

Monday, January 1, 1917

Went early to office and dealt with correspondence and then at 10.45 to the Dominion Methodist Church where I addressed a very large gathering, chiefly of children, on duty & service. I had a very Inspiring reception. Then at 12 o'clock to the Governor's levee which was attended by 750. Thence to the Chateau Laurier where I spoke briefly to 100 returned soldiers gathered for a dinner given by the G.T.R. Then to my house and spent the afternoon in revising the speech from the Throne and dealing with various matters requiring attention. Many telegrams came in bringing N.Y. greetings. Wrote to Bennett and to Judge Duff thanking them for service. Gov. showed me tlgs from French and Belgian Gov'ts ack'g and reciprocating our New Year greetings. Arranged with Hazen to accompany Bennett to St. John and Hx. to speak in support of National service.

Tuesday, January 2, 1917

Remained in house and dealt with correspondence during forenoon with secretary. In afternoon went to Dr. O. Martin, Dentist, and to Dr. Minnes. Walked for an hour on way home. Worked at my papers later in afternoon and during evening. Allies' reply to Germany's peace note was published yesterday and has produced good effect. Even pacifist U.S. press says it was "only reply that could be given".

Wednesday, January 3, 1917

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Rogers came and reported on visit to Montreal. Says feeling is in favor of Sevigny but that Forget has to be considered. Thinks we should send for Forget and that he will get in touch with him. Sir Charles Ross came at 12 and talked discursively and wildly for half an hour. Insisted that I should promise him order for 200,000 rifles. I refused. Subsequently I discussed rifle situation with Kemp and Meighen and arranged interview with Ross. Capt. McCombe called to discuss Army Medical Service. He says all Canadians in London got drunk for joy on night that Hughes resignation was announced. J.C. O'Laughlin of Chicago brought message from Ambass'r as to Prince Rupert. He thinks Lansing's first statement was issued with authority of President. Says latter does not know what to do about submarines. Held Council at 2.30 and disposed of routine. Reid suggests that we app't B.A. Maoffab collector of Customs, Mtl. Doherty, Blondin and Patenaude gave good report as to Bishops' attitude on Nat'l Service. Discussed with them & Rogers app't of P.M.G. They favour Sevigny. Rogers brought extr'y doc't signed by Mrs. Kelly which apparently implicates Laurier. I do not credit it.

Thursday, Jan. 4, 1917

Letter from Laurier that he does not object to publication of last year's correspondence. Delegation of Mfr's Association came at noon. Hobson, Gourlay, Parsons, Benson, Sherrard and Henderson. They discussed Murray incident, spoke of their desire to cooperate &c. and I replied in conciliatory tone. Beaubien and Sherrard took one half hour to explain his project of sample trains in Canada & France. I told him to prepare full written memo. Morgan came to speak of Forget's aspirations and I telegraphed F. to come to Ottawa.. Several discussions with Ministers as to filling Cabinet vacancy. Council in afternoon and dealt chiefly with routine. Telegraphed Perley as to gossip in Mtl re Graham peerage. Sevigny arrived and I asked him as to carrying his county in a contested election as member of Gov't. He is confident that it can be done. Dined in evening with Sherwoods. Henderson a very poor whist player but he thinks otherwise.

Friday, Jan.5, 1917

A very arduous and trying day. Dealt with correspondence and then long interview with G.A.Warburton as to prohibition question. Apparently an earnest and straightforward man but said to be narrow. He suggests postponement of delegation and personal private confce. I explained to him our position. Discussed it afterwards in Council and decided not to postpone. Then an hour's rather unsatisfactory confce with Forget who evidently wants to come into gov't without portfolio and without relinquishing his business connections. Told him this was impossible. He went away dissatisfied, as I afterwards learned. He said Rogers "story" to him on Tuesday was "enough to put a man to sleep standing up". In Council discussed strike at Sault and afterward's conferred with Flavelle recommending him to have demands complied with and raise price of shells. Asked Blondin as to retaining his portfolio or taking that of P.M.G. He said that he and Patenaude had better remain as at present. Austria reported to have asked intervention of the Pope.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 1917

At office very early. Directed Clark to look after publicity in the case of Col. Bruce's attempt to attack. Telegraphed Perley that Osler should come out in that case. White says Kemp very much overworked. Russian Consul General arrived with General Zalibffsky and Lieut. Poretzesky who represent Russian Purchasing Cora'n now extended to Canada. Council at 11. Discussed strike at Sault and impending strike in western coal mines. Also went over speech from Throne which was approved. Much discussion as to tactics as to extension of Parl'y term. I suggested not bringing on motion until after my return unless we are sure they will accept it. Wrote to His Ex. sending draft of speech. Also wrote him submitting Sevigny's name. He answered by telephone at once approving Discussed in Council admission of India to Imp. Confce. Doherty greatly opposed with faddish reasons. Meighen favours. Interviews with Sherwood and- Fitzgerald and arranged for Sherwood to go to Sault; but in evening learned that strike was settled. Fred's

death announced this morning. Sent tlgm of sympathy to Bessie. also tlgm regretting my inability to leave. Sent Hal and telegraphed for flowers to be sent. He was in his 70th year. His life was very successful in many ways but he had many difficulties of temperament and environment to contend with.

Sunday, Jan 7, 1917

Cloudy with some snow. Wrote yesterday to Gordon Wilson and Descarries to move and second address. Doherty came at 3.15 to say that Blondin should be promoted to P.M.G. and Patenaude to Sec'y of State. I agreed. Then Burnham came (just returned from France) and asked me to look over appeal for recruiting. Russian Gen. and Capt. and Miss K. Burke, His Ex. and Capt McIntosh came at 4.36. Duke with beatific smile announced as soon as he had seated himself that his son, Lord Hartington was engaged to daughter of Marquess of Salisbury. He is delightfully unconventional and sincere.

Monday, Jan. 8, 1917

Confce with Sevigny and suggested that he should take portfolio of In.Eev. He did not like it, said it would interfere with his election. After cons'n with Blondin I persisted. The O.C's were passed at 12 and I attended His Ex. when Sevigny and Blondin were sworn. Then lengthy confce with His Ex. on several matters. He thinks we ought to refer to National Service and if possible to production of munitions. Made shrewd suggestion as to reference in speech to numbers enlisted and at front. Saw Sevigny and Blondin at luncheon. Then confce with Sevigny as to Forget whom he distrusts and fears. He wants Senatorship left vacant until after election. Nom'n fixed for 20th. Women of Montreal want to come on prohibition to number of 150. News from front not important. Burnham says Hughes inspections in G.B. rare farcical. Blondin says Parent states that extension of Pari'y term will be granted.

Tuesday. Jan. 9, 1917

Colder and heavy snow during day. Bennett came at 11 for nearly an hour as to various matters. Favours prohibition by order in Council but modified his view on reflection. Thinks Rogers has bedevilled military situation by improper app'ts in Winnipeg. Then Shaughnessy for more than an hour. Thinks Gov't would be returned but strongly opposed to an election. Greatly concerned about bilingual situation. Fears civil strife. Is to see Laurier this afternoon. Thinks so called Nat'l Gov't desirable if possible. Then in Council and discussed for two hours questions which will probably arise at approaching Imperial Confce. Did not get much light on any subject. Then considered statement to be made to Prov'l delegates tomorrow. Afterwards telegraphed to Perley as to Ross' statement respecting alterations in rifle in England. Letter from

Nanton and other business men in Wpg. asking for reconstruction of Gov't.

Wednesday, Jan.10, 1917

Very cold, 10 below. Early at office. Strange letter from Osier is to which I expressed surprise in relying. Important tlgm from Perley stating that Br. Govt, could not go behind res'n of Parl't for extension and would put through Bill. Looked up Senate and found that we can rely on majority of 7 on division if all vacancies are filled. Went to dentist for an hour. Confce with J. A. McDonald and assured him of my deal re to appoint him to Senate as soon as conditions permit. Entertained Prov'l delegates at luncheon and then met them in conference for 3 hours. A very interesting discussion. Discussed chiefly land settlement. Many interesting suggestions made. Several Provinces, notably Ontario, have policy of financial assistance" somewhat like White's. White naturally wants his own scheme. Strong Russian offensive begun.

Thursday, Jan.11, 1917

During forenoon confce with Prov. delegates 10 to 12 in which we discussed land settlement in every conceivable aspect and in relation to federal lands. Provincial lands and lands in private ownership. Debate as to giving assistance to soldiers settling on land and no corresponding advantage to soldiers engaging in other occupations. At 12 went to receive delegation (men's) on prohibition. They spoke strongly by Warburton, the chief orator. I told them that our legislation implemented that of the Provinces to utmost limit of provincial jurisdiction. Said Federal law not desirable unless it could be enforced. Delegation evidently disappointed. Then rec'd women's delegation until after two. They spoke more eloquently and feelingly than the men. Gave them same reply which evidently surprised them. Then to Prov'l confce until six. Prepared statement for press. Then very tired to dinner at Gov't House. Laurier and I and delegates.

Friday, Jan. 12, 1917

Fair sleep last night. First this week. Early at office. Temp. 20 below last night. Allies note to U.S. published today and well rec'd. I think it very good. Strong and convincing. Called Council at 11, dealt with coal shortage on I.C.R. and then long discussion as to Ross Rifle. Meighen explained Ross' intrigue with Liberal press and their mistakes. Ross says he suggested to me that we should manufacture Lee Enfield rifle. This is pure fiction. Drafted tlgm to Perley explaining Ross' attitude and making inquiries. Brewster discussed with Doherty and me his appl'n for Imperial Leg'n to ratify B.C. acts. Also his wish to have Judge McDonald act on com'n to investigate election irregularities. Tlgm from Long that Br. Gov't would act on majority vote of Senate and H.

of C. to extend Parl'y term. Sir W. McZ. suggests that Lash would accompany me to England.

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1917

Went early to office. Very tired and irritable. Remained until about eleven and disposed of correspondence. Then home and worked in open air with snow shovel for an hour. All afternoon going over documents relative to matters that may be brought up during session and getting into mind material for speech on debate on address. Considered situation of war at beginning of 1917 as compared with 1916. Undoubtedly we are in a better position notwithstanding German successes in Roumania. Larger armies, stronger artillery, greater supply of munitions; and in all these Germany relatively weaker. Hope peace may come this year. Beautiful snowstorm in afternoon. Falling snow in light of park lamps almost fairylike. The flakes seemed like flowers from heaven strewing the bosom of mother earth fast asleep until spring. P.D. & Mrs. Ross dined with us in evening. He spoke of Porter's stupidity in first declining and then rung for mayoralty.

Sunday, Jan. 14, 1917

Delightful winter day. Kingsford of Toronto wanted to see me but I turned him over to Hugh Clark. At 12.30 Doherty came to speak of Grit application to M.P. Davis for money to enable Cannon to run in Dorchester. Thought I should see him which I doubt. Sent for Blount and discussed matter with him and arranged that he should go to see Davis this evening and sound him on the whole situation. Looked over my speech on resolution to extend life of Parliament and saw that I twice stated it should not be passed against consent, of opposition. The only reason for departing from this would be the additional number of troops overseas and their evident inability to vote. Walked with Laura in the early evening and then worked during evening. There is much preparation yet to be done.

Monday, Jan. 15, 1917

Went to office early and disposed of much business with Clark, Blount and Christie. Blount had interview with M.P.D. who evidently has no intention of assisting Grits in Dorchester. He thinks, however, that Cannon may run. Says Cochrane's management of Transcontinental is very unpopular in that county. Discussed with Clark effect of my statement in debate on extension of Parliament last session in case we decided to put it through by majority vote. Asked Ministers to dinner at Rideau Club for Wednesday evening. Worked at my house all afternoon and evening. Practically decided to make important speech in debate on address. Not quite sure whether I shall reply in kind to Laurier. Better leave him the aggressor. Laura had severe operation at dentist's but with her usual

pluck and consideration said nothing to me until afterwards.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1917

Tremendously busy day. At office at 9. Rogers came at ten to discuss senatorship and at eleven met western Press Delegation as to assistance towards special wire Bast to West for Canadian news. Then Bennett on prohibition. Then labour delegation who discussed in very interesting manner several important matters and especially land settlement. Then to see G.G. as to McNab's attack on Graham re peerage. Then to luncheon, and thereafter confce with Arch.Bruchesì re Lafontaine monument and assistance to Trappist monks at Oka. Then council, disposed of much routine business and then debated prohibition after hearing Bennett and with 11 woman suffrage and amendment to Franchise Act-excluding foreign born. Tlgm came that Sevigny is to be opposed by L.Cannon in Dorchester. Sent for H.G. He came in evening and showed me McNab's letter to him.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1917

Confce in morning with Sir Charles Ross as to Ross rifle when he stated that it was in London that he spoke to me about his factory producing Ross Rifle for G.B. Told him it must have been very casual as there was no letter and I had no note of it. Discussed with Rogers and Doherty senatorships in Quebec and Manitoba. Thought they should stand. Attended His Ex. and had long discussion as to political conditions here and in G.B. and dangers of election. Also as to my visit to G.B. and the War Confce. Explained to him what Graham said about McNab's attack and showed him McNab's letter to H.G. Council in p.m. Discussed but did not fill senate vacancies. In evening had Ministers at dinner Rid Club. All present, except 3 French Ministers. Reported that we shall have a hand fight in Dorchester. Discussed procedure at session. They all came into my view/ Grits evidently intend to oppose extension Parl'y term.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 1917

Saw 207th Regt match past His Ex. at Chateau Laurier. Good physique but poor training and discipline. Very ragged. Then to office and long confce with Walker as to western conditions and as to Geo. W. Allan's views. He understands situation but most business men do not. Discussed shortness of labour, and embargo on scrap steel with Flavelle. Then to H.of C. to meet Dep. Gov at Senate. Moved Rhodes app't as Speaker which Laurier supported and we (Rogers & I) escorted him to his seat. Then spoke of death of Casgrain, Baker, Gray and Lovell. Then to house and went over accumulation of papers and during evening continued preparation of speech on debate on address. Rogers left for Montreal and Quebec to assist in Dorchester election. Reid says Federal Pub. Bureau not doing well. Caldwell a bad actor.

Friday, Jan, 19, 1917

Went to office early. Drafted memorandum for my speech in debate on address. Arranged with Governor to lay on table of House correspondence respecting War Confce. Cannon's speech last evening at Dorchester is regarded as very detrimental to Grit cause and to Laurier personally as Cannon is running under his aegis. Sent tlgm to Sevigny congratulating him on speech. Spoke to H-.Clark about publicity for Cannon's speeches. Went with Laura at 2.20 to opening of Parl't. Wore Windsor uniform with sash and Cross of St. M. & St. G. and Grande Croix of the Legion of Honour. Gov. wore Lord Lieut's uniform and looked imposing. The Duchess and three daughters came. The ceremony went off well but French translator had omitted one par* of speech which was discovered only at last moment and sent in typewritten form. Worked all evening at my papers.

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1917

Very cold yesterday and today, 10 to 15 below. Confce with Rogers who says that Shaughnessy is very impertinent in his observations with regard to the Gov't. R. is not impressed with ability or resourcefulness of our French Ministers. Council at 11. Dealt with routine and appointed 7 Senators, Crosby, Tanner, Bourque, Richardson, Nicholls, G.D. Robertson and Lynch-Staunton. Confce with Doherty and afterwards with Bennett as to Sherrard's request for money to make, propaganda in favour of Nat' l service. Wrote to Sherrard. Doherty left for N.Y. to see Col. Trety before he explodes. Eonfce with J. S. McLennan and afterwards with D.H. McDougall all as to senatorship for Cape Breton and Gillies' claims. Very hot campaign in Dorchester. Grits say they will defeat Sevigny by a thousand. Dinner party this evening, Col 4 Mrs. Kelly Evans, Hendersons, Rogers, Reids, Ld. R. Seville, Mrs. McCurdy, the Anglins, &c.

Sunday, Jan. 21, 1917

Worked at correspondence and documents and notes for speech nearly all day. Very difficult to obtain accurate and satisfactory information from various departments. In afternoon Dafoe of Winnipeg came by appointment and I had a very interesting conversation with him on many matters relating to the war. He does not believe in an imperial parl't or in a Council of Dom. representatives at the foreign office. A very able man and evidently far above the class which our western newspapers command. Thinks I was right in 1903 about the railway policy. Believes we will have to nationalize G.T.P, but that Canadian northern has a great future. Montagu Barlow, British M.P. also came and discussed war conditions Greatly interested in pensions. No special news from front. Easterly storm in the evening. Fighting with a heavy incipient cold.

Monday, Jan. 22, 1917

Finished preparation for speech and went to office at 11.30. Council at 12 and discussed estimates. Then at 3 to H.ofC Wilson and Descarries made good speeches, the latter challenging Laurier to disavow Cannon. Laurier followed in an hour's speech. He was pretty tame but tried to make some capital out of the Hughes correspondence. Offered to adjourn session to enable me to go to War Conference. I followed 5.15 and did not finish at 6. Resuming at 8 I spoke to 9.45 the longest speech I have made in many years. Reviewed Gov'ts work in the war. Answered Laurier's attack as to firmness and decision. Spoke too long. Repeated myself somewhat through weariness. Reached home at 12.30. Suffering from heavy cold.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1917

At office early. Dealt with correspondence and held Council at 11. Discussed acceptance of Laurier's offer to adjourn Parliament. Decided to hold caucus tomorrow. Dealt with estimates and reduced C.F.'s gratuities. Debate resumed with coarse and abusive speech from E.M.Macdonald which was answered by Stevens. Then a speech from Oliver. I did not go back in the evening. J.S.O'Brien and Norsworthy had interviews about senator-ships. The latter at great length and almost hysterical. Then Druins, Tanner and Crosby called. Sent for Boys and asked him to take up Cannon's speeches and challenge Laurier to approve or disapprove. Suffering terribly from very heavy cold.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1917

Much milder today. At office early dealing with correspondence and then to caucus at 11. Full attendance. Addressed them and explained fully the situation as I understand it. They received my explanation very cordially and concurred in it. There were suggestions as to the need of a Dominion Franchise Act and as to better methods of recruiting. They concurred in the view that I should go to the confere and that Parl't should adjourn in the meantime. Fight in Dorchester waxing warmer and Cannon losing his temper. Grits had stormy caucus today. Boys made good speech putting up Dorchester campaign to Laurier. Discussed national service with Sherrard and afterwards with White and Kemp. McKenzie called again for help. Ralph Connor came in evening and I discussed his proposed visit to Waited States.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1917

Slept badly. Up and at office early. Council at 11.30, and decided to

make statement in House today. Discussed yesterday's despatch from Col. Secy. White says he cannot go to England again. Ascertained that Rogers wishes to go. Hazen suggested that he would like to go. Disposed of much routine business. White told us that Hughes intends to attack him in House and that he proposes to defend himself vigorously. Went to Country Club for luncheon with Hendersons. Their Ex. were guests, party of 16. Very pleasant. Made statement in House at 3. Said we would adjourn. Then confuse with Doherty as to his interview with Hosmer and as to Irish Reg't Much snow still falling. Her Ex. Told me that her son when he was 9 made up his mind to marry the Salisbury girl. Friday, Jan. 26. At office early and sent for Bennett and discussed with him proposals to extend duties of national Service Board. White came and raved for half an hour respecting the alleged conspiracy against him for which he blames Rogers. Then Council and disposed of routine. Discussed date of dailing. Afterwards asked Reid about White's excitement. He thinks Rogers is not conspiring against White but that Rogers for some reason is planning a coalition Gov't. Then confuse with Flavelle as to securing rails for South Africa. Then to H.of C. and interview with Laurier who promised that business would be through so as to permit me to sail on 8th. Instructed Christie to procure information for discussion on War app. Put Flavelle in touch with Graham A.Bell as to S.A.rails. Weather very cold. Betting two to one against Sevigny.

Saturday, January 27, 1917

Long day in Council. Dealt with much routine. Discussed question of recruiting and decided on raising ,voluntarily an army for home defence^conscription to be used later if necessary Discussed also conferring further powers upon Board of National Service. Sent around to each Minister direction that employment of returned soldiers is not a matter of party patronage. McKenzie came as to interest on guaranteed obligations. (Fold him must await White's return from N.Y. Discussed also submarine menace. Decided to order construction of 12 ships and sent a personal tlgm to Carson for guns and gunners. At 7 got news of Sevigny's election by 300. Sent him tlgm of congratulation. Great excitement over victory which will tend to keep a better understanding between the two races. Temp 18 below last night.

Sunday, January 28, 1917

Sent for Clark at 10 to discuss victory in Dorehester and our attitude thereon. We agreed in our conclusions and I arranged that he should take up the matter with our press. He thinks with Meighen that the result will greatly affect Laurier's prestige and tend to destroy the confidence of the Literals in his ability to win through union of the French and foreign vote. In afternoon discussed with Clark and Perry distribution of R.N.W.M.P. and the increase of the force with a view to overseas service. O'Laughlin of Chicago came and advanced the view that Wilson's peace efforts are intended to strengthen his position in the spring when the Germans renew and intensify their submarine barbarities. G.B.Gordon came with tlgm from Admiralty as to building

100 drifters and 36 trawlers to protect against submarines. Told him to see Hazen this evening.

