred with Bennett as to speeches by himself and Nickle. Lunched with Burrell to meet Col. prior who looks in good form. Conferred with Rogers and Reid and afterwards with Crothers as to redistribution which is at a deadlock. Announced appointment of Prince Alex of Teck in reply to Emmerson who expressed regret at selection.

Saturday, May 9, 1914

Council at eleven. Discussed Leonard's proposed resignation with Pelletier, Reid and Rogers. Thought it advisable for him to resign. Dealt with Southern Alberta Irrigation Co. and with Naval Reserve in Council which sat only until 2 p.m. Met Thompson Seton who spoke of efforts to cede Alaska Panhandle. Perley discussed date of his departure for London. Went to Golf Club and played 11 holes with Perley and Burrell.

Sunday, May 10, 1914

Went over clippings all forenoon. Went to lunch with Scribners and drove home with the Draytons who as usual were charming. In afternoon Hearst and Lucas came to discuss date of Ontario elections and singular attitude of Beck who is recalcitrant. Afterwards discussed same situation with Rogers and arranged to bring all possible influence on Beck who will arrive on Tuesday.

Monday, May 11, 1914

Confce with Casgrain this evening as to his entry into Cabinet. Explained position of Naval question, attitude of Pelletier and general policy of the Government. He said he was not as young as formerly but that his friends had urged it and he thought it his duty. Began morning sittings and made good progress. Discussed representation of B.C. in Senate. Told Perley he could start England 4th June.

Tuesday, May 12, 1914

Met Beck and arranged for interview tomorrow. Working nearly all day at my speech on C.N.R. proposals. Telegram of thanks from Princess Louise. Instructed Roche and Reid to facilitate customs and immigration exams for mediators and delegates U.S. v Mexico at Niagara Falls. Confce with Leonard as to his resignation and explained Reid's attitude. Practically decided to wait for Cochrane.

Wednesday, May 13, 1914

Began debate on C.N.R. proposals. Spoke for an hour and 20 minutes. A plain business statement of the proposition. Speech well received. Laurier in reply admitted the necessity of aid but objected to the terms. Meighen followed him in a masterly speech. Then Nickle spoke strongly against the Gov't. Confce with Beck and endeavoured to dissuade him from retiring. Confce with H.E.H. as to recaption of mediators and delegates U.S. v Mexico at Niagara Falls.

Thursday, May 14, 1914

Debate on C.N.R. resolutions continued. Bowen and Ames spoke until 3.30 whom Bennett took the floor. He made a strong speech and a battle of wits ensued between him and Meighen as to some of his criticism in which the latter scored heavily more than once. In evening he continued violent speech but can be easily answered. Our men very angry and vicious against him and Nickle. Grits of course greatly delighted.

Friday, May 15, 1914

Debate continued today. McDonald made an extravagant and reckless speech and moved six months hoist. Bristol made excellent speech in reply to Bennett. Broder wants the guarantee increased by 5 millions to increase fleet of Ocean Carriers. Long tlgm from McBride as to B.G. agreement. Poor Monk died this morning. I paid tribute to his memory when house met.

Saturday, May 16, 1914

All day in House on non contentious bills. Disposed of seven and adjourned at 6 p.m. Met Bennett and explained to him that I knew nothing of Carrick's intention to speak. Met Squire, Atty Gen. of Nfld who seems impressed with a good deal of self confidence. Cochrane expected to arrive tomorrow. Discussion with Rogers and Pelletier as to immediate retirement of Major Leonard.

Sunday, May 17, 1914

Delightful day. Went over arrears of clippings and correspondence. Todd and Stewart have made wonderful progress in work on grounds and in construction of paths around and through banks to the river and along river front. F.W.B. and Austin of Santa Barbara came in afternoon. Fred looks old and ill. J.A.M. Aikins discussed Carrier's attack on him. He is quite angry.

Monday, May 18, 1914

Continued debate on G.H.Y.B. White made an excellent and convincing speech and told a very apropos anecdote of a young lady who, found the estate bequeathed to her in so confused and complicated condition that she said I sometimes almost wish Uncle hadn't died. Shaughnessy came from Montreal and dined with me at Club. Critical of C.N.R. situation but conciliatory. Discussed subsidies with him on the Atlantic and Pacific. Says McBride very anxious for High Com'nship.

Tuesday, May 19, 1914

Confce with Shaughnessy as to mail steamers for Hfx. Hope to arrange for Alsatian and Calgarian. Cochrane returned yesterday, looks

better but by no means in good form. Heard that he is quite indisposed today. Debate on C.N.R. continued. Mackenzie arrived today. Toted about 16.30 and we had a majority of 47, the beet of the year. Bennett and Nickle voted with the Grits and Charlton with us.

Wednesday, May 20, 1914

In committee on C.N.R. resolutions. Long discussion and little progress. Grit attack very ineffectual and easily answered. Mackenzie returned to Toronto. Meighsn left at 10 p.m. to be sworn in as bencher. White looks ill and Perley says he talks of resigning. Cochrane in bad condition and left for Toronto to see his physician. Poster also seems to have lost his former energy and ambition.

Thursday, May 21, 1914

In Council 10 to 2. No Session today, Ascension Day. Nearly completed Supplementary Estimates and dealt also with Southern Alberta Land Co. to which Rogers greatly opposed. Dr. Burke yesterday says G.J. willing to resign at any time if I desire Chief Justiceship. Went to golf and played with Soper. Beat him six up in nine holes.

Friday, May 22, 1914

Arranged non oontroversial business. Pugsley wasted much time on Dry Dock subsidies bill and he and Hazen had a verbal duel on utterly irrelevant question. Cleared up arrears of work in Council. Doherty moved second reading of naturalization bill and considerable debate ensued. In Committee Doherty talked so much that he really obstructed his own bill. Long talk with Edwards as to Penitentiary report First rain today for several weeks.

Saturday, May 23, 1914

Laurier asked whether G.T.P. application for aid had been withdrawn. Interview with Smithers who is in very bad form. Saw him at his room and discussed question of aid. Grain inspection bill and cold storage bill passed so that Senate is now flooded with Government bills. Hear that Provincial election is imminent in Nova Scotia and that Grits are to receive huge campaign fund from Robert.

Sunday, May 24, 1914

Greys arrived today and we entertained them at luncheon at Chataau. Lord Grey looks thin and apparently has not thoroughly recovered from illness but is as lively and vivacious as ever. Lauriers Ferleys, Egan, Rogers, Newton, Lord & Lady Grey, Sibyl, Evelyn and her husband, Lawrence Jones constituted the party. Many came to call on Greys at three and they seemed very appreciative. His son in law Grenfell is said to be in serious financial difficulties through speculating in Grand Trucks.

Monday, May 25, 1914

Public holiday. Went into Council at ten and discussed G.T.Ry. application. Pelletier and Meighen insisted on guarantee by G.T, I think this unadvisable as we did not receive it from M.& H. in case of C.N.B. Committee met afterwards and I called on Smithers and discussed subject at length 5 to 6 p>m, Sent H.B.H. draft of address to him which I drafted on Saturday. Also draft of Speech from Throne on prorogation.

Tuesday, May 26, 1914

Save Laurier draft of address to G.G. which he is to second. Spent all day from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on C.N.R. resolutions. Grits apparently disposed to delay and rumours of obstruction are rife. Their attacks not very formidable. Pugsley and Oliver gave notice of amendments. Brought down correspondence with McB. and stated our position so far as B.C. is concerned. Practically arranged amendments as to Alberta and Saskatchewan provincial railways.

Wednesday, May 27, 1914

Continued C.N.R. resolutions and eventually got them through committee and read them a first time. Only a few of the opposition taking any interest in the debate. It appears that Oliver held a caucus this morning of western members and only six attended. It is understood that all attempts at obstruction have been abandoned. Session will probably end 8th or 10th. of June.

Thursday, 28 May, 1914

Awful disaster last night. Empress of Ireland collided at 2.30 with collier Storstrand and sank in 17 minutes. More than 1000 lives lost. I referred to it at the opening of the House this morning. Proceeded with C.N.R., resolutions. Opposition moved three amendments on motion to concur in committee's report. I spoke twice and Meighen and Rogers also spoke. Our lowest majority was 40 and twice it was 44. Liberals seem disposed to bring session to an early conclusion.

Friday, 29 May, 1914

Proposed to proceed with C.H.R. but Laurier desired delay. Confce as to Quebec & Saguenay and decided to send for Mackenzie and Lash. Considered caucus and called it for 7. Much discussion over G.T.P. proposals which were opposed by a few members (Jarker, S. Sharpe Arthur and Best) and criticized by others. Many thought them less defensible than those touching the C.N.R. Annual resignation received from Pelletier. Saw him and arranged that he should not attend caucus. Long confce with Cowan as to advances made to him and Tupper by Liberals of B.C. Made grave suggestions, respecting McBride saying he is guilty graft which I do not at all believe.

Saturday, 30 May, 1914

Took committee stage on C.N.R. bill and to our surprise it occupied only about half an hour. Confce after Council as to terms of assistance to G.T.P. and decided to insert amending clause giving power to Minister Sys and Canals to operate Eastern division. Took up question of court to investigate Empress of Ireland and decided on bill to authorize specially constituted Court. Spoke to Laurier and Pugsley who agreed. Confec with Lash and Mackenzie who agreed that Quebec & Saguenay legislation should be postponed.

Sunday, 31 May, 1914

Most beautiful day during forenoon. Wandered around the place which has been transformed by the work of the past two weeks. Meighen came in afternoon and we discussed G.T.P. proposals. Afterwards Perley came and we renewed and concluded discussion as to his status in London this summer. Long confce last evening with Cochrane as to G.T.P. and Branch lines of I.C.E. I suggested C.H. Ritchie as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. He thought it good.

Monday, 1 June, 1914

Several confces during day and in evening until 12.30 with Meighen Doherty and Biggar respecting resolutions for proposed aid to G.T.P. Afterwards prepared statement for press. Militia Estimates on all day and violent attack on them and on Minister by Guthrie, Carvell, and other opposition members. Col. Hughes did not handle his Estimates very well. He lacks judgment and discretion.

Tuesday, 2 June, 1914

Took up C.N.R. bill on third reading. Several amendment! Offered by opposition. We had majorities up to 49 and never below 43. The Grit attack was not very forcible or effective. Cable from Harcourt that Lord Mersey will come as member of Com'n. Redistribution Committee agreed report which is to be brought in tomorrow. White made fine speech on 2nd reading of the Bill for aid to Farmers' Bank.

Wednesday, June 3, 1914

Redistribution Committee having difficult task in coming to an agreement. Grits have finally receded from their undertaking to sign proposed report. Took up Farmers Bank bill and debate lasted until 4 a.m. I spoke after 3 a.m. in closing debate. British Gov't agrees to cooperate with us in constituting Court to inquire into Empress disaster. Perley left this afternoon for England to take charge of High Commissioners office.

Thursday, June 4, 1914

Great excitement in Montreal because Militia cannot carry arms in Fete Dieu procession. Doherty very much excited but Hughes says the order or regulation has always been, in force and cannot be changed. Moved G.T.P. resolutions and amendment to Transcontinental Act. Hindoos detained at Vancouver threaten go on hunger strike. Weather very cool.

Friday, June 5, 1914

Brought on second reading of G.T.P. Bill and put it through

committee with little discussion. Farmers' Bank will also received third reading after long debate in Com. Seenate passed foolish resolution setting forth reasons why CNR bill should not be passed. Great excitement in Montreal respecting order that troops are not to carry arms in Fete Dieu Procession.

Saturday, June 6, 1914

Worked at Estimates all day. Doherty greatly excited about Pete Dieu procession and many letters and telegrams. Confce with Laurier as to redistribution. He is bringing back Pardee on Tuesday. Hindoos telegraphing to G.G. that they are being starved. Confce with Magrath as to western conditions and as to Commission to investigate all questions respecting natural resources.

Sunday, June 7, 1914

Beautiful day. Wandered around our grounds during forenoon. Very tired from unceasing strain of the session. In afternoon several visitors. The paths which have been made on our river bank are very delightful and every one is much pleased with them, in evening worked away at correspondence with Blount and went over papers relating to Transcontinental Ry.

Monday, June 8, 1914

Pugsley moved his amendment condemning the Gov'ts action respecting the N.T.R. and Laurier followed with a lengthy speech. Rogers Pelletier and I went at him with great vigor and hammered them so that they did not ask for a vote. Negotiations still proceeding as to redistribution and we decided today on ultimatum which I shall give Laurier tomorrow.

