Saturday, Jan. 1, 1916.

A rather melancholy New Year with,both of us confined to bed under charge of Doctor and trained nurse. Pain still very severe at times. The nurse, Miss McCurdy,seems very faithful and competent. If I make, the slightest movement in the night she is at the door at once. My message to the Canadian people published today seems to be very well received. Many telegrams of congratulation, one especially fervent from Dr. Chown, one also from Hon. Edw. Brown, a member of the Manitoba Gov't. News from front unimportant but Russians seem to be fathering way. Asquith evidently having great difficulty with his conscription measure which threatens to disrupt his Gov't.

Sunday, Jan.2, 1916.

Condition practically unchanged, but slightly improved. Doctor left hypodermic injection with nurse but although she proposed to use it, I objected at 4.a.m. Laura not improving very rapidly. Her temperature very high and she is evidently very weak. Am giving no attention at all to my work as Dr. Laidlaw insists upon no mental strain. Sciatic nerve is giving me the trouble, and its condition is due to lack of functioning by liver and by kidneys with the result that poisons which should be eliminated remain in one's system and run riot. Hot water bags and linseed poultices applied unceasingly day and night.

Monday, Jan.3, 1916.

Blount brought letter from Staunton stating that H.R.H. somewhat surprised that my announcement was made without O.C. I dictated reply in which I made that matter perfectly clear. Laura improving somewhat but not rapidly. My condition gradually improving and pain lessening; but recovery will be tedious. See no prospect of getting out this week and indeed am too ill to take much interest in my work. Have instructed Blount to send nothing to me for several days and that Cabinet must prepare speech for opening. Foster is to undertake this. Conscription arousing great interest and excitement in G.B.. Bill to be introduced on Wednesday,

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1916.

Blount reports that Staunton has apologized for his note and over telephone said that Bennett (R.B.) is responsible for giving him the false idea. Still suffering a good deal of pain but improving. Have had very little inclination to take nourishment. Laura evidently very weak. Parl't opens a weak from Wednesday, but I am giving it very little thought and endeavouring to to keep from work and worry.

Have seen none of my colleagues since Thursday last. neuritis a very troublesome companion. Cooler today but rain prophesied for tomorrow.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1916.

Asquith introduced compromise Conscription Bill. Resignations said to be impending. Pain diminishing and condition improving. Laura improving but attempting to do too much. Endeavouring to work out in my mind the railway situation which is very difficult and may possibly lead to a dissolution of Parl't. Liberals somewhat puzzled as to what attitude they should take respecting our proposal to increase to 500,000. They have been arguing in Ont. that we are doing too little. Little news of importance from war theatres. Russians still maintaining their drive and apparently doing well. NO doubt as to their ability if they are properly supplied with arms and ammunition. My speeches in N.Y. well spoken of in press. Rainy and damp.

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916.

Sir J. Simon resigned from British Govt and replied to Asquith in a telling speech. Balfour made a very strong and convincing speech. Bill carried by nearly 300. Opposition almost entirely from Irish and Labour members. Great excitement produced by publication of Ian Hamilton's report which declares that with another 50,000 rifles he could have succeeded at Dardanelles. Blames his divisional commanders and incidentally himself. Laura greatly troubled by insomnia and heavy perspiration at night. I am steadily improving but still subject to strong spasms of pain not only in hip but also in thigh to knew. Russians still driving away with immense forces and apparently with success.

Friday, January 7, 1916.

Rain somewhat better. Sat up from 3.30 to 8.30 and had dinner in library with Laura. Sent for Reid and discussed with him the programme for next week and the situation re G.T.P. A serious quarrel going on in London between Aitken and Br.Gov't as to appointments to Canadian Army Corps, especially in junior ranks. Fear Aitken is not acting with requisite judgment and caution. Laura had bad night and is by no means improving as rapidly as I hoped. My pulse 50 and blood pressure 115, indicating low vitality. Laidlaw says this is a usual condition. Three labour members of British Gov't have resigned and General Election apprehended. Russians still making progress in their great drive. Germans and Austrians backing down on submarine controversy with U.S.

Saturday, January 8, 1916.

Doctor took blood pressure, 120. Temperature sub-normal, pulee 54. Thinks he need not see me again until Monday or Tuesday. Advises me to stay in as long as possible. Blount came and I worked with him for an hour at correspondence. He brought draft of speech from throne which contains some extraordinary and impossible passages. Nurse left this afternoon. She has been very devoted and faithful. Rev. Mr. MacKay called. I sat up from 3.30 to 9.30. Russians still pressing Austrians and apparently making headway. Ottawa Free Press attacks Gov't for increasing force to 500,000 before meeting of Parliament. Grits rather in a muddle as they have been insincerely claiming that we are not doing enough. Laura much better today.

Sunday, January 9, 1916.

Miss Fraser, masseuse, came at 9.30and gave me treatment. Worked at correspondence &c. during forenoon and portion of afternoon. Sir C. Schreiber called and insisted on coming in. Lougheed also discussed weakness of Economic and Development Commission and other matters. Says my New Year announcement is well received in West and that there is little criticism of Gov't there. Blount came at 5 and I worked with him until 7.15 and cleared up much correspondence and many matters. Drafted report to Council to raise forces to 500,000 men. Hal called during forenoon and says Henry wants to go to front as drummer or bugler. Weather still very cold. Laura still suffers from cough and weakness. My strength seems to be slowly but steadily returning.

Monday, January 10, 1916.

Wrote to Arch.Bruchesi and Rev. John J. O'Gorman congratulating them upon recent addresses. Weather damp and disagreeable. Both Laura and I seem to be improving rapidly in strength. Worked about 7 hours, going over documents, revising proof of my speeches, making notes &c. Draft of speech from throne completed and sent to Gov.Gen. News from front not very encouraging, the Germans gaining ground in the vosges and the Russian offensive apparently not making headway. There seems no end to the forces that the Central powers can put in the field. However, I returned from England with the impression that we shall not be really prepared until June. Then if we cannot do effective work we had better make peace.

Tuesday, January 11, 1916.

Dr. Laidlaw came and found pulse 60 and blood pressure 130. Gave me lotion for eczematous condition of back. By his permission I was out doors for first time in two weeks. C.J.MoCuaig sent flowers. Revised speeches and worked at correspondence. Letter from Laurier as to confce and speaking of resolution re Sir Charles Tupper, Sevigny called in evening, nothing of importance from Front. Asquith seems to be sliding through his difficulties as Irish Nationalists have decided not to oppose the conscription bill further. White much agitated over Ry situation and with good reason. Decided not to go to Office before Thursday. Grip very prevalent. Governor General confined to his bed and doubtful whether he can appear at opening.

Wednesday, January 12, 1916.

Damp, sleety unpleasant day. Walked for 15 minutes in afternoon but roadway very slippery. Laura went out for first time in two weeks. White,Before and Reid came by appointment at two. I discussed with them the ry situation and my approaching interview with Laurier. We agreed that we should not propose to do more than hold the situation at present. Laurier came at 5. Told him that I would propose resolution respecting Sir Charles Tupper. Explained ry. situation and told him we would propose appropriation to keep things as they are and would proceed with an inquiry. Also told him we would go on at oaoe with resolution to extend life of Parlt. He did not commit himself as to their action. Agreed with what I said as to railway situation.

Thursday, January 13, 1916.

At noon Blount came with correspondence received by Reid respecting alleged misconduct of shell committee. Sent for E. and discussed it with him. Afterwards disclosed the information to Hughes with suggestion that he make it known to Bertram. He says Bertram in Florida. Then confuse with Flavelle as to operations of Munitions Board and lack of orders for the Wust. Sent tlgm to Perley thereon. Then worked at notes for speech until after ten and got very nervous owing to low vitality and weak condition so that I could not sleep. Very cold night, therm, going to nearly 20 below. Session opened today by Governor. First session since we were in office that I have not been present.

Friday, January 14, 1916.

Sent for Blount and drafted notes for speech. In afternoon went into town and was at office for half an hour. Find my strength greatly reduced. Further confoe with Flavelle over telephone as to orders for Western factories. Weather very cold. Hews from front not encouraging. Eussian offensive seems to be slackening, and Austria has crushed Montenegro. Italians too late to assist as is the custom of the Allies. Bead Lloyd George's speech of 20th December - a most powerful presentation of the case. He goes straight to the heart of the situation. Long list of honours to Canadians, Alderson, Seely & Watson given K.C.B.

Saturday, January 15, 1916.

Went to office. Walked. Arrived shortly after ten. Dealt with correspondence. Called council at 12. Discussed business of session and especially debate on the address. Also probably activities of Liberals in seeking investigations &c. Discussed our policy in that regard. Also form of resolution for extension of Parliamentary term. Met Holt, Darling and another member of Ottawa Imp.Com'n whose work has just been completed. Returned to house at 3 and worked at speech until 7 and for two hours in evening. Delegate Apostolic and^His Grace of St. Boniface called to see me and had very pleasant chat. Also a needy individual who described himself as brother of Bernard Partridef of "Punch".- Told Rogers I wanted to get out of public life. He spoke of singular interview with H.G. who wishes to be a peer.

Sunday, January 16, 1916.

Worked until 1 at notes for speech and completed them. Am still somewhat shaky and have not regained entire strength. Weather much milder. Laura not marking satisfactory progress. Urged her to go South but she will never go without me. She spoke of Rogers not calling up or enquiring during our illness Thinks they are offended or hurt. Had short talk with Bennett yesterday, who is in good form and has some important communication to make re his visit to England. Rogers says Lemieux assures him session will be very quiet and very short. "Soft pedal on". Marcil fold Blount same. Eater this P.M. Rogers telephoned that they deceiving us and intend to jockey extension. Read part of very interesting book "Wild Bird Guests" by Ernest Harold Baynes.

Monday, January 17, 1916.

Conned over notes for speech and went to office at 12. In Council at two discussed situation. Thompson & Paquet made excellent

speeches in moving and seconding address. Laurier was not very aggressive; he attacked the nationalists with the evident idea of strengthening himself in the English provinces. I spoke for an hour and tea minutes and my speech was well received Was very tired and almost exhausted afterwards. Evidently I have not fully regained my strength. In the evening Dr. Clark spoke and supported strongly the Idea that there should be no election during the war.

Tuesday, January 18, 1916.

At office at ten. Dealt with correspondence and held Council at two. Discussed methods of recruiting and purpose of preventing dislocation of industries. White very excited and almost in quarrel with Hughes who naturally wants to press recruiting regardless of other considerations. Held confoe with Militia Council in afternoon as to offering a fourth division. Casgrain made a good speech and Lemieux following gave a very long rambling speech of nearly two hours. Cockshutt began to speak shortly before six. Weather still very gold, therm 4 below zero. Ho important news from front. Setters came to see me as to threatened labour troubles in Toronto.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1916.

In Council discussed labour situation in Toronto Crothers thinks Industrial disputes let sufficient. Pugsley continued his speech on Shell Committee and Wilcox replied in a very telling address. Delegation lame to ask for interview on prohibition and told them it would be granted on the 27th. Drove to Doherty's house and found him improving. Told him to go away and take a holiday. Burrell wasted half an hour of my time respecting a foolish bungle in his department as to purchase of hay for Br.Gov't. Telegraphed Perley to ascertain when statement of Shell prices would be available.

Thursday, Jan. 20, 1916.

Oliver continued for an hour in a rambling speech and Meighen followed. He is a wonderfully fine debater and scored all through his address. Letter from Aroh.Bruchesi as to attitude on prohibition in which he asks my advice as to his reply to memorial. Discussed in Council our attitude on prohibition and concensus of opinion is that we must leave it to provinces. Letter a few days ago from Spring Bice that Pres. Wilson has appointed me non-national on behalf of U.S. under Treaty between U.S. and Portugal. I accepted after consultation with my colleagues. Conferred again with watters as to labour situation in Toronto and generally as enactment of measure for Fair Wages Boards.

Friday, Jan. 21, 1916.

Worked at correspondence all forenoon and interviews 12 to 1. In afternoon discussed with Hughes a number of militia matters and despatched tlgms to England thereon, Hews from front meagre. Danger apparent of Greece joining the Teutons. Weather raining and unpleasant. Winter thus far has consisted of sudden changes from one extreme to another. Hews this morning that E.P.Hewoombe seriously wounded in neck. Cabled perley as to his condition. Murphy spake in afternoon and was answered by Scott of Waterloo in a good speech.

Saturday, Jan.22, 1916.

Council at eleven. After routine discussed prohibition motion and our attitude towards it. Meighen thinks Hughes motion affords a way out, as it places the responsibility upon the Provinces. Rogers says that the Provinces must firsJ be consulted. Foster wants something done but he doesn't know what. Brief to be prepared.of all Prov'l enactments and of results and conditions in the Provinces as to licenses, &c. Discussed Ford Co and sent tlgm to P.M. of Australia. Tlgm from Perley as to E.F. Newceabe but no additional information. Confce with H.R.H. as to various minor matters. Morine (A.B.) called as to Nfld affairs. Took him to Club for lunch. Flavelle sent up extraordinary offensive and absurd letter from Hughes as to fuse contract.

Sunday, Jan.23, 1916.

A clear beautiful day, therm. 24 when we started for church. Laura greatly improving in health, slept well last night. No news from front of any importance. Rhodes, Barnard Jameson and Beckles Wilson called in afternoon. They think Grits are endeavouring to force an election, White called on telephone from Toronto and asked me to speak to Rogers re affairs of northern Crown Bk. which are becoming critical ©wing to attacks of Winnipeg Telegram. Rogers is to see me in the morning. White also alluded to charges preferred against Home Bank by the Western directors. Says they are not retaliatory, i.e. instigated by attack on Northern Crown. Newoombe telephones that he has reassuring message from his son.

Monday, Jan,24, 1916.

Newcombe came early to office with distressing message from Jones that his son is dangerously wounded, aneurism and hemorrhage of carotid artery. He and his wife start at once for England. Long confce with Hughes as to sundry matters and reprimanded him for letter to Flavelle. Previous confce with Flavelle when whole question of small arms ammunition was gone into. In House Hazen made a three hour speech,

admirable although, solengthy, in which he covered practically the whole ground of the opposition attack. Conferred with Waiters and Draper as to Pair Wages Boards. They are obviously anxious to assist. Draper has great opinion of Flavelle's ability. MoDonald replied to Hazen for two hours in evening. I went to house in evening for first time this session.

Tuesday, Jan.25, 1916.

Sir W.MacKenzie arrived and discussed affairs of C.H.R. and problems of immigration. He is strongly opposed to continuance of homestead system and will discuss it with Col. Davidson. I spoke to him about A.DeW.F. Carvell made a 4 1/2 hour speech of a very violent character and preferred charges of the wildest character against the Shell Committee, Burrell, Sir C. Davidson and everyone connected with the Gov't. Burrell greatly excited and agitated. Discussed with Crothers question of establishing Pair Wages Boards. He does not favour it. Lunched with the Speaker. Discused with Hughes Governor's suggestion as to promotions and appointments in overseas forces. Col.Gordon called to express opinion in favour of prohibition. Weather wet and unwholesome. Both Laura and I improving gradually in health.

Wednesday, Jan.26, 1916.

Caucus at 19. Men apparently in excellent spirits Some complaints about Ministers not giving sufficient cons'n to members. Boyce raised question of Shell Com. investigation and I spoke at some length apparently to entire satisfaction of oausus. I read my last letter to Laurier. Hughes spoke for two hours on Militia affairs and Shell Com. and made an excellent impression. Burrell replied to Carvell as to submarines and is to continue tomorrow. McKenzie further discussed immigration and says he has convinced Davidson who called shortly afterward and said McK. had not at all convinced him. Crosby in town and I took him to luncheon. He is quite optimistic as to situation in Halifax, McCurdy contra.

Thursday, Jan.27, 1916.

Burrell made a fine speech this afternoon in reply to Carvell's attack and received tremendous applause, putting Carvell into an unenviable position. Received prohibition delegation at noon and replied to their representations expressing sympathy but pointing out practical difficulties. Our men well satisfied with my method of handling situation. Conferred with H.R.H. as to delay of Ross Rifle Co. and subsequent confce with Nesbitt as to tlgm to Colonial. Seey. Cochrane sailed from England yesterday. Perry submitted draft interview as to orders for munitions which I toned down.

Weather somewhat cooler and more seasonable. Tanner and Stanfield arrived but have not yet discussed situation with them. Confce at Club with Fred Nicholls who returns greatly pleased with his visit to England.

Friday, Jan.28, 1916.

Confce with J.N.Greenshields as to manufacture of munitions and subsequent discussion with Hughes thereon. Latter wants to have his finger in contracts. Astonishing how every Minister reaches out for every available bit of patronage. Poster and White greatly excited in Council ,over Ross Rifle. Declare it is of no use and that there should be an investigation. Went over the matter again with Nesbitt in afternoon and drafted cable to Col. Secy. Received stat. from Munitions as to comparative shell prices. Gave dinner at Club for Tanner, and Crosby, and proposed their health. Reports indicate that Tanner will carry Province by a good majority at next election. Hon. J,M.Beck arrived from N.Y. Gave him seat on floor of house and took him through library.

Saturday,Jan.29, 1916.

In Council debated provision of small arms ammunition and rifles. Decided to hand our new plant to Imp. Munitions oar at cost. Elliott explained to us rifle situation and we passed 0.C. for 100,000. Had confce afterwards with Flavelle and gave him reasons very frankly. Went to Can.Club luncheon and listened to the most truly eloquent address I ever heard. Beck is certainly a wonderful speaker. His description and application of scene in Lauterbrunnen Valley, the Jungfrau, the Monch and the Oger, the sounding of the fair notes of the common chord and the reverberation of the notes in a hundred blendings, the myriad echoes of the little cannon &c were very fine, also his likening of France to Andromache smiling through her tears. In evening dined with large party at Country Club. Beck prin.guest gave very witty speech. Edwards & Duff hosts. Laurier and I spoke, also Lougheed and Lemieux. Laura suffered relapse today. Very nervous and worn out, on rerge of nervous breakdown.

Sunday, January 30, 1916.

Laura somewhat better today. Will remain in bed and keep perfectly quiet for some days.. Went over correspondence &c. in forenoon. Suffering intensely from very severe cold. In afternoon Capt . Chalet, French remount officer, and Lieut. Gustave Lanctot called. Latter a Rhodes Scholar, apparently a very capable and earnest young man. He discussed advisability of forming a Preach Canadian brigade and spoke very highly of the experience, character, and ability of Col.Leduc. Said that some of the French Canadian officers, hitherto

appointed, are very incapable and almost useless.

Monday, January 31, 1916.

Wet rainy day. Extraordinary weather for January. Long confuse with White as to his budget. He proposes taxation of war profits beyond certain limits. Greenshields and Beauclaire called as to manufacture of munitions. Referred them to Flavalle. Debate on address still continued. Was not much in house. Still suffering from very severe cold. Laura somewhat better today, discussed in council Doughty's proposed visit to France. In evening partly prepared speech on resolutions to extend Parly term. Received delegation as to duty on fruit, B.C.fruit driven out of prairie provinces by importations from Western U.S. No news from war of any importance. Confce with Sir G. Davidson as to his report. Afterwards with Howard Ferguson and submitted to him Casgrain's proposal as to School Controversy.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1916.

Still suffering intensely from an infernal cold. Laura improving. Long confce with Hun. Board Chairman as to ammunition. He does not want to take over our machinery and does not think highly of Greenshields syndicate. Talks at great length and says Hughes is seeking to discredit him, in press. Spoke to Hughes who denies it. Conferred with Rogers, Reid and Burrell as to Senatorships. Debate still going in House and apparently will not end before Friday. Attended H.R.H. and discussed several minor matters. Gave Sir J.Pope digestions as to his journey to Vancouver to meet Prime Minister of Australia. Weather cooler and more seasonable.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1916.

My cold much better apparently today.Laura still weak and nervous but evidently improving. Dinner this evening at which she took her place. Reids, Burrells, Blondins, McLennans &o. Debate in house concluded shortly before 6 and address passed nem.con. Patenaude made a good speech, calm, moderate and impressive in its evident sincerity. Shaughnessy Rogers and I lunched together at Club. He spoke of Ry. sit. and thinks, we should have inquiry. Told him we would support G.T.P. and H.T.$ by appropriation. He is opposed and thinks both these roads and even G.T. should be thrown into liquidation. Told him if we took over either, we would operate it through a corporation e# and if necessary appoint directors for a 5 year term, removable only by Parliament. Seat cars (private) West for Prime Min. of Australia and gave Pope letter of welcome to him.

Thursday, Feb.3, 1916.

Prepared for speech on Sir C.Tupper but papers mislaid and postponed it. Jameson motion on fish taken up after questions. Several confces in my room during afternoon, among others J.P.Dowaey re senatorship. Also with Hughes, Lafferty and Elliott as to Arsenal. Returned in evening to receive Lafferty's report. Was in Chamber until about 8.40 when Reid urged me to go home as there would be nothing further of importance. Went to my room and called in Boyce and proceeded to deal with correpondence. Shortly after 9 Phil rushed in and said there was an awful fire in corridor. We ran out and in the corridor leading to reading room there was a great volume of thick black smoke through which darted long tongues of flame, accompanied by short sharp sounds like explosions. The corridor leading past press room was also filled with smoke and water was running over it. I darted back for my coat but Phil urged me to come at once. After a moment's hesitation I followed him with Boyce. A policeman told us not to go through P.C. corridor but down messengers stairway and through their room which we did. A large number of members and others in the entrance vestibule. Could get no information at first as to place where fire originated. Soon saw Burrell with his face badly burned. Thick black cloud of smoke in the P.C. corridor. Hose turned on in various plaoes but no firemen then inside vestibule. Asked Rogers about extinguishers and he said they had been used. Dr. Clark soon emerged from the suffocating smoke of the P.C. corridor roaring like a bull and shouting that Nesbitt, Douglas, Loggie Elliott and others were in chamber. Some men including White attempted to go in but were driven back by smoke. James Morris insisted upon giving me his fur lined coat and an attendant gave me a hat. We were eventually ordered out of the building. Boyce without coat or hat but accompanied by some man who put the corner of his coat over him went with me to P. C. office. I immediately telephoned to Laura as I feared the shock to her in her weak and nervous condition. Blount came in about half an hour and meantime I sent Boyce to my house for coat, hat and overshoes. Fire had increased and was gaining control of building. Heard soon of the death of Mesdames Bray and Morin and of three employes. Went out for about an hour with Hazen and walked through crowd and all around building. Thought at first Senate end would be saved but feared for library. Troops had been called out by Hughes and were holding back the crowd. They stopped us several times but always let us through when Hazen explained that I was the P.M. About 11.30 we went to Hazen's room at Chateau and sent for Rogers and Reid. Dr. Clark oame with them. Discussed what we should do. I called up Citizen and told them to announce that House would meet tomorrow as usual, place to be announced. Then Reid and I took a motor and went again to survey conflagration. It had worked over to the Senate end and had almost completely enveloped western end. Inquired about library and chauffeur said it had been destroyed. This surprised me greatly and I afterwards discovered that it was not correct. Reached home about 12.30 and found Laura greatly disturbed. She enquired anxiously as to Mme. Sevigny's mother. Fire still blazing fiercely when we retired.

Friday, Feb. 4, 1916.

Early at office. Ruins still smoking and streams of water playing en them. Directed reports from all responsible officers as to fire. Went at 9.30 to inspect Ry. Com'rs Court Room and then Victoria Memorial Museum. Then to office & drafted report to Council which was approved and signed by H.R.H wham I attended later. Dealt with ?a arrears of routine business Confce with Laurier at 12.30 and explained to him arrangements and our proposals for proceeding with business to which he agreed House met at 3 in Museum building and on orders of day I spoke giving messages from King, G.G. &c. and explaining our intention to proceed with business. Then went with Rogers, Hazen and Pugsley to visit and examine new Customs Bldg. at Sussex St. Found 4 upper stories admirably adapted for Committee Rooms &c but probably necessary to build temporary Chamber for House and for Senate. Answered many messages and wrote to poor bereaved Bray and Morin. Very tired by evening. Laura much affected by disaster and did not sleep at all.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 1916.

Poor Sevigny broke down yesterday when he came to see me. Conferred with Workman and D.H.McDougall yesterday as to the condition of labour through recruiting. Took it up in Council today and sent to Montreal for MoD. Decided to start new Arsenal at Lindsay. Had general discussion as to recruiting methods and avoidance of unnecessary disturbance to Industry. Appointed Ward Stanworth C.S.judge for Kent. Also J.A.Chisholm, Supreme Court N.S. Tlgms from Asquith, Harcourt,Kitchener &o. Colleagues say Grits will put through Session's business very quickly and that there will be little controversy. Am not so sure. Asked Laurier to name Com'n for investigation which he did. Dined with H.R.H. who expressed surprise that President Wilson had sent no message of sympathy. We have been very punctilious with him in all matters. Probably stupid or indifferent.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 1916.

Beautiful winter day, Laura and I waited across river and along the Bussell Rd. for as hour. Telegrams still pouring in about fire. In afternoon H.R.H. Duke of Connaught and Capt. Mackintosh came for about 3/4 of an hour. Duke becoming more deaf. Tlgm from E.F.Walker protesting against Chisholm's appointment. In evening Charles A. Selden of New York Times (magazine depf) came and I had a very interesting conversation with him and gave him my photos of File Hill Indian Band. Press despatches announce arrival of W. Hughes at Honolulu. Laurier named Judge McTavish as Goa'r to investigate cause of Ottawa fire.

Monday, Feb. 7, 1916.

Blustering cold day. Confce in the morning with Hughes, Crothers and D.H. McDougall as to labour conditions add made satisfactory arrangements. Afterwards with Hughes and Casgrain as to Valcartier claims. Passed 0.C. for investigation into fire and had confce with Pearson of Toronto, Architect, thereafter House at 3 and found that Rogers had accomplished wonders since Friday in erection of committee rooms, rooms for members, officers press, post office, telegraph offices, telephone and a hundred other matters. Moved resolution expressing condolence to Sir C. Tupper's family and appreciation of his great service to Canada. Laurier made an excellent speech in seconding the motion. Asked him about extension and he said debate would be short. Evidently they dont intend to oppose it.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1916.

Worked all morning at my speech. Attended council and participated in discussion as to persons of German birth in Government employ and as to public agitation thereon. At two had interview with Armstrong Manager of Can. Exp. Ass'n who gave very interesting and instructive account of his recent visit to England. At three to H. of C and moved resin extend term of Parlt for one year. Some of the Liberals were grinning while I was speaking. Evidently because I quoted so much from their pre^ss and leaders condemning an election during the war. Laurier followed in a somewhat lengthy and discursive but eloquent speech in which he finally accepted the Government's proposals. Confce with Marcil as to information respecting fire and confoe with Perry as to his proposed visit to England.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1916.

Confce with Pringle this P.M. as to conduct of investigation and approved of selection of W.E.White, K.G. as Counsel. Council 11 to 1 and discussed many matters, one capital case. White stated matters he has in mind respecting budget and arranged to bring it on next Tuesday.Chamberlain and Scott brought statement re G.T.P. Former lunched with me at Club. In house several short motions. Middlebro brought up his proposal that returned soldiers should have preference and there-was a useful discussion. He gave me only five minutes notice that he would speak and made no allusion to fact that G.C. had been passed. He is either stupid or trying to advertise himself at expense of Gov't.

Thursday, Feb.10, 1916.

Reported that Burrell no better and suffering great pain. Ho answer

to telephone. Laurier gave notice yesterday of motion for investigation into Shell Com. Instructed Christie and Blount to make preparation. Council 12 to 1. Wasted much time. Hughes and White. The latter is becoming obsessed with a mania for talking. Obstructed our Estimates yesterday. Hazen made a statement clear and cogent, as to Heidman, Hughes a blundering and confused statement respecting Capt. Hahn. Massed R.N.M.P. Estimates. McDonald (E.M.) had some thing to say about orders in Council to which I replied. Various confces. Went to dinner given by the Yadas at Chateau Laurier. Mrs. Yada very amusing in apologizing for her broken English . Turning very cold.

Friday, Feb.11, 1916.

Conferred with Lougheed as to poor results from his Econ. and Develop. Com'n. He admitted this and says he has plan for permanent app'ts and preparation of a brief on various subjects. Says the members of the Com'h are no good with two exceptions. Confce with W.F.O'c as to his future and had him at luncheon. Discussed app't of Ass't Clerk and decided on Beauchesne. Sent for Civil Service Com'rs and asked them to consider him. Croker arrived from Nfld. Introduced him to several Ministers and members and invited him to Privy Council at 1.45 and to luncheon. W.Nesbitt spoke of wonderful invention which he had communicated to Hughes. It would enable British to break through German lines. Gas vapor operated in a specified manner. Doherty returned today looking thinner. Hazen's estimates in House. It six I pressed button lighting the top of the building.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 1916.

Cold bright morning, walked to office arriving at 9. Confce with Chief Censor Chambers. Correspondence &o until 10. Council at 10 and listened to and discussed White's budget until 12,50. Then introduced Coker of Nfld, Then confce with Gov. Gen. and afterwards presented Coker to him. Took Coker, Jennison and McNab to luncheon. All afternoon in Council and disposed of many matters. Appointed Sub. Com. on Shipbuilding, Western lands and Chinese immigration. White's budget quite radical in its retrospective taxation of war profits. He expected Council to balk but on the contrary they urged him to go farther. Appointed Sub.Com. also on Controversy with Out. re water powers. Tlgm from Pope that Hughes, Premier of Australia reached Victoria last night and will arrive Ottawa Thursday morning.

Sunday, Feb.13, 1916.

Bright winter morning. Therm at zero. Went at 10*35 for a long walk. Returning at 12.10; over Minto bridge to Gov't House gate thence along Rideau River, nearly to Isolation Hosp. Crossing river on ioe to Osgoode and thence to Russell Ave. Flavelle told me of a story

related to him by A.T.MacKie. An American contractor in Petrograd who wanted a contract was making no progress. He was approached by a Russian who offered to get him a contract for $50,006. The American agreed, no contract no pay. An interview with the War Minister was arranged and the American wont to offices in a large hotel where he was received by the Minister and his staff all in gorgeous uniforms. Satisfactory contract was made and the American paid over the money, afterwards discovering that the whole affair was a fake, the Minister and staff being impersonated. Several callers, Ooker, the Yadas, the Speaker of the Commons, Gen. Hughes, Fiset.

Monday, Feb.14, 1916.

Very cold, 12 below when I came down at 8. Early at office. Council at 11 and discussed several matters relating to budget. Council decided for increased duty to H.C. applies by 6 to 5, but left it to White and myself. We discussed it with B.C. members in afternoon and I conferred with several Ministers. Finally decided to carry out decision of Council. Arranged for dinner to Hughes at Rideau Club. Debate in House on Northrup's motion to amend divorce procudre. He was unfair and unpleasant in some of his observations and eventually when he demanded vote his resolution was defeated 39 to 24, on non-party vote. Pringle conferred with me as to proceedings of his Com'n and told me of his interview with Civil servant who was loudmouthed on train. Turriff began his motion re free wheat.

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1916.

Various confces during forenoon and Council at 12. Then confce with H.R.H. who had interview with Bishop Matthieu of Regina as to bilingual question. Explained constitutional position to Governor who does not grasp details very readily, but has a good general idea. He also spoke of Naulty who has his new machine ready for experiment. White began budget speech at 3.30 and finished in little over an hour. It was well received by our men and seemed to impress the Grits. Then conferred with Tygard Machine people and sent tlgrm to Perley. Also interview with Sir W.M." and sent message to Perley as to proposed purchase of Austrian ships. Grits quite aggressive today. Evidently preparing to make trouble in public accounts.

Wednesday, Feb.16, 1916.

Confoe with Flavelle this morning as to various matters connected with Shell Committee. Council at 12 and discussed various minor matters. Free wheat debate continued and White made another excellent speech. His budget speech has been well received although

his proposals will meet criticism in some quarters wh. are hard hit. Thomas Roden of Toronto called as to systematizing enlistments so that they will not unduly oppress and disturb industries. Spoke of strong, even hysterical feeling respecting employment of alien enemies. Reid thinks Cochrane in bad health and this is obvious. He seems to have no life or spirit or energy and looks ill. I must persuade him to go away for 8 months. Hughes is to arrive tomorrow morning. Weather much milder. American Club in Toronto burned or blown up and lives lost.

Thursday, Feb.17, 1916.

Premier of Australia arrived today.and sent my Secretary with cards to arrange interview which was fixed for 2.15. He is a pleasant, keen looking man, slightly deaf. Strong sense of humour. He expressed strong desire that I should accompany him to England. Told him impossible at present. Asked him if he would permit us to appoint him a member of our P.C. He was very appreciative and said it would be a great honour. Our interview was very short as I had to go to the House. McLean replied for Opposition on budget and Poster followed. McLean's strongest point was as to watered stock Companies. Foster's speech very eloquent and warmly applauded by both sides. He always mades some heat however, and did not fail today. Julia arrived with Hal last night but have not had a chance to see her. Laura not improving very much.

Friday, Feb.18, 1916.

Hughes came at 10.30 and I discussed with him many matters of common interest until 12. War measures in Australia and especially our voice in Foreign Policy as to which his views are quite in accordance with my own. He is very anxious that we should place a fleet unit on the Pacific. Australia greatly dreads Japan's future aims. If in great battle between German and British fleets, the latter although victorious should lose, say one half its fighting power, Japan would be greatest naval power. At 12 took him to Council introduced him to Colleagues and passed O.G. appointing him a P.C. Then he spoke to Council of Australia's war measures. Then we attended his swearing in by H.E.H. He came to luncheon and then we had another hour's talk. In evening gave him dinner at Rideau Club, 58 present. Laurier and I spoke to toast of Commonwealth and Hughes replied. A very pleasant and interesting party.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 1916.

Hughes came to Council at 10.30 and for more thai two hours discussed with us conduct of war, giving us a very full aocount of various war measures and measures arising out of war taken by Commonwealth

Gov't. His account of what they have done in transportation greatly impressed me. He is more capable than most of our Ministers and the traditions of Gov't in Australia make possible steps at which we should long hesitate here. Then to Canadian Club, very large attendance and excellent address. We returned and did a good deal of work in Council. Interview with H.R.H. as to sale of inferior ammunition. Confces with Workman* MoDcugall, Molnnes and tlgms to Perley as to Dom.Coal Co. Transports. Confoe with A.DeW. Foster as to situation in Kings. Dinner at Govt House. 70 guests. Took in Princess. Mrs. Oliver on my other side. Weather 10 below. Casgrains and we left at 10.15 without waiting for reception.