Monday, Jan. 29, 1917

At office early and disposed of much routine. Sent for Edwards and cautioned him as to his speech; should be considerate of French. Strange tlgm from John M. Godfrey attacking Turiff and censuring me. Foster returned looking well. He says war prospects considered good may end this year; submarine menace serious. Thinks War Confce called without much consideration as to what will be accomplished. Interesting interview with Mulloy who reports that a big movement on foot for a national gov't. Thinks a big convention will be called of both parties. Made statement in House denying Turriff's assertion. White returned from H.Y. where he had a great reception. Consulted him as to further assistance to C.H.B. and gave further letter. Discussed national service with Bennett who flooded me with hie earnest views. In evening cons'n with Rogers as to our visit to England.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1917.

At office early. Dealt with correspondence. Council at 11 and discussed provision against submarine menace. Kemp opposed to having Duke of Connaught as Inspector General. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 and discussed many matters, including my visit to England and his visits to Ont. Man. Western Provinces and Quebec. At 3 went to House. Hughes began to speak about 4 and spoke till 5.15. He was very moderate but made a few dans at White who made a long speech in reply. Our men very angry as they thought White should not have spoken. Then I left Rogers in charge of House and had interview with McNeil of Vancouver who gave me message from Tupper. On the whole the Hughes episode went off very well. Very tired and wholly weary of the political life.

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1917

Bad night, insomnia. Sent for Clarke and Christie as to failure to prepare answers to questions. Dealt with correspondence. Council at 11 and went over questions and motions which involved considerable discussion. Sevigny in Council for first time. Then to House at 2. Answered many questions on Order paper. Moved resolution giving Gov't every day until 15th inst. Then confuse with J.E. Armstrong as to lack of proper representation in Western Ont. Than interview with Sir C. Ross as to affairs of Ross Rifle Co. and repairs to title. Then discussion with various callers including Col Chambers as to censoring date of my departure. All evening preparing for War Appropriation and going over correspondence respecting Ross Rifle. Very tired. Plot discovered to murder Lloyd George.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 1917

German note threatening to sink all neutral shipping bound to and from Br. Islands creates great excitement in U.S. War thought to be imminent. Prepared for vote of 500 millions. Called Council and appointed H.W. Laird senator for Sask. Letter from Aird as to provision in case C.N.R. are in default after payment of \$3,500,000 on int. charges before April 15. E.J. Chamberlain of G.T. came by App't. Sir H.G. arrived and earnestly entreated me to impress colleagues with necessity of raising \$250,000 for next election. Took up war appropriation and made pretty full explanation in first instance. Grits quite mild. Some discussion on recruiting methods, lack of system &c &c. Laurier took little part. Notice from Pardee of motion for committee on care of returned soleirs.

Friday, Feb. 2, 1917

At office fairly early, weather very cold. Tlgm from Parley as to Admiralty arrangements for my transportation to England. Discussed in Council question of asking Laurier to cooperate in appointing a standing war committee. Usual objections taken, based on short sighted view of situation. Col. Mignault called to suggest that Blondin should be sent to France to visit French Canadians at the front. Rumoured that U.S. will sever diplomatic relations with Germany at once. In House took up again 500 mils, war appropriation. Discussion continued until 11.30. Ross Rifle under fire. I spoke at great length on that subject, placing all the correspondence and documents before the Committee, to the evident satisfaction of our members. Very tired. The Liberals not very aggressive but Oliver made a violent speech late, in the evening and I dressed him down.

Saturday, Feb. 3, 1917

At office early. Tlgm from Brothers as to proposals for ending strike in western coal mines. Much discussion thereon in Council. Took up question of guns for submarines and finally approved of Hazen's tlgm to Admiralty. The U.S. have severed diplomatic relations with Germans and President states that whenever an American ship is sunk without warning by a submarine, war will be declared. Letter from H.E. as to a message to President. Discussed this with Laurier and we decided that Spring Rice should be consulted. Did not take up war app'n but ran through order paper. Discussed yesterday in Council question of a coalition Gov't. Many ministers apparently in favour of it. Went to Gov't House and discussed U.S. situation with G.G. Wrote urgent letter to Kemp as to Home Defence.

Sunday, Feb. 4, 1917

Worked during forenoon at various documents and papers. H.W.Brown came at 12.45 respecting his trouble with Kemp as to increased salary. In afternoon had very interesting talk with Glazebrook who told me when Willison last returned from Ottawa he said "By God, I am a Borden man." I explained to Glazebrook fully and frankly the difficulties of the situation and my attitude towards them. I said that Nat'l Gov't was only a phrase which had not definite meaning in the minds of those who used it. I told him that the attitude of Laurier on bilingualism made coalition with him almost impossible and that in anycase coalition was hardly ever possible until it was inevitable. Col. Wood, Doughty, Jameson and Lefurgy also called. Laura presided at meeting in Russell Theatre in aid of Patriotic fund.

Monday, Feb. 5, 1917

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Tlgm from Col. Secy as to my journey to England. Urgent and secret. Consulted Laurier at six as to date of adjournment and sent reply. Discussed with Meighen debate on Ross Rifle and arranged as to documents that should be used. Tlgm from Crothers that western strike has been settled. Took up appropriation. Long debate on Ross Rifle which lasted until 1.30. Oliver very tedious. Got resolution through and introduced bill. Sam made usual extravagant statements. Meighen replied very effectively to opposition, but was constantly interrupted. Opposition evidently primed by Sir Charles Ross who will eventually get what is coming to him. He is cunning and clever but lacks common sense.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1917

Late at office. Attended G.G. at 11.30 who told me of the extraordinary non-responsive replies from Spring Rice, who seems to be in a jumpy condition. Several British ships sunk yesterday and one American sailor killed. Wilson is still trying to keep out of war until Germany clearly puts herself in the wrong by an overt act. Took up war appropriation and had long discussion during afternoon on Oversea's Hospital conditions. In the evening a warm discussion raised upon the Bruce & Baptie reports. German made an attack upon the surplus officers in England to which Taylor of B.C. made a most telling and effective reply, very bitter at the close. A hot debate arose and Graham signalled me that they would put the resolution through without further discussion.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1917

Weather much milder. Damp snow storm in afternoon and evening. Very

tired. Went to office at 10 and disposed of routine. Attended at 12 to present Commons'reply to His Ex.speech. Council at 12 and passed O.C. answering Foreign Office as to our messages of congratulation to Russia, Serbia, &c at New Year. At opening of House moved that reading of War App'n bill. Also res'n appointing committees on care of returned soldiers and on celebration of 50th Anniversary Discussed with Kemp Clark and White app ' t of Stewart Lyon by Ass.Press. Told Kemp not to override it. Discussed Boss Rifle question with Nesbitt. Dep Gov.came at 5.30 to assent to bills. In moving adj. spoke briefly urging cooperation and united effort. Rogers made foolish attack on Citizen.

Thursday, Feb. 8, 1917

At office very early. Bennett came and discoursed for more than an hour instead of ten minutes as arranged. He agrees that we should disfranchise those who have not signed national service cards. Tlgm from Admiralty that they would hold Cruiser till 15th but that she is urgently required. Replied that I would arrive about midnight so as to go on board before 1 A.M. on 14th. Held Council and discussed question of recruiting. Kemp argued against immediate enlistment of forces for home defence as it will stop recruiting for overseas service. Finally decided to postpone for a time and to utilize voluntary system at first. Interesting conversation with Mulloy as to Nat'l Gov't movement and ascertained its extent, gut him in touch in evening with Hugh Clark. Bennett thinks I should take Holt to England with me. Doherty in great distress about Trihey's resignation and as to Father Burke's pretensions. In evening attended Bennett's dinner to Hat'l service directors and then discussed Ross Rifle situation with White & Meighen.

Friday, Feb. 9, 1917

Devoted the whole day from 9 to 6.30 to interviews with Ministers and others. Discussed Nova Scotia political affairs with Tanner and Dr. Stewart. A short conversation with M.P.Davis as to allowance to Fitzpatrick. Discussed with Watters attitude of organized labour, further rep'n in Senate and proposed conscription of alien labour in West. Took up I.C.R. sit'n with Cochrane. Sir W. McKenzie and Hanna unfolded a scheme whereby C.N.R. should acquire G.T.P., G.T., N.T.R. and I.C.R. Utterly chimerical. Discussed with Nesbitt and Sir C.Ross acquisition of Ross Rifle factory. White discussed our policy respecting railway problems and Drayton came afterwards for same purpose and he thinks Gov't should do what McK. wants to do. Went over Militia affairs with Kemp and McCurdy. Council, in evening 8 to 11 and discussed land settlement, Rural Credits and Technical Education.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1917

All forenoon dealing with correspondence in anticipation of

departure. Arranged for Blount to accompany me to Halifax. Discussed with Cochrane and Rogers arrangements to be made in case election should be necessary. Rogers brought up Kelly's case and explained Doherty's view. Conferred with Bennett as to further activities of national Service. Council at two and discussed proposed dismissal of letter carriers Hoop and Durward for opposing Nat'l Service. Took up question of guns for patrol boats and admiralty despatch thereon. Decided to appoint no more Senators until my return. Confce with Doherty as to Trihey and long tlgm to Perley thereon. Prepared despatch to Perley as to arrangements respecting export of nickle. Worked at various matters all evening. Weather very cold.

Sunday, Feb. 11, 1917

Therm. 24 below last night. Went to All Saints with L. thence to Gov't House for luncheon. Afterwards had confce with His Ex. He asked me to accept new order and suggested Laurier also. I told him I would prefer recognition to others but if he wished especially I would accept. He presented several names and I suggested Flavelle, Bennett, Marshall and Lady Drummond. Explained Ross Rifle situation and he approved our proposal to acquire factory. Told him that I had sent Pope yesterday to ET.Y. to confce with Ambassador or Berkeley as to message to Foreign Office and as to recruiting. Long confuse with Doherty as to Kelly's case and many other matters including general political situation. Mr. & Mrs. Graham of File Hills Indian Reserve called. Major Gauthier came to press claim for appointment to Senate.

Monday ,Feb. 12, 1917

At office early. Sent for Reid and discussed with him railway situation, movement for national Gov't, party organization and many other matters. Made recommendation to Council for Blounts appointment to Clerkship of Senate. Told Reid to arrange with White for resotation of B.J's allowance in Estimates. Held Council and disposed of routine business and passed O.G. for exam'n of mails, papers &c of ships coming into Canada. This for Bernstorffs ship. Discussed further commandeering of wheat and appointed Foster, Loughheed Meighen Burrell Reid and Roche as subcommittee thereon. Deft at 3.30. Reid and Clarke came to see us off. Mr. & Mrs. Hazan, Mrs. McKay, Christie, Cole Smith & Blount with me. Left Mtl (St. Henri) at 7.45.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1917

At Riviere du Loup thought we were at Campbellton and afterwards discovered we were 6 hours late. Heavy blizzard and intense cold in the night. Met troop train with returned soldiers, talked with one of the officers, Burgess of Woodstock. He reports great confidence at front. Many of the men returning with him have lost arm or leg.

Gutelius met us at Moncton and thought we would reach Halifax at 1. Major Harrington joined us from Woodstock to Moncton. Reached Truro at 1 and found honour list announced last evening. Hazen not pleased. Cantley joined us at Truro. Interesting conversation with him as to Wabana iron deposits, danger of U.S. capital and to shipbuilding. Arrived at Hfx. about 2.45. Got on board about 3.20. Capt.. spoke of Hazens being displeased with accommodation. Had cup of soup with him in smoking room. Retired at 4.30.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1917

Room terribly cold, Put on dressing gown and all blankets and added fur coat. All water pipes frozen. Left at 6 A.M. Had breakfast in bed. We have our own party at luncheon. Sir E. Morris on board. Got bath by having water brought up to my bathroom. I have Chief Gunner's room. Officers seem fine lot of men. At 4.30 had boat drill. Christie, Smith & I are assigned to No. 5 boat. Weather much milder than when we left Hx. this morning. Calgarian carries 8 in. guns. Crew 450. Has 150 Canadian recruits besides. Sister ship Alsatian is in 10th Cruiser Squadron. Weather overcast, slight sea. Capt. Corbett says voyage will take 7 days. After dinner Capt. asked me about officers coming into smoking room. I said I didn't understand why they had not come before. We all played bridge, Padre, McKeggie, Christie and I. Padre good.

Thursday, Feb. 15, 1917

Fair bright weather. Therm 31. Arose 7, breakfast at 8. Walked for an hour. Capt. says we may get in Tuesday night. Sailors preparing for concert this evening. Lady Morris has not yet appeared. Bell fixed up' in my room. Capt. Kenyan, Navigating Officer, was on Empress Ireland. Knows Scott and Calder and is related to McKenzie a lawyer of Regina, partner of Brown formerly Lieut. Gov. of Sask. News by wireless this morning but nothing of importance. Capt. a fine man, evidently of marked ability, but he is on the way to ruin himself by indulgence in stimulants. Between 12 and 2.30 yesterday he imbibed 4 cocktails, a scotch whiskey and a large glass of port. Played bridge in evening with Parson, Kane, Lieut. Jones and another officer. Men gave concert at 8.15. Very creditable. Able Seaman Paul has a fine voice, thoroughly trained.

Friday, Feb. 16, 1917

Weather still good and warmer. Walked an hour in morning doing 4 miles and in evening an hour from 5.45 to 6.45. Later very interesting and rather weird. Ship in darkness. Shadowy forms here and there in the shadow. Wireless news this morning but nothing of importance. Wilson still trying to keep U.S. out of war. Read interesting article by Roosevelt in Metropolitan Magazine in which he speaks very highly of

my speech before

Lawyers Club and gives Canada great credit for her achievements and her spirit in this war. Played bridge in evening with Capt. Rogers and Hazen. Hislop Barrister of Moosejaw is among the R.C.N.R. on board. Weather getting somewhat fresher this evening. Expect to meet destroyers Monday evening at 6.

Saturday, Feb, 17, 1917

Rough weather this forenoon. Ladies and Buskard did not make their appearance. Too rough to walk. Wireless news not of importance. Capt. says weather too rough to expect attack from submarines or aid from destroyers. Lady Morris said to be very ill. Mal de mer. Expansion joint creating like all possessed it is just at the corner of my cabin. They have discovered in the C.V.R. (R.N.) a full fledged doctor, a graduate of McGill. Eight of our reservists from Gilbert Plains, Man. Read and played bridge during evening. Ship making about 17 knots. Weather very close and almost oppressive. Infernal expansion joint kept me awake half the night. Read a very amusing series of sketches "Philip in Particular". Also press clippings.

Sunday, Feb, 18, 1917

Rose at 6.45 and went to communion service at 7.30. Then an hour's walk with Sir B. Morris at 12. Before that morning service at 9.45. By Capt's request I read the lesson. In afternoon saw a boy, Galet, from Guernsey who joined the navy when war broke out. He was in the Warrior at the battle of Jutland and gave a graphic description of the fight. He said that the Black Prince was out of action and quite near the Warrior when a big shell struck her and she disappeared. The Warrior sank two destroyers and a light cruiser. They were firing at each other before those on deck could see the other ships. At noon today in Long. 28, We go N. of Ireland. Should arrive on Wednesday about 7.30 A.M. if all goes well. Destroyers to meet us at midnight Monday, Wrote to Laura and Julia.

Monday, Feb. 19, 1917

The creaking and grating of the expansion joint was so disturbing that at 3 A.M. I went to the smoking room and spent the rest of the night there. Boat drill this afternoon. We are now well within danger zone. Expect to pick up destroyers between 1 and 3 A.M. tomorrow. Went over documents and dictated some letters to Perley. Discussed our mission with Rogers and Hazen and gave them files to read. Lady Morris says a friend of hers Mrs. Gortling has written wonderfully good books on Brittany. Magister quelquefois se grise et il est inutile et dangereux. Parson Kane wants me to assist him in getting living in the Crown patronage. Weather somewhat cooler. News from the front came in at midnight, rather encouraging. Tried to sleep in my cabin but had to give

it up and went to the smoking room at 2 A.M.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1917

Rose at 7.15, good sleep for nearly 5 hours. Went on deck. Destroyers not sighted, but in wireless communication. I blandly suggested to some of the officers that an effective way to avoid submarines would be to make a rendezvous with them and then try to keep it. Des officiers parlent beaucoup de la conduite du capitaine. Weather much cooler. Packed bag last night with necessaries in case we should take to the boats. Sat up late and went to my room at one but had to abandon it on account of expansion joint's activity. Remained in smoking room all night and had a very comfortable sleep. Went down to my cabin at 7.15 and found that destroyers were not in sight (morning of 21st) but that we had been communicating with them by wireless in the night and that we are to meet them at 1 P.M. off Island.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1917

We did not meet the destroyers off Tory Island. Passed over place where Laurentic was struck by mine and then went back 12 miles to look for destroyers. Kendal thinks this was unwise. Were stopped by fog at Rathlin Sound and on our way to Bar Lightship where we had to stop. Pilot came on board at 2.30. At 3 P.M. we started for Liverpool and nosed our way through fog for 2 1/2 hours, arriving at 5.30. Wet with penetrating cold. Met by Admiral Stileman and his secretary Weston. Went to L & N.W. Hotel where we got very good rooms. The Morris's, Hazen and Jiggers dined with me in my sitting room. Gave 3 cheers for Calgarian when we left. Sent telegram to Laura on arrival at Liverpool. Prepared yesterday and today statement for press.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1917

Weather still foggy and unpleasant. Read with much interest speeches of Carson and Churchill in Commons yesterday. Started for London at 9.30 and arrived at 2.20. Met by Perley, Long's Secretary, Murray representing Duke of Connaught and others. At 4 went to see Long and discussed with him additional appointments to Emigration Com. and proposed proclamation respecting importations. Conferred thereon during evening with Perley, Rogers & Hasan. Discussed with Admiral Sir Charles Coke the submarine campaign and his approaching visit to Canada. Decided to appoint Rogers and Agents General as additional members of Committee on Emigration and land settlement. In evening discussed with Perley questions of administration &c in overseas affairs and difficulties as to breaking up units and as to position of Stead & Burke &c

Friday, Feb. 23, 1917

Burke came at 9.15 and detailed to me his grievances. He alleges that Perley's action degrades him. Told him frankly that church authorities were against him. Lord Hythe and afterwards Massey came for interviews. At 12 went to H. of C. to hear Lloyd George's speech which was serious and impressive; perhaps a little too grave from our standpoint. Then to luncheon with Duke of Connaught with whom I discussed question as to Irish Rangers. Afterwards took up same question with Major Campbell Stewart who told me of his experience in Ireland with Bishop of Limerick and others. A very clever man. Had been offered position in Embassy at Washington. Then to call at Buckingham Palace and on members of the War Cabinet. Thereafter confce with Long as to same matters. He approved of add'l appointments to Emigration Com.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1917

Dealt with correspondence and callers during forenoon. Col. Steaoy came and presented his case. He is much concerned about his status and pay. Also Gen. Leckie who wishes promotion to Major Generalship. Then to Buckingham Palace with Swinton and audience with King who was in good form and seemed much interested in what I told him of Canadian conditions. He told me that we had captured or destroyed many submarines. Thinks war will last through this year but not long into next year. Germans in very serious economic condition. Brand and Hichens called and discussed submarines. Ac. Philip Kerr came from Lloyd George to explain that latter goes to France tomorrow for confce and will see me on Wednesday. Major Campbell Stuart gave me most interesting account of his visit to Ireland in making arrangements for tour of Irish Rangers. Thinks Trihey should not be recalled. Col. Lordly called to express his grievances. Dined in evening at Fitz and afterwards met Mrs. Yates of Montreal and another Montreal lady.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1917

First good sleep last night. Went with Swinton and Christie to St. Martin's in the Fields and heard impressive sermon from Rev. Mr. Shepherd. Thinks Church Eng. must be governed by Clergy and laity and not by Parliament. Then with Christie for walk in Strand through Lincoln's Inn, High Holborn and Kingsway. On return was informed by Hazen that N.B. Gov't had been defeated. Great surprise. All French Counties went Liberal. At 4.30 went to Mrs. Greville's to a gathering of Canadians. Mrs. Greville very kind and charming. Met many Canadians including Major Edwards who has lost both his hands and another officer who has lost both legs. Met Duchess of Rutland, Lord Middleton, Prince Draus (?) the Spanish Ambassador and his wife, Sir Chas. Younger, Lady Minto, Mrs. Hayter Held, Lady Holford and many others. Very enjoyable gathering. Seven Dutch ships sunk yesterday. They had refused to follow advice of Admiralty and relied on some guarantee from German sources.