Tuesday, June 9, 1914

Redistribution practically arranged. We are to restore Russell and the Elgins, unite Kent and divide Stormont between Dundas and Glengarry. Laurier agrees that our resolution with respect to increased Senate representation shall go through. Asked him about the Senate and he said there would be no difficulty there so far as he knew. Our men are, however, suspicious of his good faith.

Wednesday, June 10, 1914

Delegation Sir A. Lacoste and others came at 12230 to discuss the Fete Dieu procession and the participation of the 65th Regiment. They put their case very moderately but with great earnestness. Afterwards I arranged interview between Patenaude. and Col. Hughes which however did not prove very useful. Doherty very much moved about the whole matter and almost weeping whenever he discusses it.

Thursday, June 11, 1914

Long day on redistribution bill which we took up in the afternoon and finished at 4 A.M. Principal discussion as to Richmond upon which I spoke from 3 to 3.30 A.M. During previous portion of day motion for increased representation in Senate which passed unanimously. Laurier seconded address to G.G. Doherty threatening to resign on acc't of Hughes refusal to permit 65th Regt. to carry arms in Fete Dieu procession. Long confce in afternoon with the protestant Ministers. Dined with Col. Hughes to meet Lord Brooke and Major Earle.

Friday, June 12, 1914

Prorogation today. The Grit Senators doubtless in collusion wjth their friends in the Commons, deliberately violated the agreement to pass the resolutions for Increase in Senate representation. Laurier looking uneasy and ashamed but our men believe that he permitted it and connived at it. Prorogation at 4.30. The Speakers read the address to H.R.H. who replied in English only, after which I called for cheers. Then Laura drove me to Rideau Hall and I had half an hour with the Duke.

Saturday, June 13, 1914

Council this morning. Everyone very tired. All denounced Grits for treachery in falling to observe their agreement. Understand arrangement made as to Fete Dieu procession. Telegram of congratulation from Casgrain. In afternoon Laura drove me to golf links and I practised for a couple of hours. In evening dined with Hazen at Club to meet Lord Mersey, Chief Justice McLeod and the assessors. Mersey not particularly impressive in appearance, but evidently very able.

Sunday, June 14, 1914

Fine cool day. Went to All Saints with Laura. In afternoon and evening got through a great many papers. The Schreibers, the I Eigans, Morphy, McCurdy and Capt. Newton came in the afternoon. Morphy very anxious that we shall re-introduce Farmers Bank Bill next session. McCurdy very much disturbed about business situation. He offered us his Halifax house during July.

Monday, June 15, 1914

Went to office at 11 and remained until 6. Hoped to get off for afternoon but too many matters came up. Father Burke called at 5 and says that everything looks well in Maritime Provinces from which he has Just returned. Discussed with Reid our prospects in Ontario. He thinks Grits will not get 25 seats. In several Counties Grits are supporting independent Conservative candidates who stand for their "Abolish the bar" policy.

Tuesday, June 16, 1914

At office all morning engaged in correspondence and interviews. Council 12.30 to 1.30. Hughes thinks he arranged the 65th difficulty from the first*. Saw Pelletier respecting bilingual P.C. and arranged to have old form of card printed immediately for the English speaking provinces. At 4 played golf with Horsey and Ewart. In evening confere with G.J. as to Quebec and Nfld. He strongly advises that I should accompany Duke to Nfld.

Wednesday, June 17, 1914

Very little sleep last night and felt very tired this morning. Did not go to office but attended to correspondence at home. Slept an hour and a half after lunch and played golf for two hours. In evening a letter from the Duke stating that the King cabled his desire that I shall accept a G.C.M.G. Would prefer to postpone it but under the circumstances thought it my duty to accept and telegraphed H.R.H. accordingly.

Thursday, June 18, 1914

Council this morning. Disposed of large amount of arrears. Discussed with Doherty late of election in Jacques Cartier. In Council asked

opinion of colleagues as to accepting honour of G.C.M.G. They all thought I should accept. Doherty agreed with me that it is rather a detriment from the purely political point of view. Played golf in the afternoon with Southam and Robertson, a very good long game Dined with Egans at Golf Club.

Friday, June 19, 1914

Council to dispose of some small natters. Confce with Hughes as to proposed trip to Europe. Ulster question may prevent army manoeuvres. Confce with Chinese Consul as to treaty restricting immigration and removing head tax. Interview with Mulvey as to ceremonies attending departure of G.G. and arrival of successor. Discussed G.T.P. labour question with Ackland who is not very impressive. Pour hours rain this afternoon and thermometer dropped to 44 at 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, 1914

Considered capital case this morning. Jury recommended to mercy but Judge Ritchie entirely disagreed. Then considered further application of Southern Alberta Irrig'n Co. Discussed Jacques Cartier with Doherty. Sent tlgms to Miners Union, Hillcrest and to Bennett. Instructed Ackland to send Mr. Hiven. Played golf in afternoon with Laura and Kite. Foster. Wrote welcome to Cardinal Begin

Sunday, June 21, 1914

Beautiful day but more like September than June. Delivered to Blount draft of my reply to Laurier's interview respecting agreement as to increase in Senate representation for Western Provinces. Called on Senator Dennis who is still confined to his bed but better. In afternoon Sir Fred Borden came and discussed petition to disallow legislation respecting Hx. Tram Co.

Monday, June 22, 1914.

Announcement this morning that the King has conferred upon me the honour of a G.C.M.G. Hundreds of letters and telegrams have poured in all day. Hindoo question very disturbing as courts are interfering, a mandamus having been issued. Decided to contribute 60,000 to relief fund for miners Hillcrest disaster. Dealt with question of Southern Alberta Land Co. Only White, Burrell and I in town.

Tuesday, June 23, 1914

Flood of congratulations continued today from all parts of the Dominion and from British Islands. Further trouble about Hindoos at Vancouver. Dictated telegram to Immigration agent. White and I discussed C.N.p.. mortgage and other matters during afternoon and at 4 p.m. went to golf links and played till 6.30. Left this evening with Laura in our car for camp at Petewawa.

Wednesday, June 24, 1914

All day at Petewawa. Manoeuvres in forenoon between two opposing forces of 5000 each. Very interesting. Duke seemed pleased and Sam was in his element and in his glory. He insisted that I should stand by the Duke during the march past. Met a son of H.W.O. Boak who is in permanent force. Lord Brook and Major Earle have made fine impression.

Thursday, June 25, 1914

Returned this morning to find that yesterday afternoon; there was a tremendous electrical storm and cloudburst in Ottawa. Our new paths on bank of Rideau almost completely demolished. Hindoo question again to the fore and after consultation with White and Burrell drafted a telegram of instructions. Afterwards White talked earnestly to me of his desire to retire. I told him I wished to do the same. Congratulations still pouring in. Played golf with White 5 to 6.30

Friday, June 26, 1914

Further confere with White as to Canadian Northern and G.T.P. mortgages. Discussed with Ackland the situation respecting G.T.P. machinists and sent strong telegram to Chamberlain. Answered many telegrams of congratulations as to my birthday. Wrote to Farquar as to departure of Duke and arrival of new GG. In afternoon laid cornerstone of Perley Home for Incurables. In evening discussed with Gen. MoB. and Col. Wms. the batteries at Petewawa who wish to vote on Monday at Kingston.

Saturday, June 27, 1914.

Glorious June day. Received bouquet and birthday greetings from Press Gallery yesterday. E.G. Whitney called this morning and protested against conduct of Genest and Freeland. Confce with White and Burrell as to S. Alb. Land Co. and sent three tlgms to Perley. Told Burrell in general way about Laurier's intrigue against McBride. Declined to interfere in arranging for Kingston Batteries to return from Petewawa to (?). Letter from D. Alex's of Teck in reply to memo. Played golf with Laura and then with White

and Horsey.

Sunday, June 28, 1914.

Tremendous rain this afternoon which should do much good. Hear good reports as to Manitoba elections but rather discouraging news from Ontario where it is said that Whitney's majority will be very much cut down. Outside of Whitney there seems to be no very outstanding figure in the Ontario Gov't. The clergymen and the women are working hard for the Temperance party advocated by the opposition.

Monday, June 29, 1914.

Discussed various matters with Cochrane who seems very optimistic as to result of Ontario Elections. Had Council at noon to dispose of pressing matters. Informed Doherty of my views as to Dulliman case and urged him to get report from Inspector Hughes. Left at 3.38 for Halifax. Senator and Mrs. Dennis and their son Wm. accompanied us. Dennis very lame, almost helpless, but plucky as ever. O'Brien and Hanson called at Montreal about purchase of railway.

Tuesday, June 30, 1914

Continued journey to Halifax, Villeneuve called also at Montreal last evening as to issue of Cartier stamps and complained of Pelletier's decision. Gerald Grant and Miss Jack on train called to see us. Arrived at Truro nearly 11 P.M. and found crowd of a thousand to welcome us. Stuart delivered welcome and I replied. Arrived Birchdale about 1 A.M. McCurdy met us with his car at Halifax and accompanied us.

Wednesday, July 1, 1914

Weather very cool. Went to Conservative room at 10 and found only janitor. A few came in during forenoon, but the holiday kept many away. In afternoon played golf with Harris & Howard but not well as little sleep for two nights. In evening spent quiet time playing bridge with Linghams. Saw Hal this morning and found him looking well as usual.

Thursday, July 2, 1914.

Large number of callers this morning and kept fairly busy until after one discussing various matters chiefly of patronage. In afternoon visited Pier No. 2 and saw Lindsay, McDonald and others. Then drove to Terminals and as far

as Rockingham. Then to Dartmouth to visit site of new public building and grounds of Brightwood Golf and Country Club and drove first ball on course.

Friday, July 3, 1914

In town early. At luncheon heard of death of Jos. Chamberlain. Gave appreciation to press and sent tlgm to his son and his widow. Large number of callers. Douglas thinks Opp'n can carry at least three quarters of seats in Prov. Legislature. Stewart and Tremaine think better net to appoint Minister without portfolio from N.S. at present as many difficulties would arise. In evening dined with McInnes, Grahams, J.B. Kennys, Powers, McKeens, &c.

Saturday, July 4, 1914

Left at 9.15 for Grand Pre. Long tlgms from Doherty and Burrell. Hall and Eunice came with me. Discussed with Tremaine the proposal to have a N.S. member with sanction of Gov't make Investigation of N.C.R. conditions. Found mother better than last autumn but entirely an invalid. Very difficult to understand her. At seven large delegation 21 automobiles from Kentville. Webster read address. I replied. Many old friends. In evening called at Octanes and saw Miss Elizabeth Crane.

Sunday, July 5, 1914

Beautiful summer day. Motored with Julia, Hal and little Mabel to Evangeline Beach and walked for a mile along the sands. Bobby Gough (aged 7) came up and asked whether I was the Premier of Canada. Said he lived in McLeod and his mother was Kate Munro. In afternoon several callers, Weatherbe, Townshend, the Tremains, Dimocks and Oscar Chases. Mother lying quiet and comfortable. The nurse, Miss Brown, seems very competent. Called on Sophie and saw Kate and Walter.

Monday, July 6, 1914

In forenoon took Julia, Hal and Mabel, for drive in motor through Hortonville, Gaspereau, Whiterock, Greenwich, Wolfville and along Ridge road. Delightful day. Mother very bright. In afternoon. Left for Hi with Hal by Bluenose. In evening opened telephone line to P.E. Island. Then to Consul rooms and met several people after which dictated speeches for tomorrow and then to Birchdale.

Tuesday, July 7, 1914

Conferences all forenoon at Cons.Rooms. At noon went to Legislative Assembly Chamber to deliver address on S.G.W.Archibald and to unveil tablet. Afterwards went to luncheon of Rotary Club and was made a member. V.J.Paton presided. My address well received. Can#n Lloyd sat next to me. Then further conferences at Cons, rooms after which to Birchdale and at 9.30 p.m. went to our car at North St. Station.

Wednesday, July 8, 1914

All day journeying on I.C.R. Miss Curren accompanying us. E. McInnes at lunch and dinner. D.H. McDougall discussed situation in that county and said that Madden is determined to run whether nominated or not. I agreed to telegraph Douglas not to hold convention until he hears from me. Beautiful view of Metapedia Valley at sunset.

Thursday, July 9, 1914

Arrived Montreal time to catch 9.10 train and reached Ottawa at noon. Council at 2 p.m. and dealt with many matters until 4. and then three hours at arrears of correspondence. Ministers report that news from Manitoba is good and that the victory is assured. Nothing, however, from Rogers to me and I am apprehensive. In evening wrote many personal letters in reply to congratulations.