Sunday, Feb.20, 1916.

Therm.just zero. Laura apparently no worse for Gov't House dinner. German Cruiser armed with guns and torpedoes reported in Caribbean. H.R.H. made very good speech at dinner last evening in proposing Hughes' health. Both being deaf, H.R.H. could not hear what H. said and H. could not hear what H.R.H. said. Mrs. Oliver told me much about her two boys at the front. Will Julia and Hal came to midday dinner. Julia not looking well. Will greatly enamoured with his Florida Home. In afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Hughes, Shepherd & Bray, Mr. & Mrs. C.S.MoInnes and Col. Bickford came. Hughes expressed great appreciation of our kindness and courtesy. Very anxious that I should come to England before he leaves. Bickford just from front. Stayed a week at St. Omer with Haig. Very optimistic. Says we oan break German lines whenever we wish, but wisdom of doing so doubtful until we are assured of efficiency of staff &c. in an entirely different system of fighting.

Monday, Feb.21, 1916.

John A. Stewart, William Allen Butler, Robert S.Morris and Perley Morse came from N.Y. to invite me to become honorary life member of Lawyers Club. Took them to luncheon at Club and several speeches ensued. Butler's son has arranged to go to front as surgeon as soon as he graduates in May. Says Americans interested in Canadian Companies are entirely willing that war tax should be levied. Council at twelve. In House ran through private members list and went into Estimates. Discussion as to Gov't's action in securing war orders and as to necessity of more effective organization for that purpose in High Com'rs office. Arranged that motion re Shell Inquiry shall be taken on 29th.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 1916.

Correspondance during forenoon. Council at 12. Small attendance. Confce with Naulty, Walker and Lash and arranging for letters to

Perley and Bonar Law. Reid reported that Cochrane's condition is very serious and at his instance I arranged with Gen. Hughes to telegraph for his son Wilbur. Confce in afternoon with representative of Saskatchewan Bar as to proclamation of Act to make effective Provincial legislation establishing Court of Appeal. In House J.A.Currie made long and rather flabby speech in which he gave details of second battle of Ypres. Weather much milder. Did not go to House in evening which I utilized to catch up with arrears of work. Lash left with me a memo of his conception respecting problems of closer inter-imperial relations. Discussed with Laurier, Rogers and architects plans for rebuilding Parl't House.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 1916.

Bright mild winter day. Called Council at 11 to consider Marcil's proposed action on orders of day re bilingual schools. Saw him at 2 and he agreed at once to postpone it. We discussed subject at some length and I told him frankly what we had done. He says agitation is growing and has only desire to secure some modus vivendi. Went with Rogers to inspect Parl't Building and discussed additions with him and with Architects. Laura had very nice letter from Lord Bryce, speaking of my life as precious not only to Canada, but to the world. in House finished debate on free wheat. Meighen made excellent speech but had to hurry it for vote which resulted in 33 majority for Gov't. Cochrane improving somewhat but will be away for six months. Selden of N.Y.Times sent photo of "Jeanne D'ARC listening to the Voices" by Bastien Lepage.

Thursday, Feb.24, 1916.

Bright moderate winder day. Laura improving. Germans making tremendous attack on 24 mile front in Verdun Theatre and securing some gains. Apparently, according to Col. Bickford, the Allies welcome such attacks and can inflict tremendous losses without losing materially. (Confce with H.R.H. at 12.45. He is anxious about bilingual situation. Decided to hold Council at 1.45 instead of 12. Greenshields warned us against disallowing Ontario legislation.) Budget debate proceeded in House. Pacaud made an eloquent speech. Geo.P.Graham in evening with a long deliverance. Appl'n to me to receive a bilingual delegation of 5000 at the door of Parlt. Declined but said I would receive a delegation of not more than 12 in P.C. office which I did. They presented petition to Lt. Gov. in Council of Ont. I told them I would see what could be done with it.

Friday, Feb.25, 1916.

Heavy snowstorm, damp snow. Confce with Hughes and Carnegie as to

Shell Com.- Sub-Com. on War Supplies transp'n met and discussed many matters. Great congestion on lines to St. John and Hx. Many steamers waiting to be laoded. Council at 1.45 Remained to clear up business and to discuss Ontario Senators and Judges with Crothers and Doherty. Afterwards long confce with latter who feels that he cannot remain, if, as he expresses it, Catholics are to be boycotted for Judicial appointments in Ontario. Bad news from front as Germans seem to be making great gains in their attempt to capture Verdun. Seven Army Corps and unprecedented concentration of artillery. Germans boast war will end by 15th April.

Saturday, Feb.26, 1916.

Foster has no more political sense than a turnip. He is moved often to great emotion by some visionary idea which is far beyond his own actual practice. His speech about patronage was eloquent mouthing; in every day practice no one is keener about petty patronage than he is. Council at 11 and discussed many matters and passed all outstanding routine. Foster discoursed again about patronage ad nauseam. Told Belcourt I would return petitions to Sec'y of French Canadian Educ'n Ass'n. He said he agreed that I should do so and I returned them. Desperate battle on tremendous scale around Verdun. Germans making terrific onslaught. Captured one fort said to have been recaptured by French. Tlgm from Aitken, which I telephoned to Gov't House. Col.Black called and wants brigade. Graham Bell reported graft arrangement between some official of Russian purchasing Commission and some Canadian grafters.

Sunday,Feb.27, 1916.

Snow fall continued last night. Six feet of snow in the middle of Wurtemburg St. There must be nearly four feet on the level. Tremendous battle still raging on Verdun front. Several tlgms from Aitken which I communicated to H.R.H. to the Ministers and to Laurier. H.R.H. has telegram from Ld. Standfordham that no anxiety is felt and that the French have 12 divisions of reserves not yet engaged. Elizabeth and her husband came this P.M. He told me of Kellog's impression during his sojourn at German front in connection with Belgian relief. He (K.) was impressed German weariness, by British dogged-ness and by French exuberance. "It is dogged as does it". The Germans have planned this war for years have yearned for it, have exulted in it. Let them now get their fill of it and taste some of the horrors of warfare waged in their own country.

Monday, Feb.28, 1916.

News from Verdun front still favourable. French more than holding their own. Tlgm from Perley thereon very encouraging. Co1.Black of

Sackville wants a Brigade command. Interesting interview with Com'r Lamb of Salvation Army who says Br.Gov't have appropriated 10 million dollars to settle 5000 families on land. He says we are behind hand and G.B. ahead of us in this movement. In Council discussed questions raised by Foster's foolish frothy speech. He is pretty well ashamed of it. Discussed with Meighen the nickel question and the line he should take. Pugsley brought on question of votes for women in provinces where franchise is granted them. I spoke briefly. He did not challenge a vote. Boulay made long mischievous speech about alleged wrongs of French Canadians on I.C.E. &c. Weather very cold and some streets almost impassable

Tuesday, Feb.29, 1916.

Debate on budget continued. Meighen followed Oliver and made a magnificent speech which by absolute proof contradicted the wild assertions of Oliver, Turriff and Lemieux. Debate continued until late and house went into Committee. Motion passed to take Wednesdays after tomorrow. Conferred with Coone as to temperance sentiment in the West and with McGregor of Pictou Co. as to additional orders for shells. Discussed Hx. prov.ticket with McCurdy with special reference to Mclnnes candidature. Arranged Shell Com. debate for Thursday. Attended H.R.H. and discussed several minor matters. He is confident that French can hold their own at Verdun. The news seems to confirm this. Weather still very cold, below zero. Confce with Labour men as to Fair Wages Board and with Reid as to Ont. judgeships. Discussed with Barnard and Green Bowser's tlgm asking that drydock at Esquimalt be commenced.

Wednesday, March 1, 1916.

Interviews and delgations all forenoon. Large delegation from Eastern Ontario a6 to Trent Valley waterpowers which occupied more than an hour. Confce with Flavelle as to application of Pictou Companies for further shell orders. Subsequent conference with McGregor and explained that much would depend upon the willingness »f Banks to cooperate in raising money. Long confce in afternoon with labour men as to fair wage clause and Board and arranging to see Flavelle. Somerville, one of the delegates, a suspicious and not very reasonable man. Discussed with Doherty the scope of Provincial powers in respect of prohibition of liquor traffic. Council as u>s#al and disposed of routine matters. French seem to be holding well at Verdun.

Thursday, March 2, 1916.

Weather much milder. Mackintosh Bell came to congratulate me on our efforts. Further confce with labour men but no result. Report that

German raider "Mowe" sunk. French report attack against Verdun has practically failed. Marnock of Lethbridge called to give suggestions as to Econ. and Dev. Commission. Thinks it is not doing muoh. Discussed amendment to Tax'n res'ns with White who afterwards made statement in House. Then Hughes followed with a speech which would have been good except for extravagant assertions about Allison's efforts and assistance. Very tired today and suffering from very severe cold. Discussed with Mclnnes his candidature in Ex. and teak him to luncheon. Reid proposes new arrangement as to St. John Valley Ey. which I approved.

Friday, March 3, 1916.

Hughes' speech yesterday disappointed our men on account of its references to Allison. He wants to go to England and complains greatly of being run down in health. Discussed in Council and afterwards with Bennett and Middlebro my proposed amendment to prohibition motion. They all agree as to line but not as to phrasing. Doherty reports that Ont. Gov't are raising a new question as t o higher Separate Schools. One would think they have enough on their hands. Mrs. Pankhurst called this afternoon, a very charming and evidently a very clever woman. She told me of the propaganda carried on in U.S. by members of Union of Democratic Control. Bennett told me of evidence in Major Gault's case in England against his wife. Thinks she was very indiscreet but not guilty. Divorce case comes on next week. Very unwholesome. Germans have resumed offensive and apparently are making some gains near Verdun.

Saturday, March 4, 1916.

Council at 11. Discussed fully the prohibition question. Various amendments suggested. Foster produced draft, first part of which I adopted. He and Meighen think there should be legislation this session giving prohibition to any province that desires it. Had copies made of various memoranda prepared with regard to Shell Com. debate and sent them to Ministers and to E.B.Bennett. Vaughan came from Montreal and gave report as to Shell manufacture to Blount and Bennett. Also arranged with Frank Jones to come and discuss whole situation. News from Verdun front encouraging on the whole. Russians making good progress in Turkey, Beautiful winter day. Dined with Draytons and took in Lady D. Laura greatly improving and beginning her strength.

Sunday, March 5, 1916.

Lovely winter day, therm 12 above. Walked in morning and went to Church with Laura. Good sermon from Mr. MacKay on t.ext "He that

striveth for the mastery must in all things be temperate." After church walked again. During afternoon discussed immigration with Magrath. He advocates app't of Com'r General of Immigration under Prime Minister. Suggests C.B.Gordon for 3 or 5 years. Make him a P.O. and give him full charge. Then discussed with Vaughan of Montreal his work in connection with shell manufacture. Said that Montreal Ammunition Co. spoiled 16,000 shells in one lot after making 4500 successfully. Then with F.P.Jones as to his work which is wonderful in its accomplishment of great results in a short time. Magrath told amusing stories of Courtenay's reflections on Royal Family. He is very depreciative of the Duke. Says he is the poorest Chairman imaginable. "Half of what is said he doesn't hear and the other half he doesn't understand."

Monday, March 6, 1916.

Somewhat milder. March in the air. Hon. L.S. Campbell of B.C. Gov't arrived and wants aid to shipbuilding and subsidy for P.G.E. ry. His colleague Flumerfeldt defeated by immense majority in Victoria on Saturday. News from front not important. German offensive still continuing with little result. Confce with Lougheed as to E.& D. Com'n. He gave me written statement. They have done more than I thought. Debate commenced in house on prohibition. Stevens and Marcil took up afternoon and part of evening. neither speech very good as a whole. Marcil's nearly al 1 quotation. I left at nine to send some cables and go over my notes on shell committee debate Streets in most wretched condition and almost dangerous. Another snow storm beginning this evening.

Tuesday, March 7, 1916.

Newcombe arrived and reports his son out of danger. He had a remarkable recovery. H. brought secret documents relating to war from Bonar Law. They were given to Him in a bag containing 10 lbs. of lead which he was to throw overboard in case of capture. Laurier made his motion to investigate Shell Com. He was weak and ineffective. My reply included much quotation of documents which I wanted put on record. Thus, it was rather tedious; but our men applauded it warmly and regarded our position as thoroughly satisfactory. Carvell followed for ?£ hours and did not finish. News from Verdun front indicated German gains. Tlgm from Perley says French are thoroughly confident. Another German raider seeking to get through British patrol into Atlantic has been sunk. Grits d«n't seem conscious that country is at war.

Wednesday, March 8, 1916.

Ash Wednesday. Weather much milder. Casgrain Doherty and Fitzp. came

to see me about negotiations re bilingual schools. At D's request I wrote to Hearst last evening and promised to telephone him today. They are very much alarmed over situation in Quebec which they say will bring about absolute hostility between English and French. In Couneil discussed at considerable length the Prohibition res'n and possible legislation thereon in aid of Provincial legislation. Caucus called for tomorrow morning. Council agreed that leg'n should be introduced, as public opinion greatly aroused. This morning news from Verdun front not encouraging as Germans oontinue to gain ground and French apparently admit possibility that fortress may fall.

Thursday, March 9, 1916.

Caucus this morning and discussed the prohibition motion. Explained general nature of Government's policy and proposals after which discussion followed in general approval of my statement. Hughes attended caucus and left immediately for Montreal to attend recruiting meeting and leave for England. Carvell made violent attack on him in afternoon and called him a coward for running away and leaving to others the burthen of his Department. Bennett followed in a very forcible and eloquent speech in which he was very apt in retort and repeatedly floored Pugsley and Carvell. Members not pleased with Hughes running away or with his repeated references to his friend Allison. H. complains of being ill, insomnia and some affection of the heart. News from front fairly good. French seem to be holding their own.

Friday, March 10, 1916.

Gault divorce case heard in White's room. H. of C. Great interest by members of Parliament. Saw Mrs. G. with Hazel Stephens after she had given evidence. She looked pale but brave. Gault's conduct not popular. Rogers came in greatly disturbed by Shaughnessy's speech of last evening which was a virtual attack upon Gov't policy of raising 500,000 men. I saw G .G. and discussed matter with him and he condemned Shaughnessy although I think latter derived his inspiration from G.G. to some extent. Discussed Ontario judgeships with Reid and we agreed four at least should be appointed tomorrow. Confce with Flavelle as to threatened strike in Toronto and with Somerville labour delegate. Very tired and weary. Members angry at Hughes absence. Ont. Gov. publish long statement as to bilingual school question. Hews from front still encouraging.

Saturday, March 11, 1916.

Cold wintry day. Enormous amount of snow and streets really dangerous. Dined in evening with Doherty and nearly upset in sleigh both going and coming. Council at 11 and discussed development of

export trade. Foster explained his proposals which were agreed to, i.e. honorary Com'n to France and British Islands. S. America and Russia also discussed. Long jangle as to County Court judges in Ont. Doherty nearly wept in reciting injustice to Catholics and spoke of retiring from Gov't. Gwatkin came and reported as to forces in Canada, G.B. and at front. Discussed prohibition enactment as drafted by Doherty and found it satisfactory subject to some slight amendments. Called on H.R.H. and told him of secret documents received from Col. Secy and that I would deliver them tomorrow. Watters and Somerville called as to Nicholls lockout and I told them he was coming on Monday. News from front indicates that French are holding their own.

Sunday, March 12, 1916.

Therm at zero this morning. Heavy snow storm began about 9 A.M. Walked to Gov't House and delivered secret documents,to H.l.H. and had brief interview. Air very delightful. Letter from Shaughnessy as to attack on him in Mtl Mail. He evidently feels it very keenly and speaks of it as scurrilous. Capt. Chalet of French A.V.C. called in afternoon and gave graphic account of German occupation of Chantilly and of his adventures with them. He had buried his uniform and his money in the garden and was greatly disturbed lest the Germans should discover either. They were on the whole very civil although a lieutenant was rather rude and rough. Hews from the front not important. French still holding their own at Verdun. Snow has fallen all day with gradually rising temperature, 20 this evening. Stuart of O.I.Com'n came this P.M. and I have him directions as to additional shrubs &c.

Monday, March 13, 1916.

Council as usual. Doherty absent and could not take up prohibition legislation. In evening Howard Ferguson discussed with me question of bilingual schools and I read him translation of Chapels letter to Casgrain. He said he had heard of Laurier's proposed meeting in Toronto. Said Liberals quite as strong as Conservatives on that question. Discussed also our attitude on prohibition and gave him copy of Doherty's. draft bill. In House discussed pensions brought up by E.M.McDonald in a very moderate speech to which I replied. In evening McDonald attacked Havel Service and Hazen replied in a fighting speech which brought Pugsley to his feet and to him I replied. The debate continued until midnight. Feeling of our men against Hughes is strong on account of his continuing to link himself with Allison. Several foolish letters from his this morning, in one of which he describe! himself as the only strength of the Conservative party.

Tuesday, March 14, 1916.

Confce with O'Farrell, Timmins and others as to tariff proposals. They strongly urge that Mining Companies be exempt from taxation. Then confce with Lloyd Harris and McLennan as to Military Hospitals Com'n. Belgian Consul called to present to me Insignia of Grand Cordon of Order of Leopold, the highest Belgian decoration. -Then attended H.R.H, who after some preliminary matters said that he had to bring to my attention a very painful subject. He said that he had been informed that Hughes after taking leave of him had in presence of the Militia Council spoken very disparagingly and insultingly of H.R.H. and that this could not continue. Either Hughes must apologize or resign or he, the G.G. must ask the King to accept his resignation. He was greatly moved and almost broke down. I told him I was greatly distressed and that I would take it up with the Minister by cable. In afternoon Pugsley spoke on shell investigation and made a superficially clever but obviously insincere speech. Meighen followed in a crushing reply in which he demolished both Pugsley and Carvell. It was a masterly effort. Discussed shipbuilding in Council. Foster as convener of committee on acquisition of ships has done nothing. Discussed with Rogers and Reid H.R.H.'s Intimation to me. Members very much down on Hughes for associating himself with Allison.

Wednesday, March 15, 1916.

Sent for Fiset, J.W.B..Hodgins and Gwatkin and discussed with them Incident in Militia Council. Fiset and Gwatkin thought Hughes language violent and offensive. J.W.B.and Hodgins thought otherwise. Gwatkin told me Hughes had insulted him on that occasion and that he himself was very angry. Debated in Council prohibition and in afternoon with M.J.,S.G., Bennett and Morphy. Meighen thinks we are not going far enough. Animated debate between him and Doherty. Discussed with Bennett waste in Militia Dept whioh he thinks can be avoided. Asked him to see Kemp and assist. White w«»t on with Budget proposals in Com. Leng talk from Western members about duty on apples. News from Verdun front more encouraging French holding their own. Weather like February. Discussed with MoCurdy conditions in U.S. and sent tlgm to Mel.

Thursday, March 16, 1916.

Caucus at 11. Presented proposed bill re prohibition, read it. Explained principle on which it was founded and the effect of its provisions. Reminded them that the Province is the best unit by which to give effect to pub. opinion and that our legislation is designed to prevent persons outside province from doing anything to contravene or assist in contravening the law of tlie Province. There was about an hour's discussion in all, many
questions being asked and general approval of our policy being expressed. Lunched with ARogers to meet Bishop of Qu'Appelle and Sir

Adam Beck. White's loan bill en in Commons, Grits obstructing somewhat. Letter and tlgm from Parley who says Asquith wants me to visit G.B. and that Hughes sails shortly before Easter and will return through Canada. Rhodes spoke about McBain's report re Allison and I sent for the latter who gave me a very interesting story about Allison.

Friday, March 17, 1916.

Delegation Fr.Can. asking for appointment of Fr. Can.Senator and additional Judge. Said it would greatly help bilingual situation. Recoramended Chabot for Senator. Told them I would consider. H.R.H. handed back secret documents. Letter from Shaughnessy explaining his position. Sent for Meighen and Hazen and arranged interviews with Col. McBain. Hazen left for N.Y. to investigate purchase of shipping. Also Raid with his son who is to undergo operation. White continued with his taxation proposals Grit attack rather mild and very ineffective. Christie completed memoranda as to relative functions of Crown and Cabinet and I went over them with Doherty and Neweombe. Hews from front continues to be reassuring. Weather very cold, several degrees below zero last night. Decided that all flags should be flown at the head and not at half mast ©a the 22nd, the Anniversary of Ypres.

Saturday, March 18, 1916.

Attended H.R.H. at 12.15 and discussed Hughes incident. Suggested that he had himself spoken disparagingly of Hughes and he practically admitted it. Has a very great prejudice against H. and apparently takes no pains to conceal it. Told him that Stanton has a disposition to be meddlesome and officious. Sent two cables to Hughes, one re Gov.Gen. incident and the other as to special trains for Allison. In Council dealt with routine matters and examined plans for respiting parliament buildings. During afternoon received Somerville and McLennan re labour troubles and conferred width McCurdy respecting political situation in Nova Scotia. Hazen left for N.Y. yesterday to consider and investigate possible purchase of ships. Very few Ministers in Council. Weather milder in afternoon but therm 17 below zero last night. Dined with Judge and Mrs. Duff. Very pleasant party.

Sunday, March 19, 1916.

Weather milder, a glorious winter day. Walked around river before Ukurch, Sermon by Lennox Smith very good. In afternoon the McLennans, Mrs. Goodenough of N.Y., Miss Kathleen Burke of Scottish Hospitals and Mr. and Mrs. Pirrie called. Mrs. Goodenough has a brother (Whitridge) at the front. A very charming woman. Miss Burke said she had an hours interview with Pres. Wilson and at end when he told her that he sent sympathy to his Oxford friends, she retorted that we had passed the need for sympathy and sent ours to him in all his difficulties. News from

front unimportant, but not at all discouraging. H.R.H. returned to me yesterday the secret documents sent by Bonar Law and I re-read them, kost beautiful sunset. Walked with L. six to seven. Moon rising through clouds, most picturesque.

Monday, March 20, 1916.

Somewhat milder today. Called Council at 12.30 to discuss prohibition motion and finally settled amendment, which I afterwards handed to Bennett. Pugsley and Carvell wasted the day in an endeavour to make political capital of St. John valley Ry. Afterwards took up and disposed of Bickerdike's bill to abolish capital punishment. sat till nearly 2 A.M. Vote 4 to 19. Extraordina ry interview with Watters who has bee in his bonnet from foolish suggestion of Crothers that he should be appointed to Senate. Poor Burrell left for South to recover his nerve and strength, i'his is the 2nd consecutive session in which he has not been able to attend Parliament. News from front continues to be good. French firmly holding the Verdun position. Parley cables that changes in Br, Cabinet are probable before Easter.

Tuesday, March 21, 1916.

White arrived. Discussed Ry. situation. He thinks we should announce one or both rys will be taken over. McKenzie came in afternoon. Meantime I discussed situation briefly with Laurier and we are to take it up fully on Friday. Reid says Bennett and (?) viciously opposed to doing anything except ry liquidation. W.F.McLean came at 9 a.m. and talked about his future course, formation of nat'l government &c. He lightly disposes of the whole Cabinet in a breath. Hazen returned and reported as to his secret mission re shipping. Discussed in Council memorial from C.P.R. as to tax exemption. White very fierce but became calmer on discussion. Delegation from Ry. men as app't to senate. Long confce with H.Ferguson ad to bilingual question, prohibition &c. Weather much milder, News from front reassuring.

Wednesday, March 22, 1916.

Telegram from Hughes. Hot very satisfactory. Told him in reply that I had seen all members of Counoil and that he had said more than he realized. Lunched with Bennett to meet two Russians who recently came with $40,000,060 in gold now deposited in our vaults. Very bright and clever men who speak English fairly well. One of them learned it en route from Russia. Discussed with Gwatkin questions on order paper re ammunition. Laurier in House asked about Hughes visit to G.B. Told him it was in connection with training camps. Watters again interviewed me about his qualifications for senatorship. Crothers was ass enough to put the idea into his head. Passed 0.C. making industrial disputes Act applicable «» during war

to industries engaged in the production of munitions. Weather cool, very little thawing.

Thursday March 23, 1916.

Heavy oold. Did not go to office or House. Attended to correspondence and dictated speech to be delivered at luncheon of Lawyers Club. Bead the apologia of Socrates and part of Plato's Phaedn. What a splendid and wonderful voice is that of Socrates, resounding through all the ages. What have we today to compare with him and his great example of courage and soul sufficiency in the presence of his aeousers.facing a death that a smaller and meaner soul might have avoided. News from the front unimportant except that the Russians have apparently undertaken a great offensive. Walked from six to seven. Weather still unusually cold for the season and very little impression made as yet upon the enormous masses of snow and ice.

Friday, March 24, 1916.

Sent for Gwatkin and Elliott and asked for a report covering all the facts re sale of ammunition. McDonald came and suggested that Hughes would fight if dismissed! Told him I cared nothing for his fighting. Attended G.G. at 1.30 and remained for luncheon. Discussed Hughes case. He still insists on apology or resignation, but is really guilty himself as he admits that he discussed Hughes conduct with outside persons. He is by no means of brilliant intellect. In afternoon discussed B.C. affairs with McClay who seems a very straightforward capable man. He thinks that the Bowser Gov't will be beaten and thinks that B. is stupidly obstinate and self assertive. Edwards made long attack on administration of the Penitentiaries and took up nearly the whole day. Moved to take Mondays and to sit in forenoons but postponed it for a week at Laurier's request.

Saturday, March 25, 1916.

Council at 11. Discussed report of Interdapartmental Com. as to transportation of Ships via St. Lawrence and danger of submarines. Sent tlgm thereon to Admiralty. Appointed Committee to deal with printing ordered outside of Bureau. Discussed application of C.P.R. to amend tariff Act by reservation of their rights and informed them that we would hear them on Monday. Confce with Gwatkin as to forwarding American Legion. Determined to fly flags at the head on the 22nd April in honour of Canadians who held the day for the Allies a year ago. Weather much milder and snow going quite rapidly, worked at my N.Y. speech in morning and all evening. Sent tlgm (not reassuring) to Hughes as to visit to Gov. Gen, Conferred with Sherwood as to Carrington's visit to England and telegraphed Hughes

Sunday, March 26, 1916.

Very bright and warm, the snow going rapidly and water flowing freely through the streets. Laura sat on upper verandah yesterday and today for several hours. She had a good night's rest. We lunched with the Casgrains and met the two Russians Dimitry TerAssatouroff and Nicholas Rejdestvensky who afterwards came to afternoon tea. They are very clever men of the world and apparently most capable officials. The first named is a native of the Caucusus born at Tiflis and is of American descent. They expect to return again with another 40 millions and perhaps more than once. Mr. and Mrs. J.S. McLennan also came and Julia with Hal and others.Worked several hours at revision of my New York speech. Therm 10 at 9.15 P.M. Evidently we are to have a few days of warmer weather.

Monday, March 27, 1916.

MactKenzie arrived and I discussed with him and also with Meighen railway situation. Told Meighen thought we would require an estimate of 20 millions for the two roads. He thought amount much less and we sent for Mitchell to come in the morning. Conferred with Laurier as to business of session. He thinks we may conclude by Easter. Told him of our legislative programme and spoke of Perley's proposal as to High Com'rs position. Discussed Railway proposals and told him three alternatives only possible, liquidation, Gov't ownership or assistance to extent of 20 millions. He thought sum very large and asked me for a written memo which I promised to give. Suggested a Com. of 10 members on each side to deal with war questions but he did not seem greatly impressed with its usefulness. Weather much milder.

Tuesday, March 28, 1916.

Confce with representative of H.Walker and Sons as to British embargo and brief conference with Jackman as to position of Nfld proposals for Union. Heard rumours yesterday and today that Kyte is to spring a mine under Hughes. Shell debate resumed with speeches from Pardee and Boys, latter very good although he is not a very aggressive speaker. Then Kyte took up time until 6 and resound in evening. He finally exploded his bomb which related to Allison's alleged profits of a fabulous nature and Hughes connection with fuse contracts. Our men, already exasperated by Hughes laudation of Allison, were so disturbed that we had to move adjournment of debate to consider the situation. Conferred with Broder, Northrup and Currie earlier in the evening as to their vote before "bomb" was exploded. Broder evidently failing in his upper story. Another rather useless conference in forenoon with W.F.McLean.

Wednesday, March 29, 1916.

Whips and Ministers report our men in very ugly mood against Hughes. Conferred with White,Rogers and Reid during forenoon. They are very much concerned over situation. Explained to them what I proposed and they approved. Had abstract prepared of Kyte's allegations. Went to House to prepare telegrams &c during afternoon but greatly interrupted. Prepared draft tlgms to Hughes and Perley and summoned Ministers in evening. Debated the matter for nearly two hours and they agreed that I should announce a Royal Commission. Completed draft of tlgms and despatched them. Decided we must issue Royal Commission notwithstanding that it is British Expenditure. Attended H.R.H. in morning and J informed him that I had telegraphed Hughes (as was the fact) that *i* serious charges had been made. We discussed briefly his differences with Hughes.

Thursday, March 30, 1916.

Prepared statement to be read in House this afternoon respecting Royal Commission and called Council at 12 when I discussed it with my colleagues who made some minor suggestions which I adopted. We agreed on Meredith (Sir Wm.) and Duff as Com'rs I called them up on telephone and they consented to act. Great interest in House when I arose to make my statement. It was splendidly received by our men. Laurier was evidently nonplussed and showed his disappointment and irritation in a very petulant manner. Then we resumed debate on our prohibition motion and Grits on division were hopelessly divided, Motion carrying 103 to 15. Attended review of two fine Regts, 61 and 67. One Winnipeg, Col. Murray the other fVictoria, Col. Ross. Afterwards attended H.R.H. and told him that we intended to issue Royal Commission.

Friday, March 31, 1916.

Several tlgms from Hughes as to appointment of Counsel which I also discussed with my colleagues. He has retained Nesbitt and Lafleur. Long confce with Bennett who gave interesting information as to Thiel expenditure by Hughes and as to Ross Rifles. Drafted Order in Council for inquiry and discussed it with Doherty and Meighen. House in Com. On Hazen's and Roche's estimates. My proposal as to Com;n well received throughout the country. Weather slightly cooler but snow going rapidly. Laurier told Rogers we cannot get through by Easter. Evidently piqued by his disappointment re our action on the Shell Committee. Mackenzie arrived and I discussed with him the situation re Canadian Northern.

Saturday, April 1, 1916.

Damp day with some rain. Snow going rap idly Completed draft of O.C. for investigation and submitted it to Council. It was passed with some minor and immaterial changes. McKenzie and Moore came and we discussed Moore's proposed interview with Laurier. Attended H.R.H. who told me of confidential letter from Bruchesi and other Catholic Bishops urging disallowance of Ontario Act. In Council Casgrain brought up request of British Gov't for a test censorship of all letters to and from U.S. After discussion we decided to undertake it. In afternoon Meighen,White and I discussed C.N.R. situation and decided to hold caucus and put case fairly before the members. I am to send for Bennett on Monday and go over it fully with him. Attended Can.Club and heard very instructive address from Dr. C.W.Colby of "Russian Diplomacy" In evening dined with Rogers and went to theatre to hear Geo.Arlliss.

Sunday, April 2, 1916.

Bright beautiful day but a little cooler. News last evening that poor Fred Shaughnessy was killed at the Front yesterday morning. Tlgm from Hughes to same effect this afternoon. Despatched messages of sympathy to Lord Shaughnessy and Widow of Fred. He was a bright earnest boy and very likable. Sat out for two hours on upper verandah and was much sunburned. Went over Ammunition papers,Allison papers and other documents and files. At 6 went for walk with Laura and called on the Griffins. Mrs. G. looks much better than I expected and was as bright and cheerful as I have ever seen her. I gave her an account of my visit to the front and she was much interested in learning that Major White was in command of a battery while I was there.

Monday, April 3, 1916.

Completed review of file relating to sale of ammunition. In Council Foster broke out into a violent tirade against Hughes conduct. I silenced discussion as soon as possible; and pre- i pared a cable message to Hughes putting strongly the case as it stands against him. This I showed to Rogers who apprehends that Pugsley is about to-make charges. It is quite evident that Hughes can not remain in Gov't. Debate on C.N.R. bills came on in Com. and discussion waxed very warm. After 6 held an hour's conference with Foster, Reid, White, Kemp, Rogers and Meighen, with rather inconclusive results. We all thought (except Reid who very strongly opposed) that Armstrong's proposed amendment should be accepted. On motions B.M.MOD. pressed very strongly to pass order for papers re sale of ammunition. Then Doherty took up Prohibition bill and made some progress in discussing first section.

Tuesday, April 4, 1916.

Discussed with Meighen during forenoon railway situation and

possibility of keeping G.T.P. and C.N.R. out of liquidation. At 12.15 attended H.R.H. who has been informed by Canadian Vickers that they never purohased ammunition from Militia Department. Informed it was Vickers Ltd. of G.B. No reply from Hughes. Feeling against him among our members very strong. Resumed debate on Shell Com. motion. White continued and made a very effective speech especially in reviewing precedents for Royal Com'n E.M.MacDonald followed in a stump speech to which we made no reply. Then Laurier closed debate in a sophistical and rather irrelevant speech which was rather clever but would be easily answered. Gov't had 38 majority although four Conservatives, Broder, W.F.McLean, Lamarche and Mondou voted against us. Auditor Gen'l has written White re sale of ammunition.

Wednesday, April 5, 1916.

Telegram from Hughes that he sails this morning and code message from Carson giving Hughes further statement as to sale of ammunition. It is not convincing and or even helpful. Told McKenzie (Sir W.) of difficulty and he agrees that conduct cannot be justified and that Hughes ought to resign and go to the front. Doherty's prohibition bill came on for 2nd reading and went without discussion into Com. where long debate took place, Doherty doing most of the talking. After 8 Ry. estimates. Ministers report very strong feeling against Hughes among our members. Casgrain says that one of our French members will move a resolution on bilingual question. Fierce fighting still around Verdun and Germans apparently making small gains. Wd not be surprised if they capture it. Laurier thinks session will not conclude by Easter.

Thursday, April 6, 1916.