Monday, Feb. 26, 1917

Rose early and dealt with correspondence. Drafted letter to Long on prohibition of importation. Confce with Long at 12 as to this subject and as to representation of H.Z. at War Conference. Both Massey and Ward want to come. Asked him to arrange visit to France. In afternoon went to War Cabinet offices and examined many tlgs and reports. Range and area of subjects enormous, touching every conceivable question and extending to almost every country in the world. Met. Col. Jones and Fleet Paymaster, Row. In evening long discussion with Perley as to military. Burke, Steacy, Leckie and others, Bennett's proposals for National Service &c. Discussed with him N.Z. Claim to have two representatives. Also considered questions as to Irish Rangers and Forestry operations,

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1917

Spent sleepless night and did not rise till 12. Saw Rogers and Hazen as to various matters at 10. At 1.30 went to Lady Perley's luncheon. Sir F. Lascelles, Lord F. Hamilton, Lady Minto, Duchess of Abercorn, Mr. & Mrs. Astor, Mrs. Bulkeley Miss Adam. Interesting conversation with Lady Minto. Then confce at 3 with Sir John Jellicoe as to submarine danger which he regards as serious, confirming the impression I received yesterday from correspondence. Then at 6 interesting conversation with Law. of London Times as to voice in foreign policy &c. Interview yesterday with Hurd of Mtl. Gazette who says Sir H.G. anxious for affective reports as to our activities. At 6.45 confce with Gerald White and Hepburn as to extension of Forestry operations and desirability of Can. control. Got through day fairly well. Perley desirous of outing.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1917

Better sleep last night. Dealt with correspondence. Saw Major Stuart as to message to Doherty. Then to Col. office where for 1 1/2 hours I discussed with Long variety of questions, date of Confce, rep'n of N.Z., restriction of import's, commandeering of cheese, Ireland, extension of Parl'y term, &c. He says that Lloyd George favours an election as he thinks he will sweep the country. Gave me an interesting history of Asquith's timidity, vacillation and inertia. Says that Lloyd George is practically a dictator. Various confces in afternoon, Carson who aired his grievances and intends to vindicate himself, Pratt & Schofield who think there is much discontent, & Y.M.C.A. delegation. Major Birks and others. Called on. Lowther and Barry, saw Duke of Wellington's room at Horse Guards and had long talk with Amery. Rec'd key of official despatch box from Col. Jones. In evening Parley's dinner at Marlborough Club. A large company. Sat between Lansdowne and Long. Had long talk with H.R.H. who was very gracious. A very pleasant evening. Met Lord Derby.

Thursday, March 1, 1917

Confce early with Rogers and Hazen. Told them I would take Perley as

a member of War Cabinet. Wrote Long as to that and many other matters. Col. Frank Reid came. Seems capable and sensible man. Revised interviews for Pall Mall Gazette and Telegraph. Went to luncheon with Perley and met Beaverbrook. Brade, Graham, Green and Stewart Lyon. Beaverbrook told me many interesting incidents in late change of Gov't. Says Lloyd George is amazingly clever. Confce in afternoon with Douglas of Can.Con.Co. as to contract with Russian Gov't for cars and long interview with Gen. Turnsr (who impressed me most favourably) as to C.E.F. He thinks too many British on staff of corps and of divisions. Read reports of McRae, McDonald, and Lindsay who show excellent attempts at reorganization and system. Rec's box from Colonial Office with reports for the day and agenda for tomorrow. Discussed these with Rogers. Sent tlgm to Foster as to securing cheese.

Friday, March 2, 1917

Conferred with Rogers and Hazen and then confce with Capt. Shaughnessy, as to 199th Regt and other matters. Then to the War Cabinet which was attended by P.M., Long, Balfour, Carson Chamberlain, Maclay, Addison, Derby, myself and Perley for Canada, Massey and Ward for N.Z. and Morris for Nfld. Interesting discussions on many matters, message from "Pater", submarine warfare construction or shipping, forestry battalions, &c. &c. Then to luncheon with Stuart Lyon as guest; interesting talk with him and gave him letter to Byng. Then to Foreign office and discussed with Balfour Aa'n situation and told him of message from Embassy through Pope. Cabled Foster that we must remain here until 30 April; also as to shipbuilding and forestry bns. Then confce with Gen. Jones, H.J Crowe and his son, Count Harsdyski, and others. Then to dinner with Lady Myra Cavendish. Met Lady iVolet Astor, Lady Herbert, Duchess of St. Albans, Lords Lansdowne & Crewe, Ld. Robert Cecil

Saturday, March 3, 1917

Discussed conditions with Rogers and Hazen at ten and arranged for thorn to attend meeting of Imports Restriction Com. Col. Edgecombe, a good but impulsive citizen from Man. called with a tale of woe. Talked with him for 40 minutes and smoothed him. Miss Jean Findlay also came and told that her fiance was killed on Somme last summer. Very earnest and interesting woman of fine purpose. In evening long cons'n with Perley as to military matters. He has fine ability hut is too mechanical. Urged him to get a couple of diplomatic and resourceful aides. Went to Cinema Exhibit at Buckingham palace. Sat next to the Queen. The cinema very good, showing Italian warfare in the Alps. The Masseys, Wards and Morris's there. Lady Minto, Lord Stanmore, Lady Amp thill, Duke and Princess Patricia came later. Met many Canadian, officers afterwards at tea; also N.Z., Aus. and S.A. officers. All convalescents. King and Queen went among them all.

Sunday, March 4, 1917

Cool dry air, quite cool and very pleasant. Went to luncheon with Lord Bryce and they were very late being detained in church. Had a very interesting talk with him as to conditions in America. Told him of conditions there as I understood them, and spoke of added respect of Americans for Canada since the war. Discussed briefly Samuel's article in Nineteenth Century and we agreed that his proposals are the most feasible solution yet submitted. In afternoon went to Qrr Lewis to see Canadians dancing. Met. Lady Dawson, Lady Minto, Lady Allen, Mrs. Bowles and Lady Enfield told me of their attempts at poultry raising. Dined in evening with Sir Julian and Lady Byng. He is evidently a strong man and very proud of his Canadian command. Is on leave suffering from gouty sore throat. Wants us to delay visit till his return to front. Thinks war will end this year but says he is no authority.

Monday, March 5, 1917

Ground covered with snow this morning. Dealt with correspondence. Sent several tlgs to Ottawa. Confce with Major Campbell Stuart and then with Col. Simpson, Col. McLean (both Wpg.) and Major Clark, Ass't Ontario Agent General. The three latter greatly disturbed about the dissatisfaction among troops. Say Perley is no politician, that he is absorbed in his work as High Commissioner, that he is cold and unapproachable, and that he is not in touch with conditions. They say Grits have a fine machine at work here. Arranged with Rogers and Christie to take up trip to France with Turner and with Col. office. Leave on Thursday next. Visited I.O.D.E. Hospital (Maj. McNutt). Queen Alexandra Hospital, and Mrs. Arnold's Hosp. 47 Roland Gardens. Saw many Canadians, 3 wounded on 1st March, Stanley and Heelands of Toronto. Dined in evening with Waldorf Astor. Carson told amusing story of butler introducing Bishop of Lichtfield and wife to whom he referred as "his concubine".

Tuesday, March 6, 1917

Attended War Cabinet and heard very interesting report from Lord Milner of his mission to Russia. Greatly impressed by characteristics of Russian people. Says they are oriental in type. Very little effective organization in national affairs. Lunched with Perley and renewed appeal to him to provide himself with suitable confidential men to keep him acquainted with defects of Organization. Then went with him to confce with Lord Derby as to Forestry organization, Fifth Division and Staff appointments. Derby agreed with our views and promised to carry them out. Then to Camberwell Hospital and 4th London Gen. Hosp. where I saw many Canadians and among them Loughheed's son. Sent tlgm to his father. Addressed gathering in recreation rooms of both hospitals. During evening dictated until 11.30 to Cole and cleared up correspondence.

Wednesday, March 7, 1917

Hazen reports as to interview with Imports Rest Com. Says Carson spoke very gravely about scarcity of tonnage. Various expedients proposed. Confce with Perley and Turner as to visit, to France. Capt. E.F. Newcsmbe came and discussed his position. Also Edmund Bristol and Col. Alexander who complained of treatment in being dismissed from position as Ass't Judge Advocate Gen'l. In afternoon went to 4th London Gen. & St. Thomas Hosps. and saw many Canadian wounded. They are splendidly brave and cheerful. One boy Stewart of Nova Scotia, suffering from shell shock, quivering all over but brave & cheerful. Perley came and we left at 7.15 for Folkestone when we were met by Col. Ashton, and his staff officers. Lt. Gilmour of Wpg. accompanied us, Rogers, Hazen, Christie and myself.

Thursday, March 8, 1917

Rose at 6.30. Breakfast at 7.20 and left for hospitals at 8.30. Snow last night, very like Canadian weather. Visited Westcliffe Spec. Hosp. eye, ear and throat, Moore's Barracks and Hospitals (all Canadian) and found conditions very good. No complaint from any patient. Then to see Artillery in training under Col. Mills, (son of Dr. James Mills) who seems a most capable man. Served at Gallipoli for 8 months. Has no doubt it might have been won but for mismanagement. Saw officers training and then visited infantry battalions in training, huts, kitchens, 4c. Luncheon at Divisional Mess, Col. Mills presiding. Then left for Folkestone and took boat at 2.30 for France. Gen. Steele with us all morning. Shows age all the time. Col. Secy and Speaker on boat. Good voyage to France. After securing luggage proceeded to Col. Birkett's hosp. He has aged very much. Had tea with Kate MoLatchy, Matron, and the sisters. Kate evidently rather homesick; has been there two years next May. Spoke here and at Shorncliffe. They seemed very pleased with what I said. Then to Hesdin where we arrived very late and very cold.

Friday, March 9, 1917

Left Hesdin early for Can. H.Q. and were received by Gen. Currie and other officers. Griesbach came very shortly and we went out to see first brigade march in from the trenches. Fine looking men. Then went to 2nd Div. and reviewed 6th Brigade (Gen. Ketchen) and addressed them for 15 minutes. They gave 3 great cheers and a tiger. Then to Mount St. Eloy where German shell had landed a few hours before. Ascended tower and had good view of fighting area. The shelling was quite lively on both sides. We afterwards learned that the day before two men had been killed on the road over which we passed. After luncheon inspected 85th Regt. and addressed them. Then to fourth Div. under Watson and saw them rehearsing attack under barrage. Very interesting. Then reviewed 7th Brigade who looked very fit (Gen. MacDonald). Addressed them. Then saw attacking troops rehearse check by machine gun which they smothered with bombs. Then to H.Q. 3rd Div. Very smart guard of honour from R.C.C. Saw many officers, including Gascoigne, & C.O.B.C. Pioneer Bn. who protested against being broken up. Then to dinner with Mess A (Watson presiding) and back to Hesdin.

Saturday, March 10, 1917

Left at 8.45 for G.H.Q. Montreuil. Confce with Sir John Maxwell and Lord Lovat as to Forestry Bns. Told them frankly that we knew the business and we wanted no interference with organization or direction of our units. Then to Haig's quarters at Chateau where we were cordially received. Col. Wigram, Zing's Equerry, present. Private confce with Haig who was greatly disturbed about propose: to place Br. Army virtually under French command. Told me of Calais confce and Lloyd George's proposal. Thinks French politicians at bottom of it. Lyotey and Neville told him that they knew nothing of it beforehand. Showed me the memo produced by the French evidently prepared with care in advance. Told him I would favour unity of command but didn't approve of the proposal in that form. He urged us to wait another day and see the area won in recent fighting on the Somme by our men. Said that men who could do what they had done, could take any position. Went then to Nivelles's H.Q. at Beauvais. Rec'd by Gen. Part who invented many excuses for Nivelles's absence. Insisted we should stay to dinner. Met besides Nivelles, Gen. D'Alencon and others. D'Alencon strong man. They spoke most warmly in praise of Can. Corps. Left at 9 and arrived at Hesdin 11.55. Sims with me.

Sunday, March 11, 1917.

A most interesting day. Gen. Stewart came at 8.30 also CoJ. Wigram sent by Sir D. Haig. We started for Albert over very bad road. Went to new railway back of Thiepval and went first on broad guage road and then on 2 foot tramway in ammunition cars drawn by miniature engines. Sims and Lash with us. Met by Gen. Wilson who appears a very capable man and Col. Birch. Many German prisoners working on road to Albert. Went over what had been no man land and over the terrain conquered from the Germans. Stood for some time on plateau near artillery observation station. Heavy shelling on both sides. German shrapnel bursting around aeroplanes (10 in air at once) and over our trenches. Walked over site of Thiepval; completely obliterated. Ground all churned up by shells. Picked up Boche helmet with shell or bullet hole through it. Heavy guns thundering and shells bursting during entire stay. Most interesting experience. Lunch at 4.15 at Amiens and then to Hesdin where I had interesting co?'n first with Gen. Nash and then with Major Nisson.

Monday, March 12, 1917

Inspected Nissen hut and hospital hut. Both seemed commodious and convenient. Can be loaded on one lorry. Left at 8.30 for Bulogne and arrived without, mishap a little after 10. Met Warner of Scotland Yard. Left for England on "Leave Boat" Met on board Capt. Harris and Capt McIntyre of Bruce Co. Former told me amusing story of French Can. (22nd Bn) who although wounded ran over to pummel a German wounded prisoner and had to "be pulled off by his two orderlies. Also of French Can. Sergeant and Corpl who differed as to who should take heat of wounded man they were bringing in. Finally Sergeant clubbed Corp'l and brought them both in. French Ministers and Generals came over, another boat, at same time. We all were ordered to put on life belts. Arrived

London at 4. Duchess Connaught seriously ill, measles and bronchial pneumonia. Sent for Perley and had confce all evening with him, Hazen and Rogers over various matters. Triad to arrange to give up holiday but Perley seemed disappointed and concluded to go. Smuts arrived today.

Tuesday, March 13, 1917

Very busy day. Answered Bp. Peterborough as to Home Rule. Perley says there is serious thought of overseas Dominions being asked to deal with it. Confce with Bristol and Meyer as to shipping; also with J.H. flummer. Called last evening and again today at Clarence House. Duchess' condition apparently very critical Gave statement in press as to my visit to France and prepared statement as to visit to Shorncliffe. Wrote to Haig, Nivelles, Currie &c. Left at 5.35 for Brighton, Royal Crescent Hotel, King's Cliff. Very comfortable rooms, overlooking sea. While at Shorncliffe Col. Mills told me of hardships at Gallipoli. He said all water heavily chlorinated. At bottom of one spring which they used for drinking water -they eventually found the face of a Turk looking up at them. British still doing well in West. Bagdad captured on Sunday by Gen. Maude's forces and great rejoicing in consequence.

Wednesday, March 14, 1917

Lovely soft air. Rose late. Telephoned to London for information and plan showing troops and hospitals in this vicinity. Fifth Army have captured Loupart Wood which we saw on Sunday and at which the artillery were then hammering. This is better than Gen. Wilson and Col. Burch then expected. Duchess' condition is grave. Roberts Allen and Courtenay arrived at noon and in afternoon we went to West Have Golf links. Perley and I with handicap played against the others and were beaten two up. Weather changeable and uncertain but no rain in afternoon. Wrote to Laura and to Duke of Devonshire. Accepted dinner at Ld. Lansdowne's for Monday and Ld. Farquhar's for Tuesday. The hotel is very comfortable and well conducted. Dr. Vere Hotel, Kensington, and Grand Pump Boom Hotel, Bath, under same management. E.C. Vaughan, Mg. Director. Arranged for visit tomorrow at Shoreham Camp and afterwards to Kitchener Hosp. at Brighton.

Thursday, March 15 1917

Played golf in morning with the others and with additional handicap they came out 1 up. Then Perley and I went to, Shoreham Camp (under command of Gen. Landry and visited the various units. There were a number of casualties just returned from Hastings whom I addressed. Saw machine gun and bayonet exercise as well as trench warfare school. Met CD's of following units - 10th, 13th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd Res. Batt. Saw Col. Tait, Major McKenzie, Major Eden Smith, Lt.Col. Des Rosiers, but not Lt. Col. Fowler, who was in quarantine, nor Lt. Col. Magee who

was in France. Lt.Col. W.W.Burland and Lt.Col. Fisher, also Major Bart Maclellan. draining going on well. Men not at their training were digging up ground for potato crop and evidently much interested in their work. Had short but interesting interview with Ld. Northcliffe. Duchess of Connaught died last evening. I sent tlgm of sympathy to Duke in name of myself and Perley. Saw also at Shoreham Lt. Col .A. J. Oliver ,Lt. Col . H.M .Campbell and Capt. E.G.Hargreaves.

Friday, March 16, 1917

Perley did not care to play, so Allen, Courtney and I played golf in forenoon and were in by 12.20. Astonishing news of abdication of Czar and revolution in Russia. Accomplished I with little bloodshed. Evidently due to dark forces, the Monk Rasputin, the pro-German Count and bureaucratic influences, the meddling of the Impress, the weakness of the Czar and his inability to realize or comprehend the forces of liberty and democracy working among the people. It should apparently strengthen the determination of Russia to win the war and render her power more effective. In afternoon went to inspect camp at Crowborough and found good training work going on. Gen. Smart ill. Saw following units,- Canadian Engineers Training Depot and Canadian Machine Gun Depot. Lt. Col. Bogart and Major Balfour, showed us around. The Machine Gun studio was worthy of note. There was a British officer assisting.

Saturday, March 17, 1917

Abdication of Czar officially announced in favour of his son, Grand Duke Michael regent. New provisional Gov't seems to be strongly established. United States vessel sunk without warning but apparently this does not affect their Gov'ts action. Played golf in afternoon and Perley and I beat our opponents. In morning drove through New Haven, a closed port (pass) to Seaford where we found excellent camp under command of Col. Gardiner. Saw following units, all of them doing well,-1st, 6th, 7th and 16th Reserve Batt. Saw Lt.Col. J.D.Hulme, Lt.Col. M.A.Colquhoun, Lt.Col. A.B.Carpenter and Lt.Col. J.L.Henniker; also Major G.I.Gwynne, Capt. A.W.Northover and Major Milligan and many others including Major Perley of St. John. Saw a class of officers rec's instructions in bayonet exercise. Funeral of Duchess of Connaught on Monday. The British captured Bapaume yesterday, apparently without great loss. This most satisfactory.

Sunday, March 18, 1917

Delightful bright day. Air springlike and delightful. Perley, Courtney and Allen went to Golf at ten. The British captured besides Bapaume no less than 15 villages. New Russian Gov't seems firmly established. Irish question very much to the fore. Perley says that they seem desirous of having us undertake a solution. Went for walk at 12.55 and met young

Ackland with whom I had an interesting talk. Poor boy, he is dreadfully disfigured, but bright, cheerful and greatly interested in the recent operations. He was wounded in front of Courcellette. Left Brighton at 4.15 and arrived London 6.15. Very pleasant journey by motor. Found immense pile of correspondence awaiting me. Discussed with Rogers and Hazen events during my absence. News that French Cabinet has resigned and that Peronne has fallen. Every one greatly encouraged. Feeling very confident.

Monday, March 19, 1917

Went to Windsor to attend funeral ceremony of late Duchess of Oonnaught. Very impressive. Band played Chopins Funeral March beautifully. I sat in one of the stalls occupied by Knights of the Garter. Early at work. Dealt with correspondence which is heavy. Many reports that we are to be called on to take up Irish question. British still advancing in France. Definitely ascertained that Germans are retiring to what is known as the Hindenburg Line which has been in preparation all winter by forced labour. Confce in afternoon with Smuts and Massey. Met the former for the first time. He impresses me as a strong and straightforward man. Sent tlgm to Foster asking for maximum production of wheat by Canadian farmers. Dined in evening with Ld. and Lady Lansdowne Lord & Lady Falmouth, Ld. and Lady Manners, Ld. Dunraven and I only guests, except Sir Ian and Lady Hamilton.

Tuesday, March 20th, 1917

Attended meeting of wheat committee at 5.30 to discuss price, prohibition of export &c. Told them we could not force Can. farmers to take less than market price. Confce at ten with Massey and Smuts. Attended first formal meeting of Imperial War Cabinet. All Dominions represented except Australia. India also represented. Discussed tlgm to P.M. of Australia and settled form. Lloyd George made a statement of over an hour on objects, position and continuance of the war. It was very well done, but perhaps touched too much on some points that are admitted. We all said a few words in reply. Arranged for meetings, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. We were all photographed after the confce. During afternoon had confce with Col. (?) as to 85th Bn and as to visit of Marsillac, a French journalist, to Canadian corps. Then took up and dealt with correspondence. Interviews with McDonnell of Ry. Cons Corps and Col. H.T. Tremain. Dined in evening with Lord Farquhar. Very large gathering. Sat at his right. Lloyd George next to me.

Wednesday, March 21st, 1917

Attended meeting of Imperial War Confce at 11.30. Mr. Long presiding. Speeches from him, myself, Massey, Smuts, Morris and Chamberlain. Smuts, Massey and I appointed com. to prepare agenda. Confce to meet at 11 on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Saturdays. Perley came to lunch and discussed several matters such as recognition in foreign policy, economic questions, emigration &c. Tlgm from Ottawa that Blondin has resigned and enlisted. Foster cables that the Council approve. Several cables about Boss Rifle. Arranged with Turner to inspect troops at Bramshott and Witley on Easter Monday. Worked at correspondence and documents during evening. Wrote to Laura. Considered agenda for Imp. War. Com.

Thursday, March 22, 1917

Astonishing tlgm from White through Blount as to message sent by Stoddart, wheat agent of British Gov't. Discussed it with Hazen and Rogers. Letter from Edinburgh offering freedom of City. Maharajah of Bikaner and Smuts also going. Attended War Cabinet at 11.50 and listened to long and interesting explanation by Balfour of Peace terms and generally of foreign relations. On many difficult points he said he had no suggestions to offer. It was left too much in the air. Before attending had an hours discussion with Smuts and Massey as to agenda and as to resolutions to be moved respecting constitutional relations. I insisted on a clause declaring our right to an adequate voice in foreign policy Smuts fears this major involve responsibility for financial aid in defence Ac. At 5 P.M., attended formal meeting of Com. to settle agenda. Long spoke to us about acting on Com. to settle Irish questions. I said besides other difficulties there was the lack of time. Massey agreed. Smuts seemed willing to consider. Went with Christie to see "General Post" at Haymarket.