Friday, July 10, 1914

All forenoon and until 4 p.m. at office overtaking correspondence. Interview with Biggar and Lewis as to G.T.P. mortgage. Confce with Sir W, MacKenzie as to G.N.E, mortgage and telegraphed to Meighen Council 2.30 to 4. Hindoo question still troublesome, MacKensie came to house at 4 when we discussed political matters especially date of election. Reported late.this evening that Roblin Gov't had been defeated.

Saturday, July 11, 1914

Madden came to complain about treatment of Nova Scotians at Hudson Bay and I Arranged interview with Cochrane. Manitoba Gov't sustained hut by a very small majority. No telegram from Rogers, Roche or Meighen. Lunched at Gov't House and met Mrs. Grosvenor who is greatly interested in placing educated English women in Canada so that they

can earn their livelihood. Weather today most delightful after severe storm of last evening.

Sunday, July 12, 1914

A most lovely summer day. Our grounds most beautiful. Studied the botany of the bank and learned much as to the trees and plants. Intend preparing a description of its flora. Many callers in afternoon. Capt. and Mrs. Bulkeley, Mrs. Poster and Mr. Puller. Dr. Hewitt and Elizabeth, Will and Annie. Senator and Mrs. Edwards.

Monday, July 13, 1914

Went to golf with Laura and Mrs. Poster and played their best ball. McK. came re Can. Nor. but Meighen's train an hour late. Discussed trust Co. with Cochrane, also by-election in Westmoreland. Held Council and disposed of several matters. At luncheon on Saturday for RH spoke rather disparagingly of Beck, arguing that (?) was not a stronger personality in the Ulster crisis. She is improving physically all the time and has wonderful pluck.

Tuesday, July 14, 1914

Discussed C.N.R. mortgage with McK. and Meighen. Whites train 7 hours late from Rye Beach. Disposed of a multitude of matters in office and much correspondence. Tlgn from Morine for money to start a newspaper in St. Johns. Referred him to Reid. Cochrane disturbed about release of Dulliman. G.P. Jameson arrived from Medicine Hat to ask for aid to newspaper. Discussed with Meighen and wrote Loughheed.

Wednesday, July 15, 1914.

White arrived noon today and long confces respecting Can. northern mortgage which was finally approved by O.C. at 5.30. Weather yesterday and today very hot. Meighen returned early this morning and looks fit although he has had a very fatiguing campaign. He says the C.N.R. vote was altogether against Roblin Gov't. Rogers very angry about this. Discussed with Hughes proposed visit to G.B. with officers.

Thursday, July 16, 1914

Practically closed C.N.R. mortgage and arranged terms of issue. One clause in mortgage

and arranged terms of issue. One clause is mortgage altered as to power to release. Negotiations continue as to Hindoos. Sent tlgm yesterday authorizing officers to provision ship to Hong Kong if departure prompt. Weather intensely hot and humid. Work very fatiguing. Foster returns tomorrow and remains only a few days.

Friday, July 17, 1914

Wrote Boy. General giving copies of correspondence respecting Hindoos. Council at 12. Appointed Stewart County Court Judge P.E.I. Hindoo question still to the fore. Conference with Doherty as to deportation orders, &c. Despatch from Harcourt as to situation which I drafted reply that we have arranged to provision ship. Sent for Japanese Consul but found he is absent. Consul at Vancouver reported by Stevens to be working to embarrass Gov't.

Saturday, July 18, 1914

Weather delightfully cool. Finished correspondence and closed many matters preparatory to leaving for Muskoka. Tlgm from Vancouver that Hindoos endeavouring to obtain arms in U.S. but hitherto prevented. Held Council at 12, Crothers left for Hx. this afternoon. Wrote British Ambassador enclosing draft O.S. as to our resumption of action respecting food fishes.

Sunday, July 19, 1914

Just before leaving for church had message from Van-couver that Hindoos forcibly resisted landing of officers (150 in number) on ship and wounded 20. All day in consultation with Robertson and Meighen and with Doherty by telephone. Telegrams to Hazen and Burrell as to cooperation of Rainbow &c. In evening chased Dept. of Militia and finally got tlgm sent by J.W.B. in name of Deputy instructing Col Roy to cooperate with Rainbow.

Monday, July 20, 1914

Excursions and alarms all day respecting Hindoos. Tlgm from Burrell that he arrives Vancouver tomorrow morning. Confce in afternoon with Hughes as to use of Permanent force and as to go (?) to British Manoeuvres with officers. He indulged as usual in many complaints against colleagues, especially White & Crothers. Rainbow sails 10 p.m. for Vancouver. Tlgm in evening from Harcourt asking to be kept informed and from G.G. that he wished to see me noon tomorrow. Laidlaw came to examine carbuncle on neck.

Tuesday, July 21, 1914

All day occupied with Hindoo question. Tlgms to (?) from Burrell who wired that Com. of Rainbow would not use guns un(?) necessary. Sent strong tlgm in reply that such extreme measures unnecessary. Ultimatum to be delivered to Hindoos at 1.20 B.C. time, 4.30 Ottawa time. No report of result at time of writing, 9.15 pm. H.R.H. arrived this morning and I had long confce with him at Government House, chiefly on Hindoo question. He is very anxious that they have departed before he arrives Vancouver, 12 August.

Wednesday, July 22, 1914

Final arrangements after much negotiation that Hindoos are to sail at 6 p.m. Vancouver time, but this evening no (?) came that they had done so. Attended with H.R.H., inspection of Dosa Police.. Tlgm. to Churchill that Jelliooe's visit should come August, October. Postponed decision as to western visit until my return, a at 10.30 for Toronto enroute for Muskoka, Major McLean, F. Arnold and Kingston visited, us.

Thursday, July 23, 1914

This morning press despatches report that Hindoo still in Vancouver. But Blount wired that they left at 5 a.m. in Komogatu Maru. At noon took G.T.R. for Muskoka. Major McLean joined. Heavy rain all morning. Sun' came out as we reached Gravenhurst. W(?) in McLean's lunch. Address to us by Mayor and Council at Pt (?) Stopped at McLean's cottage near hotel for tea and met several, including Mrs. T. Eaton.

Friday, July 24, 1914

On golf links before 9 a.m. and played with Laura. Neither did very well. Met Dr. Porter and Mr. Jameson of Toronto. Quite crude but good though for exercise. Every one very kind and attentive. Mrs Sanfor who met us at Pt Carling came at 3 and went for long cruise through Rosseau and Joseph and then to her cottage for dinner. Situation very beautiful. Co. and Mrs. Tudor were in the party and we played bridge.

Saturday, July 25, 1914

Jamieson, runner up at Rosedale, challenged me giving handicap of a stroke a hole. I beat him 5 and 3. Then went for win and found water delightful. In afternoon Mrs. T. Eaton's launch came and eventually gathered up a large party at her cottage which is very charmingly situated. Her sons Jack and Will, their wives and many guests, including Prof. Mackenzie of Hartford. Arrived at 6 p.m. and in evening

talked with Solomon of South Africa, and cousin of Sir Richard.

Sunday, July 26, 1914

Quiet morning at hotel. Very lovely weather. Delightful swim just before luncheon. In afternoon Major McLean's launch came and took us to Windermere and I motored with Will Eaton over very bad roads to J.D.Baton's place. He is building a large new house. Beautiful situation. Returned in Mrs. T. Eaton's launch. She is a very bright, happy and shrewd old body.

Monday, July 27.

Played golf with Jamieson Dr. Roche and Laura. Very delightful day. In afternoon went to regatta at Pt. Carling with Mrs. T. Eaton. Sam Armstrong and delegation from Bracebridge desired me to go to banquet there on Friday but I declined, Returned at 6.30 and in the evening played bridge. War declared by Austria against Serbia and stock markets in panic.

Tuesday, July 28, 1914

Did not go on Lake today. Played 9 holes in morning and in afternoon entered for competition but did very badly. Looks exceedingly probable that general European war is impending. Great Britain endeavouring unsuccessfully to keep the peace. Almost impossible for us to keep out if France is involved. Germany and Russia both quietly mobilizing.

Wednesday, July 29, 1914.

Played with Col. Moody and Martin of Hamilton and had very pleasant game. Weather ideal. In afternoon went with Mrs Sanford to Bala, a delightful trip. Falls very pretty and many charming cottages all through the Lakes. In evening professional dancers gave exhibition at the hotel and danced very gracefully. Prospects still very threatening for general European war.

Thursday, July 30, 1914.

Played golf again with Moody and Martin and In afternoon with Laura as Eaton did not come for us. Telegram from Blount that situation

serious and that Ministers think I need not come but, I should be ready to leave on short notice. Letter from him in evening. Decided to go at once and despatched several telegrams. Laura remaining for a few days in case I am able to return.

Friday, July 31, 1914

Left at 10.15 by boat for Lake Joseph station. Took C.N.R. for Toronto. Delightful journey on lake and very good parlour and dining cars. Went to Albany Club and met Ritchie and Northrup. The latter invited me to dine at Yacht Club but on arrival both of us (?) were asked to dine with Commodore Small and his party. Had very delightful evening. Every one anticipates war. Told reporters merely that situation so serious as to demand my immediate return.

Saturday, Aug. 1, 1914

Arrived Ottawa on time. Breakfasted on car and went direct to office 8.45. Blount under my telegraphic instruction had instructed Ministers to return immediately. Sladen showed me tlgm from Standfordham to Duke that situation most serious but a faint hint of peace. Council at 11, again in afternoon and at office all eyeing. Sent several despatches to Harcourt as to alien army reservists, assisting by Expeditionary Force, &c. Also tlgm for publication, stating that Canadian people will be united to support if war should (?)

Sunday, August 2, 1914

At 1.25 tlgm announcing calling out of Naval Res (?) Council at 11 and confes as to Gazette extra &c. Published notice and discussed situation. In afternoon tlgm as to censorship and in evening to discuss it. We have no legal authority but decided to pass order and issue warrants. War seems practically certain. Casgrain came from Montreal and spent afternoon. Says Fits, greatly disturbed as to prospects in Trembley, (?) and wishes my authority to arr(?)reargumeat. Discussed C's entrance into Cabinet and by-election in Jacques Cartier. Farquhar arrived today. Disoussed war prospects with him.

Monday, Aug. 3, 1914

Council this morning to discuss various despatches from Harcourt. Cochrane and Pelletier arrived yesterday and Rogers this afternoon. Censorship in operation today. Bankers greatly disturbed. Meeting of Council in afternoon and evening to consider runs on Banks Ac. Conferred with White, Sir E. Walker, Wilkie and Burn. Passed orders

declaring bank notes legal tender and authorizing excess issue of Dominion notes. Confce late at night with Davies, Dep. Gov. as to these orders. Farquhar asked me about meeting Laurier at instance of Mackenzie Zing. Told him I had no desire to send, any message but would confer with Laurier if he desired to see me.

Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1914

Despatch from Parley that war imminent and suggesting proffer of one or two million barrels of flour. Duke arrived in night and sat with us at 11 in Council and again at 4, when he delivered message just rec'd from King. Suns and men sent to various points, Sydney, Canso, Glace Bay, St. John &c. Hughes energy wonderful. Further tlgm from Harcourt suggesting that our offer of Expeditionary Force may be accepted. Council at 8.30 to place Canada & Margaret in Naval Service. At 8.55 tlgm from Harcourt announcing war. Summoned Parlt for 18th Aug. and placed naval service at disposal of King. Great excitement in all Canadian Cities. Crowds on streets cheered me.

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1914

Council at which H.R.H. presided. Tlgms to and from Parley as to gift of flour. Authorized purchase of two submarines at Seattle. They get away just ahead of U.S» order to detain them and were pursued by U.S. cruiser. Discussed questions as to German Army reservists. Hughes announces programme for sending division. Humour that Austrians attacking Glace Bay. Belgians making heroic defence of Liege. Confce with Shaugnessy in evening.

Thursday, Aug. 6, 1914

After much discussion sent telegram offering one million bags flour. Passed O.C. prohibiting export various articles. Gov.Gen. attends Council regularly and takes keen interest in everything. Not very quick to understand but good judgment when he does. Confess with Pelletier and Patenaude as to Jacques Cartier and Casgrain. I suggested doubt as to wisdom of Nantel retiring at this juncture. Hughes doing well but gives too many interviews. Belgians still fighting well. Farquhar very useful with advice. Tlgm from Harcourt midnight accepting expeditionary force.