Sir W. MacKenzie came to say that he had Judge Duff closeted with Flavelle at the latter's office. Confce with Foster, White, Rogers, Reid, Doherty, Casgrain and Meighen as to G.T.P. and C.N.R. Nor much agreement except that situation is difficulty and almost impossible. I said I would personally prefer to resign and let the Grits clean up their own mess. Later had long confuse with Nickel to whom I spoke confidentially. He is disturbed at danger to Bk. Commerce and thought of White's resignation. I told him White would resign about the account and the general situation. Hazen believes Orr Lewis statement that Allison made the whole profit on ammunition sale. Whites taxation bill debated in house and whole question of expenditure discussed. While made excellent review of the situation. Six inches of snow fell and remained. Beaultify Winter scene. Bishop Fallon called to speak of Scully's claims and referred to bilingual question.

Friday, April 7, 1916

Winter scene with 7 or 8 inches of fresh snow. Discussed in Council

supplementary estimates and then Laurier's anticipated motion re bilingual schools as outlines in Chapais letter to Casgrain. Probable that all our French Canadian members will vote against us. Casgrain wants motion proposed from our side whereas our men ebleive it would be very disastrous to permit that. Doherty think Ont. Gov't should make great effort to mend situation which will otherwise develop into a national crisis. Reid to send for Ferguson. Discussed with Rogers possibility of Gov't defeat on such a motion. Put through vote on account for 99 millions. Members rebelling about ry. situation especially C.N.R. Sevigny says that Forget and Lesperance are very treacherous and untrustworthy an would have voted against us on Laurier's motion re Shell Com if they had got Quebec Saguenay road arranged. Three distinct crises not confront us. Shell Com. Inquiry, Ry Situation and bilingual motion. Happy life.

Saturday, April 8, 1916.

Long confuse with Howard Ferguson as to bilingual question and Laurier's proposed motion in House Common which is reported in press this evening. He says feeling in Ont. is intense and that Liberals are strong as Conservatives; that Gov't would not live an hour if it made slightest concession. Discussed this afterwards with Doherty. Sat in Council 11 to 5.15 and disposed of some unimportant matters and much routine business. Message from Perley that Prime Minister of Australia is to attend Paris Confce and that I am to be invited. Of course it is too late for me to attend. Report that Liberals are to make another motion respecting Shell Co. Weather cool and dull. Street in very bad condition. Letter from Burrell that he is gaining strength very slowly and that he cannot possibly accept leadership in B.C. Dined with McLennans.

Sunday, April 9, 1916.

Warmer today and snow going quite rapidly. Went with Laura to All Saints and heard sermon by Mr. Mackay. Two young officers (Signal Corps) sat in front of us, fine looking young men. Text, 15 Gos St. John 13. "Greater love hath no man &c" In afternoon dispatch arrived from Bonar Law that Prime MInister of Australia will go to Economic Conference at Paris as an Imperial Privy Councillor and stating that if I were ion G.B. I would also go. Considered desirability of resigning as Prime Minister in favour of Foster and taking portfolio of Militia with two Parl'y Secretaries. Will, Julia and Hal came to supper and we had a very pleasant evening talking of Will's travels in Germany &c. Therm at 47 in middle of day, at 37 at 10 PM. Nothing of importance from war. Evidently British still waiting attaching. Germans sinking many ships by their submarines.

Monday, April 10, 1916.

Sent for Rogers & Reid and discussed expediency of caucus tomorrow. We

decided against as bilingual question is comoing up and that will overshadown all else. Kemp also urged same view saying that Laurier puts his head in a noose and we hold the rope if he brings this up. Asked Laurier if he intended to appoint Counsel and he said yes. Doherty's prohibition bill was debated from 3.30 to 6 and Casgrains estimates in evening. Casgrain told me in afternoon of meeting to which he had been invited by would send Patenaude. Landry and Laurier to be present, Abbe Myrand's house. I debated permitting Patenaude to go but finally consented on condition he would say nothing and not commit himself. Just before 6 Laurier sent word that he would like to see me after 9. I supposed it was bilingual question that he spoke of only minor matter. I suspect that he intended to speak of others but something prevented his arrangements from materializing. Weather cool and little thawing.

Tuesday, April 11, 1916.

Confce with Casgrain as to Patenaude's interview last evening with Laurier. The latter evidently disconcerted at P's presence and remained at meeting only a short time. Myrand, Landry, Bel court, lamarche and Lapointe present. P. is sure that motion will be presented. Confce in evening with Charbonneau. of Sep. Schools Com'n, who says French people have been deliberately misled as to Regulation 17. Passed amendment to Ry. Act. and spent rest of afternoon on Prohibition bill. Interview with T.P.Calkin as to various matters and especially as to political condition in Kings. McKenzie (Sir Wis) called on me with regard to Hughes situation and proposes going to N.Y. to meet him. Lougheed discussed situation with respect to immigration and appointment of Com'r with wide powers. Evidently we cannot finish Session by Easter. Sent for Harold Daly who is going to N.Y. to meet Hughes and advised him as to what he should say. McK. says Meredith is strongly prejudiced against Hughes.

Wednesday, April 12, 1916.

Hughes expected in N.Y. tonight or tomorrow. Conferred with McKenzie who is going to N.Y. to meet him and advised him as to attitude. At noon had confuse with colleagues as to railway situation. We all decided that nothing of this character could be done next session and that if we are to hold situation for both roads it must be upon pledge that permanent solution shall be found this summer. Afterwards discussed G.T.P. with Chamberlain. In afternoon told McKenzie frankly that we would probably have to take over C.N.R. He accepted situation in good part but believes he can reorganize finances this summer and consolidate with G.T. and G.T.P. He certainly possesses extraordinary nerve and tenacity. There is report that Grits are weakening in their proposal to introduce bilingual question into H. of G. French still holding strongly at Verdun but German attack continues with great vigor. German submarines sinking many Br. and neutral ships - 88 in all

since 1st March. Delightful spring day.

Thursday, April 13, 1916.

Discussed with White, Rogers and Reid railway situation. Rogers thinks we can put through caucus anything reason able that we decide on. White fears public opinion and thinks McK should be eliminated immediately. Rogers says road ought to be taken over just before an election. Middlebro reported Dr. Clark's suggestion that Foster should make earnest speech portraying gravity of situation and deploring partisan attacks of opposition. Clark will then follow in strong speech deprecating and condemning the action of his own friends. Discussed it with Hazen and arranged for Naval estimates today. J.W.B. reports disregard by Ross of instructions issued to him by Dep't respecting Carson's salary. Urges that he be at once suspended. Remained at home during evening and carefully thought over railway problem and apparently found solution to be discussed with colleagues today. Attended H.R.H. and spoke strongly about secret document from Col.office attributing to me support of Allison Syndicate through my reply of 21 Feb'y 1915 to G.W.Stephens appeal as to his status and respectability.

Friday, April 14, 1916.

Hughes arrived in N.Y. this morning and gave out a very sensible and appropriate statement. Apparently he will not return before Sunday, discussed ry situation with White and Heighen for an hour and explained what I thought might be done. At 12 received very large delegation of recruiting ass'n from Sask. to Mar. Provinces who strongly urged conscription. Replied to them diplomatically and cautiously, emphasizing difficulties of training, equipment and transportation. They receive reply very amicably and even enthusiastically. In afternoon resumed consideration of ry. with Meighen. Stanton same to ask for slight modification which I granted in my letter as to secret doc't from Col. Office. He is afraid that H.R.H. may get into trouble. Grits held caucus as to bilingual question and had rough time, Laurier very much concerned that his party will not unite in support of his proposals. Snowstorm all forenoon. Grits allowing our Estimates to pass very freely. They are much disturbed over division in their ranks on bilingual question.

Saturday, April 15, 1916.

Council at eleven, White not present having left for Toronto last evening. Difficult to keep him on hand at week end on account of his nervous

exhaustion. Disposed of routine business and discussed at some length bilingual question and petition for disallowance of Ont. Act. Casgrain and Doherty say motion will certainly be brought before House by Lamarehe. I stated reasons for rejecting any such motion as question not before Fed'l authorities except as to disallowance which we agreed could not be granted. Casgrain thought he must resign if Cons. F. members voted against Gov't. Doherty suggested some refce on whole question to King in Council. It did not seem feasible. MaoK. returned from N.Y. and reports Hughes confident as to result of inquiry. Then discussed ry. question. He expressed suspicion of Bank's attitude. Says he has message from Grits that our action should be hastened. Talked very lightly of Parl'y difficulties. Dined at Chateau with Hazens.

Sunday, April 16, 1916.

Delightful spring day. Snow rapidly disappearing! Much ice very hard but disintegrating. Temp at 9 A.M. 44. Elders and lilacs almost in leaf. Walked down Hemlock Path to River Brink Sat' on upper verandah during forenoon. Hughes came at four and was as eccentric as ever. Wept at one time and laughed at another. Confident that he will come through inquiry with flying colors, which 1 doubt considerably. Discussed with him my proposal that during enquiry I shall administer his dep't. He objects thinking it will humiliate him. I told him it would strengthen him and that in making his statement on Tuesday he should say that he had asked me to relieve him of administration during progress of inquiry. We finally left it open after I had impressed upon him its importance. He asked about Lessard and I told him that I had directed Lessard to remain. He seemed much disturbed at that.

Monday, April 17, 1916.

Confce with Hughes this A.M. and again urged that I should administer his Department but he said it would be a personal humiliation and that Henry Smith had strongly advised against it. Discussed with him the evidence to be adduced and he told me of the confidence of his Counsel. Afterwards spoke in Council of his approaching statement but not of his attitude on this point. Tried to find him in evening but without success. Tlgm from Aitken late at night as to condition of Canadians without adequate artillery support and told him to make strong but diplomatic representations. Called on H.R.H. at 12.30 and told him of Hughes return and of his position as to alleged remarks before Militia Council. Told H.R.H. that his-procedure in sending for subordinate officers without consent of Ministers was unconstitutional. In House third reading of 3 bills and Estimates. Confce with Meighen as to Railway situation.

Tuesday, April 18, 1916.

Confce with Hughes and Nesbitt and afterwards with Nesbitt, Ewart and

Lafleur. Laurier had called just before and.asked to have Kyte represented by Johnston K.G. Told him I would consider it. These three Counsel strongly object, saying that, a Gov't should not appoint a proseoutor to attack any of their colleagues. Discussed it in Council and colleagues took same view. Sam made his statement which might have been improved except last 5 minutes which were a masterpiece. He spoke graphically of serious conditions of war and said "I return after four weeks and find 200 gentlemen listening to this piffle." Laurier then spoke somewhat critically of Sam's statement and I replied in a speech which our men greatly applauded and appreciated. Sherwood brought memo from Capt. Gaunt as to Allison which I have not had time to examine. Rogers suggests having motion of want of confidence re disallowance. Told him I would consider it. Carious con-fees at house during evening.

Wednesday, April 19, 1916.

Told Hughes I would summon Militia Council which I did. He was quite exercised when he came to see me. Says that he is regarded as suspended. "Why did I not suspend Rogers?"Swore at Meighen and Ames, especially the letter. Discussed questions of organization and economy with Council. They seem systematic in their work. Confce with Meighen as to E.T.B. Johnston's attitude a»4as to letter to him drafted by Meighen. Grits apparently squirming. Sir W.E.Meredith and Judge Buff called. During afternoon heard that Car-veil would appear for Kyte and Johnston would reconsider his position. In House moved resolution as t o flying flags on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th to commemorate Battle of Ypres. News of grave crisis in Asquith Gov't involving adjournment until Tuesday. US have sent a practical ultimatus to Germany which may bring war almost immediately. Gave Meighen papers rec'd from Sherwood last evening re H. & Allison.

Thursday, April 20, 1916.

At 9.30 attended review by H.R.H. of 63rd Reg't (Edmonton) commanded by Lt .Co1 McLeod formerly of Guelph. They were a good looking lot of men from Br.Islands, Canada, U.S., Australia, Sweden &c. Then to Council where we put through a great deal of routine business including several judicial appointments. Much discussion about Doherty's proposal to grant pension to Dowlin. Poster Meighen and Crothers strongly opposed. U.S. ultimatum strongly supported by U.S. press. Press report that Joffre announces strong Russian force arrived at Marseilles to assist French on Western front. At 2.30 news came that Hazen's younger son Jim has been Killed. We were all greatly saddened and depressed. I telephoned news to H.E.H. and to Laurier. Ewart came to see me much concerned about contractual form of arrangements between Shell Com. & Br. Gov't. I showed him Carnegie's statement which I read in Parl't last Session. Saw Hughes later and told him that Bertram & Carnegie should not put themselves in false position.

Friday, April 21, 1916.

At 9 attended review of 72d Regiment Highlanders (Vancouver) under command of Col. Clarke. A magnificent regiment 30% Canadian born, 30 Sag and 30 Scotch. Cold and unpleasant during forenoon. Saw Hazen who is very much broken up by his son's death. In afternoon went to see them off at Station, as they left for St. John. Laura was much affected. Mrs.H. bears up wonderfully and shows great courage, Hazen looks 10 years older. Long casualty lifts came in today. I sent a tlgm to Aitken asking whether better artillery support is being provided. H.R.H. says that Sir Wm. Robertson wrote recently to him that British have all the Artillery and ammunition they need. We have recruited 104,000 from 1 Jan. to 15 April, a marvellous record. Press reports say that U.S. navy yards are busy putting their fleet in order. U.S.Gov't hope, however, that war will be averted.

Saturday, April 22, 1916.

Connoil at 11 and until 1. Shortly afterwards messenger brought document signed by Casgrain, Blondin and Patenaude asking that a request be made to King in Council under 3 & 4 Wm. 4c 42 to inquire into and advise as to status of French language in Canada. With this a letter from Casgrain stating that the three would not attend council until they learned our determination. Discussed it with Meighen and Foster who agreed that it could not be done. Sent for Newcombe to make precis of case cited. In re the States of Jersey Moore P.C. Long confuse in evening with Meighen as to general situation and possibility of a general election. Agreed upon general lines of reply. Confce with Hughes as to inspection by Lessard and sent tlgms as to ditto. Discussed with him also sale of ammunition and the bringing down of papers with regard thereto. Made little progress as to ry. matters, being too much occupied with new development of bilingual question.

Sunday, April 23, 1916.

Went to early service at 8 A.M. and met great numbers from 7 o'clock service. Very large attendance. Walked over grounds and studied the communications from colleagues. Nesbitt came at noon and discussed with him the shell inquiry. He is confident that nothing ©f importance will develop. Says that Johnston is to be Minister of Justice in next Liberal administration. In afternoon sent for Blount and dictated draft reply to Casgrain & al letter. Laura went to meeting at Russell theatre in commemoration of Battle of Ypres. Foster made very eloquent speech. Nesbitt says he believes Bennett's mind is diseased^ he talks so wildly and extravagantly. Meighen came in evaaing with his draft of reply to letter of Casgrain &c. We discussed them and I redrafted it using material from both. Wet, rather cold day. News from front not very important.

Monday, April 24, 1916.

White Rogers and Reid arrived and I discussed with each of them and afterwards with Doherty Casgrain's letter and my draft reply. They all approved it. Shaughnessy came at 2 o'clock and I discussed with him bilingual situation and railway question. He earnestly advocates Gov't ownership of all Canadian railways & hopes that we will have situation investigated by a Bd. of experts. He looks rather thin and worn, Oouncil at 3.30 when I read Casgrain letter and my reply and we discussed situation for, two hours and a half. My draft was approved. In evening Rogers White Reid and Meighen came to my house and we canvassed ry situation for 2 hours and agreed to see Shaughnessy again and send for Lash. So caucus to be called until bilingual question has developed. Beautiful spring day and much warmer.

Tuesday, April 25, 1916.

Sent letters to Casgrain & co. Received in reply about 5 P.M. a foolish letter as to which I consulted Meighen, Rogers Foster and Reid. Sent for Casgrain in evening and found him in a condition of collapse. No nerve, no backbone. Told him quite impossible for Gov't to take initiative in matter of purely provincial concern and that I must have immediate answer. He said Patenaude in Montreal, return early Wednesday and would give answer by noon. Saw Blondin afterwards who says whole situation due to Casgrain's stupidity and neglect and lack of nerve. Thinks Cousineau will do well if helped. Hughes sent up papers to be laid on table re ammunition. They make a fairly good case. No French Minister or member on our side in house today. Grits apparently know of difficulty. Dealt with several matters in Militia Dep't. Startling news of revolution in Dublin came this afternoon. Also German Naval raid on British coast.

Wednesday, April 26, 1916.

Attended review at 9 a.m. of 66th and 68th Regts. The one from Edmonton particularly fine physique. Big husky men. The other very good also, from Regina. Disposed of several Militia affairs. At one o'clock Hughes came in with telegram from Aitken as to difficulty between Turner and Alderson and setting forth solution proposed by Alderson. Discussed it in Council who approved it. Despatched tlgms to Aitken and Perley. Long interview with Patenaude as to bilingual question. He broke down and wept. Told him his resignation would be a national calamity. Then to office and confuse with Ewart, Nesbitt and Lafleur as to Shell Com.Investigatioin. Revolution in Dublin apparently put down. Martial law declared. Discussed railway situation in evening with Meighen. Prospect that Germany's answer to U.S. will avoid war.

Thursday, April 27, 1916.

Rogeers returned from Montreal and reports that Shaughnessy will assist in ry. matters to utmost extent. Beatty coming this evening. Held militia council 11.30 to 1 and disposed of several matters. Machine guns (Lewis) have many minor defects. At 1.45 Council and long discussion of Doherty's report re disallowance. No question as to conclusion but as to expression of reasons. Further two hours' discussion in afternoon on same subject with Doherty. Eventually obscured from view in an impenetrable cloud of his own verbiage. Confce then with Hughes and Militia Council again at 8.30. In morning Patenaude came at 10 and said he had decided to stay out of personal consideration for me and in view of the country's condition; but desires to retire from public life at first suitable opportunity. Tlgm from Aitken that situation in Ireland is serious, rebellion and sedition spreading.

Friday, April 28, 1916.

An hours conference with Sifton as to ry situation. He strongly urges aid to keep things in present condition. Opposes nationalization. Told of his son's adventure in trenches when he was wounded. Shell passed under his arm as he was leaning against side of trench and exploded against sandbag, killing 3 and wounding 3 officers.- Caucus 3 1/2 hours, spoke on ry. situation firmly and frankly and won great applause. Placed the facts pretty forcibly before them. It went off much better than I expected. Meighen said that my speech settled caucus. Nickle in good mood, Bennett in ugly mood. Many think his mind is becoming affected. Passed 0.C. re Ontario legislation refusing to disallow. Beaubien Casgrain and Patenaude asking us to raise money for Quebec provincial elections but admit we can't win. Blount arranging as to N.S. Sifton says war will last until 1917 and that Russians will then march into Berlin. News from Ireland still disturbing.

Saturday, Apr 29. 1916

Confce at 9 with Hughes and went over many natters re Militia Dep't. including camps for B.C., Gen. Steele's states &c. Then at 10 Militia Council and disposed of practically all arrears. Then Council 11 to 4. Settled estimate for G.T.P and C.N.R. Discussed Quebec & Saguenay. Discussed Foster's proposal to purchase ships and com'l mission to France. Foster and Doherty very peevish about several matters. In afternoon rumor that Townshend has surrendered. Very depressing but not yet verified. Hughes reports that Byng will succeed Alderson. Says he is a man of ability and great experience. Glorious spring day. Very tired. - Hope

session will end in two weeks. Parley telegraphs that he can come out. Discussed Economic Confce and asked Foster to go to G.B. & France. In evening the McLeans (A.A.) Will and his wife, Julia and Hal dined with us, Mrs. Jas. Morrow's son reported killed. Hazen not yet returned.

Sunday, Apr.30. 1916

Glorious spring day. Trees and shrubs rapidly coming into leaf. Read report of heads of Militia Department and went over other correspondence. Report of Townshends surrender not confirmed. In afternoon Landry came to ask me to consent to resolution in H. of C. on school question. Told him I could see no good and much harm from it. Fiset came to ask for place on pensions hoard. Says his eyes are rapidly becoming worse. Sir Wm. Meredith called also. Hazen returned today from St.John, came at 6.30 and stayed to supper. Seems fairly cheerful but feels loss of son very much. He says Shaughnessy is very intent on nationalization of railways in Canada and thinks great economies can be effected. Still uncertain whether Townshend has surrendered Laura suffering from painful inflammation of the eye.

Monday, May 1. 1916

Weather somewhat cooler with rain. Report of Townshend's surrender confirmed. Faced with starvation 6000 Indian and 3000 British troops. Revolution in Ireland rapidly fizzling out. Went over Militia affairs and took up in H.of C. resolution for 250 millions war appropriation. Long discussion until 1 a.m. Mostly picayune. Clark of Red Deer made a notable speech deprecating action of his fellow members* Criticism of little value except for local party consumption. Laura in very nervous condition. Suffering acutely from small cyst in eyelid. Dr. Minnes lanced it 3 times today. Forget and Sevigney and two gentlemen from Quebec came to see me about campaign fund for Provincial election. Told them I had no connection with such matters. White and Meighen at 12.30 came to discuss ry matters but I gave them only 15 mins.

Tuesday May 2. 1916

Sent for Bennett and had long confce over ry. sit'n. Found him much more amenable to reason than before. Discussed directorate &c. Attended H.R.H. and discussed recommendations as to honours. LeBlanc and Lougheed for K.C.M.G. Graham, C.J. for Knighthoed as well as Landry and Chamberlain of Gd. Tr. In House White brought down supplementary estimates, Containing appropriations for C.N.R. and G.T.P. I moved to sit daily at 2 instead of 3 and Laurier queried as to Que & Saguenay which we had just discussed in Council. Fiset wishes to be Chairman or member of New Pensions Board. Dined at Gov't House to meet Aberdeen who look much older than when I last saw them. Excused myself from going to Lady

Aberdeen's meeting. Asquith introduced conscription bill, universal. Irish rebellion has completely fizzled out. Weather cool & bright.

Wednesday, May 3. 1916

Dr. W.J. White died a week ago. I wrote to widow expressing deep sympathy. He was a very able and original and most lovable man. Beaubien chasing me as to campaign funds for Que and Forget as to Quebec & Saguenay. Had long confce with him and L'Esperance. Sir W. Mackenzie detailed to me his losses and his bad situation financially. Discussed with White, Meighen and Rogers additions to C.N.R. and G.T.P. directorate and afterwards with McK. He agrees to Eaton, Englehart and Galt. Ewart at luncheon expressed great appreciation of Carnegie's evidence and especially of his tribute to Hughes. N.S.Members came with many petty militia matters. Saw Hughes thereon. Weichel came with Hodgins and we arranged that latter should go to Berlin to exercise quieting influence. Sent for Flavelle and asked him to send for Atwater. Arranged with Shaughnessy Graham and H.R.Drummond to visit Montreal tomorrow. Met Moir, Br. Rep. In N.Y. at luncheon with Flavelle.

Thursday, May 4, 1916

Left for Montreal at 8.40 in private car and vas not interrupted en route. Was met by Snaughnessy's secretary and had an hour's conference with him before lunch as to ry. situation and nationalization of all rys. He proposes a plan which would need considerable modification. It will be sent to us next week. Met at lunch Holt, Hosmer, Joseph, Gault and several others. Confce with H.B.Drummond as to funds for Cousineau and as to political situation. He thinks Galt never so strong as today. Then to Sir H.G. who for 2 1/2 hours gave tale of woe and lack of recognition. He is a singular mixture of shrewdness and shallowness, craft and simplicity. His great weakness lies in his belief that he can hoodwink others. Very much like R.L.W. Evidently he is consumed with immense desire for peerage. Speaks of it aw a bauble hardly worthy of his acceptance. Dined with Shaughnessy. Lady S. very calm and collected but greatly saddened. Returned at 8.45. S. came to station with me.

Friday, Hay 5, 1916

Several confces during forenoon and discussed proposed motion of Carvell for extension of powers of Royal Commission. Inquiry in House as to further measures. Told Graham that I hoped to announce tomorrow. Informed Rogers of my interviews in Montreal. At two Carvell came on with his motion to which I replied. Our men apparently thoroughly satisfied with my reply. Debate continued on our side by Doherty and Meighen both of whom made effective speeches. From 8 to 12 took up Militia Estimates upon which there was much debate. Passed them all after midnight except one item reserved for future discussion. Nearly all our work finished except ry*

leg'n. Nearly all Ministers very tired. They admit that my work and worry are much greater than theirs and they express wonder that I stand it. Submitted urine for examination to Dr. Laidlaw who says everything again is functioning properly. Same signs of fatigue shown.

Saturday, May 6, 1916

Had Council at 10.30. Long discussion as to Foster's proposed bill respecting shipbuilding to which great majority of Council were strongly opposed. At my suggestion matter finally compromised by agreement that he, White, Hazen, and Reid should be a Com. and associate experts with them and make a report to Council. Then took up Quebec & Saguenay. Roster violently opposed but later cooled down somewhat. Decided we could not proceed except by expropriation, having price of properties determined by Exch.Court. Then to House where I succeeded in passing War App'n Act and made some progress in remaining item of Militia Estimates. Afterwards long confce with Meighen and Doherty and settled form of Act relating to Quebec & Saguenay. Dined at Gov't House to meet Russian Amb. and wife. He has a very poor opinion of "Pacific Wilson" as he calls him. A thorough diplomat. Is a great friend of Spring-Rice. His wife is an American. She wore a very large and conspicuous tiara of enormous aqua-marines.

Sunday, May 7, 1916

Glorious spring day. During forenoon walked around grounds and went over documents relating to bilingual question. At one o'clock Mr. H.Panning Gosselin came with a letter signed by Phil.Cousineau and officers of Can. Ass'n of Quebec informing me that unless more subs, aid be given the Cons. candidates will stand aside on domination day. Report from Rogers that Sir H.G. is to arrive from Mtl. today. Told him I would not see him on my account. Last evening after dinner told Duke I hoped he did not suppose I was responsible for item in press as to his early retirement. He said be had not thought of such a thing and that one of his staff had a letter from Eng. to the effect that he would retire soon. Drove to Gov't House and left cards for Russian Ambassador and his wife. Worked at ry. and bilingual questions all evening.

Monday, May 8, 1916.

Took up railway proposals in House and White made a full and cogent statement setting forth necessities and foreshadowing nationalisation of all Canadian railways. Graham in short speech asked for delay until he could examine documents to which I replied. There was no vigor in his speech and my notes for an aggressive attack could not be used. In evening I held Militia Council and discussed question of soldiers voting in N.S. They thought we could not provide transportation but could give leave. Laurier came at 10 and gave me copy of Motion to be moved by Lapointe tomorrow on

bilingual question. I told him it could do no good and might do much harm. He said he was alarmed at conditions in Quebec and that he must have some sheet anchor with which to fight nationalists.Save Rogers, arranged to hold Council early tomorrow. Laurier evidently determined to force discussion.

Tuesday, May 9, 1916

Prepared on bilingual question and called Council at 11. Heard of great quarrel last evening among Liberals. In Council long discussion as to whether we should treat motion as want of confidence. Casgrain and Doherty strongly opposed. At 2.15 Lapointe read his motion. Knowles raised point of order and thus I had opportunity, as motion was differently worded, of explaining that Laurier had given me notice and of making appeal to Lapointe to withdraw. Laurier passionately insisted that it must be discussed. Speaker reserved decision. Our men greatly pleased with my mode of handling situation. Many discussions during afternoon. Report that Laurier will retire unless party supports him. Leave public life as hero and saint. In evening took up G.T.P. and C.N.R. loans. Graham spoke at some length; also Lemieux. Both very mild. No snap in either attack, if it could be called an attack. Liberal press men very much perturbed at Laurier's attitude.

Wednesday, May 10, 1916

Council at 11.30 and discussed for an hour bilingual resolution. Casgrain strongly urged an open vote. English Ministers very much opposed to it. Discussed suggestion to ask Lapointe to move, it as an ordinary motion. Decided against this. Went very tired to see Governor who took up 15 min. talking about very trivial matters. Nesbitt says Harris told Com'rs that he has spoken of Allison to me. Then to House. Lapointe made a florid and rather rambling speech full of quotation. Devlin followed. Debate pretty dull. I then spoke and afterwards received many congratulations. Meighen says best speech I ever made. Blondin also very warm. Laurier followed but after speaking about 20 minutes he called 6 o'clock. Continued during evening and spoke eloquently but not convincingly. Casgrain then spoke and latter portion was good. Debate adjourned.

Thursday, May 11, 1916

Continued debate en motion respecting bilingual schools until 4.30 a.m. Then vote was taken, giving us 47 majority. Seven French members broke from us, about 12 broke from Laurier, all Western Liberals with one exception. L'Esperance, Forget,Descarries and Girard stayed with us. Doherty and Foster made strong speeches and Graham was very sensitive and restless under Foster's bantering analysis. Lamarche made strong and clever speech from his standpoint The result of the debate and vote was greeted with loud cheers from our side, the Grits correspondingly depressed. Green

discussed B.C. affairs and suggested Hamilton for Appeal Court and Barnard for Senatorship. Thinks Bowser's position is improving but doubts whether he can win. Reports as to Cochrane's condition not encouraging. News from front not important. Pretty definite information that food supply in Germany very insufficient.

Friday, May 12, 1916

Very tired after long night sitting. Held Council at 12. Went into estimates when House met and discussed C.N.R. and Grand Trunk. Finally passed latter item late at night. Sent for Hughes and discussed with him many outstanding militia matters including tlgm to Aitken re Alderson. Col. Currie's position, &c,&c. Gonfces in evening with Meighen and Doherty and afterwards Forget as to Quebec and Saguenay and especially proposed amendment to bill with regard to compensation. Finally Meighen managed to arrange an acceptable amendment. Discussed U.S. affairs with McCurdy as to transportation of troops for voting. Man.Free Press has strong editorial attacking and virtually repudiating Laurier. His following in House look very depressed and unsettled. News from war theatre not important. Canadian casualties for past two weeks very heavy daily.

Saturday, May 13, 1916

Early at office and dealt with correspondence and militia affairs. Council at 11 and discussed Pugsley's proposed amendment to C.N.R. resolutions as well as Quebec and Saguenay, bill and vote. Foster very critical of the latter House at two when D.D.McKenzie moved resolution condemning purchase of small arms ammunition I sent for Hughes and he shortly arrived. I answered McKenzie and Hughes followed. Laurier in a rather ineffective speech. Debate continued until vote was taken at 10.30 when we surprised Grits by insisting on doing some work. Doherty made capital speech in reply to Carvell. Saw Sifton at six and discussed political affairs with him. He considers Laurier's career ended. I told him of suspicion that there is understanding between Laurier, Gouin and Bourassa. He thought it quite probable.

Sunday, May 14, 1916

Weather during part week very cool. Thermometer this morning at 9 stood at 50. Trees rapidly coming into leaf. Poor Fred Avery died on Thursday and was bured yesterday. Conferred yesterday with Foster as to his approaching visit to England and to Economic Confce. He things Premier Hughes is being used by a political faction in G.B. to embarrass Gov't. Says there is rumour that he may remain in G.B. and go

into Parliament there. Rogers, Col.Guthrie and several others came in afternoon. In evening conferred with Gen. Hughes and sent tlgm to Aitken in reply to his as to Boss. Also tlgms to Perley as to

Foster's visit to England and as to purchase of enemy ships. Drafted O.C. as to inquiry into railway conditions and attended to correspondence. Weather most delightful but cool. Picked every dandelion on place during forenoon. Endeavouring to arrange to go to Echo Beach on Thursday.

Monday, May 15, 1916.

Left for Montreal at 3.40 Met at Station by Orr Lewis, Lady Taylor, Mrs. A. Allan, and others. Ld. R. Neville arriving on same train fell and fractured thigh. We got a bath chair and took him to door but he declined to take our motor. We went to Ritz and thence to lunch with Orr Lewis at Mt. Royal Club. A large party to meet us. Sir H. Holt, H.V.Meredith *&c*, &c. Then to launching of "J.D.Hazen" which went off very smoothly. Laura cut the ribbon which released ship and received a very handsome little pendant. Then official luncheon at which I spoke. Rec'd many congratulations. Thence to new elevator which Laura started. Refreshments then served and silver tray presented to Laura and me. I spoke again. Met Bob White who looks much older than I expected. Returned to Ritz and from there to Club to dine with the Com'rs and took train for Ottawa at 8.45. Doherty returned with us. A very interesting day. Was glad to be away from H. of C. Reached Ottawa on time and rather tired.

Tuesday, May 16, 1916

Found that we cannot prorogue before Thursday. Held Council as usual. Nesbitt at luncheon showed me a very intimate letter from Laurier to Allison in 1897. Inquiry before Meredith and Duff proceeding slowly and with little result. In House discussed Quebec and Saguenay at considerable length and eventually bill passed. Laurier moved amendment but did not divide house. In afternoon held Militia Council. Took up General John Hughes recommendations but found Council had not considered them. Told them to do so. Brought up case of Fred Jones' son who was courtmartialed for drunkeness. Gwatkin is to consider it. Tlgm from B.Law as to including baronetcy for Aitken in Canadian list. Told him I approved but should consult H.R.H. Sent tlgm to Perley as to having peerage placed at our disposal for June or Jan'y. Cochrane expected to return end of this week. Health evidently not greatly improved. All rejoice that end of session approaching.

Wednesday, May 17, 1916

Somewhat impertinent memo arrived from Shaughnessy re ry situation. Drafted reply. Dealt with many militia matters and much correspondence. Blain and Barnard came to speak about Senatorships. Burrell returned today looking fairly well. Delegation of members urging recognition of Rogers. Shortly before *six* Oliver brought up publication of Aldersons alleged letter condemning Ross rifle. Considerable debate ensued. I announced our Com'n to Haig to hold investigation and strongly condemned publication as calculated to give

information and encouragement to the enemy. It is said to have been given out at Gov't House through Ld. R Neville. Wrote to HRH s to baronetcy for Aiken in Canadian list. Mathieson of PEI says Gov't stronger today than ever it was. Paccess OC for Foster's visit to G.B. Weather cold and wet. Farmers unable work land.

Thursday, May 18, 1916

Weather very cold and heavy rain all day. Land is fairly drowned all through Ontario and crop prospects are very poor. Held Council 11 to 1 and put through much routine business. Considerable discussion as to proposal to alter site for Camp Borden. Decided not to do so. In House took up report of Pensions Committee which was debated at some length. At 4.30 C.J. came to prorogue. Three breaks occurred. One of the Clerks began to read title of supply bill before Chapleau had gone to receive it from the Commons Speaker. Then Landry began to read prorogation announcement before C*J. had read the speech in French. Then the C.J. arose to leave before Landry had announced prorogation. Tlgm from Perley saying that peerage can be given at New Year but not very well in June. Spent evening in going over and revising important documents, 0.C. for Bd. of Inquiry into Rys and memo re C.P.R. proposal.