Friday, March 23, 1917

At 9.30 Sir Montague Allan came as to minor matters and then Perley, Rogers, Hazen and I discussed 199th Regt and publicity. Then for two hours went over various papers circulated to members of War Cabinet. Then to lunch with Ld. Milner with whom I had very interesting conversation. He thinks peace terms not sufficiently defined. Says conditions in Russia not satisfactory. Is apprehensive as to safety of Czar. Does not think Czarina pro-German. Czar well meaning but weak and easily led. War Cabinet at 3.15. Statement of General Staff and foreign policy and terms of peace under discussion. Smuts made able and interesting speech. Thinks we can only have moderate military success. Wants European confere to settle terms of peace in several most important respects. I joined in discussion, urged best efforts, deprecated any modification of announced terms and protested against Balfour's suggestion that we should not make up our minds. Dinner in evening at Austen Chamberlains.

Saturday, March 24, 1917

Confess and correspondence early and then to Imperial War Confoe. Took exception to use of word "American" or U.S. as distinguished from Canada. Interesting discussion as to demobilization and arranged that men desirous of visiting U.K. should have opportunity of doing so. Then considered Supply

of horses and their shipment. We took exception to purchases in U.S. while Canada was neglected. Took exception also to using British ration as a standard. Urged that supplies should be purchased within Empire as far as possible. Then adjourned to courtyard and were photographed. Then to luncheon at Carlton with Maharajah of Bikaner who says he can trace his ancestry for 10,000 year; Sir Jas. Dunlop Smith and Massey also present. Then to hotel and confuse with Perley and Rogers as to providing memoranda for confer. Invitation from University of Edinburgh to accept degree. Left for Oxford with Maitland at 4.55 for a much needed rest over the week end. Met at Station by the Warden. Two young Canadians training at Oxford recognized me while we were walking to the College and told me of many Canadians In hospital Ac.

Sunday, March 25, 1917

Warden of All Souls, Pember. Dined in Common Room, All Souls. Warden's Grace "Benedictus benedicat". Grace "Benedicto benefice". McNaughton and Robertson, "fellows" and a young "fellow" in Khaki also present. Rose for 9.15 breakfast and visited several colleges, especially Merton where we saw old mediaeval library and beautiful chapel and St. Johns with most beautiful chapel. Visited and addressed Canadians at Baliol. Went to Oxford Union and saw most interesting minute book containing record of debates. Then at 4 to 3rd Gen. Hosp. where I saw many Canadians. Then with Capt Norman to Christ church where I met and addressed many Canadians. Met. Capt. McNab and went with him to Queens college and afterwards saw Capt. Tucker. Then to Magdalen Chapter for service. Most beautiful anthem from Handel's "Messiah" "He was despised and rejected". Then to Cowley St. section Hospital where I saw 16 Canadians. Then to Somerville under command of Capt. Allison, where I addressed BritishCan, Australian, S.A. and N.Z. officers. Most interesting gathering. Then to dinner at 8.30 to meet Dr. McCann, Prof Oman and Prof. Egerton.

Monday, March 26, 1917

Returned from Oxford. Campbell, Canadian Cadet and a handsome young English Cadet at breakfast. War Confce at 11. Discussed uniformity of equipment, and passed resolutions as to attaching overseas officers to ordnance here. I took exception to Dominions adopting British types as our own ideas should be considered. This was agreed to. Long discussion as to war medals. New Zealanders wanted special medal for Gallipoli India preferred similar request as to Indian troops. Smuts and I thought it could not be done. Question left undecided. Ward gave notice of resolution as to Naval defence. He rambles often but occasionally has a good idea. Worked at endless correspondence and had many interviews in afternoon. Col. Beers, Gladwyn, McDougall &c. Accepted offer of degree from Edinburgh University. Decided to go on 11th April. Read many documents as to naval situation. Shipping, food supply &c which have been circulated.

Tuesday, March 27, 1917

Confce with D'Egville as to documents in records of War Cabinet that should be read. Attendance with Hasen at War Cabinet and very interesting discussion, first as to terms of peace and then as to shortage of tonnage for food supply. As to first I pointed out responsibility of Gov'ts of Dominions for peace/ terms and as to second I urged restriction of use of wheat and a substitution of other foods. Sharp passage between Curzon and Carson as to colliers for fleet. In afternoon discussed with Hazen and Rogers proposed resolutions and our course at confce/tomorrow. Later I had important interview with Long in which I pointed out our position as to preference. He says P.M. is to make an announcement. Then I showed him resolutions as to const'l relations and he thought my draft most suitable. In the evening discussed them with Sifts, Massey and they all agreed.

Wednesday, March 28, 1917

Correspondence and then war confuse. Gave notice of my res'n on const'l relations, having first seen Ward who raised no question. At confce spoke in a tiresome way for an hour and moved his res'n. I followed for ten minutes and suggested important changes. Then Massey spoke for 40 minutes, airing N.Z.'s grievances. We then went to lunch at Buckingham Palace. There was a company of about 30 including all overseas, Ministers, Long, Curzon, Lloyd George and Bonar Law. Got away at 5.15 for presentation of mace at Guild Hall. Lord Mayor in Chair. Sir Charles Wakefield made presentation and I replied. Then Sir George Troup and Sir Samuel Shad moved vote of thanks to Mayor. Mace on exhibition. Very beautiful. Our people pleased with my speech. Then several confces at rooms, especially with Steacy as to Kemp's decision and with Mayor of Hamilton as to our orders from France. Dined in evening with Lady Northcote and sat next to her and Lady McMartin. Sir H. & Lady Meux, Lord & Lady Oarnock and Lord & Lady Fortescue were other guests.

Thursday, March 29, 1917

Disturbing telegrams as to ry. situation arrived last evening. Discussed them with Rogers, Hazen and Perley this morning. Then to War Cabinet where a somewhat futile discussion took place. As bad as our Cabinet. They begin to see the difficulties of their policy of reprisals with which I did not agree. Discussed timber supplies and men for forestry. Also food restriction on a more vigorous policy. Went thence to luncheon with lady Edw. Cavendish. Her son resembles her greatly. Sir P. Lascelles, Lady Mary Hamilton, Duchess of St. Albans, Miss Egerton and [blank] were other guests. Then to hotel. At 5 went with Perley to meet Long who wished to discuss availability of men for labour, although unit for military service. He spoke of tlgm from Percy Hurd to Mtl. Long was disturbed as to breach of confidence by members of confce. Pointed out to him that many statements in tlgm are inaccurate and a shrewd journalist could guess at the rest as probable. He alluded to Rogers as having "leaked"; but I told him of a conversation between Bikaner and Lady Diana Banners, overheard in a theatre, in which Bikaner was

extraordinarily indiscreet in describing the members and proceedings of the conference. Delegation from Manchester offered me freedom of city which I agreed to accept. Discussed in evening various matters with Hazen and Rogers and prepared for confuse tomorrow.

Friday, March 30, 1917

Rose early and dealt with correspondence. Good news yesterday of victory in Palestine. Confce yesterday afternoon (with Balfour as to Blondin. Wrote him this morning. Wrote Lloyd George protesting against proposed reprisals. Wrote Long objecting to retention of Stoddart. Went to confce at eleven. Ward accepted my proposal to amend his resol'n re naval defence. Then Ward made a long speech as to importance of Pacific. N.Z. has taken up more than half the time, probably three fourths. Then in afternoon to War Cabinet. Gave them a full statement as to Canada's part in the war. Lloyd George spoke of it as very impressive and asked me to tell Council about the extent of our voluntary contributions. Sent tlgm to White as to ry. situation and as to extending Parly term. Hazen reported that Com. decided against reprisals. Major Lash reported satisfactory arrangements respecting 85th Band. In evening considered speech before Empire Parl'y association. News from front continues good. Russian conditions unsatisfactory.

Saturday, March 31, 1917

Last night three inches of snowfell and streets very sloppy. Went to Sir Joseph MacLeay's com. at ten and listened for two hours to a discussion that was not very inspiring. Then to Lord Robert Cecil and discussed with him the niokle question. He agreed to withdraw letter and all correspondence founded thereon is also to be withdrawn. In afternoon discussed with Long extension of Parl'y term. He is very strong in its favour thinks it would be criminal to have an election. Asked him to expedite proceedings in confce as N.Z. is taking up too much time He agreed to do so. Called at Buckingham Palace and Clarence House. Wired Blount as to adjourning Parl't to 15th May. Went in evening with Christie to Wyndham'e Theatre and saw "London's Pride", very amusing. DuMaurier had leading part.

Sunday, April 1, 1917

More snow today. Weather very cold and unpleasant. Dense fog during portion of forenoon. Slept soundly until 10.15. Worked for an hour from 12 to 1. Lunched with Duke and Duchess of Aberoorn and met Lady Mary Hamilton who is to go to Canada with us. Very bright girl, evidently of strong character. Lord Lansdowne, Lord and Lady Edmund Talbot and Lord Allsop were guests. Then to service at Westminster Abbey. Excellent music. Sermon by Rev. H.H. Charles, Canon in Besidenoe. Strongly denounced U.S. for not coming into war. Said they ooh&idered only their own profit and comfort. "Their escutcheon had been stained with an ineffaceable shame." Then to call on McBride who looks thin and pale but seems bright. Drove Miss Boulton and

Miss Mowbray to their destination. Then to Royal Free Hosp., Greys Inn Bead, where I saw many Canadians wounded including McIntosh Bell. Confce in evening with Gen. St. P. Hughes who complains bitterly of Watson's treatment.

Monday, April 2, 1917

Interview at 12 with Geoffrey Robinson respecting constitutional development. Went to Empire Parl'y luncheon and responded to toast. My speech very enthusiastically received also that of Gen. Smuts which was particularly effective. Morris was in raptures over my speech which he said was splendid in every way. Massey thought I was too easy on Germany. Ward was very appreciative. Then to Imperial War Confce where discussed at some length restriction of imports and exports after the war. We all agreed that the subject was very difficult and complex and we adjourned with a view to the formulation of a resolution. thereafter confces with Lefroy of "Canada" who says that "Truth" contains an article attacking Rogers. Also Gen. Leckie as to his promotion. Also H.?. Calvin who is much moved about his four boys. Snowstorm nearly all day. Wrote to Laura yesterday. Worked at papers and correspondence all evening.

Tuesday, April 3, 1917

War Cabinet at 11.30 Many warm congratulations respecting my speech especially from Lloyd George who was enthusiastic in his appreciation. Very interesting statement from Chancellor of Exchequer who says G.B. has expended 4400 millions in war, of which 850 have been loaned to Allies and 120 to Dominions. Of total expenditure 1100 has been paid out of war taxation. He was very appreciative in his rfce to Canada's effort. He is greatly cheered by entry of U.S. into the war and the President's message and its reception by Congress are the subject of universal congratulation. Went with Perley to luncheon and discussed administrative matters. LLOYD George wants us to discuss preference in War Cabinet before taking it up in Confce. Representatives of Dominions met in my room at 3.30 and we agreed upon resolutions including my resolution as to national resources and their development. Saw Long at 6.15 and explained to him, giving him copies. Dinner at Lord Derby's Where I met Lord French, Herbert, Evans, Worthington, Norton Griffiths and many others.

Wednesday, April 4, 1917

Very tired. Wretched night. Confce at 11. Longs nephew killed yesterday at Calais, accidental. Confce discussed import and export. Passed two formal resolution with respect to Trade Com'rs and Patents and Trade marks. Then discussed control of metals and I made a statement respecting nickel. Then to luncheon with Staff of lay and Estates Branch at Windsor Hotel, whom I briefly addressed. Then to Hotel and confce with Gen. McDougall and Maurice Sebastien representing French Gov't, as to employment Of Canadian Forestry

Corps under French Gov't and as to orders from French Gov't for timber which otherwise would go to Finland. Then correspondence ad lib. Afterwards confce with Perley and Turner as to a number of matters, 5th Div., Forestry, Steacy, Burke, Carson &c. Then to dinner with Nickens at Jules Restaurant, Germyn St. Gen. & Lady Lyttleton, their daughter. Lady Howiok, Major Grenfell. Then to Strand Theatre to see "Under Cover", thrilling play rather overdone.

Thursday, April 5, 1917

Rose very early and attended to correspondence at 10.50 attended Duke of Connaught and had interesting talk. He grieves greatly over Duchess death but bears up very well. Was pleased with my speech. Then to War Cabinet where Balfour's visit to U.S. was announced. Discussed air service at length. Sir David Henderson's statement and that of Major Baird very reassuring. Cabinet asked Smuts and me to speak on subject at Edinburgh. Suggested to Lloyd George that if Bryoe were informally invited to U.S. he would be helpful. Lunched with Lloyd George. Bury present, just returned from Petrograd. Says rioting much greater than reported, 5600 killed, 40,000 casualties. Naval officers killed in great numbers. During afternoon attended to correspondence and had various interviews; Steacy, Burke and others. Burke very violent in his denunciations of Perley. During evening considered speech at Edinburgh. Long tlgm giving summary of railway report and discussed it with Hazen.

Friday, April 6, 1917

Drafted Edinburgh speech and read statement of Sir David Henderson. Congress has approved of President's message and has passed res'n declaring war on Germany. Snow this morning and weather very wretched, worst known, they say, for 40 years. Poster has decided to go on with session. Left at 2.10 for Orpington, at Ontario Hospital. Addressed convalescents and presented military medal to Sergeant Rowe of Toronto who is still suffering from shell shock. Went through 20 wards and saw all the Canadians I had not met in recreation hall. Fine hospital, well organized and splendidly equipped. Then called on Mrs. Long who is bearing up well and is much interested in our work. Confce at noon with Turner as to Steacy and Burke. Sent for Tremain and attached him to my staff. Interview with Da Pass and Aspinall as to West India matters. Hazen and I think ry. report not had.

Satuorday, April 7, 1917

Confce with Rogers as to various matters. Revised Edinburgh speech. Weather very cold and unpleasant. Dealt with correspondence. Telegraphed Foster as to co-operating with Balfour and to Blount as to proceeding with session. Left for Epsom at 2.40 and arrived at 3.30, Hospital in charge of Lt.Col Irving, son of Sir Aemilius Irving. Presented military medals to 10 men awarded for conspicuous gallantry and resourcefulness. Several others had been awarded medals which had not arrived. Addressed gathering of about 1600, chiefly Canadians. They listened with most earnest attention and

vigorously applauded. I was then photographed with those to whom medals had been awarded. Met. Lady Beaverbrook. Then to Peper Harrow. Lord and Lady Brook, Mrs. Greville Scott and Lady McMahon and Paget, M.P., Sen. & Mrs. Hughes, Gen. Dodds and a couple of Br. officers at dinner. Also Lady St. Pelier who told me of a young Can. aviator who had adopted her as his "Granny". Was told at Epsom of Prof. Hose of McGill having enlisted as a private. Weather very cool.

Sunday, April 8, 1917

Weather a little brighter but very cool. Went to service at 11. Very interesting house and park. River Way runs through park and joins Thames at Waybridge. Great air battle in France yesterday. Our machines missing 28; German machines sent down 46, of which 15 known to be destroyed. After luncheon went to 5th Div. and addressed a gathering of 1200 in the Cinema Hall. Spoke for 40 minutes and had most enthusiastic reception. Splendid looking earnest men. Then to Peper Harrow for tea and at 6 to Godalming for a musical entertainment given by Mrs. Henderson who has been most kind to the Canadians. Several good musical numbers after which Lord Midleton moved note of thanks and I then spoke. Had great reception when I entered. Dinner party in evening. Ashton and other Canadian officers present. Went up stairs at ten and worked at War Cabinet papers until 12.

Monday, April 9, 1917

Left at 10 for Witley Camp and saw Brigade march past, then went to Artillery and saw a turnout, their equipment and their training. Col. Lassiter, U.S. military attache was present. Many reporters and photographers also. Witnessed attack on positions up a side hill, under barrage. Very well done. Saw and addressed 185th Bn. Had luncheon at div H.Q. Then to Bramshott Camp where we saw very interesting final training with bayonet; actual fighting on the ground and in the trenches with masks and spring bayonets. Operations of attack on an advanced Hun trench carried out, very realistic. Then inspected Guard of Honour and presented medals after which I addressed officers of the sixth brigade in a blizzard. Then to tea in Y.M.C.A. and thence to London. Strained muscles of leg during forenoon and was attended in field ambulance dressing station. Our men heavily engaged at Vimy Ridge yesterday and today. Snow.

Tuesday, April 10, 1917

Canadians won splendid victory in taking Vimy Ridge yesterday. Fine tribute by Haig. Some mention in editorials but none in Times, which is disgraceful. Sent for Perley and discussed Lord Brook's position. Also need of closer touch with Press. Confce at 12 with Bigland as to prohibiting exportation of linseed. Told him we could not do this to reduce price. Confce thereafter with executive of Wheat Com'n as to requisitioning wheat to prevent price soaring out of sight. Perley stayed to luncheon and I discussed several

matters with him. Despatched telegram of congratulation to Gen. Byng. Went over speech with sir D. Henderson who approved, also with Long who approved. Discussed with Long constitution of mission to U.S. and telegraphed Foster. Took up with him Graham's request as to remainder and wrote him. Wrote Long expressing thanks to King for his mention of Canadians. Snow flurries during day. All newspapers ringing with praise of Canadians.

Wednesday, April 11, 1917

Arrived Edinburgh 8. Met by rep'se of Lord Provost. Excellent rooms in Hotel. Lord Provost came at 10.40. Went to City Hall. Res'ns of Council were read and we in turn spoke. I leading off. My speech well received. Smuts told me afterwards that he thought it admirable. He and Maharajah spoke well. Then to luncheon at which Lord Provost presided and where we again spoke, Maharajah leading off. Then to university where we were gowned and entered hall in solemn procession. Dean of Law Faculty read first reasons for conferring degree on me, then Smuts, then Bikaner. Then contrary to custom we were called on to speak and our addresses were accorded most enthusiastic reception. Then to Lady Linlithgow's Club where I addressed soldiers present, chiefly Canadians. Then to 3 Hospitals to see wounded Canadians. In evening Sir Alfred Ewing, Principal of University gave us a dinner. Sat by Lord Justice Clark at luncheon and by Lord Dundas at dinner. Smuts in great form after dinner. Left for London at 10. Very inspiring day.

Thursday, April 12, 1917

Returned from Edinburgh at 8 and dealt with correspondence. Went over papers for War Cabinet. Confce with Long, who told me that we could have both Foster and White at Washington as members of Mission. Also that we can have a Canadian on Embassy at Washington. Then to War Cabinet where we discussed Greece and appointment of Committees on terms of peace. Attended American Club luncheon and heard excellent speeches from Ambassador and Lloyd George. Great demonstration when Ambassador gave an especial welcome to me. Various confces in afternoon and attended in evening banquet of Pilgrims American Ambassador. Bryce presided and he and Ambassador made good but not inspiring speeches. Sat near Bishop Brest who proved to be a Canadian.

Friday, April 13, 1917

Attended confce at 11 to 1 and wasted much time (Massey responsible) in discussing charter of proposed Graves Com'n. Then to luncheon where I met Edward Marshall who wants an interview for 40 American newspapers. A very capable and earnest man. Then to War Cabinet where we discussed conditions in Greece, enlistment of Americans in Canadian Army and other

natters. Then to meeting of Com. on War Confce agenda after which I discussed purchase of cheese by Br. Gov't in Canada. Then interview with Sir Vincent Caillard who is very strong on preference. Then confce with A.H. O'Brien and with Col. Almond and Col. Workman as to Chaplain service. They have absolutely no use for Steacy and no confidence in Burke. Burke an intriguer; Steacy lazy, incapable and useless. Major Lash came and gave very interesting account of recent fighting. Then long confce with Rogers and Hazen as to various matters. Tired. Bury at breakfast.

Saturday, April 14, 1917

Worked very hard at correspondence and papers all day. Discussed wheat and cheese questions with Rogers and Parley and wheat question with Long who saw no objection to White's proposals Sent tlgrams to White and Foster on both subjects. Had Perley at luncheon and discussed conditions with him. Steacy came and apparently expected that I would dismiss Almond and if necessary Perley and reinstate him. His incapacity is in proportion to his self-conceit and indolence. Philip Kerr came to breakfast and I had an interesting talk with him as to constitutional development. He paid great tribute to my speech before Emp. Parly Ass'n and thinks Imp. Confce may develop into a rep'n of Parlt's instead of Govts. Left at 5.40 by motor for Windsor and arrived at 6.40. Rooms 257 and 259 Edward 3rd's Tower. Very commodious. Bath in what seemed a wardrobe. At dinner sat on Queen's right. Discussed Canadian achievements. Mrs. Clive Wigram on other side. Ld. Rosebery, Hon Sibyl Gardogan, Arch'p of York, Marquis di Soveral, Viscount Valentia, Hon. Henry Stonor, Sir Derek & Lady Keppel, the Princess Mary and the three Princes, Lady Minto, Lady Mary Trefusis, Mile Dussau, Sir F Ponsonby, Ld. Standfordham, Col. and Mrs. Clive Wigram, Mr. H.P. Hansell (tutor)

Sunday, April 15, 1917

Had breakfast in room. Service in private chapel at 11. Then Queen showed us her apartments which were those of Queen Victoria. Afterwards the Librarian, Hon. W.F. Fortescue, took us over Castle, most interesting tour. Mound under round tower is work of the Conqueror. Then Castle proper was begun by Henry II. Edward III carried it further and nearly every King did something, some of them bedevilling it. Saw lock of Mary (Sootts') beautiful hair, shirt which Charles I wore on scaffold, also his lace collar; portraits and miniatures of nearly all the Kings and Queens, their signatures and seals (huge), Elizabeth's signature particularly strong. Old English script nearly same as modern German. Went into kitchen, service hall and gold plate room. Wonderful treasure of manuscripts, engravings (one by Rupert of the Rhine) and letters everywhere. Was in Edward 3rd living room in Round Tower also in rooms where George III was confined during insanity. In afternoon told Wigram P. of W. should marry an Englishwoman. He agreed and suggested I should speak to King. Thinks King is a little discouraged. King presented us with photographs and History of Windsor Castle, both autographed.