Friday, Aug. 7, 1914

Very hard at work early and late. Gov.Gen. at Council. Discussed mobilization pending further instructions from British Gov't. Very

grateful message from them as to flour. Instructions came to arrest all German officers and army reservists. Decided to modify them and did so. Discussed bye elections and decided not to hold them. Rumours (unfounded") of great naval battle. At office all evening. Rogers called to Montreal respecting contracts for British Gov't.

Saturday, Aug. 8, 1914

Report this morning of two German cruisers on Pacific and possible capture of Rainbow. Started four guns from Quebec for Vancouver. Tlgm from Harcourt urging arrest of German reservists. Decided to continue our policy. Council in afternoon. H.B.H. present dealt with several minor matters. Duke and Farquhar agreed with me as to reservists. In evening made public our gift of flour. Hughes, White and Hazen doing splendid work. Hughes went to Quebec at 8. Rogers thinks Hughes ought to command contingent.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 1914

Quiet day. Report of great battle at Altkirch in Alsace, but no confirmation. Weather very hot and dense smoke from forest fires. J.W.B. told me of what he had heard in Germany of the Kreisverein. Hazen came in afternoon respecting proposal from Clergue to acquire Argentine vessel in U.S. Told him to cable Admiralty, proposal apparently visionary. Battle of Altkirche confirmed but smaller affair than reported.

Monday, Aug 10, 1914

At office early. Council in morning passed O.C. authorizing expeditionary force. No news of Rainbow or smaller cruisers and much anxiety. Confce with Duke who intends going to Valcartier on Saturday to see how mobilization is proceeding. Council in afternoon and discussed proposals to provide guns. Wrote to Laurier as to our proposals and thanked him for promised cooperation. At office all evening engaged with correspondence.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1914

Great anxiety as to Rainbow. Wreckage thrown up at San Francisco. Council at 12. Confce with H.R.H. as to patriotic fund and as to direct communication between Army Council and Minister Militia. He was much disturbed as to this. Lash came to assist in supervising legislation. Holt came in evening as to patriotic fund. Gen. MacDonald came as Emissary from Sam to have him made Lieut.-Gen. Discouraged the idea. Harcourt reports Japan about to declare war on Germany.

Wednesday, August 12, 1914

Council at noon and again at 3.50. Safety of Rainbow seems to be assured. Telegram from Hopkinson of incitement to revolt in India. Forwarded it to Col. Secretary. Discussed patriotic fund further with G.G. Foster returned. Discussed White's proposals to assist C.N.R. and G.T.P. and Doherty's draft of Emergency Act. Not well drawn. War declared on Austria-Hungary this evening.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1914

Had O.C's passed respecting Austro-Hungary. Discussed with Lash Doherty and Meighen the war Measures bill. Confce with Duke and correspondence by cable with Harcourt and Perley. Prepared memo for the Duke respecting German and Austrian citizens of Canada. In evening Council and interview with Austro-Hungarian consul, who spoke very reasonably as to the condition and attitude of the people.

Friday, Aug. 14, 1914

Very hard day and beginning to feel the strain. Waste of time in Council is terrible, especially in considering the draft of the War Measures Act bill prepared by Doherty. Confce with H.R.H. as to patriotic fund. Confce with Hughes and Gwatkin as to the three units said to have been offered by Calgary Manitoba and N.B. Discussed the situation with three members of Ontario Gov't. Went to bed without dinner at 6.30 utterly exhausted and slept until 3 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15, 1914

Much refreshed today. Ministers much exercised as to Hughes' extravagance. Council at eleven and again in afternoon going over proposed drafts of war legislation. Confce with Hughes as to mobilization which seems to be proceeding rather slowly. Much discussion in council as to controlling price of necessities of life. No great battle yet but hourly expected

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1914

Quiet day. Went to All Saints and was much impressed by sermon. Prayer for navy very striking, no news of importance but apparently a great battle which will last for many days is imminent. Several callers in the afternoon. Tlgm from Mrs. Gooderham as to Hospital Ship Fund. Prepared part of my speech for Wednesday, principally the peroration, always the most difficult part.

Monday, Aug. 17, 1914

Correspondence &c during the morning. Confce with H.R.H. at eleven and with Hughes at 12. Council at 2 and short altercation between White (greatly excited) and Hughes. Settled 4 bills to be presented. Afterwards confce with H.R.H. who complained that Hughes had spoken to him disrespectfully. Saw Hughes and told him not to repeat it. settled tlgs as to Expeditionary force. In evening made notes for speech. Saw Laurier at 6.30 and gave him copies of speech from Throne and of four bills which I explained.

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1914

Council in forenoon. Informed them of interview with Laurier. Very business like opening of Parliament. Duke and staff in khaki. The Duchess and Princess present and both ladies in waiting. All other ladies in Gallery. Fine attendance of members, rumours that Laurier is to make great coup by declaring that families of men going to front should be provided for. Told D. Sutherland to emphasize this. White paper and Hansards arrived. Head them and worked at Speech until 1 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug.19, 1914

Council at 11.45 when procedure with regard to legislation considered. At 3 moved to print white paper and speeches of Grey and Asquith. Sutherland and L'Esperance made good speeches. Laurier was eloquent and committed himself thoroughly to support us. He told me privately that he is having trouble with some of his men and will hold a caucus tomorrow. Called to Gov't House to consult with Duke as to tlgs from King. He was first telegraphed to return on 22 Oct and was much puzzled as at outbreak of war King told him to remain at his post. Then after receiving tlgm of 17th Duke telegraphed to his manager in London who saw Standfordham after which today came another tlgm from King telling Duke to remain until end of war and tlgm from Harcourt saying this was sent after cons'n with him. I told Duke a change at this juncture would be most unfortunate.

Thursday, Aug 20, 1914.

Council at 10 and discussion of tariff proposals involving war tax on tobacco, sugar coffee spirits malt & tea. We eliminated tea and White made budget speech which on the whole was well received. Discussed with Duke and in Council request to garrison Bermuda. Discussed also with Duke his continuance in office and made announcement in Parliament which was applauded by both sides and approved by Graham in Laurier's absence.

Friday, Aug .21, 1914

Several confes and correspondence, giving it more into hands of Christie. Sat afternoon and evening and finished all bills except two minor ones. Flood of tlgs from Perley as to Women's Hospital Fund. Much discussion with Laurier and Pardee as to proroguing tomorrow. Late in evening they agreed. Prepared speech for Governor in haste and sent for Coderre at midnight. No time to submit it to Council.

Saturday. Aug.22, 1914

Office until 11 and then at House. Put through two minor bills quickly and then adjourned at 12.20 to three. Council two to three and discussed various matters. At three spoke of Belgian valor and

replied to Dr. Clark's appreciation. Fine speeches from him and Graham and wonderfully touching speech from Foster. After prorogation went to Central Station to see departure of Ottawa Contingent to Valcartier. Very touching scenes. Duke tells me he has long letter from Gauthier as to bilingual situation.

Sunday, Aug.23, 1914

Attending divine service at Lansdowne Park. Princess Patricia Reg't. One of the finest bodies of soldiers I have ever seen. Many men who have been in British Army. They march like regulars. Princess presented colors. They cheered wonderfully. In afternoon Dr. Clark and his son came, the latter a fine stalwart fellow. Sir J.A.M. Aikins, Foster, T.E.Wdodwerth, Cochrane and Pelletier. The two latter conferred respecting the Ontario bilingual question.

Monday, Aug. 24, 1914

Arranged for printing precis of British war acts and proclamations and discussed in council division of work among Ministers Gen. McD. consults me as to transfer of Princess Pats Pets*. Bennett told me it is wise to get Farquhar and his regiment away soon as possible as there is likely to be friction with Hughes, long discussion in evening with Rogers Cochrane Held, Pelletier and Hazes as to duration of present Parliament. Ministers chiefly of one mind. Discouraging news of severe defeat of allied forces. I could not sleep.

Tuesday, Aug.25, 1914

Bad news of severe reverse confirmed today. Hughes swearing frightfully at tactics of Allies. Farquhar says that the sudden surrender of Namur is inexplicable. Two meetings of Patriotic Fund Ass'n presided over by H.R.H. who did not make a very brilliant chairman. Hughes came with telegram to Kitchener about command which I very materially altered. Duke fussy about being consulted on every detail.

Wednesday, Aug.26, 1914

Council at 11 and dealt with many miscellaneous matters. Discussed with Duke his proposed trip to Toronto Exhibition. Called in Farquhar and told him that the Duke takes up too much of our time and that he has a false impression as to his status and powers as

Commander in Chief. Discussed problem of unemployment in Council and question of financing the Provinces. Decided to send line of communication troops asked for by British Gov't. Hal came this afternoon to discuss sale of Pickford & Black's property.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 1914

Correspondence and Council during forenoon. War news not discouraging. Kronprins Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse sunk by Highflyer off West Coast of Africa. Discussed C.N.R. Appl'n in council. Cochrane, Reid, Doherty and others absent. Pelletier reports that Lancaster has gone home in a great rage because he was not appointed to bench. Walked with Hal from 5 to 6 and spent evening at home. Glorious: day. Discussed elections with Rogers.

Friday, Aug. 28, 1914

Council this morning. Got in touch with Mackenzie and Chamberlain and told them to prepare memorials for assistance. Drafted part of for MacKenzie. Scott came in evening with memorial from G.T.P. Hews of naval victory this evening. Several German ships sunk. In afternoon went to Central Station to witness departure of Princess Pats Pets. Fine looking body of men. Afterwards saw artillery under Morrison. Laura and I stood opposite Rideau Club with Col. Hughes.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 1914

Council both morning and afternoon. Discussed fully aid to Can.Nor. and G.T.P. Considerable divergence of opinion. Sent for Meredith and for Walker and Lash. Received delegates from American Aid Society, Waterlow, Connable, Steward and Flynn. They impressed me very favourably. Interview with Sifton as to loans to Provinces &c. He thinks we are not sending enough men. Says truly it will be a most awful war. Fears British Army in France will be butchered by superior numbers.

Sunday, Aug. 30, 1914

J.S. McLennan came at ten and went with us to church. Talked of many matters and incidentally of Governorship of N.S. which he would like to have and which he would fill most acceptably. Told me of conditions at Sydney. In afternoon had news of the war. British forces hard pressed by superior numbers. Jap. Consul and wife, Mrs. & Mrs. Coleman and others came in afternoon. Telegrams from McBride as to censorship and Canadian Northern.

Monday, Aug. 31., 1914

Very busy day. Confere early with MacKenzie and afterwards with Walker and Lash as to advances to Canadian Northern. Very unwilling to make advances through Banks. Afterwards confere with Meredith who thinks no advances should be made for construction and that men should go out of employment. Long debate in Council over situation but without definite result. Subsequent confere in evening with Sifton

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1914

Council and unsatisfactory discussion of Canadian Northern situation. Subsequent confere with McK. and told him nothing to announce. He says Stalker still here. Tlgm from Lady Strathcona as to Strathcona house. Confere with Mayor Brown of Moosejaw as to Western conditions. Interview with Premier Scott and Treasurer Bell of Saskatchewan and discussed arrangement as to relief of distress. Instructed Gov. Gen'l as to regulations respecting aeroplanes. Gave out official statements of troops and ships.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1914

Discussed elections with Cochrane and sent tlgm to S.D.Scott. Interview with H.R.H. as to his Halifax visit. Went over cables with Hughes and prepared tlgm to Harcourt and Parley. Discussed O.C. presented by Hughes and after considerable discussion get them all arranged. Long discussion as to aid to Rys. and subsequent Confere informing McK. and Walker they would get temporary assistance. Delegation Leonard, M. McDonald, Norman, Tansy and O'Connell as to bringing in Casgrain.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 1914.

Saw H.R.H. as to bringing in Casgrain. Confere Gen. Bensen as to purchase of horses in Canada and in U.S. Shaughnessy called and very indignant at idea of assistance to C.N.R. and G.T.P. Discussed and enlarged on evils of depreciation of currency. Took up with Meighen regulations as to aeroplanes and censorship of telegraphs, telephones & Castell Hopkins came about edition of my speeches. Discussed With Doherty and Pelletier election in Jacques Cartier and retirement of Nantel. Sent for Nantel but could not find him.