Friday, May 19, 1916

Cochrane returned today. He looks much better but has not the keen interest and aggressive action of four years ago. He thinks bilingual issue makes Ontario sure. We discussed in Council the railway situation, shipbuilding, recruiting and pensions but made little progress as we were all very weary and rather on edge. Discussed pretty fully the Alderson letter and several were in favour of strong proceedings against The Citizen. White very much against. Afterwards held Militia Council with Hughes present and disposed of several matters. News that Geo. Campbell's son has been killed in action. The only son. I sent them a very sympathetic telegram. Discussed with Foster his visit to England and especially matters relating to Trade and the term of H.R.H. Read memo of my reply to the Com'n from C.P.R.

Saturday, May 20, 1916

Left at 8.30 for Echo Beach via Buckingham where we took motor for Smallions. Roads very bad. Left Buckingham at 9.20 and did not reach fram until 11.40. There Alex met us (Allen, Dr Powell, Rhodes and myself) with two teams and we met at his house, Egan, Smillie, Dewar and Volchman. The Portage very wet and luggage had to be taken by hand. Arrived in Camp at 4.50 and found Devlin Gouin and Jones. Rhodes just before dusk got a nice pound fish from boat house wharf. Very pleasant evening. Head and otherwise enjoyed ourselves. The air delicious. No rain on way and good weather prospects for tomorrow. Arranged that Rhodes and I shall go to Pickwick and start early.

Sunday, May 21, 1916.

The key of my locker for which I looked everywhere at home proved to be here; and I found everything as I had left it. Rhodes and I left for Pickwick just before nine and returned at 7. Result 14 with fly and one silver grey. I note following articles here, for future reference, -clothes, etc.

Monday. May 22, 1916.

Wrote to Laura yesterday and to Perley and Julia today. Rhodes and Powell left for Dear Lake this morning at 10. Promised by wager to bring back 100 fish and did so after working very hard. Went at 2.10 with Allen to Pickwick. Immediately broke my rod in striking a very small fish. Took Allen's bait rod put on my cast and caught 6 before he got one. Then his rod went to pieces at splice and towards end the bottom and reel came off bait rod while I was playing a fish. I got 15 and Allen 6. Oscar 1 with bait. Silver Doctor took nearly all. Gouin says that a few years ago they took a 25 lb. fish with a night line. Besides the pound trout which he swallowed as bait he had a 3 pound trout inside him. Most voracious creatures. Gouin very amusing in evening at cards. Quebec elections today. Rain began about 6.30

Tuesday* May 23, 1916.

Drizzle continued all night and the morning but gradually stopped. Beautiful effects from mists slowly climbing along sides of hills around home lake. Rhodes and I started about ten to Allen Water which we tried sans success, then to Keatleys, Lynch's Camp &c. and finally into Pickwick where we took 24 good ones with fly and 1 whitebait. Got some sour bread and fair butter, en route from Levictoire. Returning Rhodes justified his theory as to lower end of lake by detailing with much circumstance how we had made the catch near the dam. Weather clearing towards evening. Am not satisfied with the camp conditions as the hours are too late considering that I wake so early. Must either sell out or build a bungalow for myself.

Wednesday, May 24, 1916

Waked very early. Delightful water in lake for bathe if one could plunge in quickly. Glorious air. Read and walked around grounds during forenoon. Late in afternoon Rhodes and I started for Left Blower. I caught one grey on fly but no success either there or at Right Bower or Cedar Bay. Mail arrived during forenoon. Nothing very eventful reported. Russian Cavalry

had joined British in Mesopotamia. Rhodessays Tiptrees jams &c much better than Cross and Blackwells. Apricot Brandy and Cherry Whisky liqueurs very good. Mrs Yank broils trout very excellently. Splits them, removes backbone and broils in olive oil. Weather very cool and breezy.

Thursday, May 25, 1916

Have been reading "Imperial Unity and the Dominion" by Keith during past few days. Evidently written somewhat hastily and proof not carefully corrected. Shows much insight but deductions not always accurate. Information probably accurate in most cases but occasionally wrong. No definite suggestions as to accomplishing of desired unity. Has confused ideas as to relation of Crown to Dominions and as to status of people of British Islands in Empire. Went with Rhodes in afternoon to Rice Lake. I got one on fly and a large grey at Perch Rock. He took before I had found bottom. Considerable snow in shadow of precipice opposite Rice Lake landing. Weather cold and windy.

Friday, May 26, 1916

Rhodes and Allen went to Pickwick and did poorly but Rhodes secured 3 very fine reds on fly in home lake while returning. Gouin got 5 greys in home lake. Mail did not arrive until 7.40 and with it came Lieut.Giles with letter from Hughes setting forth telegram from Aitken that Gen. Headqaarters recommended re-arming Canadian troops with Lee Enfield rifle. I drafted tlgm to Perley thereon and sent it back by messenger. Debated whether I should return tomorrow and finally decided to adhere to original intention (Monday) but to have motor at Buckingham at 3.30 so that I can reach home at 6. Delightful weather. Did little except read Keith's "Imperial Unity and the Dominions."

Saturday, May 27, 1916

Rhodes and Dr. Powell leaving today for home. Went with Louis to Dear Lake and had fairly good sport, *55* on fly and of a very good average. Threw back more than thirty small ones. Broke my flash which was quite unsuitable for such an outing. Small broke first in tip and then all over. Following articles required for next camp,- Lines (3) Casts (2) Flies, Silver Doctor & Canary. Ordered through Devlin new fly rod from N.Y. 3 1/2 ounces. Arranging to leave for town on Monday with Devlin and Allen. Will start early and motor through to Ottawa if possible. Devlin and Allen took 7 fin reds with fly this side of Lavictoires.

Sunday, May 28, 1916.

Rained heavily last night and drizzling this morning. Word arrived by mail that we can go through by motor to Ottawa. Starting from Camp at nine and arriving at about 5.30. Left for Pickwick with Devlin and Allen at 11 having previously got together some of my belongings. Very poor sport. I took only 3 with fly. Devlin 1 ditto and Louis 1 with bait. However, we had good sport opposite Lavicoires where I took a *1 1/2* grey with fly. He made a most determined fight. Allen and Oscar made a good catch off Luck Point, chiefly with minnow. They took a grey weighing 11 pounds. The largest caught previously in Pickwick was 5 1/2. Pretty heavy rain during forenoon and clearing in afternoon.

Monday, May 29, 1916

Rose at 6 and packed up everything for departure. Left at 9.15 and made slow journey across portage which occupied 1 1/2 hours. Most beautiful beds of wood violets at top of bank near landing at Smalien's lake. At McNaughton's, 3 1/2 miles from Smaliens met motors and drove over very bad roads to Buckingham and thence to Ottawa where we arrived at 5.45. In evening worked at my papers and went over press clippings. Trees out in full leaf. Found that Stuart's men had repaired path and completed much work in 2 days. Grounds looking very beautiful. Laura went to theatre as she had not expected me before 11. Found that Julia had gone to N.S. today.

Tuesday, May 30, 1916

Went to office early and disposed of much correspondence. Reid absent having gone away much discouraged by Cochrane's action in upsetting arrangements made in his absence. Held Council and disposed of much routine business. Appointed Auditors for
C.N.R. and G.T.P. and debated appointment of Commissioners. Found to my surprise that Cochrane had written to Underwood as to undertaking work. Letter from Landry tendering resignation as Speaker of Senate which I immediately accepted. Discussed application of American Gov't to increase force on Great Lakes and sent for previous orders in Council. Also conferred with J.Pope as to bill introduced in Congress with refce to bonding privileges.

Wednesday, May 31, 1916

Long Confce with McKenzie as to affairs of C.N.R. Told him I would give no more letters to Bank. He explained his proposals for financing in N.Y. Discussed directorships. Held Council and discussed railway affairs and report of pension Committee* Counsel (Nesbitt and Ewart) very exultant over cross-examination of Hughes in which they thought that he scored all through over Johnston. Capt. Bupert Guinness called to confer as to enlistment of men for navy and explained his proposals which were afterwards considered in Council. He can offer only 3E0 cents per diem and evidently wants us to make

good the difference. White came to confer as to general financial situation which he thinks alarming. He is opposed to further recruiting. He Hazen and Rogers leaving tomorrow. Cochrane unable to deal effectively with his Dep't through ill health. Burrell almost incapacitated. Reid absent and ill.

Thursday, June 1, 1916.

Held Council and discussed report of Pensions Com. Passed O.C. practically adopting report. Then considered Quebec Harbour Com'n and decided to appoint Lesperance Chairman. j Conferred with him and he spoke of his interest in L'Evenement. Conferred with Nesbitt and Sir. C. Ross as to rifles. Decided to send Harston to G.B. after consulting Hughes. Rec'd delegation from Quebec, Barnard and others as to press, patronage, Harbour com'n &c, and told them I would take up various matters as to wh. I afterwards conferred with Blondin. Had confce early in morning with Rogers who is leaving for Montreal and Winnipeg. He is disturbed about I.C.R. vote and thinks conditions generally are unfavourable. He spoke of accepting governorship of Manitoba. Disposed of much correspondence. Very tired and weary of this life.

Friday, June 2, 1916.

Very depressing news this afternoon of naval battle in which nine British warships were sunk including Queen Mary, Warspite and Indefatigable. Germans lost 3 small ships. Report is from Berlin. No report yet issued by Admiralty which looks bad. Confce with H.J.Crewe as to political union of Br.West India Islds with Canada. He says public opinion in Jamaica strongly in favour. Drafted tlgr to Perley to sound Bonar Law. Held meeting of Militia Council. Short confce with Hughes as to sending Harston overseas Held Council and passed pensions O.C. Discussed with Cochrane app't of Directors for C.N.R. and G.T.P. Selden of N.Y Times came to luncheon. Wants interview as to closer relations between Dominions and U.K. Sent tlgms to Perley and to Aitken as to Ross Rifle and conferred with Gen. Elliott as to same.

Saturday, June 3, 1916.

Conferred with Burrell as to situation in B.C. and as to suggestion of his app't to Pensions Com'n which he does not particularly desire. News as to naval engagement more reassuring as German losses much greater than at first reported. Battle now regarded as a British Victory. Two Br. Admirals Hood and another, were lost. Telegraphed Perley as to report of Privy Councillorships to Parker and Aitken in Canadian list. Interview with Rhodes who reports favorably as to prospects in Nova Scotia at approaching election. No important news

from front, but Germans still seem to be on offensive. Roberts Allen gave me very interesting account of his son's experience as an aviator. Evidently a young man of pluck and ability. He says Fokker machines are not superior to ours. H.R.H, a few days ago told me in confidence that he is taking his leave early in 0ctober.

Sunday, June 4, 1916

Bright, cool, cloudflecked summer day. Blount, Hal and Will came at various times today. The latter feels oppressed with work and wants to retire. Urged him to accept Deputy Ministership. He is not anxious. In afternoon Douglas Borden came. He has been in training since Oct. Is now a Lieut. His younger brother is a corporal. Douglas is a fine hoy. Sanford Evans came and nearly talked my head off. He is able and thorough, in my judgment, but very tedious. Better news still of the Naval engagement. Two German dreadnaughts, two battle Cruisers, two other Cruisers and a total of 19 ships sunk. Canadians heavily engaged with Germans and Mercer and Williams missing. Germans captured part of our line and Canadians retook it with great gallantry.

Monday, June 5 1916

Very sad news this morning, a very long casualty list of officers and among them Harry Baker and Buller. Poor Baker! His two sisters are on the sea and their arrival in England will be of the saddest. He was able, even brilliant, and had a great future before him in public life. Discussed with Col. Laird of Regina conditions at the front. He thinks some of our staff officers are poor tools. Reid returned and conferred with me as to Cochrane's health which he thinks very bad. He persuaded Cochrane to give up his proposed trip to Mar. Prov* Debated Ross Rifle with Nesbitt and Hughes and sent tlgms to Kitchener, Perley and Aitken. Cabled Parley as to Ld. Dundonald's appl'n for a Can. Command. Held Council and disposed of several matters including Poster's report as to Com. of Council to take up research work.

Tuesday, June.6 1916

Shocking news this morning. Cruiser "Hampstead" en route to Petrograd with Kitchener and staff on board struck by Mine or torpedo off Orkneys and apparently all on board perished. Sent messages to war office and Perley and gave statement to press.
News very depression. J. Greensheilds sone reported killed. Also Hamilton Gault, Col. Whitehead's son and Lionel Clark's son. Sent tlgm to Perley as to dangerous and useless salient in which we have recently lost 5006 and upwards. Confces with L'Esperance as position he desires. Reid strongly opposed to opening his constituency. Interview with Guinness as to 5000 men for navy. Told him we would pay them same as men for army. McNab brought message that Morris will

bring delegation from Nfld in Sept. for Confce. Wrote thereon to White, Meighen and Foster. Communicated with Shaughnessy, Chamberlain and McKenzie as to personnel of Ry. Bd. of Inquiry.

Wednesday, June 7, 1916

Sherrard came from Montreal and discussed his address at approaching meeting of Can. Manf'rs Ass'n. He desires to assist in forming public opinion to aid Gov't. Spoke to him quite frankly on many important questions. Curtis came and spoke of many subjects, especially of our attitude towards Oriental immigration. He thinks Kitchener was not a great organizer and did not know how to devolve. Held Council and disposed of much routine and discussed other matters. Canadian casualties continue to be appalling. Apparently no possible hope of Kitchener having been saved. Duff and Hart arrived and discussed with them and with Reid application from N.S. for assistance in campaign. Counsel are addressing Fuse Com'n and Hellmuth made very good speech. Carvell followed with stump tirade. L'Esperance sent in his resignation as. member for Montmagny. Barnard of B.C. wants to be a Judge.

Thursday, June 8, 1916

Very long and arduous day. Considered tlgms re Rose Rifle. Conferred with several other Ministers (White, Meighen, Doherty and Held) and then with Hughes and then despatched messages to Altken and Perley, leaving whole question (including tests) to War Office. Discussed with Flavelle and afterwards with him, Hobson and Crothers labour difficulties at Hamilton and arranged for Hobson to return immediately. Rec'd delegation of distillers who presented astonishing report of British Liquor Dealers and prepared long telegram to Perley thereon. Held Militia Council and discussed with them and with Hughes question of drafts and decided to send for units instead of drafts. Discussed with White our policy towards technical education and proposal as to assistance to be given to Provinces. Discovered that new regiments are being organized and told Hughes to stop it. Conferred with Beatty, with Sir D. Mann as to ry situation and personnel of proposed Board of inquiry. Canadian casualties still growing. Wanklyn's son killed yesterday. Tlgm from Perley that salient is important

Friday, June 9, 1916

Col. J.B.McLean of Toronto called and spoke of great influence of his group of commercial and business journals, of his desire to help Gov't and suggested that if it were publicly announced that he had been offered a seat in Cabinet and had declined his position would be greatly strengthened. Also said Cochrane had offered him a senatorship and

that his opportunities for good would be increased if he accepted. Evidently a mild lunatic. Foster has arrived London. McNaulty's machine has been tested; it couldn't fly. Couldn't even walk.- Confce with G.G. on some miner matters. Tlgm from Perley that Ypres salient is held for strategic not sentimental reasons. In Council discussed railway directorships and personnel of Bd of Inquiry. Sir W.McKenzie reported his views. Pestered me for more help for his infernal ry. Russians succeeding well thus far in their drive against Austrians. Republican and Progressive Conventions at Chicago having a lively time. Weather very wet and cold.

Saturday, June 10, 1916

Hughes came in to discuss Duff's extraordinary statement en Thursday. Says he wanted the lawyers to fight from the drop of the hat. Spoke to him about seeing Cantley in connection with Prov'l elections. Wilcox also arrived and agreed to start for N.S. tomorrow. Discussed with Cochrane the app't of Railway Bd. He still favors Underwood. Sent tlgm to Perley as t© distillers representations. Meighen left for West to be absent for two weeks. Weather still unsettled and cold. Farm land in greater part of Ontario too wet to work. Bussian offensive still proceeding successfully. In afternoon played golf with J.S.McLennan and 'beat him 3 & 2. Ewarts dined with us in evening. He thinks Curtis' scheme impracticable and says that many persons who have read it are thereby convinced that Ewarts Kingdom proposal is the only solution. I think a Republic better with some close and binding alliance with rest of Empire and with U.S.

Sunday, June 11, 1916

Weather apparently more settled. Laura & I attended memorial service in memory of Col. Bulger at St. Bartholemews. Duke, Duchess and Princess were present. Curate with fine voice read prayers and lessons very effectively. News from front not important. Russian offensive still proceeding effectively. Sent tlgm to Perley on Friday asking appointment of Jack Devlin as instructor in Canada of Aeronautics. His mother in great distress at absence of both boys. In afternoon Mrs. Bowley came to look at our cultivated and our wildlgarden and was most enthusiastic as to the beauty of the place. Mr & Mrs.Crothers also called and he said that strike is imminent in munition works at Hamilton and that Hobson has not played the game as he promised. Miss Lewis also called to tell us of her proposed convalescent home at Chisel-hurst. Mosquitos very numerous and troublesome.

Monday, June 12, 1916

Attended H.R.R. who is much disturbed at Hughes interview respecting Ypres salient and who says if Hughes was a British officer he would be

arrested and courtmartialed. Told him my statement which appeared in same issue would neutralize it. Arranged for Fripp to go to to N.S.; also Senator Pope, Reid having seriously neglected to do what he promised. Toolmakers in Hamilton went on strike this morning and there is great fear that it will spread. Russians still making great progress with their offensive. Tlgm from N,S. and letter from Mclnnees indicating that prospects in Hx. not very good; Mac has evidently cold feet. Despatched tlgms about ships for Doms I. & S. Co. Foster has left for Paris. Very few Ministers in Town. Confces with Burrell and Desbarats about extension of fishing season for lobsters.

Tuesday, June 13 1916

McKenzie arrived and took up nearly all day in discussion of affairs of Canadian Northern. Says he cannot provide for int. and temp'y loans without assistance and urges that Gov't should not allow road to go into liquidation pending inquiry. Unpleasant evidence coming on respecting sale of ammunition. Christie suggests Mr. Justice Brandfeis as a good man for Bd. of Inquiry. Much discussion as to N.S. elections. Sent Cochrane to Montreal to see Sen.Curry. Conferred with Kemp as to site for Camp Borden and with Doberty as to summoning Dr. Watson of Toronto before Davidson Com'n. Several confess with Flavella and Crothers as to skike in Hamilton and as to means of ending it and arranged that they should go this evening. Discussed increase of wages in Dockyard and sent tlgms to Hx. thereon. Weather more settled. Dined with Anglins.

Wednesday, June 14, 1916

Gen. A.B.Hamilton arrived with letter from Lord Kitchener. One of the last he ever signed. Discussed ry. nationalization with H.B. Biggar, who desires to present a study of it. Burstall laid farther representations of lumber men before me. Says supply of tonnage is Increasing. Held Council and disposed of much business, principally routine. Sevigny came to luncheon and discussed situation in Quebec. He is very hopeful and says Forget is well disposed and confident. Sevigny thinks Casgrain a hopeless failure in Quebec district. Press pretty generally condemns Hughes interview. Russians still making great headway and have captured 125,00$ prisoners. Canadians have recaptured trenches from Germans and displayed great gallantry.

Thursday, June 15, 1916

Rainy weather resumed today very unfortunately for farmers. Long discussion this P.M. with A.H. Abbott, Sec'y of Ontario Com, on production and recruiting. He strongly favors some form of registration. A very capable man and evidently a good organizer. Told him confidentially that registration means in end conscription and that might mean Civil war in Quebec. Attended H.R.H, and discussed Am. reg't and other matters. He

read a very interesting letter from the Admiralty to Tickers Ltd, respecting purchase of Ammunition. I asked him why Admiralty sought services of a third party and why they did not correspond with us direct. He did not know. Held council and discussed military reg'n but without result. Conferred with Reid as to situation in Nova Scotia which looks more promising. Magrath and Stewart came as to high water in Lake of Woods and I sent messate to Hearst and to Rogers.

Friday June 16, 1916

Attended review 9.30 to 11.15 of 65th (Saskatoon) and 102nd(Comox). Both splendid regts especially Comox. J.M.Beck arrived and wishes me to be guest of honour at Pennsylvania dinner in Dec'r. Discussed his visit to G.B, Conferred with Hughes as to election prospects in N.S. Hevthinks they are good. Says Cantley was in Hamilton but his Company is all right. Thinks Col. Stewart of 84th should be retained. Told him to get Reggie's endorsation. Australian and N.Z. empire Parl'y delegates arrived. Met them at luncheon at Gov't House. War letter from Reid wanted to resign on account of fiat granted by Doherty on respect of claim that Reid had fought and attacked while we were in opposition. Auditor Gen. came to see me as to alleged sale of Ross Rifles. Dinner in evening at my house to NZ and Aus. delegates. Carroll and Parry very interesting, The former's mother was a Maori, father an Irishman.

Saturday, June 17, 1916

Hughes out of town. Attends memorial service for Col. G.H.Baker at Sweetsburg on Sunday. Discussed ry. matters over telephone with White. He was pleased with his confuse with mfrs- at Hamilton. Tlgm from Perley that Bd. Trade will do nothing to assist our distillers in their endeavour to secure relaxation of regulations which have evidently been made for benefit of British trade interests. It is evidently in the same class as the restriction of importation of Canadian cattle on the pretence of disease. A cold blooded attempt to take advantage of the war for commercial consideration of advantage. Saw H.R.H. who desires to expedite Guinness' mission. Went to Golf in afternoon with Newcombe and worked afterwards in garden. A beautiful afternoon. Worked at papers in evening.

Sunday, June 18, 1916

Fairly fine day but weather still unsettled. Went to All Saints and saw part of 207th Regt which attended service. Laura saw yesterday afternoon a turtle on the sod on Biverbrink near the middle glen, just past the middle bridge. Went to see him when I returned from golf but he had gone. Planted sunflowers (wild) on site of old boathouse and on the bank back of the kitchen. Sir C. Schriber and the McLarens(of Wurtemburg St.)and young Logan came in afternoon. Our grounds looked very beautiful. Bid considerable pruning of trees and shrubs. Saw a

new species of bird which is probably the Nelson sparrow. McLaren says he has seen black squirrel. Flickers quite numerous. Telephone from McKenzie that he is coming tomorrow.

Monday, June 19, 1916

Another downpour today. The land is literally saturated with water which besides is standing on the surface in pools everywhere. White arrived this a.m. from Toronto and I discussed ry matters with him and with Cochrane. Afterward Sir W. MacK. came and brought Bertron of N.Y. who desires to
discuss the status of Loeb & Co. as to their sympathies in this war. On looking up his correspondence White finds that he has no rep'ns from Br. Gov't. Told Bertron we had no objections and that I would so inform Otto Kahn of Kahn Loeb & Go. Bertron is apparently convinced that a very strong group will undertake to finance C.N.B. if report favourable. Russians have captured Czernowiz. Their progress has been amazing. Tlgms to Parley as to distillers and lumbermen also as to tonnage for DomCoal Go. Tomorrow is election day in N.S.

Tuesday, June 20, 1916

Oonfce this a.m. with Hobson as to Hamilton strike and subsequent confce with him White and Crothers. Evidently latter has had difficult role and has not played it successfully. Hobson thinks strike will wear itself out in a few days as men are coming back. Crothers wants us to take charge of the factories. Held Council at 2 and discussed affairs and proposals of Military Hosp. Com'n. Discussed with E.B. Bennett personnel of Bd. of Ry. inquiry and also with White. Asked Doherty about difficulty with Reid and found him very much surprised and disturbed. Discussed militia matters with Hughes. Nova Scotia elections very disappointing as evidently only a few Conservatives returned and Liberal majority larger than before. Our expectations by no means realized. Weather cold and unpleasant. Farmers unable to do any seeding.

Wednesday, June 21, 1916

Wet and cold, Very unlike longest day in year. In N.S. 31 Grits and only 12 Tories elected. Telegraphed Mclnnes, McCurdy and McLeod for their opinion as to causes. Cochrane very angry. Long confce with Flavelle, White and Gordon as to production of steel and as to encouraging N.S. Steel Co. to start their industry in Canada. White opposed as he thinks there will be destructive competition after the war in the steel industry. Confce with L'Esperance and took letter as to L'Evenement, He thinks Sevigny no good for organisation but fine for oratory. Discussed ry. affairs with White & Cochrane, latter becoming more and more eccentric. Reid says Exchequer case in Which Doherty granted fiat has been shamefully neglected. Russians still making great progress. Strong

hopes that war will end this year.

Friday, June 22, 1916

Hughes returned today after giving one of his foolish interviews in Toronto. Spoke to him of necessity of having reports from officers in G.B. and he assented. Discussed also desirability of having parlt'y undersecretary to attend to administration in his Dep't in his absence. He assented and agreed to McCurdy, for whom we are to send upon Hughes return from West. H.R.H. told me that his return in Oct. is to be announced tomorrow. I asked him whether the Duchess would be willing to accept presentation from women of Canada. He thinks she would prefer to have some fund established if any thing is done. Col. Ward called and complained of Carson's conduct in slandering him. Discussed with White giving authority to Treasury Board to take initiative regarding immigration &c. Long confce with Workman and McDougall as to Admiralty's attitude re Rose Castle.

Saturday,June 23, 1916

Held Council. White in an excitable and impatient mood. Crying out against Hughes. Appointed Quebec Harbour Com'rs. L'Esperance chairman. Dealt with much routine business. Discussed railway matters with Beatty of C.P.R. Took up with Hodgins question of surplus officers in G.B. Tlgm from Aitken as to Boss Rifle. Turner reports it all right, McDonnell reports that it jams in rapid fire. Much press comment as to Ypres salient, supporting Hughes by expert British correspondents. Sent tlgm to Tanner as to confce. Reports in press that H.R.H. is to leave in September. In afternoon played golf with Burrell Hazen and White. Weather very cold. U.S apparently on verge of war with Mexico.

Saturday, June 24, 1916

Held Council at 11 and disposed of considerable routine business, Meighen reported treasonable article in newspaper at the Soo, The Express, and we authorized him to suspend it. Discussed possibility of being obliged to suspend other newspapers, such as Le Devoir &c, Gisborne sent in draft of O.C. for registration of all male population. Cabled Perley as to his proposed return. Cochrane came with tlgm from Underwood asking further postponement of our visit to N.Y. Told him to reply that we will leave without fail on Sunday. Weather somewhat warmer but still showery. Russian drive seems to be partially stayed through arrival of German reinforcements. Played golf with Hazen in afternoon and worked on documents and correspondence during evening. Spent an hour pruning in glens. Grounds looking very lovely.

Sunday, June 26, 1916

Blount came at 12 and dealt with correspondence. Tlgm from Perley last evening that Duke of Devonshire will be next. Gov.Gen. Sent message to the Duke through Perley. Choice seems very good but they should have asked our approval before consulting Duke. Telegraphed Perley as to this. Letter from Duke that Duchess under the existing conditions would not care to accept presentation. Sent for Sir J.Pope and explained situation to him in connection with proposed statement to press. Attended H.R.H. at 3 and conferred with him as to this matter and as to his successor. Arranged with him that stat. should be given to press as to proposed presentation. Conferred with O'Connor as to his work in preparing stat. of what Gov't has accomplished during war. Left at 4.45 with Cochrane for New York. ,

MOnday June 26, 1916

Arrived N.Y at 8.30 our car having been detached at Manitou on account of some break in tank. Message from Cunliffe-Owen to lunch to meet Alderson, new Minister to China. Said to be a very capable man. Saw Underwood at 2.20 and was introduced to Board (Erie) by Francis Lynde Stetson. Underwood says Board will not grant permission but that he wd assist in preparing organization to make examinations. Then to Bertrons office and met Kahn of Kuhn Loeb & Co and Dillon of W.A. Read & Co. Cochrane and MacKenzie also present. Discussed C.N.R. affairs freely. Told them Gov't could give no further support. They spoke of various methods rut evidently think Gov't will guarantee bonds. Told Dillon privately this out of question. Assured Kahn no objection to his firm. Dined in evening with Bertron at Longview, 22 miles up river. Very charming place.

Tuesday, June 27, 1916

Discussed situation with McKenzie and called. on Shepard of Penna Co. at his office; he gave us various suggestions and has high opinion of Wilgus. Then saw Smith Pres. of N.Y.Central who seems capable man. It struck me that he would accept himself. Offered to give us suggestions. Then lunched with Bertron and met Loomis and Platten and afterwards Wallace of Central Inust Co. During afternoon discussed question with Bertron who suggested Atterbury of Penna. Said to be a very able man. Conferred with Bertron and asked him to call him up which he did but found him out at dinner. Atterbury to call up in morning. Confce early in morning with Curry who wants advance on contracts. Wrote to Blount thereon. Weather very hot this afternoon. Met Sir John & Lady Eaton and Morse, formerly of G.T.P.

Wednesday, June 28, 1916

Weather very hot. Heard from Bertron that Atterbury is detained in Phila by annual meetings of his various companies, but that he will come to N.Y. tomorrow morning. Conferred with McK. as to his prospects of completing financial arrangements. Went to Dr. Turck at 2.20 and spent about 1 1/2 hours. He thinks colon enlarged but otherwise my general condition good except for gouty symptoms which he considers due to inactive intestine. Washed me out with two gallons of sterilized water. Showed me exercise which he uses. Advises against operation, nose until he tries remedies. In evening played bridge with Mr. & Hiss Cochrane. Met. Sir John & Lady Eaton yesterday. They are motoring to Toronto. Say the road is good. Duke of Devonshire announced as next G.G. Blount reports Perley sailing next week.

Thursday, June 29, 1916

Confce during forenoon with Atterbury who impresses one very favourably. He is anxious to undertake the work but fears that he cannot give necessary time to it. Promised to consult his president, Col. Rya and let us know. In afternoon heard that Ray has since been in town and after hearing all that was urged by Schtfiff and Bertron he seems favourable. Went to breakfast with Dr. Turck en his housetop where he has a very pretty and admirably arranged garden. It seemed ten degrees cooler than the sidewalk. In afternoon called upon Smith who seems inclined to make me realize that his own services are available. He offered, to come to Ottawa if necessary. Felix Naulty called, a most extraordinary figure in frockcoat, high hat and dressed in pink of fashion. Left for home at 7.45 very hot and close.

Friday, June 30, 1916

Arrived at noon. Weather very warm. Went to office in afternoon and disposed of much correspondence. Interviewed Hodgins and Mclnnes as to American regiments and as to alleged insult to American Consul at Niagara. Discovered that inquiry already instituted through Gen. Loggie. Rather extraordinary, letter from H.R.H. on the subject. Instructed Christie to make a file of all correspondence thereon. Gave out 1st of July message to press. Also statement as to our visit to N.Y. White Hazen Reid Roche Meighen Kemp absent. In evening worked in garden and afterwards went over balance of correspondence. Much excitement over appointment of J.H. McLellan to some position in Camp Borden. Inquired for Lessard's report but did not receive it.

Saturday, July 1, 1916

Beautiful summer day. Worked in office all forenoon. Disposed of much correspondence. Burrell came with Challies of Interior as to films of Water Powers. Good news from front of British offensive which seems to

have met with considerable success. Began at 7.30 this morning. Tlgm from Sir C. Fitzpatrick that Underwood would reconsider. Tlgm from Hughes as to McCurdy suggesting military position. His recent interviews have again begun to disgust his best friends. In afternoon worked on bank pruning &c. and afterwards in garden. Laura picked 80 roses today and they were not missed. Discussed holidays with her but reached no conclusion. Perley expected about 13th. Mrs. Baker called and wanted interview for press.

Sunday, July 2, 1916

Rain again last night and until 11.30 this morning, after which I went through grounds pruning trees, planting &c. Put Polygonum along southern boundary in various places. Reports from the front indicate that the offensive on western front has met with considerable success. Fighting still continuing with great intensity. In afternoon the Macouns, Dillons (of Montreal) Mrs. Burrell and Miss Lane, Mrs. Irwin Miss Griffin and A.C,Johnston of Dtmouth came. All greatly delighted with our grounds, especially the wild garden. Rogers arrived this P.M. and came to supper. Is in good form and greatly encouraged as to condition in Manitoba and Sask. Thinks we should bring on by-elections in Ontario soon and see what the Grits intend. Says the Duke is not pleased at being recalled. Says that he talks disparagingly of Ministers.

Monday, July 3, 1916

More rain, clearing towards evening. Discussed with J.K.L.Ross his appointment as Chairman of Pensions Bd. and secured his consent. Angus Sinclair called to urge aid to Maple Leaf Clubs. Told him to put case in writing. Held Council and disposed of much routine business. Crothers submitted report to Council embodying regulation's as to food prices. Left it for further discussion. Hughes called and talked at random about a multitude of subjects. Left draft of reply to Army Council as to appointments and promotions in our expeditionary farce. Draft not in very good form. News from front still most encouraging. British and*French have made great progress in drive; but very hard fighting still expected. Russians still doing well. Tlgm from Atterbury that he cannot accept app't on Ey.Bd, of Inquiry.

Tuesday, July 4, 1916

British & French drive still continuing, positions being consolidated &c. Russians have broken through German lines in West. Tanner and Mclnnes arrived and discussed with them the N.S. elections. Afterwards told Tanner I could consider him for Senator if he desired. Held Council at 10*30 to discuss Atterbury's refusal to act on Ry.Bd. Decided to telephone Smith. Afterwards had letter from Bertron and telegraphed him as to possibility of reconsideration. Discussed affairs of C.N.R. with McKenzie who says Bank refuses further credit. He says Hughes told him of conspiracy to wrest

C.N.R. from him. Spoke to Flavelle about various matters. Confce with perry as to sale of guns to U.S. Gov't and with Todd as to pension tabulations. A very capable man. Took Tanner and Mel through Rockcliffe. Confce with Reid as to Cochrane's condition.