Monday, April 16, 1917

After dinner last evening spoke to the King about marriage of P. of W. Introduced subject by pointing out that Crown was the chief tie that united the Mother Country and the Dominions; it symbolized the majesty and unity of the Empire. Said that as Prime Minister of the premier Dominion I conceived it not only my right but my duty to inform him of the feeling in Canada. That I believed the feeling was strong and practically unanimous that the P. of W. ought to marry within the Empire. H.M. became quite interested and a little excited. He said he and the Queen had considered that question more than once, that it was their strong opinion that the Prince should marry within the Empire. He further said that while he wished me to make no public statement on the subject I could privately inform any of my friends of his decision on the question. Left Windsor at 8.45 with Massey and arrived Hotel 9.45. Went to Imperial War Confce at 11 and moved res'n respecting constitutional relations. Spoke 15 min. Referred to King's position 4c. Massey and Sniuts followed. Latter paid very high compliment to my speech before Emp. Parly Ass'n. Sinha proposed amendment including India in a qualified manner. I accepted. Ward made long rambling speech 50 minutes, without logical Idea In afternoon attended Lord Milner's committee on terms of peace other than territorial and made progress. In evening had dinner (very pleasant) for members of Confce after which there was an interesting discussion as to the position of Indians within the Empire. Sinha put forward his views ably and moderately and I replied frankly. Many interviews, forestry operations, Ac.

Tuesday, April 17, 1917

Worked at enormous mass of material for Milner's committee. Impressed with Germany's intention to use state organization in support of industries after war. Committee sat until 5.30 and made progress in deciding what should not be included in terms of Peace. Henderson took exception to Hewins presence. Evidently strong feeling on tariff reform, strong opposition to taxation of food. After Com. smuts and I went to Imperial Institute where we found a very large and enthusiastic gathering; met daughters of Sir Bartle Frere. In evening dictated Manchester speech.

Wednesday, April 18, 1917

Tlgm to Foster as to res'n re U.S. entry into war. News from front good. French captured 13,000 prisoners. Disposed of several matters in Confce. Sinha gave us draft of proposed motion re Indians. Rather too steep for us. Telegraphed it to Cabinet for their views. Interesting interview with Viscount Milner as to war conditions, status of Dominions, spirit of France, trade with Germany. Then to 1st London General Hosp and 4th London

General where I saw many wounded Canadian officers all in good spirit and very proud of their achievement. At 4.15 went to meeting of War Cent. Ass'n and addressed them. During evening worked at correspondence and documents for committee tomorrow and revised Manchester speech. Worked until after 1 A.M. Very tired. Confce with Aitken late last evening who told me much respecting Hughes' eccentricities.

Thursday, April 19, 1917

Went over documents for Com. and then to see Long who explained that Com'n of 5 is to be appointed to pool Allies' food resources and arrange for purchase and allocation. One representative for all Dominions. Then to Com. and made considerable progress. Much interesting discussion and valuable suggestions. Sought to bring them to the point as they were inclined to stray. Then to luncheon with Parley, Lady Dawkins on my left and Lady Jelliooe on my right. During afternoon confces with Rogers and Hazen and sent tlgm to Meighen as to franchise. Invitation from Cardiff to accept freedom. Tlgm from White as to public statement of our work and asked Rogers and Hazen to give memo, interview with Gould Adams as to producing nitrates from air in Canada. Interview with French officers going to Canada to aid in recruiting.

Friday, April 20, 1917

Prepared tlgm for Foster giving account of our activities since arrival and submitted to Long who approved. Attend meeting of subcommittee on Peace Terms. Interesting discussion on freedom of seas and on league of Peace. Lord Robert Cecil said he had been convinced as to reduction of armaments by Sir Eyre Crowes memo. I said that the existing social order would disappear and something take its place if war could not be prevented on this scale that G.B. and U.S. could have prevented this war. Left for Manchester at 6.15 with Massey and Morris. Arrived at 11, reo'd by Mayor's rep've. Morris told good story of Port-a-Down orangeman who being reproached for abuse of Pope said that at least he had a d--d bad name around Port a Down.

Saturday, April 21, 1917

At 9.30 came Lord Mayor and party and took us to Ship Canal and docks. Then to Westinghouse plant which employs 7000 men and 3000 women. At 12 arrived at Town Hall where freedom was presented. We made short acknowledgments. Luncheon served in large hall in same building and we responded at some length to toasts. I spoke of necessity of conserving and controlling natural resources. Speech well received. Then to Armstrong-Whitworth works which we inspected for an hour. First, however, visited hospital where we addressed a gathering of the wounded, chiefly Canadians. Col. Tremain with me. Then to hotel and train, Lord Mayor and

party accompanying us. Left at 5.45 for London, and arrived at 10.30. Found that Long after my departure had stopped tlgm to Foster. I was very angry and swore vengeance. Very tired but had good day in Manchester.

Sunday, April 22, 1917

Rose early and left at 9 for Asylum Hospital near Epsom where I saw over 300 Canadians and addressed a gathering of them. Very large and commodious hospital. Then to Cherkley and luncheon with Beaverbrook. He gave me the typewritten history of incidents leading to overthrow of Asquith Gov't. Very interesting especially in later stages. He says the soldiers call Lord Derby "General Judas". Lloyd George said that keeping in touch with Lord Northcliffe was like taking an evening stroll with a grasshopper. They said of Lord Miner that on one occasion he consulted, on question of accepting a position in Gov't, not only the usual number of friends but the door keeper of the war Dept. Then to Cliveden arriving 6.50 and proceeded immediately to hosp. Addressed gathering in recreation room and went through the wards until 8.45. Mrs. Phipps played guitar and sang southern soldier songs after dinner. Reached London at 12.15 A.M.

Monday, April 23, 1917

Began Confce at 10.30. Settled Graves Com'n charter and had a long and rather fruitless discussion on organization of the non-ferrous metal industry. Ministry of Munitions and Bd. of Trade had conflicting proposals. I objected to establishing a monopoly except for general benefit. Nothing resulted from meeting. Lunched with Lord Mersey who told most amusing story of episode with French Ambassador who Mistook him for a beggar when Mersey wanted a lift in Ambassadors car. Then to 10 Downing St. and long interview with Lloyd George. Discussed pref'ce, subsidy to shipping, cattle embargo and extension of Parly term. He thinks we should extend it. He agreed that I shd send tlgm to Foster and Initialed it. Then saw Long. Ry. report arrived but had no time to read it. Discussed with Rogers, Hazen and Perley question of preference and agreed that we should consider very carefully what our course should be. in evening discussed military affairs with Perley.

Tuesday, April 24, 1917

Attended to correspondence and then at 11.30 to Imperial War Cabinet where my motion as to natural resources was unanimously agreed to. Then discussed Massey's motion at some length. At L.G.S request I spoke after Massey and explained our point of view. L.G. then spoke and referred in very complimentary terms to my remarks. He merely asked to strike 3 words out of Masseys resolution which was referred to a drafting Com. Then to Emp. Parl. Ass'n luncheon to Indians. Bikaner replied in a very good

speech. Then to sub-committee of Imp. War Cabinet on peace terms when report was settled. Afterwards confce with Rogers, Hazen and Perley as to sundry matters. Then interview with Fletcher of Paris and afterwards MoBride came to dinner and discussed Imperial and political matters. He thinks Br. Permanent officials a great handicap and insists that some of them are hand in glove with American agents. Then to Imp. War Confce 9 to 12 where considerable progress was made.

Wednesday, April 25, 1917

Went to breakfast with Lloyd George. Discussed his proposed speech at Guildhall. Told him I had spoken to King about marriage of P. of W. He seemed surprised and said it was a very plucky thing to do. Then to Imp. War Confce where my res'n as to natural resources was passed unanimously. Good progress was made. Submarine attacks very severe during past few days and situation looks alarming. Then to Empire Press Luncheon where I, Massey, Melton and Smuts spoke. A rather jaded and blase audience Then to committee to draft res'n on preferential treatment. After much discussion we agreed on a formula. Long's draft was absurd. Then to rooms where I dealt with much correspondence. At 8 went to dinner given by British Gov't in what was formerly Stafford House residence of Duke of Sutherland, sat between L.G. and Sir W. Roberts on who defined a Jew as always at your throat or your feet and never by your side. Told L.G. I would give him a memo as to his speech tomorrow setting out Dominions point of view, which he wished.

Thursday, April 26, 1917

Dealt with correspondence and at 11.30 went to War Cabinet where we received usual reports and considered report of Com. on preface. Smuts objected and then an attempt at a new draft was made to which Henderson on arriving strongly objected. Thereupon original draft with slight alteration was adopted. Then discussed report of Com. on peace terms. P.M. wanted something more specific as to money Indemnity and especially as to League of Peace. Finally agreed to take it up again. Luncheon with Parley at Club and then confce with Cheese Com'n, Roper and Sir Thos. Robinson and despatched tlgm to Burrell. Then to Imp. War Confce where Massey curiously enough moved motion on pref. without a single word in support. I had to explain that subject had been thoroughly discussed in War Cabinet. Then took up Cattle Embargo and Prothera agreed to discontinue after war. At my request he finally agreed to repeal immediately. Then to dinner with Bikaner at Carlton, a very pleasant evening. Interesting discussion with Long and Churchill re Imperial matters.

Friday, April 27, 1917

Suffered from sleeplessness, sent tlgm to Burrell not to announce removal of embargo until announced here. Then to Guild Hall to witness L.G. invested with Freedom of City. He made a fine speech and covered nearly every point that I had suggested as to Dominions. Luncheon at Mansion House followed, a very large party. Then to see Admiral Oliver as to our transportation. Then to Imperial War Confce where we disposed of motion as to venereal disease and took up motion as to India, both of which passed. Long brought up question of address to King to be presented in person and we all agreed. Then I moved resolution of appreciation to Long and in doing so spoke of his son. He was greatly touched and made an eloquent speech; afterward he thanked me very warmly. Sent tlgms yesterday and today to V.C. of Cambridge University as to accepting degree. Prepared memo for press. Saw Massey as to going on same boat with us. Weather a little more springlike.

Saturday, April 28, 1917

Delightful spring day. Trees and shrubs coming into leaf. Left with Turner at 9.05 for Hastings (63 miles) and made the journey in 1 hr, 50 Min. Col. Matthews in charge of review. Presented 10 medals and then addressed about 1000 men assembled on parade ground. Then to see mess room and afterwards to Soldiers Club kept up by local ladies whom I thanked. Then to City Hall to meet Mayor, Mayoress and Council whom I briefly addressed. Afterwards an excellent luncheon at Queen's Hotel. Ruins of old castle on height above city. A very quaint church, St. Mary's, in the Castle. Lord Mayor's procession to and from church annually very picturesque. After luncheon went through excellent hospital in charge of Col. Munro, commanding Saskatchewan Unit. Then to London in less than 2 hours.

Monday, April 30, 1917

Saw Smithers at 10.30 and discussed with him for an hour and more the reports of the Ry. Bd. He took away the reports and will come tomorrow. Completed interview for Marshall and revised it. Confce with Wyke as to transp'n and command promisee him an interview. Went at 2.30 to office of Ministry of Shipping and discussed situation with Sir J. Maolay, Grame Thompson, Sir Percy Bates, Anderson and Lewis. They agreed that position is very bad. Think Admiralty in fault. Debated question of utilizing all ports in Canada. They say that 2 or 3 steamers escorted each by two destroyers have been sunk in last 48 hours. At 6 Amery came and discussed territorial report and afterwards Philip Kerr who brought form of resolution proposed by Prime Minister. He remained a long time and discussed cons'l development in which he is greatly interested. At 5 went to Col. Seo'y who with Fiddes wished to see me about new order of Br. Emp. Told them to make no appointments for Dominions at present.

Tuesday, May 1, 1917

Canadians have been fighting again and have captured an important village. Sifton came to breakfast and we discussed many matters, especially oons'l development. He is out for complete independence. Wrote to Long and Lloyd George as to approaching conclusion of our labours. Smithers came at 11 and discussed ry.reports. He thinks Drayton is too hard on Grand Trunk. Went to luncheon at Perkins Bull Hosp. at Putney Heath and addressed some 35 officers who seemed deeply interested. Then to rooms and prepared for War Cabinet which met at 5 and sat until 6.45. Discussed Milner and Curzon reports and made some modifications in adopting them. I said that a proposal to add one million sq. miles to 3r. Emp. accompanied by a proposal for a peace league and for disarmament would be coldly and cynically received by the world. Henderson dissented from Curzon report. L.G. going to France asked me to speak for him before Bible Society. Dined with Sir W, and Lady Robertson at York House.

Wednesday, May 2, 1917

Confce this morning with Sifton who has read Brayton's report and is greatly impressed by it. He thinks proposals should perhaps be modified in some details. Attended to correspondence and at 11.40 went to Queens Hall to address Bible Society meeting. Had a great recaption and spoke for 35 minutes to a most intent audience of about 4000. Ended by emphasizing meaning of text, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength " &c. Many thanks and congratulations. Arch'p of Lublin speaking when I entered. Audience rose and interrupted him. In afternoon attended last meeting of Imperial War Confce. Raised question as to Canadian staff appointments. Discussed holding of Imperial War Cabinets regularly and all agreed that they should be held annually or oftener. Question of attitude toward Greece was considered and general feeling was in favor of decided and united attitude if France oan be persuaded. Interview with Gen. Carson in evening.

Thursday, May 3, 1917

Several interviews and confces and attended to correspondence. Then to Windsor with Long, arriving at 12.45. Lord Stamfordham, Sir Derek Kepple, Col. Wigram and others received us. At one o'clock we assembled in Green Drawing Room and King, Queen and Princess Mary and Princes Henry, John and George entered. I was presented by Long and I stepped forward bowed and read the address. Then bowed and handed it to the King. He read his reply in a loud and distinct voice. Then to luncheon. I sat on the King's left and Princess Mary to my left. Next to her Bikaner. After luncheon we went to Canadian Forestry Corps in Windsor Park where I addressed , the men. Then to Boehampton (Queen Mary)Hospital where we saw wonderful results in use of artificial limbs. One man, Davis, could do almost anything with artificial arm. Uses sledge, spade, plane, cricket bat, golf club &c. Plays within 4 of Bogey.

Friday, May 4, 1917

Rose at six and began work by going over proofs of War Confce meetings. Then proceeded to dictate message to soldiers, message to British people., interview for French Journalist and balance of interview for Edw.Marshall. Tlgms from White as to price of flour and wheat. Went in afternoon to say farewell to Long and spoke to him about Wheat Com'n. Saw Gen.Carson yesterday and again today and spoke of Knighthood in recognition of his services. Wrote thereon to Long. Steaoy came and afterwards Burke do discuss their interminable and impossible claims. Both of them rather useless and very troublesome. Saw Turner at 9.30 to say good bye. He is going to Italy. During evening long consultation with Perley and Hazen as to various matters. Very tired and used violent language. Settled question /as to date of readjustment of 6 shilling rate for troops in France. Worked till nearly one o'clock.

Saturday, May 5, 1917

Rose early. Presented photo to Manager of Hotel and gold cigarette came to Capt. Swinton who is a good soul but rather useless. Went to Canadian Red Cross at Cockspur St. for 40 minutes and saw the different departments. Lady Drummond looks weary but as earnest and indefatigable as ever. Excellent organization. Sent tlgm to Blount. Said goodbye to Massey and Smuts. Sifton came at 11 and Beaverbrook at 11.30. Explained political position in Canada. Sifton against election but thinks we ought to have coalition if it can be made stable. B. thinks it cannot be made stable and that party Gov't is best. Left at 12S30 for Lvpool. Long and officials of Col. Office, Perley, the Aberoorns and many others came to station. Smuts and Law went to paddington and missed us. Arrived Lvpool at 4.45 and left in Grampian at 7. Lady Mary, the Parkins, Smithers and Deer and MacPherson with us. 84 officers and more than 300 soldiers on board.

Sunday, May 6, 1917

Antrim is in Company with us. She has two destroyers and so have we. Going North of Ireland. Maitland Kersey told me that we shall land at Quebec. Capt. Eric Grant on board, expects to surprise his mother. Has been at front for 16 months and is weary of shell fire. Two brothers in C.E.F. and two in Navy. Met Olympic going in, a huge boat. Did not get up till noon. Went to evening service conducted by Dean Starr of Kingston who preached a very good sermon. Spoke of the maple leaf at first green (youth) then bronze (strength) then crimson (sacrifice) then gold (glory). Morris told of Irishman who was coming around to believe that there is no hell until the priest asked him where he thought Oliver Cromwell was. Weather very fine but rather cool. We all are ordered to wear our lifebelts. Boat drill. I am in No. 4.

Monday, May 7, 1917

Weather still very fine. Met Miss Whitehead who was more than a year in Serbia and served, for 4 months in 9th Serbian Regt, Danube Division. She went as chauffeur for a hospital unit. Was taken prisoner and treated kindly by Austrians and came back through Switzerland. Told of awful conditions during Serbian retreat. She handled a rifle when not attending to wounded. Was accused of being a spy, but released. Went back again to Salnniki for 10 months as a chauffeur until some other women "got frisky with officers" and all were cleared out. Eric Grant says she told him that German soldiers raped a fellow prisoner in her presence. Had a walk and talk with Arthurs who is tremendously impressed with what Canadians have done. He was through the Vimy fight. Destroyers left us at 10.30. Had argument with parkin and told him Oxford would have less influence on public life in futuJKre than in past.

Tuesday, May 8, 1917

Quite a roll on today. Lady Mary Hamilton did not leave cabin. Still uncertain whether we shall go to Halifax or Quebec. Have been reading "Thirtynine steps" and some of O'Henry stories. Hazen tells of Eng. Bishop's silver wedding. French guest could not understand. Bishop explained that they had been living together 25 years. "Oh, I understand", said the Frenchman, "You have lived together 25 years and now you are marrying her." Read report on C.N.R, and Tye's proposals on ry. situation. Christie lost all our helmets (German) in returning from France and did not let me know until just as we were leaving and then only when asked by Hazen. Read report on Canadian Northern by N.Y. Experts who prophesy a great future for the road if it can be financed for next five years. Read also Tye's exposition of ry. situation which In places is very illogical.

Wednesday, May 9, 1917

Weather glorious and sea becoming gradually smoother. Slept a good deal today. British advance in Prance evidently stayed for present, probably preparing for further effort. No news as to Australian elections. Wife of Hew Zealand chaplain on board. Discussed with Hazen possible formation of coalition govt. Suggested we might, make Pugsley Governor of N.B., Major Cram told interesting story of Canadian boy with both legs gone 6 inches below hip who left hospital in bath chair and went to Scotland without leave; was life of ship on voyage out; en route to Toronto was asked by lady whether he was married and answered, "No ma'am, this is the worst that has happened to me yet." Played bridge in evening. Talked with Campbell Stuart as to his visit to B Rome. Also had a chat with de la Franche Montague who with Gerard is going to Quebec to aid in recruiting.

Thursday, May 10, 1917

Lovely morning. Some one stole my tobacco last night. At 11 went with Captain to inspect ship. At noon went to see the men at mess and found them all very happy. Capt. told me yesterday that we are going to Quebec. He expects to reach there Sunday afternoon or evening. We are making 15 knots all the time but lose one knot by zig-gagging. In the evening there was a concert organized by Major Starr at which only two of the alleged performers made their appearance. I presided and had to call for volunteers, four responding. Then I spoke for 36 mine, on the war, the greatness of the cause and on the constitutional development of the Empire in the light of recent events. The men listened with very intense interest. In the evening rain and afterwards fog. The ship and the cruiser in hoarse antiphony.

Friday, May 11, 1917

Fog continued with bright sunshine above it. Ship stopped dead slow some of the time. We shall be delayed probably 24 hours or more. Rogers sent bogus telegram to Lady Mary from Slaney which she believes genuine and professed to be thrilled. He sends another to Campbell Stuart from Doherty as 199th. Weather much cooler and vicinity of ice suspected. Ship and cruiser keep up their hoarse bellowing. Walked with nurse Miss McDonald who has been serving at Etaples and at Cliveden - Son of Pease of Montreal on board. Mrs. Critchley, wife of Capt. Critchley, told me of her boys in France, one of whom, a Major in C.M.E. under Seeley, died of wounds just before Vimy. Told her I would endeavour to obtain copy of Sedy's report. Played bridge in evening with Rogers, Hazen and Morris.

Saturday, May 12, 1917

Still foggy. Made only 145 miles up to noon today. Sports this P.M. very amusing, especially the monkey swing and the pillow fighting. I entered with Lady Mary Hamilton in thread and needle contest and we took 2nd prize. Cruiser left us at 6 and we went message of grateful thanks in ray name for convoy and rec'd a message from Cruiser Capt. that he, as a native of another Dominion, was proud to escort me. Walked with Mrs. Douglas who has been serving as a nurse in British A.M.S. and who gave me most graphic accounts of her work in the hospitals. Capt. asked me whether we had been well looked after and I told him I would give him a letter of thanks and appreciation. Concert in evening with Morris presiding. Very good. Morris and Parkin spoke, latter a little too extended.