Friday, Sept. 4, 1914

Reports from Valcartier that sanitary conditions are very bad and great disorganization exists. Hughes absent to return tomorrow. Confce with Lougheed and afterwards with Poster as to election. Latter very much opposed, says idea of breaking in upon present unity of sentiment with an election causes him to shiver. Discussed with Nantel his retirement from Cabinet and conferred afterwards with him and Doherty. Interview with Nantel very friendly and satisfactory. Germans still pressing Allies back.

Saturday, Sept. 5, 1914

Confce with Gohier, Cousineau and Dinneas, to candidature of Casgrain in Jacques Cartier. Found them far from enthusiastic. Put through council without difficulty the O.C. respecting G.T.P. & C.N.R. B.C. offered today 25000 cases of canned salmon to British Gov't. War news not of a decisive character but Germans evidently close to the fortifications of Paris. Played golf for an hour with White. First exercise for 37 days. Left for Valcartier at 9 p.m. Discussed sanitary conditions of camp, command, date of sailing &c. with Hughes.

Sunday, Sept. 6, 1914

Arrived Valcartier 8 o'clock. Hazen, Lougheed, Magrath Christie and Blount with me. Several other Ministers also came. Went through camp with Hughes and afterwards with him and Duke. Everything in good condition. Wonderful organization in so short a time. Major McBrien a very capable man. Saw (?) with Jap. Consul and Naval Commander, Over 82000 men marched past. Fine looking body. Duke apparently well satisfied.

Monday, Sept. 7, 1914

Arrived Ottawa 7 A.M. Correspondence by cable with War Office and with Perley as to supplies of rifles and guns. Letter from Col. G.T. Dennison as to danger of invasion from U.S. by German sympathizers. Labour Day. Rainy in morning and cold fresh wind in afternoon. Discussed elections with Reid and submitted programme in rough to him. He thought it excellent. At three went with White to golf and played 18 holes. Perley reports Kitchener satisfied with progress war and says we will win but it will last a long time.

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 1914

Long weary day until 11.30 p.m. correspondence, interviews and council. Discussed elections with Hazen who favors them this

year. S.D.Scott arrived from Vancouver. Arranged for him to stay with Blount. He is rather horrified at idea of elections but will prepare a handbook. Confce in evening with Patenaude and Doherty as to Jacques Cartier. Drafted tentative address to electorate.

Wednesday, Sep. 9, 1914.

Confce with Consul Goor who read a most pitiful letter of appeal for help from a gentleman in Belgium. Tlgs from Perley as to contingents from ether dominions and many telegrams from Col.Seo.Long Discussion as to transport for contingent. News from war distinctly better yesterday and today. Nantel insists on being Ry.Com'r. Told Doherty he might not be anything. Discussed elections with MacKenzie. Revised draft address to electorate.

Thursday, Sep. 10, 1914

Pelletier arrived today. Discussed Jacques Cartier with him, Doherty and Patenaude and afterwards with two former. Confce with Smeaton White as to publishing shipping new. Confce with Nantel who wanted Ry. Com'rship. Telephoned for Casgrain. Discussed Selkirk Indian Reserve with Rogers, Meighen Doherty and Andrews. Various tlgs from Harcourt and Perley. Discussed military affairs with Hughes. In evening completed draft of address to electors.

Friday, September 11, 1914

Council at eleven and subsequent confces with Gen. Benson and Reid and arranged interview with subcommittee of Cabinet. Hazen left for N.B. yesterday. Showed his letter to Cochrane who was much exercised about it. Confce with Casgrain and explained situation re Nantel. Telegraphed to McBride re Bergeron. Showed draft address to Casgrain, Cochrane Rogers & White. Played 14 holes golf with latter ad beat him 6 up.

Saturday, Sep. 12, 1914

News from seat of war continues to be good and success of Allies appears to be greater than at first reported. Beautiful autumn day. Further revised address to people; also my speech at recent session. Various tlgs and correspondence touching Expeditionary Force. Fiset and McDonald came at six with recommendation making Hughes a Major General. Told them I would consider it.

Sunday, Sep. 13, 1914

Delightful summer day. Mr. & Mrs. Rogers came to luncheon. In afternoon Will and Annie came. Fiset and General McDonald arrived at six to ask me to make Col. Hughes a General. Told them I would consider it. In evening worked on further revision of address to electorate. Cochrane left last night for holiday in woods for a week. Am hoping to go for a week to Echo Beach.

Monday, Sep.14, 1914

Council at 12 and disposed of nearly everything ready. Many telegrams to and from Perley. Confce in evening with Scott as to handbook and as to my address. Asked various members to prepare handbook for his information. Astonishing reports as to Hughes language and conduct at Valcartier, especially his language to U.S. officers and as to Rogers.

Tuesday, Sep.15, 1914

Confce with Edw.Beck and invited him to luncheon. He wants support for his weekly. McDonald Biggar and Lindsay came as to extra ship required by reason of sending Strathconas as I arranged with them yesterday to send two cavalry regiments. Asked Gwatkin to send memo as to 16000 additional troops. Played golf with Ross and Belwood 4 to 6. Good news from war continued yesterday and today.

Wednesday, Sep .16, 1914

Confce with H.R.H., who says that Hughes language to his officers at Valcartier is violent and insulting; and that they are greatly enraged. He thinks Hughes is mentally off his base. Confce with Weiohel and Williams as to prohibiting pro-German sheets from U.S. Confce with Fiset J.W.B. and Brown as to information for Council. Puke of Manchester called, respecting supplies that he can furnish for troops. W.J Hanna came afterwards and thinks we should be careful about dissolution.

Thursday, Sep.17, 1914

Confce in evening with Col.Shillington who said very serious condition in camp by reason of Hughes conduct. Revised draft of address to electorate. Council in forenoon and dealt with many

matters. Much correspondence with Col. See'y. Discussed in Council the sending of 16008 add'l troops. Expense is becoming alarming and White very pessimistic. Report that Hendrie will not accept Lieut. Governorship of Ontario.

Friday, Sep. 18, 1914

Confce with Casgrain and with Rogers as to Pelletier's resignation. Decided to wait until Monday. He thinks Pelletier has cold feet, not swollen feet. Many serious reports as to Hughes outrageous language from Rogers, Burrell, Reid and Casgrain. Dealt with much correspondence with Perley and colonial office. Left at 7.15 for Valcartier Camp. Confce with H.R.H. as to Lt. Gov. Ont. and as to unveiling King's Statue, Montreal, 1st October.

Saturday, Sep. 19, 1914

Arrived Valcartier about 8.30. Met by McBain and Hughes came shortly afterwards. Motored through lines and across river. Beautiful view from hill. Had good opportunity of seeing about 2000 men marching in from drill. Saw Nova Scotia officers who complain of treatment. Visited Currie, Armstrong, Leckie, Mcleod and Meighen and met officers. Long discussion in evening with Worn Sharpe and great scene between him and Watson.

Sunday, Sep. 20, 1914

Beautiful day. Attended service at 9.30. Seven thousand men present. Good sermon by Canon Scott of Montreal. Met several Chaplains. In afternoon great review by Duke. March past very good. Every one very much delighted. Confces with Duke as to various details and read letters from Lord Brooke and Gen. Ian Hamilton. Duke gave me perusal of Gen. Smith Dorrien's diary during day of heavy fighting. Wonderful that his force was not surrounded and captured.

Monday, Sep. 21, 1914

Rose at 6.30 and had confce with Hughes and N.S. officers at 7.15. Got matters arranged on fairly satisfactory basis. Laura presented Camp Colors and Union Jack at 10. Good looking lot of men. Confces as to Sam Sharpe who first agreed to and then refused proposed arrangement. At 12 visited each Brigade, shook hands with each officer and addressed them. At 3.30 left for Quebec, visited Princess Patricia leg't and dined afterwards at Chateau Frontenac.

Left at 8.45 for Ottawa in special.

Tuesday, Sep.22, 1914

Arrived Ottawa 6.45. Found great pile of correspondence. Discussed with H.R.H, promotion of Hughes to Major Gen'l and sent Fiset to him. Arranged O.C. for powers to officers to take men's attestations. Prepared statement for press as to sending entire Expeditionary Force at Valcartier. Submitted it to Gwatkin. Confce with Muir as to Hughes eccentricities. Telegraphed Parley as to many matters. Cable from Churchill saying Asquith unwilling to publish secret memorandum.

Wednesday, Sep.23, 1914

Long weary day and very tired tonight. Wearisome Council and endless discussion over very small matters. Confce with H.R.H. as to various minor matters. Letter from Laurier as to formation of French Canadian Regiment. Cochrane returned looking well. Discussed app't to Governorship of Ontario. News from front fairly satisfactory but nothing decisive. Discussed public works at Toronto with Mayor Hecken. Mackintosh Bell at luncheon.

Thursday, Sep .24, 1914

Thoroughly tired out. In bad all day. Kidd came and said I was all right but suffered from excessive ever fatigue. Sent for Blount and gave him necessary directions. Slept nearly all day. Hear that men are beginning to embark at Quebec. Weather delightful but somewhat cooler. Flower which we call wild sunflower, a Belfcanthus in beautiful bloom.

Friday, Sept.25, 1914

Kidd came again. Thinks I should stay in bed for another day and then go to the country. At 2 p.m. heard of Sir James Whitney's sudden death. Sent for Rogers and Cochrane and discussed with them the conditions at Toronto and the prospects of an election, also the question of immediately appointing a Lt.Governor. Hughes came early in morning tout was unable to see him. Told my wife he has very perfect arrangements for convoy.

Saturday, Sep.26, 1914

Went to office early and got through an immense mess of correspondence. Consulted with Reid as to attending Whitney's funeral. Humoured that premiership will be offered to Cochrane. Reid says that in such case Hearst should come in. Rogers says premiership of Manitoba offered to him. Played golf in afternoon and worked at correspondence all evening. Cold and wet.

Sunday, Sep. 27, 1914

Most beautiful dawns at above Laurentian Hills. A blaze of glory below and dark clouds touched with flame above. Brilliant blue sky, moon half full in the south and clear cool autumn air. Tlgm. from McBride as to mine laying in Channels. C.B. Gordon Col. Smart and Major Stewart came as to raising new cavalry regiment, in Montreal. Jessie Brown Jagggard (my cousin) called as sweet as ever. Earnestly anxious to go to front as a nurse. Ethel Perley came to supper.

Monday, Sep. 28, 1914

Several Ministers away attending Whitney's funeral. Hughes returned and attended Council. Violent quarrel between him and Foster as to Williams. Discussed commands of Expeditionary Force. In evening spoke at meeting in aid of Canadian Patriotic Fund. Laurier, Foster and King also spoke. Wonderful gathering and audience tremendously in earnest. Weather very cool.

Tuesday, Sep. 29, 1914

Council 11.30 to 1.30. Dealt with many matters. Confce with H.R.H. as to unveiling of King's monument, progress of war &c. At 3 attended Militia Council and sent for Foster. Despatched Tlgm to War Office stating our capacity as to supplying needed articles. No definite or decisive news from Allied forces. Discussed defence of Vancouver and Victoria and decided to place mines. Despatch to Harcourt as to possible use of American Waters for cruisers engaged in such attempt.

Wednesday, Sep. 30, 1914

Confce with H.R.H. as to Hughes proposal to visit G.B. He strongly disapproves. Tlgm from Hughes as to visiting Gaspé to see ships start. Decided not to go. White came in and lamented financial situation for an hour. Confce with Foster, Rogers, Burrell, Hazen

&c. as to filling orders from G.B. Prepared memo and submitted it to Fiset and Boville as well as to Burrell. Very heavy correspondence. Everyone laughing about Sam's address to the troops. Left with Laura for Montreal at 8. Rogers and Doherty accompanied us. Met by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy and taken to his house.

Thursday, Oct. 1, 1914

Day cloudy at first but sun broke out during ceremony of unveiling King Edward 7th. Shaughnessy read excellent address and Lacoste also, in French. Duke replied suitably. Met many friends. Afterwards confuse with H.R.H. at his house. Then luncheon at Mt. Royal Club to meet Merediths and others. Dr. Birkett and Dr. Geddis called on my in morning, also Riddell. Returned to Ottawa at 4 after very pleasant visit. News from war yesterday and today seems favourable but nothing decisive.