Wednesday, July 5, 1916

Long confce with McKensie, Hanna and White as to affairs of C.N.B. and refusal of Bank to advance for fixed charges. McK. and W. became very acrimonious and eventually almost quarrelled but finally cooled down. McK. quite depressed Told him to go to N.Y. and things would come out all right. Saw White in evening and he had had confce with Flavelle and thinks matter will be arranged until September. Final tlgm from Bertram that we can't get Atterbury. Asked Smith of N.Y. Cen. to come. In Council discussed at some length land settlement and colonization. Finally appointed committee to draft legislation. White convener. Tlgm from Perley that War Office has decided to arm Can.Army Corps with Lee Infield. Confce with Green, just returned from London, as to situation in B.C. He thinks it is precarious. Says G.B. very confident of victory in this war. Weather bright and warm.

Thursday, July 6, 1916

Blount left this morning for holiday on motor trip. Held Militia Council two hours 11 to 1. The old man of the sea on hand for confce, rather aimless sometimes, whenever there was opportunity. In Militia Council dealt with overseas supernumerary officers. Told Hodgins he should have carried out previous instructions. Ordered that Batt'ns be warned that they may he sent to front in drafts. Called Council at 2 and discussed conscription. All opposed except Cochrane. He is in very bad mental and physical condition and should he out of Gov't. Reid also looks bad. Confce with White in afternoon and all evening as to ry. situation and especially as to giving undertaking to carry on until Com'n reports. Tlgm from A.H Smith that he will arrive tomorrow. Weather very hot. Singular letter from Rogers blaming every one but himself and predicting defeat for the party. Intend to have straight talk with him.

Friday, July 7, 1916

Confce with White and then with Lash and afterwards with McK. as to C.N.R. affairs and gave letter to Aird as to payment of interest to prevent default. A.H.Smith arrived from N.Y. and I discussed with him and afterwards with him and White the proposed Com'n and asked him to accept position of Chairman which he virtually consented to do but is to write me formally on Monday. Arranged with him that he is to start the necessary organisation at once and told him we proposed to appoint Drayton and Paish. J5e and White lunched at my house. Nesbitt came as to Ross Rifle and I explained position to him which he took very well. Christie doing

very well in handling office work. News from front yesterday and today continues good. Gen. Pease who called thinks war will still continue a Long time. Fine report from Jellicoe. Weather very hot.

Saturday, July 8, 1916

Bright and considerably cooler. Played with Newcombe at Golf in afternoon hut too tired to enjoy it. News from front still good and Russian offensive still making headway. British not making as great headway as French but they are holding successfully all ground gained. Discussed with Newcombe his son's return to front. I hope to arrange that he may be kept on Staff duty in England for a time. Long confce with Hughes who is quite excited over O.C. restraining him from creating new reg'ts. Talked wildly on various subjects. Discussed with him McCurdy's appointment as Parliamentary Secretary. Perley apparently sailed on 6th for Canada. N.W.White called and reports that Com'n on Indian Reserves B.C. has completed its work.

Sunday, July 9, 1916

Bright warm day. Very much overfatigued. Moved couch out on upper verandah and remained there all day, taking no food and giving mind and body absolute rest. Slept part of day, and some of the time did a little reading. The birds were quite close to me at times in the branches of the elm tree, within three or four feet. Two yellow warblers were much interested in my presence and jumped from limb to limb, apparently for the purpose of surveying me mere accurately through the leaves, all the while chattering to each other. News from the front continues to be good both in Eastern and Western theatres. German submarine has arrived at Baltimore with 1000 tons of cargo and mail. This is an astonishing outcome of the war.

Monday, July 10, 916

Went early to office. Feeling much refreshed by yesterday's rest. Held Council at 11.30 and disposed of considerable routine. In afternoon had confce with Flavelle as to sale of 100 machine guns to Russian Gov't and sent for Elliot. McCurdy (aviator) called as to establishment of a Canadian Flying Corps. Afterwards F.B.McCurdy came with whom I conferred as to under-secretaryship of Militia. He fears it.will be a difficult and thankless task. He spoke of Hughes adherence to Allison notwithstanding the latter's acceptance of commissions. Drafted letter to H.R.H. in reply to his extraordinary letter as to American regiments so called. Weather bright and warm. Report of magnificent crops of hay. Rogers left for Winnipeg on Friday. Evidently to be present at trial of Roblin and al.

Tuesday, July 11, 1916

Bead draft of my letter to H.R.H. to Hazen and Reid, both of whom approved and considered his letter extraordinary. Weather very hot and humid. Dealt with usual volume of correspondence. Discussed labour questions with Beatty of C.P.R. and told him confidentially of personnel of Ry.Bd. Lougheed told me that Economic Com'n will soon report, recommending additions to organization of Agriculture, Interior and Trade & Commerce. Discussed further with McCurdy his acceptance of Parl'y secretaryship of Militia and Defence. He is apprehensive that he will not set on with Hughes. Liberals won North Perth yesterday in Prov. election. Discussions with Graham A.Bell and Chambers as to nickel and prepared statement for press. Arrival of German com'l submarine has excited world wide interest. Hews from the front still good. Hope Germans are at end of their tether.

Wednesday, July 12, 1916

Intensely hot today. Went to office very early and disposed of correspondence. Sent for Gisborne and instructed him as to Orders in Council for parl'y Secretaries. Sent tlgm to Drayton through Mgr. of C.P.R, Tel. and in afternoon received his acceptance on Board of Ry.Inquiry. Letter from Smith accepting. Sent cable to Paish. Tlgm from Bonar Law as to Ross Rifle, saying our troops to be rearmed. Council in afternoon and disposed of much routine. Passed O.C appt'g Ry.Bd and sent special messenger to Fitz, G.G.'s office being closed. Letter from Sam as to riot at Camp Borden. Evidently he had not a good reception. Discussed Ontario with Reid who believes in good shape. Says Armstrong a good organizer but not highly regarded by members. Thinks Fisher would be a good choice for Minister. Interesting talk with Ewart during evening as to war, inter-imperial relations &c. He again urged me to accept Chief Justiceship of Supreme Court.

Thursday, July 13, 1916

Read my reply to H.R.H. to Reid White,Doherty and Kemp who all approved of it. Newspapers attacking us about nickel. Sent long tlgm to Foster suggesting statement from British Gov't. Conferred with Nesbitt as to same and Ross rifle. Prepared statement to press as to personnel of Bd. of Ry.inquiry. Fiset says disturbance among troops in London was much more serious than reported. He is willing to serve on pensions Bd. but wants a much higher salary than we propose. White thinks Hughes is very unpopular in country. Advises that we go out and speak as much as possible. Discussed with Hazen precautions in conveying troops across Atlantic. We consider Olympic carrying 6000 troops should be convoyed although armed. Bainville came and discussed acquisition of La Presse. British and French still pressing their attack on western front and doing well.

Friday, July 14 1916

Held Council and passed O.C. for Parl'y Secy Militia and External Affairs. No dissenting opinion. Discussed afterwards with McCurdy and suggested that he be Parley Secy for External Affairs, but found him rather disposed for Militia. Had previously conferred with Hughes and suggested Armstrong for Militia. Hughes sent tlgm to A. but found that he is in England. Discussed with White proposal of Fiset as to salary and afterwards with Fiset who adheres to his idea that he must have $6000 and his pension $2050. Put J.K.L.Ross in touch with Dunbar to learn something of his new duties. Long confce with J.B.Macleod as to local elections in U.S., lack of organisation &c. He recommended R.B.Caldwell for president of Hfx. Association. Meighen returned looking well. Cabled and wrote Foster as to selection of Military Sec'y, impressing frank opinion of Stanton.

Saturday, July 15, 1916

Sent car to Quebec to meet Perley who arrives tomorrow evening. Discussed with McCurdy his assumption of Parly secretaryship of Militia and Defence. Found that Hughes takes it for granted and that McC will remain over and begin duties on Monday. Discussed further with White the claim of Gen.Fiset for large salary as member of Pensions Bd. He and Reid strongly opposed to any exceptional treatment. Took McC. and J.B.McL. to golf club for lunch and played golf in afternoon with White beating him 10 up. News from front still good, British having taken German second line of defence with little difficulty on a four mile front. Appointment of Bd. of Ry. Inquiry meets with very general approval. Even Citizen joins in chorus. Dined at Country Club with Raids and had very pleasant evening. Came home in their motor. Weather very hot and humid.

Sunday, July 16 1916

Very hot humid day. Went at 9.45 to service of 207th Beg't which was very interesting and impressive* Capt. Mclnnes the Chaplain called for us and conducted the service* His address was very good and that of Col* Williams, Chief Recruiting Officer who followed him was really eloquent. He proclaimed to the men that notwithstanding this unequalled recession to barbarism of war, they must have faith in the purpose of God marching surely and steadily to its majestic fulfilment. In afternoon Col. Wms. called. He discussed voluntary system and believes it will succeed, but he is strongly in favour of a badge for those who are prevented by physical incapacity or occupation or age from serving. Nurse (Lieut) Folder who called at my office yesterday came and is most anxious to go on overseas duty again. Heavy thunderstorm and rain in afternoon. Hews from front still good. German third line has been penetrated.

Monday, July 17, 1916.

Perley came in this morning and discussed with him and afterwards with him and Hughes the necessity of better organisation in our C.E.F. forces in G.B. Hughes thinks our troops should be moved over to front or near front in France as soon as possible to obtain necessary experience and to be near scene of action. Discussed Pensions Com'n with J.W.B. and suggested that he might become member. Held Council and found White much exercised about conditions at Borden Camp, bad situation, not enough water, black sand, no grass, no trees, &c. Passed O.C. appt'g McCurdy Parl's Secy and prepared statement for press. Discussed nickel question and telegraphed Givens and Jennings. No report from Com'n although Meredith promised it on Saturday. Confce with Reid as to Cochrane's condition &c. Took Perley et ux. to Country Club for dinner. Billy Allen, Col. McD., Dewar and C.J* Jones went to Golf Club and surrendered their dinner to us as I had forgotten to order it.

Tuesday, July 18 1916

Long and desultory discussion with Perley this morning as to various matters. He seems most desirous of being appointed High Comm'r and cannot realize that his present status is more important. He thinks Rogers would not do for the position but that Foster would. Long confce with Jennings of Mail and Empire as to prohibition in Ont. and especially as to nickel which I discussed fully. He had no answer to my statement of the case. He is earnest and industrious, but garrulous, self-opinionated and not brilliant, to say the least. Held Council at *2* and had present Hodgins, Elliott DeRoche and McInnes to report on Camp Borden. They all thought it an excellent site and well equipped. Good water. Debated with J.W.B. constitution of Pensions Bd. and afterwards with Newcombe. In afternoon at 4.30 played golf with Perley, Burrell and White. Intense heat drove us in. Told Newcombe that I had arranged that his son should go on staff.

Wednesday , July 19, 1916

Drafted regulations for recruiting and for badges. Tlgm from Bonar Law that precautions with regard to nickel are satisfactory. Discussed cable from Law as to Dominions Royal Com'n and sent tlgm that it should complete work this autumn. Discussed with MoQurdy Militia affairs and gave him suggestions as to having support of Militia Council. Wrote to Hughes about many matters to be adjusted. Held Council at 2.30 and disposed of routine matters. Discussed Pensions Com'n with White, Kemp and Perley and telegraphed to Tanner respecting Finlay McDonald. Liberal advisory Com.

meeting in Ottawa yesterday and today. Wrote to H.Eider Haggard as to our policy re immigration. News from front still good on both eastern and western fronts. Russians have penetrated Hungary. Much comment respecting Ross Rifle being withdrawn.

Thursday, July 20, 1916

Sent to Militia Council draft O.C. for regulation of recruiting and for badges. McCurdy informed me that they approved. Sent copies to White and Doherty and discussed with Reid. Drafted introduction to Sir Charles Tupper's Life and revised it in evening. Confce with Sir C.Ross and Nesbitt respecting Ross rifle and possible substitution of another and prepared tlgm thereon to Col. Secy. Disposed of much routine correspondence In evening was informed by J.A. Ritchie that report of Meredith-Duff Commission would be filed tomorrow and that he would bring me copies this evening. The report absolutely exonerates Sam. Exonerates Shell Comm. from any charge of fraud or dishonesty. Criticizes Carnegie in one respect and severely deals with Allison. Weather intensely hot. News from front still good. Allies in all theatres making good progress. Went to hear Eider Haggard speak. A great self-advertiser. He spoke poorly, more of himself than of his purpose. Miss Evans of N.Y.Tribune afterwards came to my office.

Friday, July 21, 1916

Wrote and telegraphed, Hughes re report of Shell Com. Com'n. Press generally regard it as complete vindication for Hughes. Discussed in Council my draft of regulations for recruiting and for badges. Council approved. Waiting for Militia Council to recast certain regulations respecting recruiting as to military conditions, Ac. Telegraphed to Col. Secy asking early decision as to 97th Bn. and wrote thereon to Hughes. Wrote to him also as to Ross Rifle. Warned him not to express approval of Allison's conduct. Laura's hand severely stung by wasp last evening. Sent for Laidlaw who pronounced it not serious. News from front still good. Weather very intensely hot. Letter from E.M.McD. asking why I had not consulted Laurier as to Pensions Com.

Saturday, July 22, 1916

Confce with Lessard and McCurdy as to recruiting in Quebec. Asked him to undertake supervision. Told him that Sevigny would act as Chief recruiting officer. He, L. feared he does not know Quebec well enough as he has been so long away. Thinks Camp Borden is all right but is going there to inspect. Discussed his report with him. Says his trip to front will greatly assist him in arrangements for training. Col. Currie called and reported that Camp Borden is an excellent Camp, says that Loggie is playing the Grit game. Thinks he should be sent overseas. Left at 12.55 for 31 Mile Lake and arrived there at 6.45 after a very pleasant journey. Pound Jackson,

J.D.Fraser Hossack and Ritchie of N.Y. in Camp. Very hot day. Hews from front still good.

Sunday, July 23, 1916

Hitchie, Fraser & Hossack helped to put my tackle in order. My leader was too long and my hooks too large by three sizes. A very hot day on the Lake (Pemichangan) and fishing not very good. Caught about 12 but threw all out except four. Perley and I had to moisten our heads and faces at frequent intervals. He told me that men in high position in G.B. speak of each other in most depreciating and spiteful terms. No one has a good word for Asquith. He is called "Squiff" because he is so frequently "squiffy". Men openly say it was a good thing that Kitchener ended as he did for his usefulness had ceased. Perley believes also that Englishmen speak very nicely of giving us a share in the Governance of the Empire, but they do not intend to do anything unless they are forced. He said that Foster at the Empire parl'y luncheon answered Balfour *very* ably.

Monday, July 24, 1916

Went out in Frank Ahezen's motor boat to Matt's Bay but did not have very good sport. However, the day was very fine although rather oppressive with the heat. Our guide, Emile Blaise, does not know the lake very well. Received Monday's (today) morning papers and glad to know that the Allies are still more than holding their own. Telegram from Christie this evening that Laura's hand is much better. My room is on sunny side of house and Perley thinks I should change it. Powell and Walter White are very, pleasant companion. Mr. Wylie of N.Y. also here, Perley and I played game of bridge with White and Powell in evening.

Tuesday, July 25 1916

Went in morning to the Little Loge where Perley and I had very good sport in the forenoon and also in afternoon. I caught the largest bass, 3 1/2 pounds. Altogether we brought home 12 very handsome fish besides. As half a dozen used for luncheon. A very delightful spot for lunch was selected by Jackson. In afternoon Powell and I and Jackson Jr. Jumped into the Lake for a dip. Water leery delightful but Lowell and I had much difficulty in getting into the boat afterwards. Alex McLaren of Buckingham brought us the morning papers and the news from the front is still good, Changed my room without much benefit as Mr. Aylen arrived late and made much noise.

Wednesdays July 26, 1916

Went this morning to Lost Man's Bay and had fair luck but Powell and White had none. In afternoon Perley and I had no luck at Little Lake but White and Powell got 5 fine bass and four fine grey trout,

the largest 7 pounds. Weather somewhat cooler and cloudy. Ahearn has Written urging us to use his boat, his house and all his belongings. Ho newspapers today. Perley says some Englishmen speak unreasonably of the part we are taking in this war and think we should do more on a basis of population. He expects to sail not later than 26th. Press reports that Coalition Gov't is in difficulties over Irish question. Great danger of a general election being forced.

Thursday, July 27, 1916

Letter from Blount saying that Fred is very ill and that car has been sent to take him to U.S. He looked very ill when I last saw him at Canadian Club luncheon. Went to Black Bay in forenoon. Left Club house at 8.35 and arrived at 11.10. Had very little success. I caught one large bass at mouth of a small creek. Dr., P., & White got ten a little further along. In afternoon went to Davis Bay and caught many small ones all of which we threw back except two that were so badly hurt that they could not survive. On returning to boat at reef at entrance of Davis Bay found many bass congregated under it. I caught a very good one here. Did not reach Club House until nearly 8. Day delightful cool and not very bright, until about 4 when sun came out. News from front still good.

Friday, July 28 1916

Delightful day. Went to Sandy Beach Bay and had no luck at first but shortly before luncj Perley and I took 20 near a small rocky island. Jackson on one side and White and Dr. P. on the other got nothing. In afternoon went to the Dam but did not fish as there was nothing doing. Then to Green Island for grey trout but did nothing. Perley says Br. Gov't do not object to any arrangement for incorp'n of Br.W.Indies that the latter would consent to but think period during war unfavourable. Rain came this evening for first time since our visit. Country needs it. No news from outside today. White thinks Hughes will be elected President.

Saturday, July *29, 1916*

Started earl,y and went on a voyage to Matt's Bay to seek bait as dam has burst and minnows were all lost. Succeeded in securing a supply about 11. Fished until 1. Perley and I caught about 18 of which we brought in 11. The others caught practically nothing. No success in afternoon, T.P.O. Owens arrived in evening. Holbrook offered to drive us to Gracefield in his car and we accepted. Very sultry and oppressive weather. News from front yesterday and today s till encouraging. The Russians are continuing their successes and on the western front the British and French are consolidating the terrain they have won and are making small gains from day to day. The initiative and offensive seems definitely to have passed to the Allies.

Sunday, July 30, 1916

The hottest day of the year, thermometer 100 in the shade. White and I were on Peraichangan all the forenoon but with very indifferent success'. Holbrook drove us to Gracefield where the car "Nipissing" awaited us. The interior of the car was like a furnace. Invited Aylen to accompany us. We arrived Ottawa half an hour late. Found that Laura had been indisposed all the week but that her hand had completely recovered. She had suffered much from heat.Found that she had thoughtfully set tlgm to Duchess on her birth day. Tremendous destruction of shells and ammunition in the N.J. evidently the result of German activities.

Monday, July 31, 1916

Found much correspondence to overtake. Sent tlgm to Hughes to advise me as to proposed reorganisation. Held Council and disposed of much routine afterwards discussed nickel question with Reid and Meighen and sent former to Toronto to oonfer with Ferguson. Reid very insistent that Perley should not return to London as he is so much needed here. Tremendous forest fires have destroyed several towns in New Ont. and at least 200 lives have been lost. Only four Ministers in town today. Asked Reid to confer with White in Toronto as to relief for distressed. Drayton thinks Pearce should finish work he has begun for EAcon. & Deve. Com'n, Discussed Allison and McClelland with Reid and McCurdy.

Tuesday, August 1, 1916

Confce with ColBallantyne and Gapt. Bond as to recruiting in Montreal when they asked to withhold organization of drafts. Sir E.Walker called as to Wilson's paintings and told him to do his best to arrange. Major Osler came as to his command of Winnipeg reg't and told him it must be carried out as arranged. Wrote McCurdy to dismiss McClelland and cabled Hughes. Cabled request to Ld. Lansdowne to withdraw appeal of Br.Red Cross Society & telegraphed Bennett in reply to his communication thereon. Cabled also to Lady Beatty as to expediency of combining funds for sailors Conferred with Perley as to various matters and read to him correspondence as to American Reg't and as to bilingual question. Claude McDonald poured out his woes as to Hughes and seemed genuinely distressed. Perley a great help in Council, although tedious.

Wednesday. Aug,2, 1916

Held Council this afternoon at two and disposed of much routine matter. White gave us a most pessimistic account of financial conditions and says that he sees no means of raising necessary funds for so large a force. Givens came from Kingston and I explained fully to him the nickel situation

to his complete satisfaction. Reid and White reported satisfactory arrangements as to building of a refinery in Ontario. Gov.Gen. returned today but has not yet sent for me. Weather much cooler. News from front continues satisfactory but in western theatre advance has apparently ceased for the present. Read interesting article in Review des deux Mondes on the Canadian forces. Letter from C.J.Stuart as to lamentable inefficiency of recruiting methods in Quebec and as to identity of *St. Andrews Cross with Cross of St* Denis.

Thursday, Aug.3, 1916

Drafted speech for tomorrow's Montreal meeting, attended H.R.H, and discussed British Red Cross appeal and my tlgm to Ld. Lansdowne. He said nothing of my letter to him but I received reply to my letter of 12th July. Held Council and decided to give pension to Dowling. Crothers and Meighen strongly objecting. Had long discussion as to compensation to Fir W.E.Meredith. Sent tlgm to Hughes as to Allison and as to further information required in organization of expeditionary force. Discussed in Council and afterwards with Crothers and O'Brien expected strike at Cobalt and tlgm from Griffith as to Treasury's opinion. Discussed also the destruction in New Ontario and our proposals for assistance; also proposals to call out Armand Lavergne's regiment to keep him out mischief.

Friday, Aug. 4 1916

White nervous and up in the air is to leave for a few days rest at Reid's Island. Discussed Militia Affairs with McCurdy. Drafted letter in reply to G.G. and showed it to Perley who approved. Had interview with H.R.H. as to minor matters. Left for Montreal at 3.30 and en route met J.K.L. Boss by apt. Explained to him situation respecting Pensions Board. Met. at Montreal by A.E. Holt cons. org'n, etc. Inspected Pioneer Reg't in Sherbrooke St., commanded by Col. Lordly who married his cousin Edith, daughter of E.J. Lordly. Dined with Holt and Mr. & Mrs. H.B.Drummond. Great meeting on campus of McGill addressed by myself and Lemieux. Our speeches well received. 8000 present. Walked from platform to motor with Mrs. Doherty. Overheard French saying "Qu'elle a l'air jeune". Left for Quebec from place Viger at 11.55

Saturday, August 5, 1916.

Arrived Valcartier at 8. Had early breakfast. Shortly after Gen.Wilson and staff arrived and discussed arrangements for day. At 9.30 left car for Parade ground. Reviewed 9800 troops and found them a fine looking body of men. One regt, 148th, commanded by Col. Magee, very good. His wife a Smith of St. John. Lunched at H.Q. Then inspected trenches and machine gun emplacements. Capt. Keene for latter and Capt. Brunton for former very earnest and enthusiastic. Brunton aided by Capt. Brewer, a nephew of Sir H.Graham. Met many officers and wives in afternoon at tea.

Then to Quebec and on river in a violent thunderstorm to see bridge. Then to Chateau and dined with Sevigny and friends. Gravelle next to me discussed many matters relating to Harbour development. Then to Levis and left for Hx at midnight. Miss Curren with us.

Sunday. August 6, 1916

Beautiful day after last evening's rain. The Metapedia Valley especially lovely. Our train ran on time. Saw Humphrey of Moncton and Judge McLatchy at Campbellton. Great crowd with band at Moncton. Military train had just gone through. Small boy of 5, Sidney Jones, played an instrument larger than himself. Wept at first because instrument thumped him on nose. Saw Price and McNally as well as Hallisey who accompanied me to Windsor Junction where we arrived at 10.20. Arranged that car should go with Laura to Antigonish tomorrow. Blount went on to Hx. and we remained at W.J. Went over ray documents and clippings. Arranged with Blount to call on Governor. Directed him to arrange for trip over Musquad. Railway on Saturday, leaving that afternoon for Ottawa.

Monday, August 7, 1916

Rose at six and had breakfast at 6.45 with Hallisey on car. Caught 7.25 train at Windsor Junction and arrived Grand Pre at 9.25. On way met with Lt.Currie. son of J.B.Currie and Lt. Snow, grandson of John Snow, both apparently earnest capable officers. Was met at G.Pre by Julia, Hal and children. Discussed with Eunice her return with me to Ottawa to take riding lessons &c. Played croquet with children in afternoon and played 500 with Julia Hal and Henry in evening. Found Eunice more changed than the other children as she is becoming a woman. She seems more reserved than the other children. Wishes to study medicine. Hal thinks of sending her to McGill. Mabel bright and merry as ever.

Tuesday, Aug 8, 1916.

Heavy rain this morning. Oar arrived from Antigonish Herald sent me statement of what Nova Scotia has done during the war. Urged Hal to take measures to prevent Kelly & King from establishing right of way over premises. In afternoon tlgm from Hughes as to Allison requesting delay. Replied immediately that prompt action necessary and asking his reasons by dable. Dr. DeWitt called in evening as to political conditions in County and Robert Starrs, son-in-law, D'Alli(?) as to Com'n for his son. Prepared speech for tomorrow. Tlgm from Forget's as to visiting St. Irenee on our return. Wrote thereon to Laura. Called on Sophie and read interesting letter from Kate. War is evidently telling on her nerves.

Wednesday. Aug.9, 1916

Left at 9.25 for Berwick with Hal and Henry. Webster joined us at Kentville. Was met by Camp meeting people and conducted to Grove. Large gathering present; beautiful grove. There were several short speeches. Capt. Lambert of Am'n Legion was present. I spoke for an hour to a very earnest and attentive audience. After luncheon proceeded to Kenttille and was met by Gen. Benson, Col. Thompson and Col.Borden. Reviewed Highland Brigade and 97th Reg't and addressed them. Fine looking body of men. Told Borden I would present colours. Cost about $500 per regt. Dined with H.Q.mess, Gov. McKeen present. After dinner officers of Brigade were introduced. During afternoon inspected trenches, bayonet exercise, dugonts &c. Gov. accompanied to Car. Geo. Campbell and D. Macgilllvray present at review. Weather delightful. News from front still good.

Thursday, Aug.10, 1916

Left Kentville at 5.40 for Halifax. Dr. DeWitt joined us at Wolfville. Was met at Halifax by Mayor Martin and others and driven to Hx. Hotel. Then to conservative rooms where I rec'd various delegations, including Hx.Executive until 1. There were many complaints as to patronage and appointments. It seems that Crosby is less in favour than Martin. Caldwell told me that Martin might be our next candidate and that Crosby must be got out of the way. At 1 went to luncheon with Com'l Club. Hockin and F.Cook from Sons of England also present. I addressed them briefly. Then resumed reception of delegations. At 5 went to inspect terminals which are progressing splendidly and went in box car over line from terminals to main line. Then to Maplewood to dine and sleep. Marjorie McKeen very amusing in her banter of her father. Very tired. Russians still waking good progress. Weather cool and delightful.

Friday, Aug,11, 1916

Arrived at Cons. Rooms at 9.30 to resume hearing of delegations and except for half hour at luncheon remained until 6.30. Provincial Ex. came at 12 and remained until 2, Complaints from every part as to patronage, dismissals &c. Little else said. Some of them advocated frankly the spoils system without apparently understanding that they were doing so. Arranged to visit D & D ry. In evening addressed the new Cons. Club. Spoke for an hour with practically no preparation and was enthusiastically applauded. Mclnnes says it was the best speech I ever made in Hx. Pointed to unity and development as the guiding principles of conservatism since confederation. Pointed to them also as the basis of confederation. Then to Dartmouth and boarded car for Up.Musq. Crosby, Mel. and Mayor Wms. accompanied us, also J.A. McD. Moved out on D & D line about midnight.

Saturday, Aug.12, 1916

Arose at six and walked around the hamlet. Counciller of this district arrived. Met him and Norman Stewart and Miss Stewart. Afterwards motored almost to Dean Settlement to examine route for extension. Party of ladies came to examine car. Left at 8.30 and after stopping at two small stations found quite a gathering at Middle Musq$_t$ When I addressed. Then to Elder-bank to discuss character of station and then to Harbour where there was a considerable gathering. Old Peter Meyer came all the way from Oyster Pond also John Mitchell and Arthur Webber. Ladies and girls at every station. Eager to examine car. Then to Dartmouth, Marks & Ley accompanying us. Met delegation at Dartmouth and went to P.O. and site of proposed drydock, ry. station &c to receive reports as to additional needs. Walter Bishop and Wentzell with us, both very capable men. Left at 2,45 for Ottawa, McI, accompanying.

Sunday, Aug,13, 1916

On train en route for Ottawa. A beautiful summer day. Train nearly two hours late and we were put on second section. Corrected this by telegram. Discussed with Mclnnes senatorships. He is against F. McD. and says J.A.C no use in Senate. Doubts whether Crosby's appointment would be regarded as a Cape Breton app't. He does not think these patronage questions will greatly affect next general election. Considers that we must get rid of Rowlings and Gallant as neither is of any use. Believes H.A. McDonald would run well in Antigonish and Guysboro. Arrived Montreal on time to connect and reached Ottawa at 11.35, Weather cool and delightful since Wednesday last. News from front still very encouraging.

Monday, Aug 14, 1916

Went early to office and found usual accumulation of correspondence. Conferred with Flavelle as to labour conditions and arranged to have Rogers act with Crothers. F. says Ministry enquiring as to powers of cancellation in case war ends. This looks encouraging. Russians making still further and more splendid advances. Italians also. Conferred with Rogers as to political conditions. He says Hamilton people don't want election and say we will be defeated in by-election. Held Council and disposed of much routine business. McCurdy reports that Lessard is up in the air and wants to resign. Tlgm from Hughes that Canadians are being moved to fighting front on Somme. Letter from H.R.H. as to Am' Legion very conciliatory.Perley says that French in Argenteuil deny that bilingualism had any Influence.
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Tuesday, Aug.15, 1916

Did not waken until 8•50. Wrote to Laura. At office 10.30 and dealt with correspondence. Canadians are being moved to fighting line on the Somme. Attended H.R.H. and debated some minor matters. He was most conciliatory

in his manner and conversation and evidently regrets his course in writing to me as he did. Consultation with Workman, McDonaldnand Mclnnes as to Dom.Coal. Col transportation. Perley present. Council in afternoon. White nervous and evidently preoccupied, stayed only a short time. Took up recruiting regulations and sent for McCurdy. Passed them with some alterations. Confce with MacKenzie who spoke on behalf of Mclnnes who wishes to enter Gov't. Reminded him that I had offered Mcl. Solicitor Generalship. McK. seems to be pessimistic as to prospects of Cons. party next election. Went to dine at Country Club with Rogers and Hazen and played bridge.

Wednesday, Aug.16, 1916.

Council and debated at considerable length question of exclusive grant to Dardier to prospect for nickle in Northern Saskatchewan. White and Reid strongly opposed. Postponed it until arrival of other Ont. ministers. Dispatched messages to Hughes as to various matters and some wild messages from him. Long discussion with Reid as to administration of ry. department and as to political conditions generally in Ont. He reports that Cochrane is returning soon. Thinks we should appoint Perley to Interior and Roche to Pensions Bd. News from front continues encouraging but allied drive on western theatre not making much progress. Letter from Laura that her brother George has died. In afternoon drove at 4.30 to Golf Club with Reid but weather too warm to play. Worked in evening at documents and read clippings prepared by MacKenzie.

Thursday, Aug.17. 1916

Jarvis of Toronto came to get letter supporting app'n of Locomotive Co. to have penalties relaxed for late delivery. Mulloy gave very earnest and graphic account of his crusade in Quebec and asserts that all better elements in that Province will support registration and conscription. Arranged interview for him with Casgrain and other Quebec ministers. Weather decidedly hot. Wrote letter of sympathy to Griffin on death *of* his wife. Message from Brazilian Foreign minister that he is coming on Monday. Confce with Nesbitt as to Ross Rifle and further orders therefor. Melanson Robidoux and Bourque came to discuss vacancy occasioned by Sir Pierre Landry's death. Told them we must appoint a competent man. Left office at 4 feeling rather under weather. Jean reports three large wasp nests on upper verandah.

Friday, Aug 18, 1916

Weather very warm, Perley came to breakfast and we discussed for an hour political situation and reconstruction of Gov't. He appreciates difficulties and emphasizes his opinion that while Hughes has done good work and is entitled to credit therefor, he is so vain, impulsive and arrogant that he is a very dangerous

passenger. Long discussion in afternoon with McCurdy, Elliott and W.Nesbitt as to Ross Rifle. Held Council and appointed McKeown, C.J. of Kings Bench of N.B. and W.B. Chandler of Moncton Judge of same court. News from front still good. Russians estimate Austrian losses during past three months at one million men in killed and wounded and prisoners. Went to Country Club and dined with sir Geo. and Lady Perley. Miss Laura White the fourth at bridge.

Saturday, Aug.19, 1916

Letter from Laura that at last she is sleeping better. Wrote her fully about presentation of colours to N.S. Highland Brigade. Confce with Perley as to his return to Eng. He objects to taking a portfolio with Hughes in Gov't. Telegraphed Griffin as to Ackworth's status. Confce with Crothers as to labour trouble in Cobalt and wrote to White for his views. Attended review of 137th and 158th Regts. on Parliament Hill. Fine looking men. Confce subsequently with H.R.H. as to visit of Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs and telegraphed him at Atlantic City. Drove to Rivermead and found golf links very picturesque and interesting. Saw match Keffer and Black vs Murray brothers. Latter won 4 & 3. Weather intensely hot so that I had to return to change.

Sunday, August 20 1916

Very hot day. Spent part of morning by river where it was comparatively coo. Tlgm from His Ex. Lauro Muller, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brazil that he will arrive at 11.45 tomorrow and that he will dine with me tomorrow evening. Arranged for dinner at Country Club. MacKenzie arrived and came to luncheon. Discussed his approaching visit to England for which he sails next Wednesday. He thinks a preface, in food products would mean everything to Canada and that we should press it for all we are worth. It would attract immigrants not only from G.B. but from U.S. The earnings on his Eastern roads show an increase in net of over 90% over last year. Total earnings of system for this month well up to 4 millions. Vivid lightning in evening and high winds. Somewhat cooler. Probably this is the last hot spell of the season. Resume discussion with Perley tomorrow morning.

Monday, Aug.21, 1916

Letter from Laura that she intends returning this week. Sent car this afternoon and telegraphed her. She should reach Ottawa Thursday evening. Sent invitations for dinner to Brazilian Foreign Minister and met him and his son and his secretary Mr. Simonson at Gov't House. Entertained them at dinner at Country Club. I proposed and Laurier seconded toast to United States of Brazil. The Minister seemed very appreciative and warmly pressed my hand after I had spoken. He has been in public life since 1889 and was one of the revolutionaries of that year. Is spoken of as the next president Evidently a very able man. Telegraphed Hughes as to kilts and advised McCurdy. Perley came to breakfast and I had a long talk with him as to

political conditions. Contrary to all expectations Dewart was elected in S.Toronto, a severe blow to Hearst Gov't.