Sunday, May 13, 1917

Weather much cooler. Went to service at 10.30. Fair sermon from Dean Starr. Sent tlgm to Blount through Naval Service*. Wrote to Tupper, Dennis and Captain Parry. Sighted land this after noon about 4 P.M. but grieved to see it covered with snow. Expect to arrive Quebec between 4 and 6 tomorrow afternoon. Snow all along coast line as we proceeded up the river. In evening gathered in the saloon, upper deck and sang hymns until 11.20. Then went on deck for an hour. Northern lights illuminated starboard deck and were most beautiful. Majestic river seemed to typify my country's future, strong, deep, wide, mighty. There was a dark heavy windoloud on our starboard quarter, presaging a flood of oratory in Parl't perchance. Air very keen, necessitating a fur lined coat. Tuesday morning we should be in Ottawa.

Monday, May 14, 1917

A most glorious morning but very cool at first. Rose at 5.45 and had long walk on deck before breakfast. Scandinavian which left 24 hours after Grampian passed Father Point 3 hours ahead of us. Papers reached us at Father Point. Joffre at Montreal yesterday, and Viviani at Ottawa today. Tlgm from field that he went to Hx. to meet and returns to Quebec at 4 A.M. today. Sat on deck in Bun sans overcoat or cap. Arrived at Quebec at 4 and met by Laura and Pr. Reid. Went on Druid to Levis. Soldiers gave me a great cheer as I left the vessel. Blacklock and another reporter interviewed me. Capt. Kenyon Slaney met Lady March Hamilton and came with us to Ottawa where we arrived at 2.15 A.M. field cheerful about the political situation. Thinks Liberals will not fight extension of Parl'y term. Laura seems in much better form than when I left.

Tuesday, May 15, 1917

Went to office at 10 and discussed matters with Blount. Called Council at 11,30 and gave them an account of my work in England. At 12,30 attended Gov. sen. and reported as to events in Cabinet and Conference. He submitted honours list and asked about Carson; also a letter as to shortage of food and avoidance of waste. At 3 went to House where I had a great reception from members on entering. Arranged a confce with Laurier as to results of my visit. Discussed with White and Meighen motions as to woman suffrage which are coming on tomorrow. Drafted res'n of thanks for mace. Reid says Foster and Laurier are thoroughly tired of leading house. Weather very cold. Lawns and gardens in good order and Stuart has made a stone walk along river bank. Meighen opposed to Drayton report and prefers Smiths. Propose to make statement to House on Thursday.

Wednesday, May 16, 1917

At office early and dealt with correspondence. Council at 11 and debated at some length question of woman suffrage, and our attitude on Pugsley's motion. At luncheon saw Shaughnessy whose eyes have failed him. Spoke briefly of railway question. He fears effect of Gov't road on G.P.R. and suggests that C.P.R. should take over C.N.R. and Gov't take over G.T.P. In House moved acceptance of now mace and thanks to donors. Then went into debate on Sutherlands motion on women suffrage. Long arg't between Pugsley and Doherty as to right of women to vote in Ont. Sask. and Alta. At six confce with C.J.Sullivan who wants to resign. Then interview with Wood, Headers, McKenzie and Cowan who wants reciprocity pact carried out. Then resumed debate in evening. Laurier spoke advocating restriction to Provinces which have adopted women franchise. I advocated wider policy and moved amendment. Pugsley moved sub-amendment, vote postponed on question of order.

Thursday, May 17, 1917

Sat in Council from 10.30 to six and debated on great length conscription and extension of Parl'y term. All agreed that conscription necessary. Patenaude and Blondin said they are prepared to stand by us but that it will kill them politically and the party for 25 years. Question of coalition Gov't came up in this connection and there was considerable divergence of opinion, majority I favouring it. Foster and Meighen strongly in favour, Cochrane, White I and Rogers against. Great division of opinion also as to putting through extension by majority vote. Foster and Cochrane strongly in favour and Meighen and Kemp very strongly against. Very weary with all this discussion and would gladly relinquish post. Saw Gov.Gen. as to honours and told him of subjects we are discussing. He favours coalition gov't. McKenzie came for a few minutes to discuss Drayton report which he regards with great disfavour. During evening went over material for my speech tomorrow.

Friday, May 18, 1917

Sent for Boyce and dictated extensive notes for speech this afternoon. Then thought out at home the method of my speech. At 3 o'clock to the House and began my speech shortly afterwards. There was a great crowd in the galleries. I went thoroughly over the genesis of the Imp. War Cabinet and imp. War Confce, explained more important resolutions adopted by latter, reported our attitude as to cattle embargo, detailed my visits to hospitals and camps, to the Army Corps, described the capture of Vimy Ridge and the Somme Battle fields and i then with great gravity discussed the submarine campaign, the great German effort this year and the military situation. Then spoke of necessity to keep our force unimpaired, the call from the wounded, the men in the trenches and those who have fallen, and said that I had decided on compulsory service. House greatly impressed our men sprang; and cheered, many Liberals applauded. Women and many men wept. Laurier was taken entirely by surprise and made a poor speech. Received several delegations at six. Question raised by Crothers and

Meighen as to Rogers going west to settle strike.

Saturday, May 19, 1917.

Council at 11. Previous conference with Bennett as to his attending at Buffalo on 24th. Discussed some matters with Campbell Stuart, very able and resourceful. Instructed Pope to go to Washington with Johnston, D.M. Marine and P. as to tonnage and to take up question of food supply and admission by passport only. Mathieson came to speak of his claim for Chief Justiceship. In Council discussed at some length coal miners strike in West and fuel situation generally. Sent for Green as to accompanying Rogers. Debated during afternoon regulations to prevent exodus and provisions of conscription bill. Meighen had draft of each and we went over latter clause by clause so far as drafted. Many congratulations by telegram on my speech. Green declined to go with Rogers and told Crothers to send Green and Henderson but Western Ass'n telegraphed Rogers that instructions had been given to men to resume work. McInnes, Hal and Eunice came to dinner. Mel. has got more and more in habit of talking at interminable length and somewhat at random.

Sunday, May 20, 1917.

Yesterday and today much warmer. Trees and shrubs rapidly coming out. Many more congratulations today and an anonymous threatening letter. Conscription will be a legitimate issue if an election is forced. A grave question as to whether we should not enforce prohibition as well by Dom. legislation. Revised my speech of Friday and think it reads well. In afternoon and in morning also walked around grounds and observed with great enjoyment the awakening of spring life. In the afternoon McKenzie of Dalhousie, Murray of Saskatchewan, Adams of McGill, Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Foster, Meighen et ux. Clark et ux., Staples, Smithers and Dear, Mrs. Rogers, Crothers et ux. C.S. and H. McInnes and E.R. Wood called. C.S. McInnes gave me interesting report of his visit to Washington and says that matters are rather in confusion and that there will be delay in organizing. A division, about 25,000, of regulars will be sent at once and a very representative and able mission headed by Root is about to start for Russia.

Monday, May 21, 1917

Attended to correspondence and went into council at 12. Discussed business and drafted amendment to Pugsley res'n re woman suffrage. Council wished me to answer Murphy as to Ross Rifle at which I was angry. In House Laurier dropped Pugsley's Murphy's and McDonald's motions evidently with intention of bringing them up in supply, Currie made a foolish speech on his motion which, however we accepted. Burnham followed with a mischievous speech on pensions and treatment of returned soldiers.

A considerable debate followed in which I took part. Late in the evening rec'd labour leaders Watters, Simpson and Draper and discussed conscription with them. Speaking very frankly of the conditions of the war. They were very receptive and good natured but we may have a good natured tilt with them as they said. They spoke of having a Labour Minister.

Tuesday, May 22, 1917

Had oonfce yesterday morning with Bennett as to political situation and met Nesbitt at lunch who spoke of what he had seen and heard at Washington. Discussed yesterday at six and again today at 6 the regulations to prevent exodus from Canada and settled form. In House white went on with his tariff proposals. Government directors on C.N.R. came with letter as to position of company, criticizing Drayton report. Moore came in afternoon and stayed for half an hour, promising to let me have in 48 hours his personal solution of the problem. Talked with Hugh Clark, Sutherland and Fisher as to political situation, as to an election, and as to coalition Gov't. Clark and Wisher seem to favour it but Sutherland opposed to it. They think conscription will not help us politically. Sent to Montreal for Massey and Ward. They arrive tonight. Wet, disagreeable day. Wish I could get out of this infernal life.

Wednesday, May 23, 1917

At office early. Wet cold day. Sent cards to Massey and Ward and invited them to luncheon on Friday. In afternoon they came to House and listened to White's speech in reply to Oliver's motion. Held Council at 11 and passed O.C. restraining exodus from Canada. Then attended Gov. and settled honours list and discussed arrangements for Balfour's visit. Then listened to delegation from Montreal Bd. of Trade as to alleged grievances by reason of tax on excess profits. In House Oliver moved res'n to revise tariff downwards. Discussed with Jameson proposed motion on fisheries and then confuse with MacKenzie as to ry. sit'n and general political sit'n. He assents doubtfully to coalition. Discussed same matter afterwards with Bennett. In evening talked over ry. situation with Graham who seems in good humour but is impressed with seriousness of situation. Came home early rather tired.

Thursday, May 24, 1917

All day in Council considering conscription bill and general election and coalition. Went over whole bill which is very verbose and badly drafted. Considered it section by section Doherty greatly alarmed and concerned over Quebec situation. Thinks French will not obey the law. Many Ministers in favour of coalition. Made up mind that I would propose it to Laurier. Sevigny thinks Laurier can end the disturbance in Quebec.

Doherty and Patenaude not so sure. Report of riot in Quebec came in afternoon but was afterwards contradicted. However, it eventually proved true. Went to Laurier at 6 and arranged for interview tomorrow at 11 at my house. 'Dinner by Hazen in honour Masseys and Wards at Country Club in evening. Very pleasant party. Returned early. Rogers and wife with us. Mrs. Kingsmill thinks her husband should be knighted. Gave luncheon to Ward and Massey, 20 in all. Tlgm from Balfour in reply to mine.

Friday, May 25, 1917

Went to office and dealt with correspondence and then to my house to meet Laurier at 11. Described British pol.sit'n war sit'n in all its details and then came to pol. sit'n in this country. Offered him coalition with equal number of members of each party outside of Prime Minister. Said I had not consulted caucus but would tell them this was my judgment. If they did not accept they could select another leader. He said he could not accept conscription and expressed great regret and concern that it had been introduced. Fears consequences in Quebec if it is enforced by present Parlt without referendum. Says if new Parl't summoned Quebec would obey the law. Thought we should have an election and that Gov't would be returned. I pointed out dangers and disadvantages of a war election, Ministers absorbed in war duties, men absent, controversy and disunion, &c. He said he would consult three or four friends. Many delegations in afternoon, racing men, C.N.R.Ry. men &c. Held Council at 6 and reported to colleagues. Whole thing out among press men tonight. Our Ministers afraid of a general election. Think we would be beaten by French, foreigners and slackers.

Saturday, May 26, 1917

Disposed of correspondence. Then short interview with Price of Moncton and with MacKenzie as to railway indebtedness. Then Council and after routine business took up and discussed at considerable length app't of Food Controller and form of Order in Council defining his powers and duties. Amended draft and concluded to appoint Duff with Sanford Evans as Ass't. Sir C.Ross says Carvell wants to see me and told him to come tomorrow. After luncheon went over legislation and directed that it be out down and any bill to be introduced should be brought to Council at once. Then discussed with Blondin situation in Quebec. He thinks Liberals are responsible for agitation Says heart of Quebec is sound. Urges appointment of Lessard and removal of Wilson. Then confce with Sifton as to coalition and as to formation of coalition Gov't. He thinks Laurier will support conscription but I do not. Laurier had confce with his followers at Club.

Sunday, May 27, 1917

More springlike. Therm 56 at 8am and over 60 in afternoon Went to central station at 9am to meet Balfour who had a fine reception and who looks less worn out than I had expected. Then home for a walk around the grounds and then to chichi with Laura after which we went to look at the Chas. Read's new house. In afternoon Carvell came at 3.30 and we discussed the situation fully and frankly. He is quite concerned about Quebec and agrees that we the strongest Gov't possible should be formed to deal with the sit'n. Told him that the situation would work out without great difficulty. Afterwards Dixon of uh. Monitor, Anderson and Robson of Mission to U.S. and Sir C. and Lady Boss came. Then Sir Cecil Spring Rioe who accompanies Balfour. He discussed representation of Canada at Washington. He and Dixon both say there is no enthusiasm in U.S. over war. In evening we dined at Chateau with Mr. and Mrs. Massey. In afternoon took a lot of children over the grounds.

Monday, May 28, 1917

Shaughnessy came to breakfast and I discussed with him pol. sit'n. He was rather petty at first but I made him sit up and lie promised to see Laurier. Then at eleven confuse with Balfour as to his mission. He says U.S. will stand behind president but a considerable portion of people not enthusiastic. I explained to him our pol. difficulties and he thought the situation very trying. Sherwood is sending a man to guard house. Many threatening letters coming. Spring Rice came to luncheon and talked with me afterwards. Thinks disturbances in Mtf instigated from U.S. At 3 Balfour came to Parl't in joint session. Laurier and I conducted him to chair and Speakers welcomed him. He made an excellent speech and then Laurier and I moved that it be included i# Hansard. Then several confess McKenzie and others. Dinner at Gov't House. I sat next to Balfour and Adm. De Chain next me. Reception afterwards. Dfe Chair thinks there is danger at Hx. from submarines.

Tuesday, May 29, 1917

Saw Laurier and suggested coalition to pass conscription, not to be enforced until after a general election to be held immediately. Dealt with correspondence. McKenzie came as to C.H.B. and was quite boisterous in urging that we should pass legislation to sustain the road. Then Interview with Jno. Ross Robertson and Black Jack. I explained whole situation to them and they approved: Discussed C.N.R. and conscription with Meighen and sent for Hazen as to Hx. defences. At 12.20 attended His Ex. and explained to him my proposals to Laurier of which he approved. Said he would send for Laurier. At 1 attended luncheon Can. Club to Balfour who made a good Bpeech. Confce in afternoon with Hocken and Edwards who urged us to put through extension by majority vote. Said goodbye to Balfour who spoke of my difficulties but said that I was fortunate in possessing "great serenity of soul." Rec'd delegation from Win the War Convention and thanked them. In evening rec'd W.H. Moores report as to ry. question and had confuse with Workman and with Gen. Bridges.

Wednesday, May 30, 1917

At office and dictated to sec'y. Then confere with Hazen as to Hx. defences and discussed with Hazen Cochrane and Workman provision of further tonnage. Then with Kemp, Cochrane and Meighen the conscription bill and as to permission to U.S. troops to use our training camps. At 12.30 confere with Aird and Meighen as to C.N.R. and afterwards at Club with Flavelle. Council at 2 and passed O.C. appointing Green Com'r re mining strike, and O.C. to provide funds for making 12 lake steamers suitable for Atlantic trade. Then took up conscription bill with Kemp, Doherty and Meighen and completed draft for printing. Then long confere with Flavelle, Aird and Woodman as to C.H.B. interest and agreed upon further letter. Attended House in evening. Morphy came in great excitement as to coalition gov't and predicted great outcry in Ontario. White drafted letter to Bk. Commerce. Sherwoods men came home with me in car for first time Monday evening.

Thursday, May 31, 1917

Attended to hear delegation as to Vancouver Harbour and addressed them. Afterwards confere with Jones of Toronto on behalf of Warburton as to amendments to the Doherty Act. Jennings of Mail came to learn pol. sit'n and I disclosed it to him fully. He is full of suggestions which he delivers with a somewhat oracular air but there is not much in him. Laurier returned from Quebec but did not say anything. This may or may not mean that he is not coming in. Probably he has been unable to make up his mind. Gave letter to Bk. Commerce as to advances for C.N.B. Debate in House on Robb's motion on middlings &c. White made mincemeat of him. Considerable uneasiness among our men as to coalition, and they may be unwilling to accept. Drove with White through Experimental Farm and talked the sit'n 5.30 to 6.30. Trees rapidly turning into full leaf and weather becoming much warmer.

Friday, June 1st. Went to office very early and cleared off arrears. Ames came to discuss Com.on returned soldiers and I explained to him pol. situation and he strongly approved of my action. Afterwards sent for Hugh Clark who also strongly approved. Discussed with White ry.situation and told him to draft estimate as proposed to tide over the situation. Saw Sir J. Pope instructions as to his visit to Washington. Afterwards confere with Dr. Reid as to suspending coasting tirade regulations. Council at two and afterwards at House where I conferred with Meighen as to political sit'n and especially as to Rogers. Afterwards with W.H.Moore as to his scheme for training instead of conscription. Told Laurier would like answer soon as possible. He said Gouin not averse and that he (L.) was to meet his friends tomorrow afternoon and decide. Very tired.

Saturday, June 2, 1917.

Disposed of correspondence and sent for Bennett to whom I disclosed the

political situation. He say there is growing feeling of uneasiness among our supporters. Council at 11. Arranged that Doherty is to take up racing restriction with members. Discussed app't of Com'n to investigate Gait's report on Rogers. Reid says Rogers is In difficult position respecting land deal for agricultural college. In afternoon went over conscription bill and had much debate on its various provisions for 3 hours. Practically settled it except in two or three minor respects. Cochrane appalled at thought of coalition Gov't appealing to the country. He has no confidence in Grits and does not see much beyond party cons'ns. Very tired at conclusion. Rogers nervous and depressed as to attacks upon him and his pol. future.

Sunday, June 3, 1917

Dull overcast day. Went to All fairs where His Ex. unveiled tablet to Capt. John Russell Woods, killed in action. Mr. MacKay gave a very touching address and Bishop of New Westminster preached. A.A. MacLean and Mrs. Thos. White called. Ford reports great quarrel among Liberals as to coalition. Laurier, Pardee, Graham and Carvell voted for it and Pugsley, Lemieux, Oliver, McDonald and Murphy contra. Meighen came at 6.30 and gave me add'l particulars of Lib.meeting yesterday. Apparently Pardee will support conscription at all costs. E.M. Maodonald is strongest opponent and has influenced others. Pardee is] to see Laurier again this evening. Pardee denounced Oliver for raising questions on the tariff during this period of war. I think we can unite more solidly with Laurier and Gouin if a portion of their party fight us. Hughes is said to be working among the Orangemen.

Monday, June 4, 1917

Sir W. MacKenzie came and discussed ry.sit'n and said his wife very ill and he would be away with her. Told him Gov't might have to take over ry. at end of June. At eleven Laurier came to discuss proposal of coalition. He enquired as to personnel of Conservative wing of Cabinet. I reminded him of my view that the situation was above all party considerations. Thus it was infinitely above all personal considerations. For this reason I would undertake to make Conservative wing of Cabinet acceptable to him. This was going very far as it practically gave him the nomination of the Conservative members. I feared that he wished an opportunity of breaking off negotiations on the question of personnel. When he left I felt sure that he would come into the coalition. He thought Gouin indispensable and wanted Murray also. Hopes to hear from both today in Council discussed proposed order to regulate price of wheat and assented to principle. Foster to discuss it with Laurier. Discussed it also with Magill. In House minor matters were dealt with. Spoke in evening in reply to attack on Munitions Bd. Talked with Reid after luncheon about Coalition and as to Rogers case. He thinks Rogers expects to stay. Givens of Kingston arrived and hoped I would not give away too much to Quebec. A very bitter feeling in Ontario.

Tuesday, June 5, 1917

Cleared up correspondence and discussed political situation with Blount. At 12.45 met returned soldiers in White's office. Some of them very clever. Knight of Hx. principal spokesman. Met them in my office at H. of C. 4 to 5.30 when westns which they had passed were discussed. Some good, others extravagant or impracticable. From 5.30 to 7 disoussed proposed O.C. to control price of wheat and settled its terms. In evening debated with Meighen, Reid and Rogers provisions of Mil. Ser. Act and possibility of making it an amendment to Militia Act; decided it could not be done. Rogers thinks we will be defeated badly on conscription issue. Told him country was entitled to a new gov't if it wanted it and I was quite ready to be relieved. Message from Laurier that he will be ready to see me tomorrow.

Wednesday, June 6, 1917

Called up Laurier and arranged interview. Summoned Council for 10.30. Debated B.C. to control prices wheat and personnel of proposed Com'n. Sent for Magill who was heard at length as to danger of improper use of powers by grain dealers on Com'n. Laurier came at 12 and told me that he could not join coalition gov't ss he is opposed to conscription. Fears Bourassa's influence, &c. Says he will endeavour to have law observed. Passed O.C. for inquiry into Rogers case. Presented it to House at S. Laurier unsuccessfully tried to criticize it. Confce with Willison this A.M. and again this P.M. and explained situation fully to him. He thinks our position good. Confce also with W.H. Moore as to giving another trial to voluntary system by united action of both parties. Attended His Ex. and reported at 6.15. He is very sorry for outcome. Prepared as suggested by Laurier statement to be read to each caucus tomorrow. Called ours for 10 A.M. Saw him in evening and he preferred a letter which he submitted and which I accepted with some corrections.