Friday, Oct. 2, 1914

Hearst selected yesterday to form new Ontario Gov't. Sent tlgm congratulations. Was at office this morning at 3.45 and despatched huge pile of correspondence. Saw McMullen as to new shells described by him. Tlgm from Hughes that escort inadequate. Consulted Gwatkin Kingsmill & al. and sent tlgm to Admiralty. In evening various confces with Dr. Thompson, Dingman, Col. McLean of Manitoba and with Col. Benson and Capt. Stephens.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 1914

Glorious day. Very busy morning with innumerable interviews. -Questions as to purchase of hay for British Gov't, many matters relating to defence and mobilization of militia, organization of regiments &c considered and many of them, together with much correspondence disposed of. Cochrane returned from Toronto. Had Col. McLean (Winnipeg) and Major Murray at luncheon. Played golf in afternoon with Carling, Kidd and Burrell. Colonel K has been nicknamed "Safety First".

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1914

Most glorious day. Thermometer 74. Too warm to sit in the sun. In evening full moon and most glorious night. Archbishop Matheson Rogers and Jameson lunched with us. Archbishop delightful man and a fine Tory. Hughes arrived this morning and is rather nervous about

escort. Says Admiral is also nervous. Told him of reassuring tlgm from Admiralty last night. Japanese Consul and Commander. Crothers Dingman, Woodworth, Foster and many others in afternoon.

Monday, Oct. 5, 1914

Confce with Duke about escort. He did not quite approve tlgm to Admiralty but eventually saw reason. Spoke of Hughes promotion In Council Hughes explained appointment of officers. Intends visiting England. I told him there must be no friction. Casgrain came in evening. He is rather Impressed with unwisdom of holding elections. I explained reasons pro and con. News from war not so favourable. Germans apparently holding their own in East and West.

Tuesday. Oct. 6, 1914

McBride did not arrive today as expected. Confce with Duke as to minor matters. In Council discussed financial situation and further contingent. Ijf submitted a proposal for 20,000 more men, which was approved. Sent despatch to Harcourt and sent statement to the press. Discussed elections with Rogers, White, Cochrane, Reid. Hevised address to electorate in evening. Globe reporter came to demand whether there is an election.

Wednesday, Oct. 7. sent tlgms to Perley about naval assistance and as to publication of seers memorandum. Confce with International Joint Commission and introduced them to B.B.H. Afterwards discussed dissolution with H.R.H. and gave him copy of my manifesto. He seemed not unfavourable. Ames called in afternoon and is apprehensive of revulsion of feeling. Stirred up Can. as to militia equipment. Very tired and weary and much in need of rest.

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1914

Discussed honours with H.R.H. and afterwards with Rogers and called in afternoon en Duke suggesting Sifton and Holt. He agreed. Saw Sifton and he agreed to accept. He protested vigorously against elections, saying that we if we won even we would regret it all our life, McBride dined with me and several Ministers, and we discussed elections. Bead draft address to him. He thought it good but argued strongly against, agreeing, however, to support.

Friday, Oct. 9, 1914

Further conference this morning with McBride who advanced view that session should be held and if Grits oppose or obstruct, then dissolution. After lunch talked with Doherty who is strongly opposed. Then with Reid, Rogers, Burrell and White. Agreed to get all information possible and decide on Tuesday. Telegraphed Perley to get information as to naval requirements. Left at 3.35 for Montreal and stayed with Shaughnessy who met us at Station.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 1914

Left at 8.15 for St. Agathe des Monts with Shaughnessy Arrived at 1. Weather bad. They have a simple delightful cottage. Played bridge and loafed. Showed draft address to Shaughnessy who promised me to give it consideration and make suggestions. News from war not very encouraging as the fall of Antwerp seems imminent, the German artillery being too powerful.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1914

Unpleasant in morning but sun came out before twelve. In afternoon drove around the "Tour du Lac". Many delightful cottages on both sides. McGibbons came in afternoon. Walked up to their place in morning. Wonderfully fine situation and very extensive house stables &c This is a very delightful rest and I am enjoying the week end greatly

Monday, Oct. 12, 1914

Spent very restful day. Telephoned to Montreal and Ottawa as to return. McGibbons and Mrs. Ward came in afternoon. During morning went for long walk through woods with Mr. & Mrs. McG. and Marguerite Shaughnessy. Sir Thomas and Lady S. very amusing in repartee She makes great fun of his farming and gardening operations.

Tuesday Oct. 13, 1914

A most delightful day. Walked in the morning with Miss Marguerite Shaughnessy. Discussed elections with Shaughnessy. Went with him by special train to Montreal and in his car to Ottawa. They have been most

kind and attentive throughout. In evening confce with Rogers, White Kemp and Reid. Discussed elections. They are all in favour.

Wednesday, 14 Oct, 1914

Very busy day. Heard from Perley at 5 P.M. that Canadian Contingent have arrived at Plymouth. Conference with Chamberlain and McKenzie as to elections. Both favourable. Had all members of Cabinet in afternoon and found that Foster Doherty and Meighen only were opposed. Tlgm from Perley as to securing guns in New York. Sent Benson and Alex Johnston. Confce in evening with Bennett and White. Better from McBride proposing that he join Dominion Cabinet.

Thursday, 15 Oct, 1914

Considered carefully question of elections and decided against. Called in Rogers and Cochrane who were greatly exercised told them that in deference to their strong opinion would give further consideration. Revised address to electorate. Confce in evening with Rogers who says that Foster declares he cannot go on the platform if an election comes and must resign. Arranged to see Foster tomorrow morning.

Friday, 16 Oct, 1914

Confce with Duke as to honours and told him there would be no election. Confce with Commandant Freline of French Gov't service and had him. T.P. Healy and Hazen at luncheon. T.P. very interesting and very appreciative. Lost my temper in Council. Hazen says that Hughes administration of Militia Dept most unbusinesslike and irregular. In evening McBride came and urged me to go to London and take him, make a couple of speeches, and return with great eclat and then hold election

Saturday, 17 Oct. 1914

Tlgm. from Hughes as to rank and told him it had better be postponed until his return. Council and confce with Foster who is greatly pleased that no immediate election will be held. Held confce in afternoon with Hazen, Gwatkin and Denison. Urged programme of training 30,000 men. Other Ministers thought better wait advice from War Office. Went over whole question of defence. Sherwood present as to danger pay (?), gunmen, aeroplanes

&c. In evening dinner with Rogers, McBride Cochrane White, Meighen and long discussion as to visit to London and elections. Telephoned Casgrain as to entering Gov't immediately.

Sunday, 18 Oct. 1914

Sent for Hazen and told him he should send for Gwatkin and get up programme of 30,000 men continuously in training to go forward by detachments of 10,000. Went to church and sang hymns 656 very lustily. Hazen and Gwatkin same in afternoon and again in evening. Prepared statement for press and telegraphed it to Harcourt and Parley. Also telegraphed Perley as to purchase of guns in New York. Confere with McBride and arranged visit to Halifax.

Monday, 19 Oct, 1914

Casgrain arrived and I discussed situation with him. He is very unwilling to inter with Nantel and advises Blondin. Conferred with Rogers and Reid and afterwards with Casgrain and Cochrane and told them it would not do to bring in at present two men outside Parl't. In evening went to see Pellétier and had long conf. He thinks Blondin best man. Stobart arrived at noon and met him at luncheon. Tlgm from McB that he Returns tomorrow evening. H.W.Brown complained too many Ministers meddling in contracts.

Tuesday, 20 Oct. 1914

Made necessary arrangements to swear in new Ministers. At 11.25 told Blondin I would submit his name and at 11.30 I submitted it. Held Council at 12.30 passed necessary O.C's by 12.40 and went with Casgrain and Blondin to present them to Duke at 12.45. Telegraphed to Perley. In afternoon Council which new members attended. Discussed orders for guns and destitution among Austrians. Sent two messages to Perley. Dined at Gov't House, and wore my star for first time.

Wednesday, 21 Oct. 1914

Very hard day. Rumors of graft in Militia Dept. Called in man having had conversation with Allison who boasted of wonderful profits made by him in dealings for British Gov't. Telegraphed Parley to warn that Gov't Council and appointed

Hughes and Gwatkin Generals and telegraphed Hughes. Confce with Amelius Jarvis as to statements made to him by American Companies as to Hughes and Allison, & confce with McBride as to visit to G.B. and discussed it with White & Cochrane. Long confce with Mc.K. as to affairs of C.N.R. Came home too weary to eat or sleep and went to bed.

Thursday, 22 Oct. 1914

Somewhat refreshed this morning. Telegraphed to Bostwick as to export of nickel. Went with White to look at 80 millions of Bank of England gold in vaults. White much disturbed about Militia Dept. Fixed date of elections in Quebec Co. and Champlain for Nov. 7 & 14. Tlgm from Perley as to purchase of guns and long tlgm to him in reply. Madame Pelletier came to say goodbye in evening. Also McBride to discuss his visit to England. Gave him letter to Asquith.

Friday, Oct, 23, 1914.

Confce with Sherwood and instructed him as to investigating Allison and Morgan. Called on Duke and said goodbye before leaving. White went to Toronto for week end. Foster acts as Prime Minister during my absence. Asked Reid to watch certain matters. Telegram from Harcourt as to prohibition export of nickle Jnst before I left. Cochrane came in his car are far as Nayou junction and we dined with him.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 1914.

Arrived on time. Met Bostwick of Nickle Co at 9 and introduced him to Graham A. Sill Who accompanied us from Ottawa and explained situation. Met President at 12.50 and explained our difficulty to him and he went into whole question. Went to Hippodrome and saw very beautiful representation. Left at 5.08 for Hotsprlngs and spent fairly comfortable night. We look Bessie, Laura's maid to Hippodrome and she was greatly impressed.

Sunday, Oct. 25, 1914.

Arrived Hot Springs 8.40. Foggy but warm and bright, later in day. Located rooms 231, 233 and 235, the first a beautiful sitting room presented for use by the Manager, Mr. Albert. Saw Dr. L. Pole and had massage by Hillman at 11 and bath at 12. Hillman greatly against Germany but thinks Europe will have to thrash Russia afterwards. Walked up and saw new 9 hole course in afternoon. In evening Mr. of N. came and spoke. Very interesting man and his wife a charming woman.

Monday, Oct. 26, 1914.

Bath at 7.30 and massage at 6.15. Played 18 holes with Laura in morning. Both rather tired and right serratus muscle quite sore. Met Mr. Fortune of Winnipeg and his mother and his sister, Mrs. Allen. Played bridge in evening with Mr. and Mrs. Topping and enjoyed it very much. Letter from Kelly Evans that his wife is here.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1914.

Met the Merrills and engaged to play golf with Mr. Merrill. Laura played with Mrs. Wilaon in competition and won 13 up. I played golf alone and on 13th hole joined Judge Barlow and Mr. Basch. We played bridge with them in the evening. Both very good players. Coloring of forest on the hillside very beautiful. Note from Kelly Evans I that his wife is at this hotel.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1914.

Played golf with Merrill and Russell, the latter a Chicago lawyer, and brother of Mrs. Jerry Hutchins. We all made bad scores but I was up on both of them. In evening dined with Merrills in Japanese room. Guests, ourselves, Mr. and Mrs. Musgrove, Mr. Bingham a journalist, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell. Played bridge afterwards. News from war rather encouraging. Poor Bulkeley killed in action. Sent tlgm to his widow.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1914.

Long tlgm from Casgrain in code about train service on N.T.R. and tunnel at Quebec. He seems afraid of a contest. Played golf with Topping against Meldrum and Benning and beat them 6 up. Topping went around in 89. Links very bad through action of grubs which have almost ruined fair green. Played bridge with Merrills and afterwards with Wilsons.

Friday, Oct. 30, 1914.

Better news from front. Saw doctor. A considerable boil has developed right cheek. Sent tlgm to Casgrain and long tlgm to Blount. Played golf with Wilson, his nephew, Wm. Wilson and Talmage, the two latter very long drivers but quite erratic. In evening played bridge with Judge Peter Barlow and Basch. News from war rather encouraging. The sentiment in favour of the Allies is very

remarkable.

Saturday, Oct.31, 1914.

Oscar W. Underwood arrived today and Topping had a dinner at which we met them. Mrs. Underwood a particularly charming woman. Had a talk with Underwood on fiscal questions. He is not quite so extreme a free trader as reported. Played golf with Wilson and made 106. Col P.M. Thompson here and had a conversation with him as to the war, and as to general conditions. Kelly Evans wishes us to motor to White Sulphur, but had accepted Thompson's offer.

Sunday, Nov.1, 1914.

Motored to Fassfern Farm with Thompsons and after luncheon drove through Cascade park. Miss Sykes, who is companion of Mrs. T. is fine girl. Something of the disposition and character of "Buntz". Saw three Japs in Norfolk jackets knickerbockers, golf gloves and all the outfit drive from No. 1 and two of them made excellent drives. Weather most delightful, like a September day. Letter from Neall of Phila as to my name on German Publication Society prospectus.