Tuesday, Aug.22, 1916

Sent for Burrell and discussed B.C. political conditions. He expects Bowser to win. Leaves for West tomorrow. Afterwards sent for Casgrain and Blondin spearately and discussed Quebec with them. Evidently former has no idea of giving up. Blondin says young men in Montreal are making a campaign. Told him to encourage them. Casgrain complains of Sevigny. Held Council and disposed of considerable business. Debated note to U.S. as to their proposed prohibition of halibut and salmon, from N.Pacific. Afterwards long confce with Reid, Meighen,Parley, Doherty and Hazen as to attitude [1] of Liberal members of Com. to supervise reconstruction of the Parlt buildings. Think part of difficulty due to Rogers inattention and carelessness. Called in Pearson and inquired as to demolition of walls. Decided to hold Council at 10 tomorrow. Weather very humid and oppressive. News from front still good. Kemp much disturbed about result in S.Toronto.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1916

Council 10 to 12 to consider action of Liberals in Parlt. Bid. Com. Decided to adhere to our attitude. Also considered Col. Bank's claim as to effect of British Leg.n and despatched tlgm to Col. Secy. Wrenched my ankle badly in avoiding wasps on path and went to see Laidlaw early in morning. Suffered much pain. painted with iodine. In afternoon held meeting of Ministers to consider report of Caldwell. Rogers, Perley,White,Hazen,Doherty,Reid,Kemp and Casgrain present. Appointed Fogers, Kemp and Reid Hazen and Casgrain a Com. to take up the matters. Discussed by elections and senate appointments. Decided to defer both. Ministers very pessimistic as to political situation. Considered holding of public meetings . White launched great tirade against Hughes. Ministers think finding of Com'n does not carry much weight in Country. People do not believe Hughes,was misled by Allison.

Thursday, Aug.24, 1916

Walker brought Desbarats memo on U.S. legislation respecting pacific fisheries. I found it very defective and told Hazen so , informing him also that I was forced to do his deputy's work and that he better reorganize his dept. He sent Desbarats over, to whom I explained the same. Held Council and discussed my draft, wh. was approved. H.P.Borden, son of J.R. called. He is an engineer on the Que. bridge and evidently a very clever man. W.A. Boys called to say that Camp Borden is now all right and that Logie hopes I will hold a review. Had Gen.H.H.McLean and W.A.Boys at luncheon. Letter from Givens that Crothers is talking against the Govt of wh. he is a member. Disposed of much correspondence. Asked

Hughes by tlgm as to his reorg'n. Long con with Reid re pol. conditions in Ont. He does not want cons. opened. Conditions not good at present.

Friday, Aug,25, 1916

Laura returned last night. Train did not arrive until 12.45 She seems better than when she left and is very glad to be at home again as I most truly am glad to have her with me again. Disposed of much correspondence and wrote to Pope instructions as to his visit to Washington in connection with legislation respecting Pacific fisheries. Boyce came to discuss prohibition of exportation of steel rails. Sent for Flavelle who says that it has been stopped. In Council discussed Gordon's letter as to recalling men who have worked in munition factories. Decided to telegraph to Lloyd George. Decided also to abandon training ground in H.B. Discussed compulsory registration but without much benefit. Mayor Hardie of McLeod and Mr. Grace came to discuss western conditions. They think our chances not sop' good as a year ago. Played golf in p.m. 4.30 to 6 with White.

Saturday,Aug.26, 1916

Delightful autumn day. Laura had long and restful sleep last night and feels much encouraged. Went early to office and disposed of a great volume of business. Cabled Aitken to stir up Bonar Law to reply to our despatches respecting production of rifles. Drafted cable to Sec'y War and Min.Mun. as to withdrawing men from training to work in munition factories. Cabled Br.Gov't that we wish provision to transport 30,0©0 men in October. Discussed with Foster who returned today message to Br.Gov't as to conserving wheat for empire use. Rec'd cable from Bonar Law as to honours to Meredith Sherwood and Stanton. Discussed with Col. C.S.McInnas memo on Col. Mulloy's paper on compulsory registration and service. Went with Laura to Golf links and played 12 holes on short course. An agreeable and needed rain in late afternoon.

Sunday,Aug.27, 1916

Delightful autumn like day. Steady shower last evening and early this morning.' Very much needed. Went to church with Laura and heard very good sermon from Curate. In afternoon Dr. Ami came and went down bank with me. He has an astonishing knowledge of all the wild flowers. Showed me a rather rare lichen on PIeasance Walk. Two species of nettle "urtica" (dioica and gracilis) wormwood, wild sarsaparilla and many others. Sir Geo. Poster and wife called and he gave me some account of his impressions. Thinks war will last another year. British supplying munitions to Russi and and Italians French supplying their own. Strong confidence among Allies. They believe they have taken the enemy's measure. Says Sam spoke before a number of people of British Generals murdering Canadian troops. He is evidently as wrongheaded and stupid as ever.

Monday, Aug.28, 1916

Delightful day. Replied to Aitken's tlgm as to honours, insisting that Duke shall consult me. Confce with Flavelle and Gordon as to withdrawing men from training for munitions *e and arranging for confce between Col. Maclnnes and Gordon. Discussed with Stewart, Maclnnes and Christie O.C. as to diversion of water from Niagara Bapids upon note from United States. Took up with Poster question of conserving wheat supply. Disposed of much correspondence. Discussed position of Ross Rifle contact with McCurdy and Elliott. Hughes doing nothing in England but make a fool of himself. Welcome news today that Rumania has joined the Allies and declared war on Austria. This should shorten war. At 4 went with White Hazen and Reid to golf links and played for an hour.

Tuesday, Aug.29, 1916

Council this afternoon. Long discussion as to Ross Rifle. White advocated the expropriation of the factory and Meighen was requested to examine contract as to provisions for taking it over. Discussed also proposal to dismiss Col.Owen Thomas. Debated at great length the U.S.legislation respecting North Pacific fish and decided not to accept proposal to authorize transept by water. Had previous confce for an hour and a half with Hazen and Reid on same subject. Discussed also tlgm to Br.Govt. as to Wheat crop. Greatly wearied with waste of time in wild talk. Attended H.R.H, who after some minor matters proposed honours to Meredith,Sherwood and Stanton, to which I assented. Crosby came to ask for Senatorship, also Thoburn. CVery weary with all my labours and responsibilities. Reid took me for drive after council.

Wednesday, Aug.30, 1916

Pleasant rain last night and this forenoon. Discussed with Neweombe Gen.Hughes treatment of his son and tele-graphed Carson to have him promoted and appointed to Staff. Discussed with McCurdy and Perley many matters relating to overseas forces, such as correspondents at front, utilization of Archives., directors of recruiting &c. Received representation of Fr.Gov't as to supply of Steel available and wrote Flavelle. Called Council and made appointment of Pension Com'rs. Expected criticism but received little. Sent for Willison who will arrive tonight. Put through much routine business. Doherty brought up action of D.O.G. in Montreal in forbidding recruiting meetings because of disorder. Decided that he was wrong and must be corrected. Cabled Br.Govt as to desirability of Russian Purchasing Com'n in Canada. Roumanians attacking Austrians strongly.

Thursday,Aug.31, 1916

Willison came to breakfast and discussed political, affairs with him all forenoon. He thinks Prov. Cons, party should-give local option to resume licenses. Considers Ferguson and Beck only available leaders to succeed Hearst. Believes Hughes has lost caste greatly during past ten months. Strong feeling against him in Ontario. Does not believe mass of people in that province .favour conscription. Agrees with me that our newspapers should adopt a more aggressive tone. He undertook to rewrite O'Connor's history of our work during the war. I told him what we had done respecting Ross Rifle. He thinks it would be well to take over factory. Rec'd delegation of spirit mfrs with Perley and sent tlgm to "Dominion" . Conferred with McCurdy,Douglas , Mclnnas & Crosby as to N.S. conditions and decided to give McConnell a trial as organizer. Rec'd letter from Robert Borden Ellis of Western States who claims relationship. Played golf 4 to 6 with McC.^White & Reid.

Friday, Sept.l, 1916

Went early to office and disposed of correspondence. Then took Laura to ceremonial of re-laying corner stone of Parl't Buildings. Met there H.R.H. and spoke about 15 minutes just before Duke laid the stone. My address well received. Duke spoke about 10 minutes, a very good address. I called for 3 cheers for him. The whole ceremony went off very well and was quite impressive. Saw McGarry who says Hearst's condition very bad. Lieut.Govrs of Ont. Que., N.S. and P.E.I, present. Held Council at 2.35 and passed order imposing penalties for disturbing recruiting meetings. Tlgm from Pope that Lansing will not withdraw bill respecting Pacific fisheries. He returns tomorrow or Sunday. Disposed of much routine business. Discussed railway strike impending in U.S. Told Crothers to point out that men striking inCanada were liable to prosecution. Conferred in afternoon with O'Connor as to his appl'n for position. Steady rain early in morning and late in afternoon. Hews from war still good. Greece apparently on verge.

Saturday, Sept. 2, 1916

News from front still good. Report that both Austrians and Bulgarians are retreating. Confce with H.R.H.as to his proposed visit to Toronto and Camp Borden. He says Sir John Hendrie told him that Morden is a disreputable person. Astonished that Duke of Devonshire dined with him. Morphy called and said that our publicity department is very defective. Thinks Hughes stands well with rank and file. Believes we would do badly in Ontario at present. Discussed O'Connor's case with Meighen. Sent O'C to Camp Borden to inquire and report. Asked Meighen to prepare memo for Willison as to aid to drought stricken districts in West two years ago. Crosby renewed his application for Senator-ship, giving reasons for his belief that he would be useful. In afternoon took Meighen to Golf links. In evening dined with Bwarts. Geo. Gait only other guest. A very likable and companionable man. A glorious autumn day.

Sunday, Sept.3, 1916

Perfect autumn day. Laura and I remained at home during forenoon and wandered around the place. Report yesterday that lemieux has resigned from Building Gem, but that other Liberal members remain. This afternoon Rogers sent me a memo which Com. is issuing to the public through remaining members. It is very cogently expressed
War news today of little interest. Zeppelin attack on England yesterday and one Zep brought down in flames. Went over grounds which look very pretty in the autumn sunshine. Laura picked 10 beautiful roses yesterday and there were 9 on the bushes this morning, besides many buds. McCurdy and McLeod came and remained from 4.30 to 8.40. Talked very discursively. Strongly of opinion that Hz. Herald should have an editor. Discussed senatorial appointments. Conferred on general political situation in Province.

Monday, Sep. 4, 1916

Rainy and cold this morning and heavy rain in afternoon. Went to office early and dealt with correspondence. Conferred with Flavelle as to tlgm to Col. Secy respecting Russian Purchasing Com'n in Canada. Sent for Sir Ross and W.Hesbitt as to Ross Rifle. Kelly Evans came to pour out his woes as to failure to promote him to command of his regt. Wants a step in rank and retirement to save his honour. Cochrane called and discussed general matters. He looks fairly well but I doubt whether there is permanent improvement. Sol. Dunbar came to ask for employment under new Pensions Bd. and for a step in rank. W.Evelyn Cowen and daughter called to consider appeal to public of Canada on behalf of blind. He has letter from Sir Arthur Pearson. Went with Laura to golf in afternoon.

Tuesday, Sep.5, 1916

Sir C.Ross arrived. Discussed with him production of further rifles. He thinks Enfield 27 has uncertain future. Believes Russian Rifle can be manufactured here. Undertook to give us a memorandum. Dispatched important telegram on whole situation to Col. Secy. Hon. B.K.Bishop of Nfld Gov't called. Invited him to luncheon tomorrow. Report from O'Connor that conditions are fair at Borden Camp. Rogers informed me that Blondin reports being approached by Casgrain to make a cabal against Gov't. This he will verify and report details to me later. Went to golf, leaving office at 10 before 5. Saw little prospect of getting amy respite from work as long as Militia affairs are in present condition. Very unsatisfactory telegrams from Hughes.

Wednesday, Sep.6, 1916

Held Council and debated question raised by U.S. respecting power from Niagara rapids. Long discussion as to Ross Rifle as to which I made full explanation. Decided to await reply from Br.Govt. Announcement in evening papers that Hughes has settled all difficulties in England with judgment of Solomon. Long discussion with Perley as to whole situation in G.B. He thinks only salvation is to take it completely out of Hughes hands. Dr. Blow of Calgary arrived and discussed Western situation. Says crops in Alberta are is very good. Tlgm from Hughes that our troops are likely to be engaged heavily in early future. News from front continues good.

Thursday, Sep.7, 1916

Report this P.M. that Congress did not pass Fisheries bill. N.E. interests probably prevented it. Conferred with Cowen as to appeal for British blind. Drafted O.C. for establishment of overseas Militia Council. Discussed it in evening with White,Perley Rogers, Kemp and Reid. Finally concluded that Hew portfolio of Minister of Overseas service should be created under War Measures Act. Considerable debate as to Hughes attitude and strong opposition anticipated, from him. Held Council and dealt with considerable routine Passed O.C. answering note of American Gov't as to diversion of water from Niagara rapids. Hews from front continues to be good on all fronts. Weather hot and very humid. Tlgm from Bonar Law as to their contract for Ross Rifle.

Friday, Sep 8, 1916

Discussed with Perley first and afterwards with Rogers the status and actions of Hughes. Told Rogers of Bennett's information to me and of my confce with Ross thereon. Telegraphed Hughes ray surprise at his actions in London and my desire for his return. Confer with Ames and agreed that he could not undertake Director Generalship of Recruiting. Col. J.A.Surrie came at 12 and had a long story as to the wonderful things he can do if placed in command at Camp Borden. Held Council at 2.15 and disposed of much routine business. Tellier appointed Judge of Sup.Court in Quebec. Decided not to give Man. Gov't a fiat as to duty paid on import's. Discussed directorship of recruiting and telegraphed Sir T.Tait. Senators in U. S .Congress announced Sir J.Pope for lobbying. Played golf at 4.30

Saturday, Sept. 9, 1916

Long confce with Nesbitt as to Ross rifle. Explained situation fully to him but did not inform him that we are seriously thinking of talcing over the undertaking. Told him that G.B. can let us have 100,000 new

Enfield rifles. He spoke of mutterings against Hughes and said that if he left the Government there would be great indignation and excitement among Orangemen. Wrote to Sir H.Graham asking him to come on Tuesday if possible. Tlgm from Tait saying he cannot come until 18th as he has Directors', meeting &c &c Discussed with Doherty tlgm from B.C. protesting against prisoners being released from internment and sent tlgm to Barnard and to Nanaimo newspaper. Played golf in afternoon with McCurdy. Perleys dined with us in evening.

Sunday, Sep.10, 1916

Rose at seven and went alone to early service as as Laura was sleeping. A most glorious autumn day. Our troops heavily engaged. Yesterday 739 casualties of which 117 killed, among them Lt. G.L.Stairs of Hx. News from front still good. Dr. J.L. Hughes called in afternoon. He has just returned from the front and three weeks ago today he sajs 3rd Div. leave Belgium for the Somme. He went to France to see his son's grave. Judge Ermtatinger also called. Prepared for Laura letter appealing on behalf of H.R.H. the Duchess Prisoners of War Fund. The grounds and especially the bank and the glens vary beautiful. I counted 52 budB in rose garden, besides many in full bloom. The wild asters very numerous and the jewel weed very beautiful.

Monday, Sep.11. 1916

A lovely autumn day. Terrible news of disaster at Quebec bridge. While the 640 foot span weighing 5100 tons was being raised from pontoons to be fitted to the two projecting arms, the chains snapped and it fell into the river with the loss of many lives Ho adequate explanation of accident is yet forthcoming. Attended H.R.H. and reported. He is much disturbed. Long confce with Col. Mulloy as to registration and conscription. He favours former but not latter. Confce in evening with Col. Williams, Chief recruiting officer on same subject. Several tlgms from Hughes on various subjects. Held Council and debated 0.0. fixing penalties for hoarding necessaries of life or demanding excessive prices therefor. Discussed also draft report of Economic and Development commission. Tlgm from Bowser as to liberation of interned Austrian prisoners. Hews from front continues good.

Tuesday, Sep.12, 1916

Held no council today. During forenoon discussed with Reid various matters relative to Hughes, Cochrane and Publicity
Bureau. Reid thinks public opinion is running-strongly against Hughes and says his influence will be little if he retires from the Gov't. He thinks Cochrane cannot long continue in office on ac't of his health. Sir H.G. came in afternoon and I had to listen to an abbreviated statement of his

grievances. He is most anxious about a peerage. Sent for Newcombe and discussed with him best method of controlling overseas forces, appointments and promotions, expenditure &c. In evening White, Perley Rogers and Meighen came to my house and we discussed railway situation. All a greed that C.P.R.proposal cannot be entertained. No very definite solution of situation was reached. News from front continues good. White's loan was put on market today.

Wednesday, Sep. 13, 1916

Discussed with Kemp the political situation. He fears some campaign by Hughes and Aitken if former leaves the Gov't. Held Council and debated report of Sub. com. on labour, but did notdecide as discussion was interrupted by arrival of Australian delegates, Watkins, Palmer, Delargie, Birehell, Thomas, Hasham and another, all of whom I entertained at luncheon at Rideau Club. They seemed capable men. Thomas lost a son at the front during past two weeks. Discussed R986 Rifle with Meighen. Drafted reply to inquiry of British Gov't respecting wheat. Attended Garden party at Gov't House in afternoon, Hickle of Kingston says matters are in a bad way in Ontario, Hearst ill, Hanna taking no interest, Pyne pottering around England in connection with hospital. Hews from front still good.

Thursday, Sap. 14, 1916

Discussed with Rogers my interview with H,G. Asked him to confer with Reid and Cochrane respecting arrangements for maintenance of Publicity Bureau. Prepared reply to Colonial Secy's telegram re purchase of our exportable surplus of wheat. long confce with J.S. Brierly as to recruiting, registration and conscription. He is in favour of registration and thinks it need not be followed by conscription. He blames political leaders in «»*a#t Quebec on both sides for failure to arouse public opinion in favour of recruiting. H.J.Crewe arrived very keen as to political union with West Indies. He thinks it would force Nfld into confederation as they would lack a market open to Nova Scotia,for fish. Sent him to discuss it with Parley. Asked Meighen to examine Christie's memo re McClelland. Hews from front that French have made important advance toward Peronne.

Friday, Sep. 15, 1916

Meighen brought in coarse vulgar article by Gadsby and discussed prosecuting him. He says Chambers overlooked certain publication by Toronto Globe of article for which newspaper at Soo was suspended. Chambers too much engrossed in work of Empire Parly Association. Discussed with Sir J.Pope and afterwards with Perley project of bringing in B.W.Indies. Pope says Sir John A. was quite enthusiastic in 1885 but eventually feared the coloured population. Perley is also apprehensive as to that. I urged consideration, in my letter

to him of the impression it would give our people of something gained through the war and its influence upon Nfld. C.E.. Gregory back from the front says war will last two years. Col. Hugh Clark cane to urge his claims in case Crothers retired. Dinner in evening to H.R.H. at Rideau Club. E. Gill as Pres't did splendidly. Made admirable speech. Laurier and also spoke. News from front excellent.

Saturday, Sep. 16, 1916

Sir Thos. Tait arrived at one and we discussed my proposal. He thinks that we must have more effective reg'n and perhaps conscription. Admits it will create disturbance, perhaps riot, in Quebec. Told him we were prepared to go further. He finally agreed to act and I am to notify press on Monday. Discussed with Drayton and Swain length of time necessary for making report. Conferred with Rogers as to necessity of a good publicity man. Jennings of Mail & Empire discussed.publicity with me and aired his views freely. He seems to just lack the ability to be effective. The news from the front continues to be good and British are making surprising gains. Weather much copier. Went to golf with Hazen at 3 and played 14 holes.

Sunday, Sep. 17, 1916

News from front still good. British holding firmly all their recent gains. Cool day with frequent showers. During foreseen cut down six trees on river bank and did considerable trimming Dr. Patrick came in afternoon, a man of wide reading and information. He discussed international law as to expatriation and showed careful study of the subject. Dr. Wilfrid Campbell and Col. Alex McNeill also called. I was very glad to see McNeill who is a fine character and whose influence has always been for good. He is showing his age but is as keen as ever in his imperialism. W.F. O'Connor and his daughter also called. In the evening the sky cleared for a beautiful sunset and it became somewhat warmer.

Monday, Sep.18, 1916

Cold, partly cloudy. Therm, down to 50 this evening at 9.30. News from front good. British made great success with enormous armoured cars which go over shell craters and through wire entanglements, push down buildings demolish trees Ac. Attended H.R.H. and learned that Duke of Devonshire will not leave England until H.R.H. has arrived. Jong confce with Dr. Patrick as to western conditions. Ha 1s very anxious for me to visit West before elections fait arrived from Montreal. I procured H.R.H.'s consent to announce his app't to press before O.C. approved. Absurd reports from Hughes as to economies he has effected. Council in afternoon. Discussed investigation as to Quebec Bridge. Considered report of Rogers and Crothers as labour conditions and telegraphed Rogers to make no announcement. Asquith's sen killed yesterday. Also Jack Woods.

Tuesday, Sep . 19, 1916

Cold disagreeable day with rain in the afternoon. Long confce with White as to administrative and political matters. his loan is a great success, 58 millions up to Saturday evening. He insists that Perley and some other capable Minister must be invested with control overseas. Wrote Cochrane as to Quebec Bridge. Dr. Patrick came at 11.45 and discussed western conditions He thinks we should pay more attention to western ideals. Wanklyn says C.P.R. cannot operate road safely unless they get 20,000 tons of rails. Told him we would hold Council meeting. Conferred with Doherty and Meighen as to position for O'Connor. Discussed enforcement of liquor laws in Alta and Sask by R.N.W.M.P. Decided that must do it. Sent for Com'r Perry. G.B.Laurence of Manitoba wants some position. Says Rogers sent him to me. A very worthy man. Sent tlgm of condolence to Asquith. Tlgm of congrat'n to Gen.Byng.

Wednesday, Sep.20, 1916

News today that Sir John Willison's son has been killed. Sent him tlgm of condolence. Attended H.R.H. who informed me that Duke of Devonshire will not arrive until end of November. He made suggestions as to honours to officers prevented by their duties- from going to the front. Discussed with Meighen and with Kemp appointment of Hugh Clark as Parly Secy of External Affairs. Both approved. Arranged to leave for Aldershot on Saturday and to take a week's respite from work at Lake Placid. Prepared memo in reply to circular of Can. Socy of Civil Engineers. Held Council and disposed of much routine business. Discussed shortage of rails and our attitude thereon in regard to Imp. Mun.Board. Agreed that we must have rails. Arranged to send Blount to Montreal tomorrow to interview "Baker". Instructed Newcombe to prepare O.C. for overseas Minister of Militia.

Thursday, Sep.21, 1916

Held confce with Gordon of Imp. Mun.Board and C.P.R. representatives as to permission to roll necessary. Decided to await arrival of Franz of Algoma Co. tomorrow morning. In afternoon received delegation from Hamilton Cons. Ass'n who ventilated their grievances and troubles. Sen.Milne and Gordon Wilson present. Biggar, pres't of Ass'n first speaker. They magnified petty grievances but named some that were substantial. Spoke to them frankly and very forcibly about our labours. Told them we would hold meetings in Nov. Sir Thomas Tait was heard in Council as to amendment of recent order in Council. He thinks national service reg'n is necessary. Discussed in Council Col. Secy.'s message as to representations to U.S. Gov't respecting exercise of powers conferred on President for retaliation. We all thought such course unwise. After Council took up with Lash and White the affairs of Canadian Northern and further letter to keep Co. from bankruptcy. Cons. Victory in Carleton bye-election.

Friday, Sep.22, 1916

Long confce with Perley 10 £o 12 in which we discussed many matters of imperial concern. Submitted to him and afterwards to White my proposed reply to message from Col. Secy as to communication to U.S. respecting retaliation. They approved. Newcombe submitted draft of proposed O.C. establishing Ministry of Munitions. Attended H.R.H. and asked him as to our equipment which he pronounced good. Said he would inquire as to why it was not used, Geo. Ham came to say that our newspapers were not doing us justice. Council at 2.15 and discussed amendments proposed by Crothers and by Tait to order in Council. Finally agreed that I should redraft it. Wanklyn reported that satisfactory arrangement as to rail supply had been reached. News that Goodeve's boy and Alex Rosamund have been killed. Allied gains still reported.

Saturday, Sep.23, 1916

Held Council after further revising O.C. for national service and explained fully its provisions to which no exception was taken and it passed accordingly. Appointed Lougheed Kemp Hazes, Smothers and Casgrain to act in my absence for conferences with fait. Explained reason for O.C. appointing O'Connor as Law Secretary of Doherty and it passed. Explained O.C. to Tait and told him of the committee. Left at 4.45 for Hx. Perley and wife Winter and Christie accompanied us* Graham met us en route. He seems in very good form and really in earnest. Special took at St. Henri and was converted into second section of Ocean Limited. Weather delightful. News from front still good in all theatres.

Sunday, Sep. 24, 1916

In route to Halifax. Divisional sup't told us that 18 troop trains have gone through since Saturday morning. We overtook and passed four and at Newcastle we passed first section of Ocean Limited. Glorious day. Weather delightful and no dust. We had door of car open all the way. Mclnnes joined as at Bathurst and I discussed with him matters political, especially the proposal to construct dry dock in Hx. Discussed many natters with Perley. He is disturbed on account of my working so hard. Says it should be arranged otherwise. Told him to see Law about peerage. He suggests that I should telegraph him when recommendation made. He and his wife and Mclnnes left us at Windsor Junction where we remained all night.

Monday, Sep.25, 1916

Left Windsor Junction at 7.25. Julia and Eunice joined us at Grand Pre. Met by Col.Thompson and Major Tanner at Kentville and proceeded by motor to

Aldershot. Presentation of colours took place almost immediately. Very impressive ceremony, Laura made a very appropriate little address and I followed for a few minutes. Colours most beautiful and artistic. Brigade in splendid form, marched past and them advanced in review order after which I proposed three cheers for King and then for Gov't Gen. Dol.Day who was in command then proposed three cheers for me. We then went to headquarters and had lunch and then around Camp and to train. Eunice returned with us to Montreal as she is going to ScGill university. At Windsor Junction met Cols. Glen, Price,Jones, McGee and Major Eve and went through the troop trains. Visit much appreciated,great cheering.

Tuesday, Sep.26, 1916

Left at 8 for Ottawa, to put in fourth consecutive night on car. Nothing of importance except tlgm to Mclnnes as to outrageously inadequate report of presentation in Herald. Chronicle report much filler and more appreciative. Saw Premier Murray at Truro. Some one spoke of him as Sir George. I said it was no one's fault but his own that he was net Sir George. Saw Gutelius at Moncton who told me of the enormous traffic on I.C.E. and of their difficulty as to rolling stock. Tlgm from Bennett that dinnBr by Lawyers Club must be on 18th as 11th Nov. Told Christie to reply 18th. Loggie came in to see us at Newcastle. Weather much cooler than yesterday. Tlgm from Mclnnes that British have captured Gambles.

Wednesday, Sep.27, 1916

Arrived Montreal on time. Hal mat Eunice. Laura and I left at 9 for Lake Placid. Letter from Mrs. Rogers and tlgm also that Lieut.Gov'ts wife should sign address. This suggested by Hendrie's secretary. Sent tlgms to Blount, Mrs. E. and Secretary. Pound afternoon train for Lake Placid cut off. Took motor and left at 12. Arrived at 3.15 having stopped at White Mountain House 3/4 hour for luncheon. Our rooms in Forest House. Beautiful outlook; outdoor sleeping venradah attached. Hotel plain but very comfortable Had hot bath very refreshing after 4 days in train. Then I strolled over to links, which look very inviting. Weather very warm. Found Mr. & Mrs. Chattan Stephens here. Their little daughter remembered me on Adriatic.

Thursday, Sep.28, 1916

Beautiful bright day in forenoon overcase in afternoon. Discovered the golf links which are very good. Laura and I played 11 holes on long course in morning and 9 holes of short course in afternoon. Dr. Mussen of Montreal whose second wife (married about a year before war broke out) is a German lady is here. Very anxious to serve but Gov't cannot accept him. Says he had to leave Montreal but approached so often by recruiting Officers to whom he had to make explanations. I sleep on verandah just adjoining our room, and like it very much. Weather quite cool. Hews from the front continues quite good but British and French losses very heavy. British have had 309,000

casualties in the Somme offensive.

Friday, Sep. 29, 1916

Links very wet and more or less rain during forenoon with heavy rain in afternoon. Went out for an hours practice on the links. In afternoon we called on the Chatty Stephens who are in a cottage. Met there Mrs. Campman of Texas and Miss Lascelles. Had long talk with Dr. Mussen as to his brain research work. He had gone to Munich to pursue his studies. In evening Mr, & Mrs. Hazen and Miss Burnside arrived by motor from Montreal. They had taken wrong turn just beyond Hew Whiteface Mountain Inn and had 4 miles of very bad road during which motor had slipped into ditch. Hazen was hardly visible beneath the mud in which he was encased. They left Montreal at 1 and would have been here at 6.30 but for this adventure.

Saturday, Sep.30, 1916

Played 18 holes with Hazen who plays a much better game than formerly. We came out even, I was 1 up on 17th and he won 18th. In afternoon we motored with the Hazens to Saranac Lake and Saranac Inn. Very beautiful and picturesque drive. Colouring of trees exquisite. The Inn is prettily situated on the border of the Lake. On our return we went to the Whiteface Inn about two miles from this Hotel. It is delightfully situated on Lake Placid The roads are excellent for motoring. The weather is very cool. Hews from front still good. Hazen brought me a letter from McCurdy saying that Hughes is to sail for home today on the Olympic.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 1916

Glorious day. Left with Hazens at 9.30 for Elizabethtown which we reached about 12.30, after considerable delay owing to heating of brake. The village is very pretty and the hotel seems comfortable. After luncheon we walked over the 9 hole golf course which is picturesquely situated. The colouring of the forests was beautiful. We returned by the state road through Upper Jay and Jay. In the evening we attended the service of song at Lakeside but did not find it very interesting and inspiring. Before starting for Elizabethtown Hazen and I took an hour's walk through the woods. There are many beautiful paths. The news from the front is still good. The presidential contest is becoming decidedly warm.

Monday, Oct. 2, 1916

Another glorious autumn day. We played a foursome this forenoon. Chattan Stephens and Webster against Hazen and me. They won by seven points counting best ball and aggregate. Stephens had to quit at 15th hole as he is not very

strong. In afternoon Laura and I played 14 holes and came in very tired. In evening played bridge with the Hazens. They leave tomorrow morning as he must reach Ottawa by Tuesday evening. There was a moving picture show of Canadian views in the hotel this evening. News from the front still good but the British casualties are appalling. Greece has not yet declared war against Bulgaria as anticipated. We intend to leave Friday so as to reach home that evening.

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1916

Delightful autumn weather. Colouring of hills most glorious. Letter from J.M.Beck as to being guest of honour with Philadelphia Society at Annual dinner on 9 December. Played golf with Webster giving him half a stroke and beating him 6 up. In afternoon went round Lake. Placid with Webster and then to John Browns monument and to see cows on Club farm milked by electricity. The view of White Face from the Lake is very good. It is 4800 ft. high and Marc about 20 miles away is 400 ft. higher. News from the front in all theatres continues to be encouraging but evidently the Allies need every man that can be spared. Propose returning to Ottawa Friday night and telephoned to Blount to that effect.

Wednesday,Oct. 4, 1916

Another ideal autumn day. The views around distant hills are most beautiful and vary from hour to hour with sunshine, shadow, cloud mist and breeze. Played best ball of Laura and Webster on short course and beat them. In afternoon motored with the Websters to Paul Smiths. A very pretty drive. There are many pretty cottages or camps as they are called, at this place, which was a resort of hunters in the olden days. Have arranged to leave for Montreal with Websters on Friday reaching Ottawa same evening. Interview with Sir H.G. en route as to his peerage and other matters Hews from front good but Roumanians have evidently sustained a check

Thursday, Oct.5, 1916

Played golf with Laura and Webster, 27 holes on
short course. Met Mlle Ouimet, daughter of Judge Ouimet. In afternoon motored with Websters to Loon Lake, a most beautiful place and apparently an excellent hotel. There is a very pretty golf course. The distance from our Clubhouse is about 30, miles. Road is through Saranac Lake and Blooraingdale. Had excellent view of Whiteface which dominates immediate landscape in all these drives. There is great difference of opinion among guests as to whether black flies and mosquitoes are troublesome during summer months. The Banks (and therefore the Club) charge discount on Canadian bills which, however, are accepted at the Golf Club.

Friday, Oct. 6, 1916

Waked very early and rose at 6. Sky-looks stormy. Left at 9 for Montreal with Webster in his motor. We went to Plattsburgh by the shore of L.Champlain, far prettier than through Peru. Took luncheon with us and had picnic at roadside after leaving House's Point. Visited Miner's farm, a huge estate owned by an American inventor who purchased the home of his boyhood and all the surrounding country. Beached Montreal at 2.30 and had interview with H.G. at 3.15 He gave me a detailed list or statement of his public services and of his private business record. Left at 4 for Ottawa. Riddell, just returned from England told us en route of his visit. Arrived Ottawa ff.30 and were met by Rogers, who looks in good form.

Saturday, Oct. 7, 1916

Confronted with tremendous files of correspondence. Dealt with part of it on train yesterday and more of it this morning but made small impression. Hughes came from 10.30 to 11. Says he is in good form but he looks careworn. At 12.30 attended Duke and expressed desire to accompany him to Halifax; but he said the Admiralty would object. Asked him about fund for Boy Scouts and he said that it would be privately raised. Gave me list of proposed honours which I find rather embarrassing. Attended luncheon of Canadian Club. Duke made a fair address after which I spoke for 10 or 15 mins and was complimented. Drafted tlgm to Bonar Law as to reception to Duke of Devonshire. In evening worked at papers and correspondence and made some progress. Suffering from wretched cold and slight fever. Glorious autumn day.