Thursday, June 7, 1917

Went to office early. Rec'd Laurier's letter and prepared reply. Then went to caucus which was attended by Senators and members. Explained the whole situation in a speech of 45 mins. which was received with great enthusiasm. Very little said by those present. Blain, Boyce and Senator Robertson spoke. Res'n of approval carried by standing vote. All our supporters in wonderfully high spirits. It would have been a less enthusiastic gathering if coalition had been acoeped. Great crowd at three o'clock to hear announcement but it had been given to press at 10 A.M. During P.M. and evening confce with W. J. Kaunas as to his interview with Pardee respecting coalition outside of Laurier and with Maclean (A.K.) and Carvell separately at my house. I asked their advice as to sit'n and they were rather hesitant but seem sincerely desirous of assisting. Wrote His Ex. an account of the present situation. Gave notice that Military Service Bill will be introduced on Monday.

Friday, June 8, 1917

Went early to office and cleared off much correspondence. Then conferred with Meighen as to coalition negotiations. G.H. Duggan and McCurdy came at 10 for confce as to shipbuilding at Hx. Sent for Shaughnessy, to come to Ottawa tomorrow. Discussed yesterday and again today with Blondin and today with Doherty and with Sevigny Quebec situation. Blondin thinks three new Ministers should come in from Quebec, suggests Chapais, Laperlee and Tellier. He will see Tellier this evening. Doherty is to see Chapais on Sunday. Long discussion in Council as to composition of Bd. of Grain Supervisors Came to no decision. Report that Liberal caucus this A.M. was very stormy. Willison wired that Howell will join coalition Gov't. Left House early and spent afternoon and evening preparing speech on Mil. Service Bill. Meighen telephoned as to negotiations with Maclean and al. Told him they must get together and appoint a Committee.

Saturday, June 9, 1917

Shaughnessy came at 9.30 and we discussed for more than an hour. Told him that Laurier's return to power would place him in impossible position and might precipitate revolution. Ready to efface myself. Told him to see Gouin and urge him to cooperate. E said church greatly to blame. Sure that Laurier would never be returned to power. Discussed Lessard and Wilson. He thinks W. might be transferred with advantage. Asked him for his views as to Wheat Control and he agreed that grain men must be on board. I told him what we proposed as to C.N.R. and G.T.P. He wants to acquire part of C.N.R. Went over pol. situation with Doherty. Told him to see Chapais and also urge Shaughnessy as to La Presse. In Council had satisfactory day. Passed orders as to wheat control and fuel supply. Discussed control of western mines and considered O.C. therefor. In afternoon received Patenaude's resignation, due to the rascally influence of Beaubien. Drove with Meighen and Clarke 4.30 to 6 and in evening worked at my speech for Monday.

Sunday, June 10, 1917

Wet unpleasant day. Great meeting of Liberals last night in Toronto at which definite but regretful separation from Laurier was declared for. Fiset and Gwatkin came at 10 and X went over military situation with them. Blount came at eleven. Sent message of sympathy to John Redmond on death of his brother William. Dictated 11 to 1 notes for tomorrow's speech. Many telegrams assuring me that English speaking Liberals will join with me in forming a coalition Gov't. Donald McGillivray came in afternoon and seemed very enthusiastic in his appreciation of my course. Worked all afternoon and until midnight on my speech but not thoroughly satisfied with it. Dreary rain all day, ground cold and sodden. Walked for a while in the grounds notwithstanding rain. Laura thinks my speech very good but she is fearful on account of the threatening letters and warnings which we constantly receive.

Monday, June 11, 1917

Patenaude's resignation announced in press this morning but not through me. Spent morning in revising speech and answering correspondence. Sent copy of bill to Laurier at 9.15. At 2.30 left for office and House. Began speech at 3.15 and finished at 4.45. Great crowd in galleries. Her Ex. and daughter and Col. and Lady Violet Henderson were on the floor of the Chamber. My speech was well received by our men and was applauded by many Grits. Laurier said little and looked white and worn. Afterwards I went to Gov't House and reported to His Ex. We discussed pol. situation tlgm to Byng, visit to Quebec and other matters. He leaves for Quebec tomorrow morning but will return whenever required. He hopes that coalition will yet be carried out. Doherty has not yet returned Probably will arrive and report tonight. Weather clearing, fair warm and summery like this afternoon

Tuesday, June 12, 1917

After attending office rec'd delegation concerning coalition &c. A.E.Jarvis, J.M.Godfrey and J.G.Donaghue. Discussed situation fully with them. They desire to cooperate and assist. Godfrey said he would see Dr. Clark. Council at 11.30 and at 2. Disposed of routine matters. Discussed appointment of Corps Commander. I decided in favour of Currie. Telegraphed Perley accordingly. Appointed Mathieson C.J. of P.E.I, and accepted resignation of Sullivan. At 2 discussed ry. situation and adjourned discussion to tomorrow at 11. Reported that Liberals are endeavouring to agree upon amendment to 2nd reading of Mil. Serv. bill advocating conscription of wealth &c. All resignations of Ministers now in my hands. Doherty reported that Chapais and Tellier are violently opposed to conscription. Girard in an hour's conversation stated his unfortunate position. Bennett sulky because Hat. Serv. Board not mentioned in bill. Went to House in evening and discussed situation with Meighen.

Wednesday, June 13, 1917

Very warm day. Therm 79 at 8 P.M. Confce at 10 with Middlebro as to vote on Military Service Bill. He says we cannot be defeated even if French Cons, all vote against us. Told him to call caucus for tomorrow. Asked him, Sevigny and Doherty to French Conservative members as to vote on Laurier's sidetracking amendment. In Council discussed ry. sit'n fully. Many objections to White's proposal but no alternative plan. Discussed also extension of Parliament. In House asked Laurier to take up Military Service Bill tomorrow. He wishes postponement to Monday or if possible Tuesday. Talked with Reid and Meighen as to political situation and as to approaching Clark and Rowell. Confce with Moore as to ry. situation. He wanted me to postpone caucus until Sir Win. came from Toronto. Rogers reported as to conditions in Mtl. Says Shaughnessy Holt and Graham in good form. Told Reid to send Clark to me this evening if he was not too heavily loaded.

Thursday, June 14, 1917

At office early. Fine summer day, not so warm as yesterday. Sir W. MacKenzie came at 8.30 to my house. His wife went through operation yesterday. He fears her condition is critical. Discussed ry. situation. I told him we must take over road. No other action possible politically. He broke down, a very distressing scene. Told me he was ruined financially. I consoled him as best I could. Caucus at 10 and much talk over ry situation. Bennett made a good speech. Many spoke. A variety of suggestions. Smeaton White came to speak about senatorship in Council discussed O.C. appointing food controller. During afternoon discussed political situation with Reid and Meighen. Hanna, Howell and Preston for Ont. Duff for B.C. Ballantyne or Gordon and if possible Hurray. Wood and Clark for West. In Quebec Fiset and Laporte. Sent for Hanna to arrive Saturday. Debated Pension bill with Nickle, Reid Doherty and Hazen during afternoon. Confce with Blondin in evening. His pluck is wonderful. Bennett and Laura suggest that we should accept grit amendment.

Friday, June 15, 1917

Delightful summer day, cool and not too bright. At office early and dealt with correspondence. McElroy, M.P. and Rev. Taggart and Green came to present res'n from Orange Lodge of Carleton Co. R.L. Richards called and came to luncheon. He is very enthusiastic in favour of our policy. In Council discussed O.C. appointing Food Controller and passed it. Appointed Sanford Evans at salary of \$500. per month but he wants \$10,000 per annum. Discussed at some length order for further oars and asked Cochrane for further information. Laid on table of House report proceedings of Imp. War Confce and read Lloyd George's announcement as to Imp. War Cabinet. Confces with Sir D. Mann this A.M. and P.M. as to Can. Nor. and also with White and Meighen. Explained position fully to Mann who is to see McZ. and return on Monday or Tuesday. Henderson, Jamieson and Bennett called as to senatorships 4c. Major Campbell Stuart reported as to his work in Washington. Humorous account of relations between Northcliffe and Spring Rice. Thinks latter will resign. Suggests that Card. Mercier should come to Que.

Saturday, June 16, 1917.

Hanna arrived and came to breakfast. Discussed fully with him proposals for reorganization of gov't. He, Rowell, Preston, Clarky, Wood or Crerar, Gordon or Ballantyne, Laporte, Duff, Surray &c. He was cordial, explained his association with Imp. Oil Co. spoke of Food Control as something he would like to undertake. I said Food Controller might be member of Gov't. He agreed to see Willison and through him Rowell and Preston. At Council discussed food control and I said Hanna might take it. Brought up question of seditious utterances in French press and need of consideration and attention. Afterwards discussed with Doherty proposals for reconstruction. He says C.J. distrusts Duff and thinks he is intriguing against Gov't. After lunch discussed with Meighen reconstruction and told him of Hanna's visit. Meighen says McKenzie very bitter against proposals of Gov't re C.N.R. and is coming on Monday. Went to Country Club for dinner. Mr & Mrs. Rogers with us. Very cool in evening. Rogers evidently very desirous of going to Washington. Reid says

Burrell considering collectorship.

Sunday, June 17, 1917

Glorious June day. Walked through grounds, attended to pruning &c all forenoon and went through papers that I had left from yesterday. Charron thinks our situation and grounds most beautiful. In afternoon had long talk with Shatford as to pol. sit'n in B.C. He says Brewster is not proving a strong leader. Says we can carry 11 seats out of the 13 if we have good candidates. Major Campbell Stuart called and told of his conversation with C.J. who says people of Quebec are laying in arms. C.J. thinks sit'n is very grave. Sen. McLennan also came and told me of his recent conversations with McKenzie King as to Laurier's attitude and probable course. In evening visited Macoun and admired the Arabis Alpena. His grounds look very beautiful. We counted 20 varieties of birds, viz., crows, grackles, robins, wrens, lapwings, orioles, flickers, swallows, downy woodpeckers, sparrow, song sparrow, chipping sparrow king bird, kingfisher, night hawk, humming birds, Labrador snow bird.

Monday, June 18, 1917

Fine summer day. Sent tlgm to Perley as to cattle embargo and lack of refce in report of Imp. Confce. Interview with Sir W. McK. as to C.N.R. and afterwards with Moore and sent latter to see G.P. Graham. Prepared for 2nd reading of Mil. Serv. Bill, la Council disoused probable course of debate thereon and our policy. Laid on table of House correspondence with Patenaude re resignation. Moved 2nd reading in a very brief speech and Laurier followed In a wobbly speech at end of which he moved referendum. Foster answered him in a good speech hardly equal to his best efforts and then came Oliver In a wild ranting speech and then Stevens and Marcil. Discussed with Hanna over telephone result of his interview. Rowell unwilling or afraid to oome. Playing game to get West and Quebec. Hanna willing to take food contrrollership. Told him I agreed. He suggested Senate.

Tuesday, June 19, 1917

Called up Hanna on tel. 8 A.M. and arranged to appoint him Food Controller. Ask G.G.'s leave to announce it and did so in H.of C. at 3 P.M. Appointment well received. In Council dealt with routine and one capital case. Carriok came to say that he had been working with Hughes to prevent him from making a damaging speech. He spoke in afternoon, part of his speech good and part foolish and even contemptible. Undertook to use confidential letters. He was followed by Hugh Guthrie in one of the finest speeches I ever heard in the House. He differed from Laurier on all points, used convincing arguments and concluded by a most earnest appeal for coalition. Meighen reported interview with Clark who is preparing a great speech and who suggests that Arthur Sifton should be brought in. Warm summer day Laurier looks tired and white. Left House at 9.40. Lemieux who followed Guthrie was still speaking.

Wednesday, June 20, 1917

Gave notice to take Saturdays. Reid says Rogers is low in spirits. W.H. Moore came and reported that he had seen Graham who thinks any proposal for maintaining situation shd be brought down now and would pass without much difficulty. Mackenzie came afterwards. Discussed pol. situation with him. He is to see Sir C. Sifton this evening. Sent for Green and got his report on Western mines strike. He thinks director must be appointed. Called Council at 6 and had him present. He recommends W.H. Armstrong to whom I telegraphed. Crothers spoke in debate on Military Serv. Bill and made a very stupid partisan speech. Mulloy sane in morning and he and Godfrey in afternoon to discuss pol. situation. Godfrey reported that Dafoe is proposing a self denying ordinance, i.e. to elect Liberals who shall support but not be represented in Cons Gov't to prevent Quebec dominance. Barette moved 6 months hoist to Mil. Serv. Bill.

Thursday, June 21, 1917

Confce early this morning as to Aird when delay in payment was suggested. He alleged that Gov't had interfered with Kxsc effort of Bank to negotiate sale of C.N.R. to C.P.R. Said C.P.R. willing to give far more than 15 millions for C.N.B. Stock Confce with G.S. Campbell as to Murray's entrance into Gov't. Discussed ry. situation with Meighen and telegraphed to Shaughnessy. In Council discussed O.C. presented by Min. Labour. Eventually I had to do his work for him by dictating it myself. Telegraphed Armstrong his appointment. Pardee and McCraney spoke against Laurier Gauthier made wild speech threatening civil war. On our side Meighen and Armstrong H»Y. spoke. Confce with Sifton at 6 P.M. He is pessimistic as to pol. sit'n. Pears situation in Quebec. Thinks we should postpone bill. Says his brother would come into coalition if there was no election. Considers non-partisan League will soon control the West.

Friday, June 22, 1917

Attended to correspondence and called Council at 11. Passed O.C. appointing Armstrong as controller of District 18. Webster and Calkin came as to export of apples and other matters. Shaughnessy arrived and had long talk with him as to pol. sit'n and railway question. He is disturbed about former and suggested a cable from Robertson as to number of men required for 4 divisions for a year. Then give 4 months for active recruiting campaign and if at end of campaign men not forthcoming then conscription. Told him we were going to acquire C.N.R. unless he could find purchaser for stock and pointed out some cogent considerations such as operation of C.H.R. by state at cost. He said he would consider carefully what I suggested. Long confce in evening with Lash, Meighen and Reid as to acquisition of stock or of equity of redemption and told him to draw documents. Graham made a picayune speech and White followed in a clear and forcible address. Lovely summer day.

Saturday, June 23, 1917

In the morning discussed ry situation with Mck. and disposed of correspondence. Sent tlgs from .parley for statement from War Office as to monthly replacements needed for a year. In Council disposed of everything by 1.30 and then further confce with McK. who told me that he wanted 20 millions, for stock and said inter alia that C.N.R. owns G.N.W. Tel. Co. Discussed in Council proposal to postpone operation of conscription for 3 or 4 months and try Vol. system by united effort. In evening C.B. Gordon came to dinner and I explained to him fully the pol. sit'n and said he might be called in to enter gov't. He was very appreciative and said he would do anything required to help. He does not think there would be resistance to the law In Quebec. Delightful fine day, fine growing weather. Worked in garden two hours in afternoon.

Sunday, June 24, 1917

Rosa rugosa in full bloom, brimmed shrubbery &c. Glorious June day. Roses in Hose Pleasaunce in abundant bud. Last evening K. Burton Burney brought us a wonderful cartoon of the Kaiser. It is from a pen and ink sketch well executed. He has had no instruction and is evidently possessed of great talent for drawing. This A.M. as I sat on one of the benches on Riverbank a beautiful American goldfinch amused himself in the trees and on the ground within 3 yards. Willison told me on telephone that Howell is much more inclined to come. At his request I wrote to Rowell, asking him to visit Ottawa. Matson and Shepherd called in afternoon, bent for Meighen and discussed with him ry. and pol. sit'n. Told him of negotiations with Rowell and confce with Gordon. In evening prepared for my work tomorrow and went over a multitude of documents.

Monday, June 25, 1917

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Louis Bedell of N.Y. at 12 respecting Aetna Explosives Co. and then Ballantyne at 12.30 to whom I made a full explanation of pol. situation. He is strongly for conscription and against Laurier. Council at 2 P.M. and dealt with routine after which I discussed orders for cars. Col. Henderson came and L reported to him as to pol. conditions for information of His Ex. Gen. Curries tlgm to me attracts great attention and approval. In afternoon McK came and I asked him for statement as to errors in Drayton report. Kemp made good speech in afternoon. He was followed by German after which Sevigny made a very impressive and eloquent speech which elicited warm praise and admiration from all our men. Laurier looks very tired and worn, but he is devilish busy with his men. Willison telephoned this evening that Rowell will be here tomorrow.

Tuesday, June 26, 1917

Rowell came to breakfast and I discussed with him for two hours the pol. sit'n in all its bearings and invited his cooperation. He seemed desirous of assisting but said that as an outsider he must work in harmony with those in Parl't. He asked as to personnel whether it would be made satisfactory on both sides, that is mutually satisfactory and I said yes. He promised to see Laurier and to communicate with me through McCraney. Then at 11 I saw Sifton and converted him to my view that general election should be held. He thinks coalition may be formed but that it will be hard work. Agrees that we cannot recede. Promised to take up proposal with Liberals. Seems disposed to think question must be fought out to a finish and that coalition gov't can do it. In afternoon Clark made most impressive speech and scored Laurier and Oliver in a polite way. Confes in evening with Carson as to his further employment and with McK. as to C.N.R. Overcast and somewhat rainy.

Wednesday, June 27, 1917

Scores of telegrams and letters of congratulation yesterday on my birthday. Very early at office this A.M. W.H. Moore came to discuss rys. Violently opposed to state ownership. He is to make a brief as to value of equity of redemption. Discussed Quebec senatorship with Sevigny and Doherty. Told Doherty it is most dangerous to appoint a man who will vote against us on Mil. Serv. In Council passed order for cars. Long oonfce with Campbell Sutart and sent tlgm to Lloyd George as to Mil. Miss'n to U.S. Also tlgm to Perley as to reinforcements required. Carvell spoke in House and was followed by Edwards. Sifton came at 6 and is quite hopeful as to coalition. Says his brother thinks Laurier would win. Told him of our proposals as to women votes. He thinks it might do but would not be necessary if there was coalition. Thinks Wood would not do for Minister on account of his citizenship.

Thursday, June 28, 1917

Early at office. Sifton came at 10 and we discussed at great length the pol. situation. He is quite confident that coalition can be formed. I asked him to go into senate and become Minister without portfolio. He agreed. We differed as to bringing in Calder, which he thinks important. Sent him to Meighen who afterwards told me that he had a very satisfactory interview. Discussed same subject afterwards with Reid who agrees with Meighen that Sifton should be brought in. Reported his proceedings and he with Prof. Todd and Willison came to luncheon. Magrath told us at luncheon what he had been doing. In afternoon discussed ry. situation with Aird and afterwards with Flavelle and then went with Pearson to examine model of entrance to new Parl't Bldg. In evening saw Waugh and Mayor of vvinnipeg as to increasing pensions Waugh says people west of

Great Lakes are strong in their support of me.

Friday, June 29, 1917

Sent for Sherwood and instructed him to investigate disclosure in press of appointment of Lt. Gov. and Senator before submission to His Ex. Reported afterwards that a Minister had been indiscreet. It was Hazen. Bishop came and apologized. Conferred with Drayton as to rails for Allies and gave him letter for use in U.S. Sifton came at 12 and I discussed with him situation and afterwards with J.W. Wood who seems a level headed man. Told him frankly the situation as I understand it and asked his advice and aid which he promised. In afternoon conferred with Aird, Flavelle and Wood as to keeping C.N.R. alive until coalition formed. Arranged until 10 July. In evening Howell came and we went over the situation carefully. He has made little headway and is rather pessimistic. He made various suggestions which I thought little of. One was a coalition after an election. Fine rain last night. Canadians took Avion.

Saturday, June 30, 1917

Early at office and dictated draft of my address for Monday. Council at 11 and discussed amendments to soldiers voting bill. Directed Doherty to print. Increase in O'Connor's salary authorized. After Council conferred with White on ry. and pol. situation. He says that after every other expedient exhausted Gov't under War Measures and Appropriation Acts can take charge of C.N.R. G.T. and G.T.P. during war. Discussed whole situation also with Meighen who informs me that Calder is to arrive on Monday evening. Went to Golf Club in afternoon and played 14 holes, with Meighen. Dined with the Burrells at Golf Club. Rhodes reports that as House was counted out there must be a motion to reinstate the Military Service Bill. Glorious June day. Telegrams of congrat'n from Sir Edw. Morris and others on 50th Anniversary of Confed'n. Roses in bloom and great numbers of buds on every bush.

Sunday, July 1, 1917

Delightful day, not too bright or warm. Wandered over grounds and watered transplants and pruned. Went to service at Cathedral. Sat in pew behind His Ex. A very good service and excellent sermon, but a sparse congregation. Damp rainy day. In afternoon Com'r Perry, Jameson and the Schreibers called. At six went to Gov't. House and reported to His Ex. as to political developments and told him of all that I had done to form a coalition government. He spoke to me about the announcement of Lt.-Governor and Sen. from Ont. and I told him it was Hazen's indiscretion. He spoke of his impressions of Quebec, LeBlanc, Gouln, &c. and seemed to think that an election is desirable from that

standpoint. Bead me an extract from Spring Bice's letter respecting attitude of B.C.Church. Message from Pres. U.S. congratulating Canada on 40th Anniv. Revised my speech for tomorrow.

Mond&y, July 2, 1917

At office early and went over correspondence. Looked into procedure to restore order for reading of bill after a count out. At 12 went to ceremony of unveiling tablet at Parl't building. Great crowd gathered. His Ex. read his address. Then the choir sang "O, Canada" after which I spoke. Then "The Maple Leaf" after which Laurier's address followed and then the troops marched past. It was very difficult to speak as the people were so far away. It was a most beautiful midsummer day. Laurier was in good form and spoke with considerable vigour. He bears his 76 years Very lightly. In afternoon went to the Golf Club with Hazen and played 18 holes beating him 2 up. Did the last in a very pretty five. Dined at Golf Club with Hazen, his mother and his niece, Miss Allen. Came home early after a pleasant evening. Magrath and McHugh of Pittsburg came in with us.