Monday, Nov. 2, 1914.

Most delightful weather. Played golf with Russell in afternoon. In evening had interesting conversation with Mrs. Kelly Evans as to her husband's political career. Wrote to German Publication Society resigning my position as one of its patrons. No word from Blount as to elections. Allies seem to be more than holding their own. Prince Maurice of Battenburg and Lady Lansdowne's second son killed in action.

Tuesday, Nov.3, 1914.

Played golf Laura and I against Col. and Mrs. Denny. We played very badly and they won a decisive victory. Our rooms very noisy and changed them this evening from 231-3-5- to 516-18-20 and find the change very satisfactory. News from front still quite encouraging Elections in many States today and great interest shown.

Wednesday, Nov.4, 1914.

Played golf with Russell and came out all even. Weather still delightful.

Tlgm from Spring Bice as to visiting Washington. In the elections of yesterday Republicans made great gains and democrats in New Congress will have a majority of only 20 or thereabouts. Letter from Duke as to war, conduct of Militia Department, &c.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 1914.

Sent two tlgs to Blount as to press action and as to by-elections. Wrote to Duke, Spring-Rice, Prince Henry of Battenburg and Lord Lansdowne. News of disastrous defeat of British squadron by German fleet in Pacific. Played golf with Underwood Morgan and BusBell who was off his game. Met yesterday 3 Japs, man and two ladies, who are guests at this hotel; all speak English well and are very intelligent.

Friday, Nov. 6, 1914.

Weather still delightful but somewhat cooler. Played my best game of golf with Laura and the Denny's. Mrs. D, & I came in on last 9 in 46. Interesting discussion with Underwood. He and I went to hear address of Hon. Jos. K. Davies before Electrical supplies convention. News of our defeat in Southern Pacific seems to be confirmed. There were 16 heavy guns against two and the odds were too great.

Saturday, Nov. 7, 1914.

Tlgm from Spring Bice as to accompanying us to Ottawa. Wired Blount as to private car. Loss of Good Hope and Monmouth seems to be conceded by Admiralty. Cradock determined rashly to fight superior force. Played with Young Brown of N.Y. against Underwood and Morgan. Brown very much off his game and they beat us badly. News of land operations by allied armies good. Russians having scored great victory.

Sunday, Nov. 8 1914.

Tlgm from Blount that nothing pressing and need not return until 15. Tlgm from Nakamura asking us to lunch and dine with them in N.Y. Drove to Fassfern farm with Mrs. Kelly Evans, Miss Doeley and the Underwoods. In evening discussed war with Brown Sr. and Morgan. All very keen for the cause of the Allies. War news good. Japs have captured Tsing-Tau.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1914.

Weather much cooler. Thermometer 36 at 10.15. Mr. and Mrs. Wood whom we met a year ago arrived today. Played with Brown Sr. vs Underwood and Morgan and beat them one point. In evening met Mr. and Mrs. Waller. Went over pamphlet on naval policy and read portion of Oxford professors' pamphlet. News from sea of war still encouraging but evidently struggling will be protracted.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1914.

Tlgm. from J.E.McLean as to stay in N.Y. Thermometer at 25 this morning. Tlgm from Blount as to car and telegraphed Spring Bice that we shall be glad to accommodate him. Played golf with Morgan. He came out 1 up. I took the last five holes in 21. Nearly all the women in the hotel are knitting for the soldiers at the front. Tlgm from Nakamuras inviting us to lunch and dine with them on arriving in New York and replied that we would lunch with them on Sunday.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1914.

Finished baths and massage yesterday, played nine holes this morning with Coulson and in afternoon four ball foursome with Brown against Morgan and Underwood. All even, in evening dined with Mrs. Evans, Underwoods also guests. Very pleasant evening. Listened afterwards to the coloured waiters singing in the Japanese room. Letter from Col. Farquhar very cheerful as to progress of war.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 1914.

Played golf very badly against Wood who was on his best game and went around in 87. in evening played bridge with Mr. and Mrs. Bavies. News of the destruction of the Emden and of the imprisonment of the Konigsburg very greatly welcomed by all. Americans have been very keenly interested in success of Allies. Letter from Farquhar describing the awful carnage among the Germans in their massed attack.

Friday, Nov. 13, 1914.

Brown and I played against Morgan and Underwood and I lost the 17th hole. We should have won but he was off his game, played 18 holes with Laura in afternoon and did better. Many friends gathered to say good bye. Mrs. Evans thinks favourably of proposal that her husband should make his headquarters Ottawa. Left at 8.45 for New York.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1914

Arrived N.Y. at one. Several reporters at Hotel. Told them I had no statement to give. Went to Matinee at Comedy Theatre and saw Marie Tempest in "Mary goes first". Very amusing and very well acted. Reporter told that Rogers is at Ritz Carlton. In evening went to Belasco's and saw Lewis Dittrichstein in the "Phantom Rival." Quite clever but a rather strained effect

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1914.

Rainy and unpleasant. Bad news of sinking of superdreadnaught "Audacious" On 27th October. No confirmation but no denial from Admiralty. Saw news of Lord Roberts death at front where he had gone to * welcome Indian troops. Launched with Nakamuras at Parkview apartments above 80th St. Left at 7.45 for Ottawa. Ambassador, Lady Spring Rieu and Scott, Secretary of Embassy accompanied us.

Monday, Nov. 16, 1914.

Arrived Ottawa 11.30 Met by White Rogers and Crothers. In afternoon went to office and attacked correspondence. Hughes came at 5 and discussed his visit to England. Warmly thanked me for promotion to Major General. Had confce with White as to pending negotiations with Jackman re Newfoundland, in evening worked at correspondence until midnight.

Tuesdays Nov. 17, 1914.

Confce with H.R.H. He spoke of wonderful spy system of Germany. Said that Prince Henry of Prussia often came to London without apparent reason. Thinks he was a spy. Confce with Jackman as to confederation and arranged for further interview. He is a man of considerable ability and very plausible. Long confce with McB. as to his visit to England which was very interesting. He saw Asquith, HaS COURT, Grey, Churchill and Kitchener. Went to review with King. Kitchener much pleased with our men.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1914.

Busy day. Long confce in afternoon with Hughes as to administration of his department. Warned him against Morgan. Ascertained;: that Morgan is.in Ottawa and in close touch with him. Lunoheon at my house for Spring Rices. Rogers, Burrell G.J. Fosters and others present. Senator Pope called with memo of his views. Good news this evening of Allies victory in West. Conferred with Duke as to despatches from Harcourt.

Thursday, Nov. 19, 1914.

Strong letter from Osler and Willison as to Hughes. Conference with Cochrane White and Rogers as to Newfoundland and subsequent confce with Jackman. Went into details of union and arranged to prepare memo for Massey. Council at 3,30 and dealt with many matters. Jennings of Mail asked for pointers as to Hughes, Elections, &c. in evening correspondence and long confce with Sir Wm. MacKenzie.

Friday, Nov. 20, 1914.

Confce with Ambassador and arranged for confidential communication of correspondence. Discussed fisheries question and explained our policy. Wrote to Morris and conferred with Jackman. Several telegrams to Perley as to various matters. Council at 4. Interview with Hughes and Gwatkin and arranged for statement to press as to further addition to men in training.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 1914.

Worked much of the day preparing statement for press as to increase of number of men in training. Confess with Hughes and Gwatkin thereon. Fred Nicholls came from Toronto as to the Naulty aeroplane and I sent him to N.Y. to investigate. Confce with J.A., Gillies and had him at luncheon. Also with Dr. Luc LeBel. Went for a long walk at 4 p.m. Dined with the P.D. Rosses in evening.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 1914.

Snow and colder weather (20) in afternoon. Went to All Saints and in evening (6 to 7) walked with Laura. Messenger at 9.30 a.m. from Naval Department called me down when I was trying to put in a long sleep with notice that I was not to mention Princess Royal's presence in Atlantic waters. Told him to inform Department that I was aware of that two days ago. Fimt said he was from Kingsmill and then from Stevens.

Monday, Nov. 23, 1914.

Hughes away and many violent letters from Toronto as to his conduct. Confce with H.R.H. who speaks of many letters complaining of drunkenness and lack of discipline among Canadians. Jackman back from Montreal as to newspaper. Sent Blount to Shaughnessy to confer. Council and dealt with many matters. Conferred with Burrell and Reid as to Benson's failure to purchase horses in Canada. Had Prof. Starkey and Stevenson of Sharon at luncheon.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1914.

Heard delegation from C.M.A. and Farmers Association who presented printed memorial and argued at considerable length. Subsequent confces with Kemp and Lougheed as to Hughes eccentricities. Long confce with Hughes who wept and cursed alternately. He is in a highly nervous condition. Afterwards confce with J.A. MacDonald who reported labor conditions on I.C.B. very bad. He had confce previously with Cochrane who exploded very violently. Evidently ill.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1914.

Confce with Com. of Council as to alien enemies interned and several tlgms thereon. Attending H.R.H. and confce as to Morgan who appears to be masquerading. Discussed with Allan, Foster and Casgrain steamship service. Shaughnessy came from Montreal and discussed propaganda in U.S. Wrote to Ambassador discouraging it and conferred with Kelly Evans who desires senatorship. Evening papers report Hughes referred to secret despatch and took credit to himself at Kitcheners expense.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 1914.

Discussed steamship service with Allan and with Crosby and Dennis who came to luncheon. Attended H.E.H. and spoke to him of Hughes indiscreet language at London. H.Cockshutt and afterward Armstrong (J.E.) spoke warmly and even bitterly of English orders going to U.S. Sent very strong tlgm to Perley. Read to Council report of Automobile Committee. Asked Sherwood for his comment and criticism. Dined with the J.W.Woods and met a Hungarian violinist who plays well.

Friday, Nov. 27, 1914.

Conferred with Douglas as to conditions political and otherwise, in Nova Scotia. He regards them as satisfactory. He and McDl came to luncheon. McDonald very amusing. New story about Kaizer falling into trench. After returning to Headquarters he walked up and down in great agitation and finally they heard him muttering. "He never did it". Confce with Hughes who denies having used language attributed to hfm by press. Col. Davidson supports him. Cautioned him again about his speeches.

Saturday, Nov. 28, 1914.

At office very early. Attended H.R.H. at 11.30 and spoke of Sifton's proposed recognition. Took up with Douglas consideration of conditions in N.S. prospects of election and Maddin's proposed candidature. D.I. & S.Co. apparently backing him and he threatens to run as an independent. Wrote to Lowther and Beland. Several tlgms to and from Perley. Left office at 12.45 and took respite from work during afternoon. Weather bright and clear with moderate temperature. Walked down Pleasance Walk along River Brink and up Elder Lane. Also down Hemlock Path. Stewart has planted many trees, ferns &c. Many persons skating on the Elver.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 1914.

Walked through paths and along river which is covered with skaters. Looked over important papers including draft proclamation for day of Thanksgiving and prayer. Last night and this morning went over very excellent memo prepared by Christie relating to war. Capt. Phillips today arrived from B.C. Several in fortes. Dined at Chateau with the Rogers. Sir C. Davidson spoke of Hughes' wonderfully good work and of his unfortunate tongue.

Monday, Nov. 30, 1914.

Confce with H.R.H. as to undesirables sent back. Confce with H.W.Brown as to new orders for saddlery. Telegraphed Dr. F.D.Adams that I would address Canadian Club of Montreal on Monday 7th Dec. Confce with Dr. Reid and M.J.Davis as to his claim. Rhodes came to luncheon gave most disturbing report of conditions on I.C.R. Says Gutelius has ideals and methods of a Jew peddler and is afflicted with a swelled head and a tendency to lie.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1914.

Tlgrams from McGurdy and Board of Trade as to steamship sailings. Drafted tlgm and submitted to Foster who approved. Telephoned to Mayor Hocken that I would visit Toronto Saturday and address Canadian and Empire clubs. Drafted portions of my address. Council disturbed by violent quarrel between White and Cochrane. White threatened to resign. Worked until 12.30 midnight.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1914.

Discussed appointment to International Joint Commission. Marechal all right if not too lazy. Discussed with Kemp arrangements for Toronto. H.R.H. sends for me every day and wastes about half an hour of my time. Having little to do, he does not know value of time. Worked very hard until 1 a.m. Blount ill since Monday with rheumatism. Urged him to take holiday.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1914.