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1916

Remained in bed until noon and worked at my files. Then walked over place until luncheon. Saw on the river brink near Southern bridge a fox which has been roaming over the place for two days. Evidently a tame fox which has escaped. Jean says there are two of them. Laura tells me that in the early autumn a partridge was frequently around the house. She saw it one day sitting on the garden hose near our front entrance. News from the front still good Naval Dep't reports German submarine has arrived at Newport, R.I. Many callers in afternoon. Sir Alfred Bateman, Chairman of Dom. Royal Com'n, who does not seem a man of great force. Mr. & Mrs. George Campbell of Hx. Mr. & Mrs. Poster. Mrs. & Miss Berry; Dr. Doughty also came and gave us a most interesting account of his visit to England and France. He saw a zeppelin fall as did Mrs. Campbell and he brought Laura a paper knife made out of a German bullet button and shell splinter. McCurdy & McLeod came in evening.

Monday, Oct.9, 1916

Went to office early and attacked correspondence. Rogers came at 11 and we discussed many political matters.- He spoke of an impatient interview with Nesbitt whom I tried to reach on telephone. Discussed Graham peerage. Attended H.R.H. whom I asked as to accompanying him to Hx. He said he appreciated my suggestion
but Admiralty would not permit it. In afternoon Duke, Duchess and Princess came at three and stayed for half an hour. Duke and Duchess presented me with very handsome silver inkstand with suitable inscription, Royal arms engraved and arms of Duke & Duchess. I expressed thanks profusely and afterwards wrote a note to the Duke. In evening took Mr. & Mrs. Geo.Campbell to Country Club and had very pleasant evening. Returned at ten and worked for an hour at correspondence. Sudden change in weather which has become very cold. German submarine off U.S.Coast has sunk 7 vessels.

Tuesday, Oct.10, 1916

Wrote farewell letter to Duke and despatched it. Afterwards discussed honours with him at 12.30. He showed me letter from Alderson as to Hughes conduct in England. At eleven had confuse with Meighen and Perry as to enforcement by R.N.W.M.P. of liquor laws in Alta. and Sask. Decided that Perry should draw up report. Afterwards met Dir. Gen. and Directors of National Service at luncheon Council at 2.30 and disposed of much routine. Interesting discussion on proposals to establish aeroplane factories. Hughes endeavoured to block it. Postponed till tomorrow. Discussed also claim of U.S. Gov't for compensation to persons whose property was destroyed in Calgary riots, White Lunch Ltd Duke leaves tomorrow notwithstanding submarines. Weather still very cold. Submarine incident has created great excitement in U.S.

Wednesday, Oct.11, 1916

At office early and attended to correspondence. Thence at 11.15 went to station to say good-by to Governor General and family. A large crowd assembled. The Duke reviewed the G.G, Footguards, the cadets and the boy scouts and then moved among the people. Laura presented bouquets to the Duchess and Princess. The Duke, Duchess and the Princess seemed much moved by the warmth of the people. I proposed 3 cheers as train moved out and they were given with a will. Then to office where I listened to the wails of Martin and Harris as to patronage and then took them and John R. Macleod to luncheon. Council at 2 and disposed of much routine. Passed O.G. as to civil service preference to returned soldiers and debated the aviation proposals. Also discussed at soma length the attitude of the Directors of National Service in appointing Murray Sec'y. Afterwards confoe with Tait as to Murray. Attended in evening dinner by Jap. Consul to Baron Sakotani. Minister of Finance of Japan.

Thursday, Oct.12, 1916

The Baron and Consul attended at my office to call on me. Baron is evidently a very able man and he speaks English happily, if not well. Confce with Nesbitt as to report of Com. on Boss rifle. He thinks Sam stands much better than he did a fortnight ago. Rogers reported on his visit to Montreal and Graham is coming tomorrow. Alex McNeill called to bewail lack of publicity and feebleness of our press. Council in afternoon and passed aviation scheme. Long tlgm. from Perley as to Sam's sins. Debated in Council proposal that India should be admitted to Impreial Confce. Debated alBO proposal of Directors of National Service that Parly Com. of Nat. Service shall be appointed. Lougheed to see Tait, Afterwards confoe with Smith of "News" as to preparation of record of gov't during war and very interesting confuse with Flumerfelt as to preparation for postbellum conditions. Held returned and reported as to political conditions in West.

Friday, Oct.13, 1916

Confce early this morning with Rogers and Reid as to Federal Press Bureau and generally as to publicity. When in confuse a letter arrived containing Tait's resignation. Sent for Lougheed and we all discussed situation. Telephoned to Kemp and White. Concluded to accept Tait's resignation at once and ask Bennett to accept. Thereafter Boss came to discuss Rifle question. I again put to him the question as to Bennett's assertion with regard to Hughes and he again denied it but not convincingly. He spoke more of evidence than of the fact. Claude McDonnell also called. Sent for Com'r Perry and told him to negotiate with Prov'l Govts for release of force from Prov'l duties. Sir H.G. arrived and I bad long confce with him and then with him and Sogers as to elections. He is willing to work with us but is very anxious about proposed honours. Then Council and discussed Tait's resignation and appointment of Bennett. Also export of shipping built in Canada for neutrals and prohibition of Hearst newspapers. Then confuse with Slack, Knowles and Dafoe as to press representatives at front.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 1916

At office early and conferred with Geo Campbell then Bennett and then Green until after one. Campbell disturbed about Tait's resignation and having a somewhat narrow unreasonable view of the whole situation. Asked Bennett to take position of Dir. Gen. fie eventually;accepted. Discussed with me for more than an hour the question of policy. He has good ideas. Thinks I should if possible make a campaign from Hx. to Vancouver. Green not very optimistic about conditions in B.C. Is coming with Bowser about 1© Nov. Revised statement to press respecting Tait's resignation. Wrote Laurier as to Parly Com. Received message from Gov.Gen. and decided to delay its publication for a few days. No bad news as to transports or as to cruiser conveying H.R.H. Dined with E.C.Grants in evening who told us of his invention to destroy zeppelins and of his presenting it to War Office. Says he realizes for Red Cross $900. per month from waste paper. Flumerfelt also a guest.

Sunday, Oct.15, 1916

Rather cool and overcast. Sweet Alyssum, Bamblers, Roses, petunias, phlox, Verbenas and cosmos in bloom and apparently not injured by frost. Salvia, asters &c all wilted. Walked with Laura around bank and discussed rockery or rock garden at various points. Bug yesterday for Jerusalem artichokes but found little. Counted 24 roses in Rose Pleasaunce this morning. Went to Church with Laura. In afternoon Mrs. Van Dusen the Geo. Campbells H.McInnes and D.H.McDougall and A.C.Flumerfelt called. A very pleasant gathering all bright and cheerful. The Campbells bear the loss of their gallant boy with great fortitude. Flumerfelt stayed after the others and went again over his suggestions as to caring for returned soldiers. He is a very interesting man, his ancestors were Dutch and came to this country as U.E .Loyalists. Lovely weather during most of day. News from front still good.

Monday, Oct. 16, 1916

Lovely autumn day in morning and afternoon, rainy towards evening. At office early and dictated letters to Perley as to honours. Several messages during day from Sir H.G. as to this and other matters by special messenger and special postal delivery. Bennett came in afternoon and had long and interesting conference as to National Service and other matters. He proposes to call upon all the R.C. Ecclesiastics in the Prov. of Quebec. I told him to go first to the Delegate. Arranged for Flumerfelt to present his views to Committee of Council. Passed O.C. appointing Bennett director General. Poster returned and gave an account of the West. Afterwards he expressed in private his conviction very intensely that we must have conscription. Stevens, H.H, impressed need of better publicity. I sent for Reid and Meighen and again urged them. Robidoux and Landry urged appointment of an Acadian to the Senate in N.B.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1916

Worked at O.C. appointing overseas Minister and discussed with Newcombe effect upon his seat in Parl't. Flumerfelt came at 12 and I expressed appreciation of his visit. M.H.Irish reported to me as to his work and I took him to lunch and put him in touch with Bennet. Sent very confidential letters to Perley as to honours, especially with regard to*Baker*. Discussed with Kemp and. Reid recognition of Riordon and J.E Robert son. Telegraphed to Perley further as to Lord Hugh Cecil's Interview respecting nickel. Sent for Gen.Hughes and broached to him suggestion of appointing Overseas Minister of Military affairs . He took it better than 1 anticipated but I think he will resign. By end of month we will have sent overseas 258,000 men. Discussed form of card with Bennett to be sent to the manhood of Canada and agreed that it should be in simplest form.

Wednesday, Oct.18, 1916

Cool partly bright day. Went early to office and drafted letter to Hughes as to proposed Ministry of Overseas service. Kemp cams as to preparation of memo respecting goods ordered here by G.B. during and for war. Sir James Mills called and I took him and his Vancouver repse. to lunch where we discussed with Hughes Egan and J.B.Fraser proposed arrangements for more exportation of lumber to G.B. Morgan representing Br.Gov't who has been sent to assist Imperial Mun. Bd. called and explained his mission. McCurdy (aviator) came to protest against confiscation of his enterprize through government action. Told him he was not to be treated unfairly. Held Council and debated many matters. Settled further policy as to Ross Rifle. Considered proposal to send Parly, delegation to India on invitation of Emp.Parly Ass'n. Tlgm from Perley that arrangements as to nickel perfectly satisfactory to Br. Gov't. Sent message asking as to restriction of nickle from Hew Caledonia by French Gov't.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 1916

Dealt with correspondence and then Hughes came and talked for an hour and a half about proposed Ministry of Overseas service. He objected strongly and argued against it saying that there would be nothing left for him, that he would be humiliated and that he would have to leave the Gov't. He gave a tirade against Perley and decried his ability. Said that everything he had done himself was perfect &c. Complained that White was conspiring against him. I put the opposite side of the case strongly and afterwards told Kemp and Reid and also White of the situation. Held many interviews. Shaughnessy came to luncheon. He is about leaving for England to take his seat in House of Lords. Says Maitland Kersey thinks war will terminate by 1st Dec. Council this P.M. and appointed Ackworth on By. Bd. of Inquiry. Long discussion on antics of Civil Service Club. Decided to suspend some civil servants connected with it. Rainy cold day.

Friday, Oct. 20, 1916.

Still wet but somewhat warm. Cable that Duke and party have landed in England. Mulvay came and went over arrangements for reception of Duke of Devonshire. Interesting confce with Woodbridge of United Farmers of Alberta who seems moderate and capable man. Then J.A.MacDonald made a strong plea to be appointed Senator. Introduced him to Hazen in afternoon. Hughes telephoned in rage because of announcement(of mysterious origin) in press that overseas forces are to be placed under Perley. Hugh Clark arrived on my invitation and I offered him Parl'y secretaryship of External Affairs. H&*accepted and I submitted his name to Com'r who approved. Council in afternoon to pass necessary O.G. Letter from Laurier to effect that he would not join in forming parl'y committee. I replied and correspondence was given to the press.

Saturday, Oct.21, 1916

Conferred with Hasten and afterwards with Reid as to messages from McCurdy respecting appointments, patronage &c in Halifax. Col. Edwards representing Br.Ministry of Munitions called He has come to assist in inspection. Says the output of shells in U.E. is prodigious but number used is also prodigious. In four days at beginning of Somme operations British fired more shells than during entire Boer war. Sent for Crothers and conferred as to threatened strike on C.P.R. He proposed granting Bd as requested by the Company but I expressed doubt. Spoke to Shaughnessy and Rogers by telephone. Former made light of it. Free Press (Ottawa) condemns Laurier for not joining in appeal to Canadian people. Weather cold and unpleasant. Played golf with Meighen in afternoon and did very badly. Boss (P.D.) and Mrs. Boss dined with us. Hews from front not important. Sent tlgm to Duke of Connaught on safe arrival.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 1916

N.S.Highland brigade arrived Eng. yesterday. H.C.B. went to Montreal on afternoon of 14th and nothing since heard of him. I am becoming very uneasy about him. Counted 16 roses and buds this morning but they have made no progress in opening since last Sunday. Sweet alyssum still standing frost well. Cut down several trees and removed branches from others; two hours work. In afternoon C.H.Tupper came and told us very interesting narratives of Gordon's adventures at the front. He looks much older than when I last saw him but he has the same delightful boyish manner. Mrs. McPhillip, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers,Mrs Burrell and Dr.Blow also came. Rogers reported as to strike. Says C.P.R. will be glad to have us intervene. Discussed with him and afterwards with Meighen issue of appeal to the Canadian people. Sent for Willison. Drafted the appeal in part, two hours. Fine autumn day. News from front good. Saw fox several times.running along bank.

Monday, Oct. 23, 1916

Willison came. He feels deeply the loss of "Billy". Showed to him and Meighen full draft of my appeal. They approved of it and jointly we made some change in forms of expression. Council thought it very good and at six I gave it to press. Blount says Hal is at Alexandra but unable to come out. Received Arch, Matheson and Bishops Thornloe, Roper and Williams as to service for Chaplains issued by Col. Williams. Also many other delegates including one from P.E.I, as to director of national Service & recruiting officer for Island. Discussed in Council strike impending on C.P.R. and despatched tlgms to strike leaders Inviting them to postpone strike and to meet gov't in Ottawa. Hughes handed in memo as to proposed arrangements in G.B. and appointment of Perley as High Com'r to administer overseas forces.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1916

Laura says Kathleen Burke spoke very fluently and eloquently at Russell Theatre last evening. Tlgm from Ry. men that they cannot accept my proposal. Drafted tlgms to them and to Co. and called Council at 11. Decided then on my suggestion to make public announcement and to telegraph it to both parties pointing out that rights of public must be considered. Discussed in Council regulations for preventing inflation of food prices. I suggested giving authority to municipalities to make investigation when they deemed necessary and to institute prosecutions. Discussed also permission to build ships for Norwegians. Sent tlgm to Perley as to Knighthoods. Discussed also in Council tlgm from Br.Govt, as to Hearst publications. Confce with J.A.McD. as to Senatorship, also with Sir C.Ross. Told Gen.Hughes that Jones should not be recalled at present.

Wednesday, Oct.25, 1916

Attended luncheon to Royal (Dominions) Com'n and proposed health. Sat between Sir A.Bateman and Sir Jan Landemann The latter very interesting and made a good reply to toast. He to s a great opinion of Smuts who, he says, is a highly cultured man and took highest honours at Cambridge. C.P.R.threatened strike settled today. My announcement of yesterday impressed public opinion most favourably. Many requests for thousands of copies of my appeal for national service. Discussed with Rogers and Meighen proposed letter to Gen. Hughes . Hughes came in forenoon and gave his story about Jones. Told him not to have him sail for a week. Perley says Duchess of Connaught about to resign from Canadian Red Cross. Mrs. Reford asked me to take up case of Matron Edith Campbell. Pellatt and McRae came to complain of unfair treatment of Curtis Co by Imp.Mun.Board.

Thursday, Oct. 26, 1916

Attended Hazen's luncheon to Bishop of Fredericton He told of S.A. lass who in a scoffing way was asked to pray by an ass in a ry car. She prayed. "Oh Lord soften this man's hard heart and harden his soft head." Hazen told of a N.B. clergyman who was offered an increase of salary from 5 to 6 hundred dollars but declined on the ground that the collection of the 500 occupied his entire time and energies and he could not undertake anything further. Discussed in Council reg'n to prevent persons of enemy nationality entering for homesteads. Opinion divided and Rogers asked that it stand over Confce for two hours with Tupper as to Judgeships Sealers' claims, &c. He told me that B.C.Liberals are determined that Laurier shall retire from leadership. Reid and Cochrane returned. Former says Pugsley told him that Laurier will oppose extension of Parl'y terra. Wrote to Hughes that Ministry of Overseas Service must be created. Every one delighted with our attitude on threatened C.P.R. strike.

Friday, Oct. 27, 1916

Called Council at 11 and discussed report of Bruce. Hughes explained Jones' faults and a long desultory discussion ensued. Attack was made on Jones in connection with recall of Simpson in order to arrest him. Then I brought up proposal to constitute Overseas Ministry. Correspondence was read. (Meantime I had received Hughes letter saying he was quite willing to have new ministry established if Aitken was appointed). We adjourned at one and Hughes refused to return and called me up on telephone accusing me of having failed to support him during past year. All the 15 members of Council present supported my proposal warmly. Then discussed Doherty's draft O.C. re excessive food prices. Left it to Com. to report. Hugh Clark arrived and was sworn in. Naval engagement in North Sea, two German destroyers sunk. One British destroyer lost and another damaged. One British transport sunk.

Saturday, Oct.28, 1916

The British press not well satisfied over results of action between destroyers in dBritish Channel. Hughes came to see me with regard to Overseas Ministry. Protested strongly against Perley and wants proposal modified. Very emotional mood and appealed to me on every conceivable ground. Hazen submitted report of Admiral strongly advising that Hfx Harbour be closed at night. Hazen recommended and I approved. Then to Can.Club to hear address by Lt. Zenorr Pechkoff of French Army now in French diplomatic service. He gave a most impressive address. One touch especially good; he spoke of the days when the Allies had very little ammunition and relatively few guns and said "We did not return the fire, but it was not because we were too proud." Discussed Hx. affairs with McGurdy and played golf with him for an hour. Mr. & Mrs. Rogers came to dinner in evening. Nothing important from front. Lt. Pechkoff says 86,000 tuberculous men discharged from French Army and 28 sanitary stations established for them.

Sunday, Oct. 29, 1916

Delightful October day. Walked around grounds quite comfortably with bare head. Saw the fox several times both yesterday and today. This afternoon he was watching me from the steps at the foot of Elder Lane while I was standing in Rose Pleasaunce. Went at 9.30 to the review of 131st (Col .JD. Taylor) and 196th (Col.McKay, son of late Senator Wm. McKay). Both splendid regts. They gave gen'l salute and marched past. I shook hands with the officers and addressed them. Lt. Zenorr Pechkoff was present and greatly impressed by appearance and bearing of officers and men. The 196th is composed almost altogether of university men, one Company from each of the four State universities of the Western Provinces. Then to All Saints where Mr. MacKay by direction of the Bishop read my appeal to the people of Canada. In the afternoon Lt. Pechkoff came for a short call at 3.45. The Mawsons also came and I learned that he lost a son at the front in the war. He looks somewhat broken. News from front not important.

Monday, Oct.30, 1916

Long confuse with Hughes when he begged me not to humiliate him by appointing Perley and renewed proposals to give status to Aitken as a member of the Privy Council. He seems in a thoroughly pitiable condition considering that Perley's appointment will take all his real power out of his hands. Gordon came and told me of tremendous additional orders for munitions which imply that war will last all next year. W.K.George and Lloyd Harris called to give their views as to Bruce's report. They think it unfair and spiteful. Bennett returned and had two long talks with him as to Nat'l service. He suggested a question as to conscription on card which he is sending out to each man in Canada. I advised against it. Discussed in Council Bonar Law's query as to our taking ships which Norwegians want built. Conscription defeated in Australia. A bad result. Fiset came in evening to plead on Hughes behalf for modification of proposal for overseas minister.

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1916

Long weary day. Very tired at night. Conferred with Meighen and Ried as to long letter from Hughes outlining his alternative proposal in somewhat nebulous terms. Noel Marshall came as to Red Cross matters and J.E.Lavell as to political conditions in the West. Geo. Campbell came to luncheon and discussed work of directors of Nat'l Service. Council in afternoon and took up discussion of Overseas Ministry. Hughes greatly excited and disturbed. Asked for change of proposals. I argued the case out with him and finally passed O.C. Afterwards I discussed situation with Rogers (who looks very tired) and with Reid who is very optimistic over the situation. Doubtful what Hughes will do. Ministers think he will not resign. Some hope he will.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1916

All Saints. Cloudy with some rain. Prepared statement for press re overseas ministry. Sent several tlgms to Perley with regard thereto advising him as to his appointment, suggesting as to High Com'rs duties, requesting him to hold Jones, &c. Long confee with Irish as to his association with directors of Nats'l Service when he made wild suggestion that he be made Minister of Munitions. Told this to Kemp who made remark that Irish is of unbalanced judgment. Col. Adami called and expressed himself strongly as to Jones' treatment by Bruce, and other matters. Conferred with Mulvey as to reception of Duke of Devonshire. In Council discussed proposal of Imp.Mun.Bd. for prohibition of production Of munitions except under permit; also Bonar Law's telegram as to Shipbuilding. Impertinent letter from Hughes. Think I must get rid of him.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 1916

Very mild delightful October day. Hews of Perley's appointment well rec'd.

Two tlgms from him as to his organization and as to personnel of new committee. Consulted colleagues and telegraphed replies. Learned that G.G. will arrive Hx on Nov. Discussed arrangements with Sol. C.S.McInnes. Reports from Rogers that Grits will probably let bye-elections go without contest. Sir Wm. Sullivan arrived and I discussed with him his desire to resign and arrived at an understanding. Raid reports that our position in Ont has wonderfully improved during past two weeks. Long confce with Gordon to whom I spoke freely and confidentially respecting Irish. Discussed also with him the tlgm from Col. Secy as to alleged sale of ore at Wabana to American interests. Hugh Clark and Kemp think I should not speak at recruiting meeting in Toronto as I will be called everywhere. Several submarines seen off Hx. This makes us very anxious as to our troop transports.

Friday, Nov. 3, 1916

Long arduous day. Confce with Bennett at 10 as to proposals of Nat. Service directors, when he submitted new draft of card and discussed appointment of Rutherford. Held Council at 12 and again at 4. Disposed of much routine business and discussed permits to export shipping, withholding homesteads from persons of alien origin, Ross Rifle,contract and other important matters. Brought up question of accepting invitation to address recruiting meeting in Toronto and after Council, had discussed it with Dr. A.H.Abbott, arriving at a satisfactory understanding. Also discussed with Sherrard app' t of French director in Montreal. He told me that Bennett would accomplish more in four months than Tait in a thousand years. Discussed Ross Rifle with Sir Ghas. Ross who told me that Lady Ross would see me if I wished respecting conversation with Bennett. Hews from front good. Privy Council gave judgment in school cases one to each side.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 1916

Delightful autumn day, quite mild. Called confce of Ministers to consider my reply to Hughes letter of Nov. 1st. Three of them, Hazen, Reid and Meighen thought his resignation should be asked for. Rogers inclined to acquiesce but doubtful as he thinks Hughes has a multitude of friends throughout the country. Afterwards conferred with Sir G.Ross who talked about a submarine base at New London but had no information of importance. Discussed many matters with Col. Hugh Clark, especially Federal Press Bureau and told him to have meeting of Com. called. Took with Christie report to Council on Ross Rifle. Bennett presented draft card to be sent out by Nat. Service Directorate. Gordon came to present further British proposals as to aviation. In afternoon played golf with Meighen, McCurdy and Mrs. Fraser came to dinner in evening.

Sunday, Nov. 5, 1916

Lovely autumn day but somewhat cooler. Blount came at 10 and I discussed

some routine matters with him and then dictated long letter to Perley and letter to Hughes demanding resignation. Revised them in evening and also my speech before Lawyers Club of N.Y. In afternoon Bennett came and discussed national Service, and decided to drop any allusion to fine and imprisonment in card to be sent out. Suggested to him that Duke of Devonshire should fill in first card as a sample. Dr. James Robertson also came and gave an account of his visit to France and of great opportunity and necessity of assisting distressed population of devastated territories in that country and in Belgium.

Monday, Nov. 6, 1916

Troublesome tlgm from Perley as to complication between Jones and Bruce. Letter will probably stump country if his proposals not carried out. Rogers came in afternoon to say that C.M.A. and C.P.R. both very hostile and aggressive. Whitmore says Osier during western G.P.R. tour was very bitter against Gov't. Discussed with Raid Rogers and Meighen separately my draft of letter to Hughes. Revised O,G. respecting Ross Rifles. Interview with Mennonite bishops and elders as to suits brought against their people. Arranged to have actions examined and defended by Gov't at their cost when necessary. Senator John McLean and Mr. Areenault came to discuss chief justiceship on behalf of Matheson. Hughes away until Fridays Sent for Kemp but he is not in town. News from front good but war will yet be long. German dreadnaught torpedoed by British submarine.

Tuesday, Not. 7, 1916

Ambassador called this morning and again this P.M. Submitted to him my N.Y speech which he thinks very good. He thinks Wilson will be elected. Says there are disadvantages either way. Wilson a great rhetorician but a weak and shifty politician. Hughes a strong honest man, narrow and technical and very determined. Ambassador speaks with contempt of Lansing. Says talking to him is like speaking through a telephone with connection cut off. Republican party in West nearly all German thus Hughes had to sit on the fence during campaign. Discussed with Kemp Hughes letter to me. He agrees only two causes, withdrawal or resignation and question is whether he should be given option of first. Telegram that Admiralty cannot give any information as to G.G.'s arrival. Thus Ministers will not go to Hx. Held council and discussed Parley's tlgm re Bruce and Jones and sent reply. Considered Doherty's draft of recommendation re necessaries of life. In evening dined with Administrator to meet Spring Rices. Report that Hughes carried N.Y. by 100,000 and is elected.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1916

Delightful autumn day. Confce at ten with Gordon and subsequently with Workman and McDougall as to efforts of American interest to secure control of Wabana ore mines. Despatched tlgm to Col. Secy thereon through White.

Last evening reports as to presidential elections erroneous. Wilson probably elected although Hughes carried Few York, but result still in doubt. Conferred with Sir C. Ross as to rifle production. Sir Louis Davies called as to arrangements for reception of Duke of Devonshire. Wrote to Duke explaining why we did not go to Hx. to meat him. Discussed with lamp my proposed letter to Gen.Hughes. Doherty consulted me 9/bout application for new trial for Kelly and further proposal as to eventual clemency. Told him not to agree. News from front encouraging. Father Burke called and gave a long budget of news from G.B. He is hopeful as to solutionn of Irish question.

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1916

Tlgm from Mrs. McKean that Governor is seriously ill. Sent for Blondin and despatched him to Hx. Ambassador came at 11 and I discussed with him Prince Rupert matters relative to sending fish by water to Seattle without duty when landed at Canadian Port. Ambass says he has private message from House (Col) that Wilson is elected. Long confce with Mulloy who told of his interviews with Godfrey, Rowell &c. and that there will be no election. He says Godfrey is disgusted with Laurier's attitude. Held Council and passed 0.C for inquiry into prices. Hear that Governor will arrive in Hx. on Saturday. Discussed Hughes letter with Poster, Hazen, lougheed and Cochrane. They all thought he should be dismissed. Wrote Hughes in evening. Meighen came to speak of matter mentioned by Doherty yesterday, leather mild and rainy. Very tired.

Friday, Nov.10, 1916

Sent letter to Hughes this morning requesting his resignation but subsequently learned that he has not yet returned. Confce with Ambassador as to his proposed visit to Quebec and as to what should be taken up. Interesting confce with Mulloy who told me that Rowell is to be the successor of Laurier. He gave graphic account of his handling of the grits and of the issue which, as he explained to them, might be raised by eons, party at the next election. He believes that sentiment has changed greatly in favour of the Gov't during past few weeks. Discussed with Kemp, MeC. and Brady in afternoon the proposed examination of militia stores. Kemp thinks Hughes is starting a big campaign to boom himself. Bennett came to discuss Irish's position as director of munition labour. Discussed Kelly case with Meighen, application for new trial &c. Hughes made astonishing speech in Toronto yesterday. Rogers says he has correspondence implicating Carvell.

Saturday, Nov.ll, 1916

Confce with Gordon as to aviation and as to rumoured control of Dom.Iron & N.S. Steel. Tlgm thereon to W.D.Ross to confuse to Ottawa. Hughes arrived but did not come to see me. Burke reports that Dept in terrible commotion as the Minister is preparing a very important document.

Evidently the reply to my letter. Confce with Lougheed as to receiving wounded for active treatment in Canada and sent tlgm thereon to Perley asking for information and particulars. Gov' Gen arrived Hx. at noon and was sworn in at 3 and clef for Ot at 5. Coulson came after dinner to advise me of tlgms that he will arrive at 11 on Monday. Mayor same as to, reception;-and I telegraphed Col. Henderson to ascertain wishes of His Ex. Disposed of much routine and arranged with Gordon as to status of Irish remunition Labour.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 1916

Much cooler today. Went with Laura for walk before church. Two beautiful hymns, 227 & 245. In afternoon I walked down the Bank and saw a beautiful Labrador snow bird on the first bridge on Riverbrink. It looked at me curiously and came within a yard of my feet. Snow this afternoon and still colder. McKenzie came at 3.30 and we discussed Hughes. I told of all my difficulties with him. He thought it would have been better to dismiss him Before. He agreed that Sam is uncontrollable. Spring Rice says Morgan used to observe that all men have two motives for every action, a good motive and a real one. He thinks we should not depend too much on good will of U. S. "Many good firms have been ruined by bad debts and many nations destroyed by mistakes as to supposed benevolent intentions of other nations." Several callers in afternoon. J.G. Foster, Mrs. Rogers, her son and daughter-in-law, Stikeman and his aunt.

Monday, Nov. 13, 1916

Early at office and oonfce with W.D^Boss as to apprenehed American control of D.Iron and N.S.Deal. He says no present movement but it might be accomplished oh stock exchange. Attended at Station to meet G.G. Reception very good. Duchess charming. I proposed (after introductions) three cheers for Duke of Devonshire which wire given with a will. Hughes reply received at 2 P.M. I read it in Council. They thought it was foolish. After Council 1 attended G.G. and discussed various matters and especially Hughes' resignation. He asked many questions as to conditions &c. in Canada. Went to drawing room for tea. A very delightful family. Tlgm from Admiralty to provide more patrol vessels. Hazen very angry as they always said they could take care of everything on ocean. In evening Meighen reported that Sam had given out news of his resignation and short statement was sent to the press.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1916

Confce with Gordon as to O'Brien's powder factory when he suggested expropriation. Sent for O'Brien. Bennett came and discussed Hughes' resignation. Afterwards Sir C. Ross as to further orders for Ross Rifles. Delegation of labour men to advocate appointment of J.A.McDonald to the Senate. Lt. Gov. McKeen died last night. Sent tlgm to widow and asked Rhodes to represent me at funeral. Gave appreciation of McKeen to press.

Hugh Clark calls Hughes letter to me blackguardly. Press reception of Hughes resignation very favourable to the Gov't. Called on His Ex. and obtained permission to publish correspondence and it was given out. Discussed in Council O.C. respecting Ross Rifle and passed it. Order for further rifles considered but not decided. Boudreau says no O.C. accepting Hughes resignation necessary. Sent for Kemp in evening and offered him vacant portfolio. Fiset says Hughes almost collapsed when he received my demand for his resignation as he thought I would not dare to dismiss him.

Wednesday, Nov.15, 1916

Hughes resignation still exciting interest. Many letters expressing great satisfaction. Weichel says that public consider my action inevitable but many regret Hughes disappearance from the Gov't. It is said that he will not be actively hostile if not attacked, but I doubt this. Sent tlgm to White to have question as to nickel asked in British House of Commons which will elicit clear answer. Asked Doherty for opinion as to Constitutional right of Admiralty to requisition our ships. Discussed threatened coalrainers strike in Alberta and asked Rogers to assist Crothers. Grits are gathering for meeting here on Thursday. No news as to their attitude on bye-elections. Rogers promises to ascertain this week. Continued rumours of Laurier's resignation but I do not credit them.

Thursday, Nov 16, 1916

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Held Council at 11 and disposed of routine. Passed O.C. for permission to export ships to Norway. MoCurdy came to explain his recommendation for assistance in recruiting. He reports that sec's of Minister are still busy destroying documents. Consulted colleagues 1 as to bringing over French officers to aid recruiting in Quebec and j sent tlgm thereon to Perley to accomplish it. Wired Kemp to have Our press drop Hughes or use soft pedal in dealing with him. Sent tlgm to perley to ascertain whether Stanfield will accept Governorship.tlgm from Perley as to vacancy in recommendations for KCMG owing to Gov. McKeen's death. Left at 4.45 for N.Y. with Christie to address…?

Friday, Nov. 17, 1916

Our train did not arrive until nearly nine and at the Plaza we did not get our rooms until nearly 4. Reporter from N.Y. American hunted me up and seemed greatly surprised because I did not knock him down or kick him out of the hotel. Went to Scribners and also to call as usual on Nachbar the chiropodist who was as quaint and amusing as ever. In evening Mr. & Mrs. Babbage and Mr. & Mrs. Wallace with another lady took us and the Lacostes to the Hippodrome. It was a very interesting performance. Our box draped with Union Jack and Stars and Stripes. Pavlowa always bowed specially to our box. I was taken behind scenes

Just before the skating scene and saw stage converted into skating rink. Miss Pope, their premiere skater, was introduced.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1916

Stewart came in forenoon and discussed election for half an hour. "Hughes would have won easily but for his campaign manager and his habit of mind. He has forgotten the vernacular of the people." He says the contest in Mexico is between the Church and the Freemasons. My reception at the Lawyers Club was all that, any man could wish. Prendergast (Controller) made an excellent speech, very strong pro-ally. My address was listened to very eagerly and earnestly. Christie told me that he never heard me speak better. Henry Clews most anxious that it shall be printed and circulated. 1 very fine gathering to hear it. Many ladies present. In evening dinner at Plaza. Stewart in Chair, rather prosy. Gen. Wood made very effective speech. Senator Calder, Job Hodges and Borghum the sculptor "also spoke. A very distinguished and representative gathering. Laooste also spoke.

Sunday, Nov.19, 1916

Stayed in during morning. Christie came to say that Ambassador called up to know whether I wished to see him. He had excellent reports of my reception and speech yesterday at the Lawyers j Club. The Times and Sun have very good reports of the luncheon and the dinner. In afternoon went to Butler's reception. Beautiful album of photos of their country home. Met Mrs. Talmage, niece of Mrs. Butler and Miss Talmage, who visit Lake Louise and are charmed with it. Mr & Mrs. Bertron also there and married daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton and Mr. & Miss Bowen also called. Walked back with Atwater who was very complimentary with regard to my speech at the luncheon yesterday.

Monday, Nov 20, 1916

Monastir was captured by Allies yesterday. Rose early and went to see Dr. Turck who took me to laboratory for blood test. Thence to Hotel and Wm. B. Howland called for me to go to Lawyers Club where I met John A. Stewart, Gen. Leonard Wood and Robert Bacon. A very interesting luncheon. We discussed league for peace, compulsory national service, relation of U.S. to our Empire &c. They are very indignant at and contemptuous of their Gov'ts attitude. Wood says U.D.stands as a prostitute among the Nations. In evening went to Can. Club dinner. Had a splendid reception, 750 people present. Taft, Mitchell, Hugo (Secretary of State) and Dr. Baton made excellent speeches. I had to speak in response to toast and told them something i of the part that Canada has played. Fred'kPalmer,the celebrated war correspondent, made an excellent and highly Interesting address.

Tuesday, Nov.21, 1916

Mrs. C.E.Stewart of Calgary came to say that she has not heard from her husband, who is a volunteer surgeon, for a year and that she is destitute. Told her to write to me. D.M.Stewart, formerly of Sovereign Bank, called to tell his story and asked me to assist in not having prosecution against him carried on. Visited Exhibition of Raemaekers cartoons. Very interesting. They offer to exhibit them in Canada for any patriotic fund. Asked Robert Bacon for interview and discussed with him the proposal to start contribution for blind soldiers in Canada. He promised to take it up and stop it if possible. He is a fine character and is most attractive personality. Called to see John F. Cahan in hospital and found him very bright and alert. His father called afterwards to see me at the hotel. He was much touched by my visit to his son and is eager to be of service. Left at 7.45 for Ottawa.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1916

Arrived Ottawa at noon and found dear Laura suffering intensely from a swollen face. In evening she seamed slightly better. Went to office at 1.30 and disposed of much correspondence. Meighen reported as to agitation re nickel and told me of Rowell's and Dewart's charges. He is to speak tomorrow in Toronto and will take it up. Many important telegrams from Col. Secy. Perley and White have been at front. White sails oh 28th Very little press discussion re Hughes during my absence. Press comment entirely favourable and many letters of congratulation. Eeid says feeling throughout Ontario is very good. Many letters favouring M.C.Grant for Governor. Confce with Sherwood and MoGurdy Mgr. Burke's activities. Sent for Burke and enjoined discretion. He is very indiscreet and meddlesome. Hospital ship Britannic sunk but fortunately relatively few lives lost.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1916

Kemp came to say that he will accept portfolio and I gave directions to have necessary O.C. prepared. Afterwards attended His Ex. and reported. Discussed with him various matters. He asked my judgment whether he should wear uniform or mufti in reviewing troops. I advised the latter. Burke called as to his secret mission. I told him he might be interned in U.S. as he is an officer in Canadian army. Sent tlgm to Perley re stanfield that situation has altered as to by-elections. Held Council and put through orders for Kemp's appointment and for issue of election writ. Then attended his Ex. at Gov't House and was present when he was sworn in. Informed McCurdy by telephone. In evening attended dinner at Gov't House. Every one very charming. So I took in the Duchess. Bennett came in forenoon to discuss his national service cards and proposals. Rain and wind.

Friday, Nov, 24, 1916

Blustery autumn day. Discussed with Kemp rumours that Hughes will raise opposition in East Toronto. Kemp very confident that he can win. McCurdy came to say that he might see Sam and try to keep him quiet. Dr. Chown came to ask that his son be seat back. Sent tlgm to Perley as to Burke's activities. Consul General of Italy came to consult as to enforcing return of reservists. Sent tlgms to Mr. & Mrss. F. Oliver on death of their gallant son Alan, killed in action. Meighen delivered splendid address in Toronto last evening on nickle question. Says his audience was tremendously enthusiastic. O'Laughlin of Chicago Herald came to complain of price of.newsprint which he says will cost 3.40 per lb. delivered and fears that Herald must suspend publication. He had letter from Spring Bice. Went to Red Cross meeting in Russell Theatre. His Ex. made a good address. Laurier and I also spoke. Met Hughes in Club and shook hands with him. Offered C.H.T. lieut. governorship of N.S.

Saturday, Nov.25, 1916

Cold winter day but no snow. Found that Ass. press gave very poor report of Meighen's speech. Clark wrote strong letter to Slack. I telegraphed to H.&. as to report in Mtl. Star. Henderson Of Toronto came as to press com. and I concurred in his view that Starr should be chairman'. Discussed with Foster various matters and especially activities of expert brought by C.P.R. from staff of D. Little & Co. as to which he is apprehensive. Discussed with Meighen todays tlgm from White as to nickel and sent long tlgm in reply. Walkec in afternoon with Meighen.Rogers says arrangements, made to meet miners delegates on Monday, Also says Hughes says he will speak for Kemp in Toronto. Attended Can. Club luncheon; very interesting and inspiring address from Capt. Ian Hay Beith. Went to Hazen's at Chateau to dinner. W.G.Foster and Allan Oliver killed in action this week.

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1916

Therm dropped to zero last night. Walked with Laura from 12 to 1. Her face is better but still somewhat painful. Went over clippings and was impressed by letter in Toronto Globe from Prof,Wrong. Have frequently considered coalition gov't during past two years and thought carefully of it today. There are many considerations for and many against, Tupper telegraphed that it is absolutely impossible for him to accept governorship of N.S. In afternoon O'Laughlin of Chicago Herald came; also Prof, and Mrs. Schofield of Boston and Miss Cheney; also Rhodes and Doughty as well as Mr. & His. Gill. Rhodes says Gutelius is absolutely destroying Gov't by his management of I.C.R. Schofield spoke of his regret at bitterness of Canadians against Germany and I got rather warm and told him there was good cause to be bitter. O'Laughlin says Hughes had election in his hand and threw it away.

Monday, Nov.27, 1916

Telegraphed Perley to give vacant K.C.M.G. to Hearst. Conferred with Drayton as to report of Ry. Bd. of Inquiry. He says they will have report ready by March and that Smith is against state ownership and favours receivership. Sir H.G. came and I explained to him the nickel situation and commended Meighen's speech to him. He thinks Geo.G.Poster could do much with Quebec clergy. Very powerful article in La Presse from the Abbe D'Amours against Bourassa. Kemp telephoned from Toronto to say that all is going well. Dr. Thompson M.p. came with Col. W.S.Tobin (Mother nee Crawley) to state latter's case. Sorel of Vancouver thinks McBride should be broupht back ffcp B.C. in the spring. Council at 3 and dispatched much routine business. Miners' delegates arrived and conferred with Rogers and Crothers but meantime the men have struck. Crothers says many of them are Austrians. Hews from Roumania very depressing. German armies united and pressing on to Bucharest.

Tuesday, Nov,28, 1916

Talked with Kemp on telephone and he gives good report of conditions in Toronto and Reid the same. Cable from Bonar Law as to nickle quite satisfactory. Sent for permission to publish. Decided to appoint M.C.Grant Lieut. Governor of Province and signed recommendation accordingly. Discussed strike situation with Rogers who reports good progress. He seems to have handled situation well. Awful reports of dissatisfaction on I.C.E. with Gutelius. Reid reports that Hughes is very lonely and bitter as he finds that his influence is gone. Held Council and passed orders in Council agreements with Man,Sask and Alberta for services of R.U.W. M.P. Roumanians seem to be doing somewhat better. Two zeppelins brought down in last nights raid. Absurd talk in U.S. as to insisting on peace.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1916

Confce with Bennett and afterwards with Meighen and Rogers and then in Council respecting tour. Decided to begin at Mtl and end at Toronto, including Que, Wpg, Saskatoon, Edmtn, Vane, Vict., Calg. Reg., Decided to publish tlgm from Col. Secy as to nickle. In accordance with tlgm from Perley recalled McDougall. by O.C and appointed burner to command troops in G.B. Sent message to Perley as to drafts from U.S.Brigade. Carrick called to say that Holt is speaking against Gov't. He thinks Sam should be given some employment for his energies. Reid says every one is delighted with Sam's retirement. Sherwood called to report as to letter from Willi on to Robinson editor of Times as to Western conditions. News from front not encouraging. Russians and Roumanians still retiring. Jellicoe appointed First Sea Lord and Beatty to command Grand Fleet. Weather mild and wet. Everything looks well in Toronto.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1916

Report (iteiraft) of Economic Com'n received today and distributed to Ministers. It is better in form than the first but contains practically the same suggestions. Discussed with Bennett arrangements for meetings. He says Laurier isto speak in aid of recruiting in Quebec on 8th Dec. In Council passed O.C. for inquiry into price of food and cost of living in western mining towns. Confce with Gen. Lessard who desires to be taken out of limelight and given command at front if possible. Discussed his position afterwards with Kemp who has returned from Toronto and looks in splendid form. Tlgm from Bonar Law as to purchase by British Gov't of shipping production Canadican shipyards. Hazen states that necessary report is being prepared. Informed Ministers that addresses should be given during my absnece by those accustomed to go on the stump. Roumanian situation still Very bad. Germans only 16 miles from Bucharest. Russian reinforcements apparently too late.

Friday, Dec. 1, 1916

Mild autumn day. A little soft snow in afternoon. Report that E .F.B .Johnston is to oppose Kemp in Toronto. Cabled Perley suggestion that Garnet Hughes should succeed Turner. Discussed Cochrane's condition and intentions with Reid who thinks he will hold on until session and then go away. Rogers reported satisfactory visit to Montreal. Holt in good form and as strong a Tory as ever. Sent tlgm in Bennett's name to Gouin asking him to attend meeting in Quebec. Held Council and discussed draft report of Economic Com'n. Met Capt Gillman of Winnipeg just returned from front a very fine young man. Like many of those returning he has rather sad look as if his eyes had seen unutterable things. Made notes for portions of my nat. service speeches.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1916

G.G. returned from Toronto. Tlgm from Parley that Col. Secy wants his approval to certain honours not recommended by H.B.H. Gouin telegraphs that he will speak at my meeting on Thursday at Quebec. Discussed with Rogers condition's on I.C.R. which are very disastrous. Asked Cochrane to come tomorrow afternoon. Discussed with Doherty a declaration that service to state is a correlative duty to the right of franchise. He had some doubts and he will consider it. Drove Laura to Golf Club for luncheon. Discussed political conditions in Montreal with Doherty who says they are improving. Col. Fonseca of 197th Bn. called. Burrell conferred as to question respecting proposal of Vancouver Harbour Com'n and read draft of letter from Hazen to Bd. of Trade. Roumanian situation looks slightly better. Press reports on cabinet crisis in G.?.

Sunday, Dec. 3, 1916

Delightful crisp autumn day. Went with Laura to All Saints. Communion service. Mr. McKay referred eloquently to Lord Roberts, "The noblest soul and the most unselfish spirit that ever dwelt in a human figure. If his prophetic utterances had not fallen upon unwilling ears and foolish hearts, the awful sacrifice of this war would not have been necessary." Moving picture man came and took photos of interior and exterior. Hal at luncheon.,. In afternoon Cochrane came at 3 to discuss ry. matters. He admits dissatisfaction with Gutelius but thinks he is doing well. Asks who can replace him. Casgrain, Hazen, Kemp, Rogers and Meighen came at 3.30. Discussed with them how best to put duty of service "in contrast with correllative right of franchise Mr. & Mrs. John G.Foster and Capt. A.H.Gilmour, M.C. of Winnipeg called. In evening dictated to Blount my speeches at Montreal & Quebec.

Monday, Dec. 4, 1916

Went to attend His Ex. at 11.30 and he brought up question of honour for Sir H.G. which had been referred to him by Bonar Law, Found him reluctant to recommend it as he has been here for so brief a time. Told him of all that Graham has done for imperial interests. Finally arranged another interview for tomorrow. Consulted afterwards with Rogers as to this. Worked at my speeches part of day and all evening. Cabinet crisis in G.B. precipitated by resignation of Lloyd George. Humours of Asquith's resignation. Probably an understanding between Asquith and Lloyd George. Roumanian situation about same. Skirmish in Athens between allied forces and Greek troops. Situation very unsatisfactory. Submitted speeches Mt. and Que. to t Casgrain and Bennett. Latter thinks Que. speech very fine. Casgrain prefers Mtl. Very tired and sick of this constant strain. Do not sleep well. Weather wet and unpleasant. Hallway situation very worrying.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1916

Went to attend His Ex. at 11.30 and told him I would withdraw recommendation re Graham as he seemed reluctant. Gave him a very full statement of my views as to honours and as to reaction after war, feeling of our troops as to lack of preparation and danger of anti-British sentiment after war. Sent a violent tlgm to Perley as to failure to obtain honour for Graham. Council at 2.30 disposed of much routine business and many minor matters. Clark says Grits are working through Wrong to have resolutions passed by Bds. of Trade favouring coalition Gov't. Laurier is to speak in Quebec the might following my meeting. Very tired and somewhat depressed, suffering from insomnia. Ho further news of importance as,, to Br. Cabinet crisis. Asquith apparently will remain. His Ex. ,. sent an interesting memo from Spring Rice as to conditions in U. S. may take steps by embargo &c against Allies to, force peace.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1916

Left for Montreal at 8.45, dear Laura very sorry not to come with me as she would do if her health permitted. Casgraia & Doherty as well as Bennett, Christie and Boyce accompanied me. Met at Mtl by Sherrard, Mignault, Lorne McGibbon and many others. Went to Ritz and first met a delegation of Orangemen, McLean, Hocken, Banks and Munro. Very agreeable. Mads sugg'ns as to immigration. Then to large luncheon at Mt. Royal Club given by Huntley Drummond. Taylor, Walker, Gravel and others. Then to Ritz and sent for G. who broke down and wept when told of difficulties. Utterly crushed. I sent further tlgm to Perley at his sugg'n. He peppered me with notes during my stay. Them to call on Archbishop Bruchesi, explaining proposals. He is very friendly and denounced Bourassa. Than to Bishop Farthing who is ill but received us. Mrs. F. Very strong Conservative. Than to meeting. I spoke first and got excellent courteous attentive hearing. Tremendous audience. Then Patenaude who was almost continuously obstructed by organized interruption. Then Bennett who was also interrupted. Closed meeting at 10.15. Many interviews afterwards. Left for Quebec very tired at 11.55

Thursday, Dec. 7, 1916

Arrived Quebec at 6.30 and went at 8.30 to Chateau . Delegations began pretty early. Wrote to Rogers re Graham's affair and Beaubien's request for assistance in arranging camp'n of La jeunesse Conservatrice. L'Esperance came to acquaint me with Forgets selfish and dictatorial attitude. Very interesting talk with Major Clifford Kelly just back from front. Bullet through hand and one embedded in belt buckle. He fell into shell crater and batman came to him and cried out "J—s, it's hard to get it in the guts'*. Very large luncheon at Garrison Club given by Chauveau. First called on Gouin who received us very cordially and accompanied us to luncheon. Sir Fs Lemieux, Canon Halle, Abbe d'Amonrs, Taschereau and several other Ministers, altogether a very distinguished gathering. Afterwards went to call on Cardinal Begin who rec'd us most cordially and promised us most effective cooperation. Then to Bishop Williams who read us letter from Watson as to death of his boy at the front. He spoke somewhat bitterly of lack of interest in Quebec, although Canadians of Br. origin are dying that France might live. Then to Spencerwood where Lt. Gov. LeBlanc (who was also at the luncheon) and Lady LeBlanc had gathered all social Quebec. A very interesting hour. Then to Chateau. Mayor came at 8.10 and we opened meeting to a magnificent audience before 8.30. I spoke first, being introduced by Mayor LaVigueur. I spoke in French and then in English, both 3/4 hour. Very orderly and attentive meeting. Then Casgrain, Gouin and Bennet. Gouin made a very eloquent speech. Commended our administration of the war. Then with Mayor and Chief of Police to car. Sevigny wanted to come with us. Miller of Can. Vickers came after meeting to see me about icebreaker and I wired Hazen. Peppered with tlgms from E.G. Col. Etienne Theodore Paquet of 57th detailed his grievances. Interesting talk afterwards with O'Laughlin of Chic. Herald who was surprised at success of our meeting. Bonar Law has

declined and Lloyd George has undertaken to form cabinet. Bucharest has fallen.

Friday, Dec. 8, 1916

Left Quebec at 7 and passed through some beautiful scenery on Batiscan, Brochette and St. Maurice rivers. Weather very mild and little snow. Supt. Cowan and Roblin, Mech. Supt on train with us. Both seem very capable men. Bilkiy and Weaver of the press also with us. Stopped at Boucet's for the night. Ho telegraph bulletins so we do not know of what has happened in G.B. or at front since yesterday noon. Meighen is to meet us at Cochrane tomorrow.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1916

Very mild all day but ran into snow and cold weather at Hearst. At Cochrane address was presented by Mayor and Council to which I replied. Douglas from Maitland, N.S. is president of Bd. of Trade. Large agricultural settlement around Cochrane. Considerable attempt at settlement all along clay belt, a little more than half of which is in Ontario. Roblin left us at Cochrane. He seems a fine capable man. Has two boys at the front. Redmond a ry. official joined us at Cochrane. At McPherson found guard of -honours, drawn up from troops guarding internment camp. Stopped train and inspected them. On ae'ct of guard did not reach Grant until 12.30 a.m* and stayed there.all night. Got news bulletin at Cochrane. Lloyd George has not yet announced his Gov't.

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1916

Glorious sunshine, perfect winter day. Went out and cleared platform of Car. Arrived Armstrong at 11.45. Three beautiful sleigh dogs there. Then through a country that is much a huge mass of rock. Beautiful coloured stone in cuttings. Think there should be great quarries here. Young spruce coming up in great abundance as if they had been planted. Stopped for night at Reddit where we got news of formation of new Br. Cabinet.

Monday, 11th Dec, 1916

Arrived Wpg. at 9.45 met by Lt. Gov., Mayor, Gen. Hughes and Ruttan. Guard of honour. Mayor's Bon and several returned soldiers came to meet me and presented address. Then rec'd delegation of ladles at GOv't House. Then to inspect Convalescent Home (I.O.D.E.) where I addressed men. Then to luncheon given by Lt. Gov. at Man. Club. I addressed them briefly. Very rep. gathering about equally divided in pol. affiliations. Spoke of absolute necessity of unity. Then

reviewed troops. Very cold. Then for walk with Gov. and visited new Court House. Meetings in Walkers Theatre and Grace Church. Addressed both. Did fairly well. Received great ovation In both. Norris spoke well. Then to station accompanied by Gov. Meighen arrived and discussed advisability of offering coalition as Grits are booming co-called coalition Gov't. He favours the idea. Says the tour is producing fine impression. Tlgm from Perley as to "Baker".

Tuesday, 12th Dec, 1916

Left Wpg. at midnight and arrived Saskatoon at 1 P.M. Guard of honour under Col. Harvey Hearn. Fine looking men. Therm. 25 below. Then to Hotel and luncheon. Met Haultain.,Prof.Hurray and Mayor Young at luncheon. Then rec'd delegation of equal suffrage ladies. Asked them as to franchise to foreign born women. Then several other delegations. Drafted tlgm to Perley re "Baker".Disposed of much correspondence. Then very interesting visit to University with President Murray. Very extensive impressive buildings. Names of those who have gone from University inscribed on wall. Several i have fallen. Then met social people at McCraneys. His house on a beautiful site overlooking town. In evening addressed two very large meetings. The Mayor spoke at one and McCraney at the other. Then McMillan drove me to the car and we left for Edmonton in early hours.

Wednesday, Dec.13, 1916

Went through beautiful country, very prosperous appearance. Saw threshing machines at work and much grain, threshed. Rec'd Edmonton by Gov., Mayor and guard of honour. Went to hotel and at 1.30 Rutherford's lunch. Cross sat next to me. After lunch went with Dr. Tory to Convalescent Hotel and addressed men. Saw Capt. Markle still suffering from shell shock. Then inspected Univ. Off. Training Corps. Went into Convocation Hall and addressed students. Then to review 218th and 230th Regts. Col. Leprohon and Col. Cornewall. The one a Fr.Gan. and the other a cosmopolitan Reg't, containing many Russians of fine physique and several Ruthenians. They gave a great cheer. Then to dinner at Gov't House and thence to meeting in First Pres. Church and afterwards to meeting in McDougall Methodist Church. Both very large and very responsive. Better pleased myself with my speeches than with any at previous meetings. Then to car where delegations as to enlistment of Ukranians came and made an appeal which I thought forcible and reasonable.

Thursday, Dec.14, 1916

Left Edmonton at 7 and were soon in the foothills. Brown, Supt. at Edmonton, expected to accompany us but could not. Scenery through Rockies not so impressive as in Kicking Hoarse,but very beautiful. Saw

Mfc. Cavell - also Seven Sisters, or Tel low Head at Lucerne. Mount Robson very stately and impressive as seen in the starlight when we passed. Representatives of Vancouver press joined us at Lucerne and gave them a Joint interview.

Friday, Dec.15, 1916

At Chilliwaok the Mayor, Aldermen and many citizens came on board and welcomed us. Clements and Lefurgy and many New Westminster citizens welcomed us at N.W. where we stopped 10 minutes. Chapple, Vancouver Supt., accompanied us from Lucerne. Arrived Vanc. 11.45. Met by guard of honour and many military officers, by Mayor and representative citizens. Stevens on hand. At 1 went to Mayors luncheon to representative citizens. Mrs. Moody, a very charming woman, was present as school trustee and sat next to me. Then at 3 to review troops and afterwards drove with Carter Cotton and Stevens along Harbour front to industrial site and along lines of G.N.R. and G.P.R. and to Gov't wharf and elevator. Then to Hotel to receive delegations of which there were many. Delegation re conscription contained several very excitable persons, among them Bell Irving and Cowan. Tupper was with them and confirmed all that Bell Irving had said He does not look well. Then to meeting in Methodist Church. Very large and earnest audience. Mayor presiding. Then to second large meeting in Hotel Auditorium, also very responsive. Rec'd in afternoon labour delegation which was,or seemed to be,greatly exercised about question 23 in Bennett's card. Very tired. Read Isaiah Chap.40 to 50 during night.

Saturday, Dec .16, 1916

Rose at 9 and walked at 9.50 to 10.30 with Stevens through City to dock. Left at 10.30 for Victoria. Barnard same with us. Very hazy weather. Saw Niagara in dock as we passed out. Had very pleasant crossing. Arrived Victoria at 3 P.M. Met by Premier Brewster, the Mayor, the General, and other officers. Inspected Guard of Honour and Bantam Reg't lining the streets. Pent to C.P.R. hotel and held reception which was largely attended. J.L.Beokwith is partner of Brewster. Then to Gov't House where we were ree'd by Gov. and Mrs. Barnard. Mara and his daughter also there. Then to Hotel where I rec'd delegation of Bd. of Trade as to dry dock, shipbuilding, steel industry, and~other matters. Discussed these as well as protection of fishing industry with Brewster. Then to very large and enthusiastic meeting. Brewster made a forcible and very sympathetic speech. Then to Boat for Vancouver about midnight.

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1916

Arrived Vancouver at 7.30. Matson joined us and gave me very freely his views and opinions as to matters political and otherwise. Says Burrell

is absolutely out of touch with rank and file of party in B.C. and 1b not seriously regarded as a political force. Thus he is a source of weakness and not of strength. Matson apparently is to part with control of Hews—Advertiser. Probably he has lost money in unprofitable investments, as Scott suggests. Tiffin of Ashcroft also visited our oar and presented us with a small bag of wonderfully good potatoes. We passed through beautifully picturesque scenery and saw all along the C.N.R. on other side of the Fraser. Stopped at Kamloops at request of J.T.Bobinson and addressed, from end of observation car gathering of about 500 or 600 people for 20 minutes. Too cold for outdoor speaking. During night passed through Connaught Tunnel, 5 miles long.

Monday, Dec. 18, 1916

Arrived Calgary about noon. Met by escort of N.W.M.P to whom I addressed a few words. Suffering from very sore throat. A large gathering at Station,-Tweedie, Walsh, McCarthy &o. Mayor gave a small luncheon after which I went to the Convalescent Home at Ogden and addressed the soldiers. Thence over the new bridge, not yet fully completed, in the centre of the City and then to the Veterans Club. Afterwards attended the Annual meeting of the Provincial Red Cross Ass'n. Two great meetings in evening at which I was able to speak for an hour (each) notwithstanding my throat. Dr. Blow had ministered to it. Dr. Michael Clark spoke at each meeting and made a wonderfully impressive speech. After meeting various confces and then to car. Tlgm last evening from His Ex. as to peerage asking if it is my confirmed opinion that he should recommend it. I replied strongly in the affirmative.

Tuesday,Dec.19, 1916

Arrived at Regina at 3 P.M. and was received there first and last with more guards of honour than ever before, after inspecting guards and troops, (temp. 42 below) went to Gov't House and was received most warmly by Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Lake. Edw. Brown (formerly Lt. Gov.) came and we had interesting discussion as to public matters. He is not sure that it would be safe to enlist Ruthenians. Discussed question of sufficient labour for crops. Com'r Perry also came. In evening addressed a very large meeting, nearly 5000. Calder spoke but not as sympathetically as Norris and Brewster. Bennett was in excellent form. Audience very earnest and enthusiastic. The Mayor, Cowan, a most singular looking individual, but very active. Did not wish to be re-elected, but people insisted. He offered to put up expenses of an opposition candidate. Left at midnight for Brandon.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1916

Arrived Brandon at 9. Temp. 42 below. Guard of honour and troops marched past. Went to Hall and found an audience of nearly 5000 people. Norris

was present and spoke, then I and then Bennett. Bead Lloyd George's message and three cheers were given for him. Hi6 message reached me during Regina meeting and I read it there also. Sent reply to Lloyd George from Portage. Weaver and Liversey missed train at Brandon. Waited for them (on next train) for a few minutes at Wpg. Governor, Principal Baird, John Gait, Judge Gait and others waited on me at Wpg. respecting celebration of 50th. Anniversary of Conf'n. Left them for Port Arthur where CP1. transfers us to Brand Trunk. All of us very glad that only Toronto meeting remains. Mayor and another gentleman came to call on us at Kenora. Meighen and his little daughter joined us at Portage.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 1916

All day enroute to Toronto. Sir Wm. McKenzie's car was attached to our train at Port Arthur at 3.30. A good road had but rather bumpy for severe frost. Bennett admits that he i s very tired, "all in" as he expressed it. MacKenzie brought us in afternoon report of C.N.R. system. Dined with him in evening and played bridge. Passed through considerable clay belt apparently good for agriculture. McK. says the C.N.R. has 2 million acres from Ont. Gov't, Arch. McKenzie suggests that Flavelle should be appointed Director Gen'l of national Conscience.

Friday, Dec. 22, 1916

Arrived Toronto at 10. Met by Col. Brock and Mayor Went to King Ed. Hotel. Osier and others called. Luncheon (civic) at 1 P.M. Large party about 180. My health proposed and I spoke for 10 minutes. Then to see entertainment for children in Massey Hall. Sifts provided for 32000 children and 14000 wives of overseas troops. Very interesting and impressive. Children sang well. I went to stage and said Merry Xmas, God Bless you and safe return to Daddy. Then to Hotel and made notes for speech. Then to Gov't house for tea. Very handsome building but badly situated. Some good portraits of former Governors. Sir John & Lady Hendrie very kind. Excellent photos of their son at front. Then to Hotel where I found McK. full of theory (absurd) that White and Flavelle are working together to secure premiership for former. At eight went to Metropolitan Church where Bennett was to speak but found no/ meeting. Massey Hall about two thirds full. Meeting very enthusiastic. Made cautious reference to Wilson's note. Refce to plain causes of war greeted with vociferous applause. Bennett spoke for an hour Dealt with conscription. Rowell spoke very cogently. Mayor accompanied us to station. Left at midnight for Ottawa.

Saturday, Dec. 23, 1916

Arrived Ottawa two hours late and reached home about ten. Found Laura suffering from severe cold. Sent for Blount and disposed of considerable correspondence. Sent tlgms to Premier Brewster &c. Went over many documents. Blount in afternoon reported that His Ex. wished to see me today or tomorrow.

Sent tlgra of greeting to Gen. Byng and Sen. Turner and forces under their command. Blount reports impression that tour was very successful. Says he did not give much correspondence to Clark. Heaven knows why. ln afternoon when I was about at limit of strength he telephoned that "H.G. is in Ottawa and wants to see me." I exploded. However, I saw H.G. and told him how tired and sick I am of this infernal life. He begged me to do nothing without careful thought. Thinks he cannot get peerage. Says Shaughnessy knows all about it. Went to bed at six dinnerless and very tired and worked at my correspondence and papers until 10.

Sunday, Dec. 24, 1916

A delightful winter day. Did not attend service but continued work of examining correspondence, clippings &c. to ascertain what had happened in my absence. Telephoned to Col. Henderson and ascertained that His Ex. did not specially wish to see me before Tuesday. Meighen came in afternoon to discuss proposal of Int. Fickle Co. to sell out to Gov't. He is to meet Monell in N.Y. on Wednesday. Telephoned to see when White will return but could not get him. Monell wants to sell out on basis of six percent on present stock value of 200. Capital 40 Millions. Bell thinks we can make 10 millions profit annually by control of nickle market world. Later, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers called. He says White is very pessimistic &c but he thinks it largely due to temperament. White was in England while the political troubles were uppermost. Laura and I walked in the evening for an hour. Another snowstorm in the night.

Monday, Dec. 25, 1916

Wrote to His Ex. sending Xmas greetings and rec'd a very happy reply. An interesting letter from Gen. Sir John Hanbury Williams from Russian Headquarters. Many telegrams and cards of Christmas greetings and sent many replies. Had to drive Blount out of the office in the afternoon as he persisted in working all day. Went to morning service at All Saints. In afternoon visited Soldiers Club and saw many of the soldiers. Two twin brothers (Englishmen) by the name of Day especially impressed me. 207th Regt. Shook hands with ill the men and thanked the ladies, Mrs. Crombie, Lady Egan, Mrs. Sheriff *&a.* German raider reported on the Atlantic Dined in evening with the Fosters and the Biggars. M.P.Davis' son died very suddenly this morning. A very fine letter from Chief Justice.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1916

An awful day. Very little sleep last night. Sent early to office. Huge mass of correspondence. Confce with Bennett as to labour delegation and as to proposed purchase, of next year's wheat crop by British Gov't. Then long confce with Labour delegates, Watters, Eiggs, Draper and Simpson. Told them I would give no assurance against conscription. They eventually asked for latter that proposals of

National Service are not conneoted with conscription. I promised such a letter. Agreed to go with Bennett to St. John Hx and Sydney but afterwards decided. Otherwise on despatch from Col. Secy asking me to go to London as member of war cabinet. Attended His Ex. who informed me that recommendation for honours had gone forward in accordance with my wishes. Confce with Ralph Connor, very interesting - Sent him to confer with Bennett. Council at four. Decided I must go to London as requested by Br. Gov't. Discussed date of session and left it open until White's return tomorrow. Mr. & Mrs. Rogers dined with us.

Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1916

Cold, rainy and unpleasant. Went very early to office. Moved my belongings into large private rooms whioh have been redecorated and refurnished. Worked hard at correspondence including latter to labour leaders which I submitted to Council and whioh was approved. Discussed proposals submitted by Flavelle and decided to wait for Hazen. Telegraphed for him and for Hugh Clark. Debated date for opening of session and decided on 18th January. Wrote to His Ex. explaining. Sent for H.G. White discussed budget and estimates. He says Graham's peerage will hurt us and that this is Shaughnessy's opinion. He accused Rogers (not by name) of instigating article against him in Globe. Many of them are jealous of and intriguing against each other. Met Smith and Ackworth with Drayton at luncheon. Discussed pol. situation with Reid. He thinks it good. Met. Gen. Hughes an Club. He looks rather glad. . Rec'd post card from wag at front signed "Sam Hughes".

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1916

At office and took correspondence. Reid called as to J* Ross Robertson and I sent a telegram to him asking his presence in Ottawa tomorrow. Consulted Doherty as to H.R. Drummond and telegraphed him. H.G. came and I discussed matters relating to his peerage and general political situation, as to my attendance at Imp. confce, programme for session, extension of parl'y term &c. Council at four and debated question as to commandeering shipping and as to submarine danger. Sent for Rlavelle and explained situation to him. Then went over file with Ha&en and drafted despatch to Br. Gov't as to whole situation. A very aotive and intense day. White told me that Montreal Mail will suspend publication tomorrow and that his brother Nichols will be available for press work. He (White) i good form.

Friday, Dec. 29, 1916

Walked to office. Therm. 2 below. Dealt partially with correspondence when news came that poor Casgrain died this morning at seven. Wrote

to his widow and gave appreciation to press. I fear he got more worry than satisfaction out of his political career. A man of much ability but of more apparent than real determination and courage. Thoroughly loyal and firmly attached to Empire. Rogers reports that Shaughnessy has spread news of G*s peerage around Montreal and that Holt is very angry, with Shaughnessy in background egging him on. S. is preparing solution railway difficulties. J.Ross Robertson & Huntley Drummond came. The former declined senatorship or Knighthood absolutely. The latter refused senatorship, but agreed to consider. Discussed many natters with His Ex. add told him Prince of Wales should marry an Englishwoman. Gov. a very able and interesting man. Discussed difficult Quebec conditions with Beaubien and afterwards with three Quebec ministers. Sir Wm. McK. also called and several others.

Saturday, Dec.30, 1916

Remained at home during forenoon to do quiet work but correspondence &c. kept me busy here with Blount, Christie, and Clark until 12.45. Revised and settled tlgms to Russia, Roumania, Serbia, Montenegro, France, Japan, Portugal and Italy and Belgium. Sent tlgms to the King, Duke of Connaught, Lloyd George, Askwith and Long. Also to Cecil Spring-Rice. Then came a tlgm from Australia and I prepared reply and also sent messages to India, N.Z, Australia and South Africa. George Macaneny came to luncheon and White. We had long discussion as to cost of newsprint. At 5 went to station to pay last tribute of respect to Casgrain and saw his son. Message from Gov't House arrived with confidential report of Allies' reply to German peace note which is rejected as a sham. Weather very cold. Wired G.S.Campbell that I cannot go to Halifax for National Service meeting.

Sunday, Dec. 31, 1916

Very cold last night. Cleared up old papers and correspondence during forenoon. In afternoon Ackworth, Judge and Mrs Anglin, Senl & Mrs. McLennan and E.B.Bennett. Anglin spoke to me privately and said that he was at the service of the Gov't for any purpose not Inconsistent with his judicial duties and without reward. Bennett discussed problems attending our efforts In Quebec. I told him of what I had done with regard to impressing higher clergy with a sense of the peril they are running into. Wrote to Duff thanking him for service in shell investigation. Bennett thinks Ames should be made Postmaster General If the returns from Quebec should not come in properly. Arranged meeting for Bennett and a member of the Gov't at St. John & Hx. Thursday and Friday next. A very trying, arduous and difficult year. I am most thankful for strength vouchsafed me to live through it and carry on my work.