Chaplin came from St. Catharines and discussed Lancaster. Promised to take up and settle matter. Wolley insists upon my discussing and even taking up details of his appointment. Told him this was impossible. Hasten in great excitement about sailing arrangements for winter. Discussed it with him and Poster. McKenzie here from Toronto and discussed affairs of C.N.R.

Friday, Dec. 4, 1914.

Completed arrangements for visit to Toronto, reported to H.R.H. Mayor and Pres.Bdl of Trade came from St. John and agreed to stand by Steamship arrangements. Held Council. White in a petulant mood did not attend. H.R.H. informed me that Murray declined Knighthood and that Wooley will be substituted. Appointed Barnard governor of B.C. and passed O.C. for day of prayer and intercession. Confce with Marechal as to International Joint Commission.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 1914.

Arrived Toronto. Saw reporters. Visited camp at Exhibition grounds. Spent two hours and a half there. Was delighted with arrangements. Addressed officers, and complimented Lessard. Addressed Canadian and Empire Clubs. Had a splendid reception & received many compliments. Went on harbour for two hours, then reviewed and addressed Home Guard. A wonderful gathering, men of all rank, ages, classes and conditions. Capt. Stewart in command. Then dined at Gov't House. Their only son is at the front.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 1914.

At ten went to inspect Red Cross rooms with Marshall. Then to service at the Cathedral and afterwards with the Bishop and Canon Maonab in the vestry. Then Featherstonhaugh, whose only child is at the front, took me to St. Pauls, a most beautiful church where we met Canon Cody. Then to Oslers for two o'clock dinner. Charley McInnes then came and took me in motor to Hunt Club. Afterwards supper at Albany and Kemp drove us to Station where two reporters awaited us in my car.

Monday, Dec. 7, 1914.

Arrived Montreal 7.30. Saw many friends including Sir H.G. who seems rather morose. At 1 went to address Canadian Club. More than 1000 present. Did not myself fancy my speech, but received many congratulations. Then went to review troops and saw them march past. Afterwards inspected quarters and addressed officers and non-commissioned. Then inspected Patriotic Fund Booms which are wonderfully well arranged. Then addressed McGill Canadian Club and liked my speech better. Then called on Lady G. Senator Pope called with doleful tale of political prospects. American Consul called and discussed internment of Austrians and Germans. Left for Ottawa at 8.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1914.

Arrived early at office and found huge pile of correspondence, but cleared it off before end of day. Held says Pope wants a grant to enable him to voyage around Country talking politics. Discussed La Patrie affairs with Rogers and Casgrain. Council at 12 and in afternoon and things went fairly smoothly. Colleagues congratulated me on speeches. Several tlgrams from McBride, one as to purchase of 9 submarines. Replied in negative. Confce with Duke as to Inspector General. Discussed in council arrangements as to interned aliens.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1914.

Decided not to go to St. John. Accepted Invitation Can.Club Halifax to speak. Confce with Fred Nicholls as to ammunition. Received New York delegation on Peace Commemoration and spoke at luncheon. W.E.Reioh, Editor and proprietor of N.Y.Sun a very interesting man. Held Council and discussed automobiles. In afternoon news came of sinking of Schernherst, Gneissnau and Leipzig.

Thursday, Dec. 10, 1914.

Weather much colder. Rideau frozen, over. Discussed with Hughes appointment of Inspector General. He favours Lessard rather than Steele. Discussed automobiles with him. Correspondence heavy. Confce with Cochrane and told him to press Chamberlain as to operation of G.T.R. Feline and Dupont came to luncheon. Latter remains to inspect saddlery. Made preparations for speech before Hz. Canadian Club. News came that Nurnburg is sunk.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1914.

Confce with Christy of Chicago as to building of submarines. Telegraphed Perley as to various offers. Met.Col. Staunton, new Military Sec. and Major Duff new aide. Latter escaped from German hospital while wounded. Held Council and practically settled automobile question. Told Reid to hurry arrangements as to internment of aliens. Weather very cold.

Saturday, Dec. 12, 1914.

Revised draft of Halifax speech. At 12.30 went to examine motor truck (armoured) presented by Meredith, Grrdon, H.Drummond and others, and forming part of a battery bearing my name. Council at 12. and again at 2.30. Disposed of many matters. Appointed two Inspectors General, Lessard and Steele. At 10 saw Laurier as to bye elections and told him we were prepared to have seats go without contest as they are. He said he thought it should be done. Bosses came to dinner in evening. Letter from E.G. that he wants 2 hours on Sunday.

Sunday, Dec. 13, 1914.

Spent more than four hours in revising speech for Can. Club Hx. Sir H.G. came shortly after 12. After luncheon he proceeded with a statement of his grievances, reading from a written memo. He took two hours. I consoled him as best I could and explained my impression about the \$50,000 in dispute between him and the Tartes. He averred most strenuously that he had never received it. Col. Staunton, Major Duff, Hughes, John Stevenson and many others came in afternoon.

Monday, Dec. 14, 1914.

Very busy day. Blount left for New York for brief visit. Agreed to address evening meeting of Can. Club Ex. Held Council and passed order for motor lorries. Had delegation from Brantford thereon. Took steps to prevent any interruption of Bourassa's meeting. Saw Reid, Garland, Fripp and Sherwood. Confce. with Col. --- as to rifles ordered by Hughes in United States. Saw Casgrain as to H.G. affair. Very busy day and very tired. Beautiful fall of snow last night.

Tuesday, Dec.15, 1914.

Very cold weather, 1 above zero, this morning with considerable wind. White returned from Montreal greatly pleased with his reception. He made an excellent speech. He is in great spirits and made an admirable and moderate presentation of financial situation in Council this afternoon. A week ago he wanted to resign Instructed Fiset to hasten giving of orders. Interview with Capt. Dupont who desires to assist in providing news for Canadians when at front and says this can be done by cooperation of Calais newspapers.

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1914.

Tlgm yesterday as to appointing McKay Judge. Held Council this morning and appointed him. Laurier came at 2. 30 as to bye elections but was rather indefinite as to what could be accomplished. Called up Cochrane in Toronto as to passes for railway organization but got rather indefinite answer. Left at 3.30 with Hal and Bryanton. Jameson just out of hospital came with us and Siddall from Montreal. Saw Shaughnessy at Montreal and discussed Atlantic Service and trade development.

Thursday, Dec. 17, 1914.

Miss Albrow with us at breakfast and luncheon. Saw several friends at Moncton. At Amherst was met by Mayor and by Rhodes and dined with Rhodes. spoke for 50 minutes at evening meeting and was well received. Met Hughes who also spoke. His remarks most tactful. Discussed railway matters afterwards with Rhodes. Took St. John night train for Halifax. Tanner, McGregor and O'Conner accompanied me.

Friday, Dec. 18, 1914.

Arrived Halifax at 9. Met by Dennis and others. Went to Conservative rooms at 10 and received callers until 1. At 2 went to North Common and reviewed troops and addressed them in Armoury. At 5 went to Curling rink and addressed Dalhousie Training Corps. Dined with McCurdy and addressed Canadian Club at 8. Very large and representative audience. Very earnest and attentive. Supper afterwards at Hx. Club with Executive and spoke again in reply to toast.

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1914.

Went from 10 to 12 to inspect terminals which are proceeding very satisfactorily. Then received callers 12 to 2. principally Sydney delegation as to Maddin. Then lunch at Club and conference with McCurdy who wants to leave political life unless he becomes Minister. Then with McInnes. Left for Grand Pre at 3.10. Mr. & Mrs. Tremaine and Sir 1.11. Weatherbe accompanied us. Arrived 5.30 and found mother very comfortable. Julia and children well.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 1914.

Quiet day. Walked with children in morning and called on Sophie in afternoon. Miss Brown, the nurse has been married and is now Mrs. Reid. She is a very capable and worthy woman. Gow and Watson came in evening and made a long call. Hall, Mabel accompanied me to car. Said good bye to mother who seems brighter and better than she was a year ago. Julia told of H. McLatchy's impertinence. Told her not to take the slightest notice of it.

Monday, Dec. 21, 1914.

Left Grand Pre at 6.23 and met John Stanfield who came to Oxford Junction. Rhodes came from Amherst to Moncton Discussed with both of them I.C.R. matters which they think are in a bad way. Saw Gutelius at Moncton. Forty eight officers from Salisbury Camp on board, all of them anxious for service in second contingent. They are anxious that their return shall not be misconstrued. One of them said he had seen a Belgian girl whose hands had been cut off by German soldiers.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1914.

Arrived Montreal 4 1/2 hours late. Utilised time in preparing speech for Winnipeg and in disposing of correspondence. War news rather enoouraging. Letter at Hx. from M.G.Grant asking to be appointed Governor. Grantham came from Montreal to Ottawa and spoke of being able to secure arms in U.S. In evening Blount came and disposed of correspondence. Carrick just arrived from England told me of his visit to scene of war. Wants Hughes appointed to command an Army Corps.

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1914.

Very busy day. Thermometer 6 below. Worked at correspondence and sat 4 hours in Council. Interview with H.R.H. who gave me letter from Alderson which is not flattering to officers of Contingent. MacKenzie and Lash came to get promise of aid to extent of 5 millions and others to pay bond interest of C.N.R. Called on Cochrane and told them it must first be discussed in Council.

Thursday, Dec. 24, 1914.

Very busy day with enormous correspondence. Sent messages to Perley, Asquith Harcourt, Sir C. Tupper, Premiers of Australia, S.Africa, N.Zealand, Nfld. and to Provincial Premiers Received many messages. Sat in Council 12 to 1.30 and discussed shoes for soldiers. Also in afternoon 2.30 to 4. Many messages from Western Canadian Clubs to deliver addresses. Weather 10 to 15 below zero. Sent message to Canadians at Salisbury through General Alderson.

Friday, Dec. 25, 1914.

Went to P.C. personally and got mail of huge magnitude. Prepared statement as to export of nickel to show that arrangements have approval of Imperial Gov't. Discussed C.N.R. matter with Cochrane and afterwards with him and Poster and prepared memo for White. Telegraphed Meighen to return and explained situation to Rogers and McBride by telegram. Weather still very cold. Went in car for Winnipeg at 10 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 26, 1914.

Very cold but car most comfortable, notwithstanding 38 below at Chalk River. Disposed of considerable correspondence & worked at my Winnipeg speech until 11 P.M. Met several friends at North Bay and at Sudbury. Despatched numerous messages in answer to Christmas greetings. Tlgm from Asquith in reply to my Christmas message.

Sunday, December 27, 1914.

Arrived at Port Arthur only 20 minutes late, having made up 1 1/2 hours. Carrick met me and came to Fort William. Many young men returning to Winnipeg to join 'battalions after Xmas leave. Also at Kenora. Nothing important from war yesterday or today. Arrived Winnipeg on time and were met by Rogers, Mayor Deacon, W.J. Tupper, Hall of C.P.R. and others and went to Rogers house.

Monday, Dec. 28, 1914.

Discussed C.N.R. and other matters with Rogers during forenoon and drove to City, visiting Bank N.S. and Royal Alexandra. At 2.15 went to review troops. 5790 on parade, fine looking men, especially 23th Bn. Then went to Adanac Club and received for two hours. Then dined at Gov't House, large party forty in all. Took in Lady Cameron and met many old friends. After ladies retired Dr. Montague sat by me and told some good stories of parliamentary life.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1914.

Telegrams late last night and this morning re C.N.R. Discussed it with Rogers and sent tlgm to Meighen. At 12.15 went to Royal Alex'a Club (1200 present) after luncheon. Then went to Public Utilities Bureau and opened Art Ex. with another address. Then to Royal Alexandra and addressed Women's Canadian Club, 906 present. Then dressed and dined at Manitoba Club and responded to Toast and caught train for Pt. Arthur at 9.13.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1914.

Arrived Fort Wm. at 9.40 and was received with guard of honour which I inspected. Then to Port Arthur and inspected grain elevator which I found excellent. Then to luncheon with Dr. Crozier and motored to Ft. Win. and had interview with Grain Com'rs. Then to Pt. Arthur and received with Laura for 2 hours at C.N.R. hotel. Then to dinner with Garrick at 8 addressed public meeting in Opera House, hundreds being turned away. Left for Ottawa at 10.13.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1914.

All day journeying to Ottawa. News from war during past three days seems encouraging. Sir D. McMillan thinks we should enlist large number of men now as it will be more difficult later on. Carried with us on train and wants to go to front as Intelligence Officer. Train quite on time notwithstanding weather.