Tuesday, July 3, 1917

Disposed of much correspondence and at Foster's request called Council at 12 to consider fuel question. Magrath attended and proposed to employ McHugh at salary of \$25,000 per annum. We authorized it, recommendation to be brought in. Passed O.C authorizing Hanna to employ Todd, Willison and French. Prepared authorities on question of reinstating bill. At 3 moved to reinstate and Pugsley who objected on point of order was quickly overruled. Motion passed nem.con. Calder, Dafoe and Hudson are here. Rogers thinks Laurier brought them He wants to make an attack on the Globe. Never seems to realize how ineffective he is. Armstrong reports that all the miner's are in operation. Tlgm from Perley as to reinforcements needed. Not very satisfactory. Good news yesterday and today of great Russian offensive, 18000 prisoners captured.

Wednesday, July 4, 1917

Early at office. Dealt with correspondence and then sent for Kemp and discussed with him various matters relating to Military Service Bill. While thus engaged Sifton sent urgent message and I saw him in outer office when he reported that Out. and Mar. Province Liberals were obdurate that they were like men under a spell, that their brains had gone to seed, that nothing could be done with them. Told him to buck up and we would get some prominent unofficial Liberals. Saw Meighen and told him to see S. which he did. Dafoe same by appointment in afternoon and I went over situation with him fully. He agrees that Ont. Liberals are of no use and says he is tired of them. Thinks Laurier heading for

an election which he hopes to win. Says dissenting Liberals should form a group. Will wait until Friday evening to see what they will do after 2nd reading. E.M.Macdonald made violent partisan speech. Ten others spoke including Mondou who declared his allegiance to Laurier.

Thursday, July 5, 1917

Rainville reported as to visit to Archbishop Bruchesi and says he blames Doherty and Patenaude for promises. He came to Ottawa this morning to escape outcry on passage of bill. Has received threatening letters. Wants to see me. Discussed political situation with Meighen. He had long confce with Dafoe to whom he explained that proposals as to western group are impracticable. Sent for J.W.B. and told him of Hal's conduct. He has not been at office since 16 June. Ekers called to speak of senatorship. Meighen and I decided to speak to Duff after seeing Sifton. Discussed also ry. situation &c. In House Doherty made a good speech but rather too long. Debate went on until 5.15. We had 63 majority on bill and 49 against Laurier amendment, 156 against Barette's amendment and 60 against Copp's amendment. Our members in good form, sang God Save the King at end. Laurier and those who supported him looked greatly depressed. Our men greatly pleased with my speech in reply to Copp.

Friday, July 6, 1917

Rose at nine after two hours sleep, judge McCarthy called on behalf of his brother in C.E.F. McKenzie came to discuss O.N.E. Sent for Sifton who came at 12.30, He seemed much more hopeful about coalition. Says those who support conscription are to have a meeting today. Council at two; discussed financial sit'n and very heavy requests of Br. Govt, as contained in Lloyd George's tlgm to me. In House went on with Mil. Service Bill in Com. and had out question of recruiting with Hughes. Could have crushed him but merely tapped him gently. Meighen reports that there are very Btrained relations between the two Liberal factions. Sifton explained that western Liberals think they can acquire greater strength through postponing coalition until after election. He does not agree with them and he told them so.

Saturday, July 7, 1917

Very warm day. Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Council at 11; dealt with routine and discussed at some length question of extending Parl'y term. Nearly all in favor but Doherty and Meighen supported me in opposite view. Ministers think Art, Sifton, Dafoe, Calder &c are here to arrange plan of campaign with Laurier. It appears that the meeting of conscriptionist Liberals arranged for yesterday has not been held. Went on with the Mil. Service Sill in House. Much general discussion. Passed two sections and had much debate on 3rd. Discussion

was moderate, and useful. Adjourned at 6. in evening Archbishop Bruohesi came and stayed two hours. Had long interview as to compulsory service. He is in favour of an election, doubts good results from further recruiting campaign, thinks exemption of all persons of French origin would make them despised.

Sunday, July 8, 1917

Very sultry day, overcast in afternoon. Rose garden most beautiful. Last evening, this morning and this evening Laura cut 250 roses. We did not go to church but stayed all day around our grounds. I pulled many wild cucumber vines. They have a tuberous root which is apparently edible. Gordon Hewitt says that we have four species of swallows, chipping, song, white throated and English; four species of woodpeckers, downy, flicker, redhead and sapsucker.- W.H.Armstrong and B.F.Green, Arthur Ford Sen. & Mme. Poirier came in afternoon. Mme. Poirier very bright, sister of the Abbe Casgrain. Armstrong who also called yesterday reports good results in operation of mines recently re-opened in District 18. News from front indicates .Russian offensive on large scale. Another air craft raid over London. Inability to provide adequate defence is gradually undermining confidence in British Government.

Monday, July 9. 1917 Early at office and disposed of correspondence. McKenzie came and reported as to negotiations with C.P.R. Says they would pay 30 millions for stock if Gov't would give them permission to purchase. Aird came afterwards and I discussed with him the financing necessary to sustain situation for month. Sold Meighen to see Dafoe and Sifton but McKenzie who saw sifton reported that this is unnecessary. Godfrey came in afternoon and says that Win the War people are following up Howell and the other Liberals. He has no confidence in Graham. Asked me to see Hawkes. Proceeded with Military Service Bill in Com.and made good progress. No attempt at obstruction. Oliver occasionally insolent. Laura left this morning for Echo Lodge, Ivy Lea, Thousand Islands. Telephone this P.M. from Dr. Reid that she had safely arrived. Rainy and cool. Bessie picked 127 roses. Russians had good success in their offensive.

Tuesday, July 10, 1917

Still rainy and wet. Bessie picked 143 roses. McKenzie came early and said that he would take 10 millions for stock Told him I thought it a good bargain but coalition must be consul ted-. Aird came afterwards and arranged as to N.Y. loan of C.H.R. Gave him letter of indemnity, in afternoon discussed situation with him Wood, Lash and Flavelle and arranged to keep matter in statu quo until end of month. Long confce with Sifton. He thinks situation quite favourable. Meeting to be held on Saturday. Thinks announcement should not be made of coalition until after prorogation. Says there are 28 nominal and 23 real conscriptionist

Liberals. Discussed with him C.N.R., income tax and extension. He has an original proposal as to management of Govt ry. system. Thinks 10 millions reasonable price for G.I.T.R. Confce with Willoughby as to recent election in Sask. He says foreign vote misled by cries as to conscription and confiscation of lande.

Wednesday, July 11, 1917

Sent tlgm to Long as to publication of debate on cattle embargo. Letter from Laura this P.M. saying she likes Echo Lodge. Rhodes reported as to interview with Pardee who thinks extension cannot be earried except by coalition Gov't. Called Council at 12 and considered proposed amendment to Military Service Bill. Pardee came in afternoon and warned me of motion on 3rd reading for a further trial of voluntary enlistment. Disoussed with him general political situation. He thinks pretty good prospect for coalition. Bill went on very satisfactorily in House. In evening long confce with Sifton at his house on pol. situation. Discussed extension, when motion should be brought on, income tax, delay for voluntary enlistment, &c. He says meeting of conscription Liberals will not be held until Monday, or Tuesday. Bessie picked 202 roses today. Looking at rose garden I thought she had picked none.

Thursday, July 12, 1917

Bessie picked 250 roses, making 970 from Saturday evening, 7th to Thursday evening 12th. Discussed with Reid necessity of Franchise Act for Ont. Under their amendment of last Session Election cannot be held for 5 months. Had confuse with E.W. Beatty this week as to ry. situation. He still adheres to idea of parcelling up C.N.R. Telegraphed for Blondin to discuss with him Quebec situation. Mme. Bergeron came with several extraordinary demands. Wants \$12,000, a pension and unlimited use of Dossall for which she is agent. Dr. Thompson of Glace Bay came to speak on behalf of J.A.McDonald and Dr. McMaster. In Council dealt with amendments to M.S.Bill and proceeded with it in com. nearly completing it. Conferred with members as to merging first three classes in one and this was done. Godfrey came and reported that matters are going well and that conscription Liberals are to hold a meeting early next week. Letter from Sifton that extension should be brought up on Monday and withdrawn if opposed. Weather gradually clearing. Reports continue that Rogers is making mischief.

Friday, July 13, 1917

Long discussion with Loughheed as to vote in Senate as to C.N.R. and as to reorganization of gov't of which he strongly approves. He thinks we would carry very few seats in 4 western provinces. Discussed also with Doherty Quebec senatorships and explained difficulty in appointing

Chapais if he will not support bill. In Council took up question of labour shortage and prepared for debate in House. Approved of arrangement by Dr. Roche with U.S. authorities for interchange of labour. Told Petersen to carry out proposals to get at men who are willing to take work at a distance. In House completed M.S. bill in com. Moved to insert "divinity students" in 6th exception which carried after some rather sharp discussion. Afterwards Morphy came and in evening there was a delegation of 12 to protest. They kept me more than an hour and were very serious and earnest. They say it will be fatal. Informed Doherty who is very much disturbed. Gave notice of extension motion on Monday.

Saturday, July 14, 1917

Weather not yet settled. Bessie picked 108 roses yesterday. At 10 held meeting with transportation representatives Bankers and mfrs representatives, munitions Board, Nat'l Service Bd. and several ministers to discuss scarcity of labour. Had a very , useful meeting. Then in Council disposed of routine and discussed extension. Told them I would not press the motion if opposed. Majority thought I should not do that in the first instance. Meighen and Doherty agreed with me. Decided to call caucus for Monday noon. Blondin came from Montreal and I discussed with him Senatorships and sent him to see Chapais in Quebec. Long confue with Sifton who says Laurier is working desperately. Atkinson, he says, is wobbly and Rowell has no teeth. Reprimanded Crothers for publishing O'Connor's report on Flavelle and Matthews and wrote them. Doherty will probably resign on "divinity students" clause. Blondin thinks it should be omitted if it created difficulty.

Sunday, July 15, 1917

Bright in the morning but a heavy rain and thunder storm in the afternoon. Bessie picked 106 roses yesterday making 1136 in one week for our little garden. Wrote to Laura and to Julia. Hal in office yesterday for first time in four weeks but I did not have opportunity of speaking to him. Saw this afternoon what I believe to be a "Harris sparrow" The roses are much beaten down by the rain. Spend part of the day in preparing my speech for tomorrow Caucus has been called for tomorrow at 12. Crimson rambler over veg garden entrance is in full bloom and very beautiful. There are many difficult questions to be faced this week, and some of them seem almost Insoluble. However, one can only do his best. I think most of the dissentient Liberals are acting in good faith. Weather apparently clearing this evening.

Monday, July 16, 1917

Disposed of routine at office and dictated notes for my speech on

extension. At 12 went to caucus which lasted until 1.40. I explained what I proposed and while there was some dissent, e.g. from W.H.Bennett and Fripp, there was a great consensus of opinion that my judgment should prevail. At 3 rose to propose motion when to my surprise A.K.Maclean asked me to postpone it which I did. There was some repartee between Clark and Oliver. In afternoon and evening discussed with Meighen railway legislation and Mil. Serv. Bill with relation to divinity students. Practically Arrived at conclusion that we can by estimate instead of bill make provision for acquisition of stock. Doherty's attitude as to divinity students amendment still uncertain. It did not rain today although yesterday, St. Swithins day, it poured all afternoon.

Tuesday, July 17, 1917

Went to office and disposed of correspondence. Sifton came at 11 and said that Maclean's request yesterday was due to a misunderstanding. He warned me that Pringle is proposing to report in favour of a higher price for newsprint. Council at 12 and disposed of business in half an hour. Graham sent notice of an amendment to motion for extension. Communicated with Foster and asked him to reply. On going to House at 3, Middlebro told me that there was a round robin in circulation, to call another caucus before proceeding with extension motion. I declined and proceeded with motion at 3, speaking only half an hour. Graham then spoke moving his amendment and causing great surprise by announcing that Pardee seconded. At six o'clock it turned out that the dissentient Liberals knew nothing of this. Laurier spoke after amendment defeated, a rather weak speech followed by Clark in a crushing attack. He paid me a magnificent tribute. Our motion carried by only 25. I

Wednesday, July 18, 1917

Flavelle came to discuss shipbuilding and I spoke of O'Connor's report. He is very sore. Decided at Council to have an inquiry by two capable accountants. Long confce with DafoeJ who seems intensely in earnest. Told him of my proposals as to coalition or otherwise. Discussed railway poly, foreign vote, income tax, etc. He quite agreed with all and made important suggestions in each instance. In House made announcement that we would not proceed with extension resolution. Told Doherty to confuse with Ontario men who oppose divinity student clause. He did so without effect and had painful scene with him from ten o'clock until midnight when he said "Go ahead and remove clause but I must consider my position. He lacks sense of proportion and the Orangemen lack breadth and tolerance. Weather very hot and sultry. Sifton suspects that Laurier has agreement with C.P.R. and Bank of Montreal. Thinks we should take active steps to stop it.

Thursday, July 19, 1917

Note from Sifton that he has left for Toronto and that I should send for Carvell today. White returned and reported a very successful mission to N.Y. and Washington. He found McAdoo very cordial and sympathetic. McAdoo authorized Canadian Loan in N.Y. Debated in Council "divinity student" clause and moved in afternoon to strike it out. Considerable debate ensued and eventually it was struck out. Doherty behaved very well and Sevigny stood up like a brick. Eventually got bill through com.

about 10. Bad reports from West as to drought seriously affecting crops. Conscription Liberals left for Toronto to attend convention. Discussed with Meighen railway situation and left copy Cf White's proposal with him. McKenzie came from Toronto and I told him to

return at once. Reported that Laurier is working very hard to keep his party together.

Friday, July 20, 1917

Roblin arrived from Winnipeg to urge release of Kelly, He looks as well as I ever saw him. Is very insistent as to Kelly's release. Discussed with Cole and later app't of Senator and conditions in Argenteuil. Slater is confident Parley can carry. In Council discussed income tax bill and soldiers voting bill. Pugsley wasted an hour on question of privilege which is to come up again. In afternoon had long confce with Carvell as to pol. situation. He says there is to be a meeting on Monday or Tuesday, after which the situation will be clearer. Told him of our probable policy on rys, income tax and soldiers voting. H. MoInnes arrived and dined with me at Club. Blain says our men well satisfied with my attitude on extension. Roche spoke to me yesterday about Railway commissionership.

Saturday, July 21, 1917

Very hot sultry day. Sifton asked for interview early and I discussed with him the action of Ontario Liberals in declining coalition and standing by Laurier. He is discouraged but told him that western Liberals should hardly let their view be obscured by the insignificant creatures who had met in that convention. Dr. Clark came to breakfast and I discussed the situation frankly with him. Council at 11 and dealt with routine and with the inquiry into 9½t Davies Co. and Matthews Co. Pressmen came to see me in afternoon for guidance and I gave them my views. Meighen had long confce in afternoon and went over legislation with Sifton who leaves tonight for Winnipeg, to attend prelim. convention. Huntley Drummond came from Montreal at my request and I discussed Senatorships with him. We considered appointment of Ballantyne.

Sunday, July 22, 1917

Very hot day, 91 in shade. Sifton and Hawkes came, in the afternoon and discussed calling of a win the war convention and inviting Lowell to attend. I advised against any attempt to put Rowell in a corner as he is in a very difficult position with his party. I agreed that we would cooperate in making Convention a success. Sifton thinks woman suffrage might be left out for the present and he does not favour giving votes to women relatives of overseas soldiers. Smith of Toronto Hews came to ask about policy and I told him to take a very broad attitude, concentrate upon formation of a gov't composed of all men of good will who desire to co-operate in winning the war. Governor General sent a fine salmon yesterday with his compliments. His party caught 10G in a week including one 48 pounder.

Monday, July 23, 1917

Sent for Reid and discussed with him pol. sit'n and recent developments! He is confident as to Ontario. Hawkes came and I put him in touch with Held. Sent for Petersen and discussed discontinuance of salaries to directors and prepared O.C. Hugh Clark complains that no financial provision is being made for Press Bureau. In Council passed O.C. for app't Board to investigate Davies & Matthews Co, Foster went on with Daylight Saving Bill which met with rough reception. Shaughnessy arrived from Mtl and I discussed with him many matters, especially ry. situation* Told him what we propose to do with C.N.R. and he raised no serious objection. Proposed to him that all rys in Canada shall be managed by one Board or executive. He said it would be a great saving and promised to prepare and submit a plan. Said if he were 20 years younger would like to tackle it.

Tuesday, July 24, 1917

A very hot and humid day. Discussed senatorships with Doherty and arranged for interview with him and Ames. Called Council at 12 and debated Kelly case for an hour. Strong opposition to his release. Moved 3rd reading of Military Service Bill and carried it by 102 to 44. Laurier made an inconsequential speech and Meighen replied very ably. Boblin again pressed for Kelly's release and brought Mulloy who supported him in the application. Held says Cochrane expects to remain in the Gov't but is in very bad shape. Telegram from Perley as to file forwarded by Kemp, apparently with respect to Gen. Currie. McBain came to say he suspects young Frenchmen are training in Quebec. Confce with Gov. Gen. at 12.30 and explained to him present political conditions. Told him I thought he should not go west at present. He agreed.

Wednesday, July 25, 1917

Confce with Reid as to Senatorships and previous confce with Ames and Doherty as, to ditto. They all think Foster and Smeaton White should be appointed. Reid went to Mtl to see "Baker". Kemp discussed with me recruiting in United States. Discussed in Council railway situation and had confces afterwards with Bennett, Carvell and Turriff, all of whom took very reasonable view of our proposals. Sevigny very much depressed as to situation in Quebec. Says he is advised not to go near Murray Bay where his wife is staying. Told Blondin to buck him up. J.A.McDonald came and discussed situation in N.S. He thinks our affairs are in a bad wav and that he can do much to assist. Lt.Gov. Morgan came with letter from Gov. of Kansas. He is investigating war conditions in Canada.

Thursday, July 26, 1917.

Another very hot day. Bad news from front one Russian army mutinous and useless, flying before Germans, abandoning all its artillery. Confce this A.M. with McK. and afterwards with Aird and Lash as to C.N.R. Told Lash to draft Dill giving us power to pay on account liabilities of C.N.R. after acquiring stock. They wanted a minimum but I would not agree, discussed ry. situation in Council and called caucus for tomorrow. Also discussed recruiting in U.S. and told Kemp to go ahead. In afternoon rec'd temperance delegation and explained pal. situation. Told them we could do nothing more until Union Gov't formed. Sent for Turriff and asked him to act on Com. on Soldiers voting bill out he suggested Pardee. Godfrey said Pardee still wobbling. Col. Mons. Burke came and wanted to be sent to Washington. Col. MacKleen, a hero, and Bristol dined with me at Country Club to meet Lt.Gov Morgan and his wife.

Friday, July 27 1917

Very tired today. In Council appointed G.G. Foster Senator and after much consideration and some hesitation Smeaton White for Inkerman Division. Reid says Baker greatly and even violently opposed to White but Doherty urged that app't of Foster without White would produce more unfortunate impression. Attended His Ex at 12.45 and discussed with him proposed confce with Laurier. He suggested that Gouin and Shaughnessy should be asked. Told him Sifton should be present and that I would telegraph to Sifton which I did. In Council passed large app'ns for Mil Hosp. Com'n. Oaucus 11 to 1.30 and discussed ry. situation but without getting much light. White put forward unexpectedly a proposal for cooperative management of G.T.P. and C.N.R. and G.T. It did not make any provision for financial difficulties which are the essential feature.

Saturday, July 28, 1917

Left last evening at 7 for thousand islands and arrived at Reid's cottage at 11.45. So Brockville by train and thence to Buck Island by motor boat. A glorious evening. This morning went by boat to Echo Lodge and brought Laura to stay with Reids for weekend. She is looking much better for the rest.

Col. Labatt and B.P.Green are also spending the week end. Very comfortable cottage and beautiful situation. In afternoon visited Country Club and went among the Islands. Discussed MaBride and with Green who thinks McB is very ill but has fine constitution and wonderful courage. Russian situation is very bad according to press reports. Message from Sifton that he cannot return before 10th Aug. and advises caution as to interview. Delightful summer day with fine breeze in evening.

Sunday, July 29, 1917

Cooler today with strong breeze. G.P.Benson came with telegram that his son, a 2nd Lt. in E.F.A. was wounded on 24th July. Arranged to telegraph to Brade for full particulars. Discussed with Reid advisability of giving some recognition to J.A.McDonald of Nova Scotia. He thinks it would not injure us in Ontario. Redpath of Montreal came in afternoon. We motored around Island and fished during afternoon. Left at 8 for Prescott and arrived about 9.30 Picked up White en route A beautiful journey down the river. Stayed at Reid's house, but White, Green and Labatt slept on car. Laura is to spend next week with Reids and I hope to go for week end on 11th and bring her home. Temperature rose rapidly this P.M. Very hot weather for tomorrow.

Monday, July 30, 1917.

Left Prescott 7.40 arrived Ottawa at 9.45. New appointments to Senate well received. Protest from 'Baker' re Smeaton White milder than I expected. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 and told him confce with Laurier could not be held until after Sifton's return. He agreed. Discussed in Council railway question very briefly and long confces thereafter with White, and Meighen. We finally reached decision and I am to call Council at 11 tomorrow. Resolution to be introduced on Wednesday. Saw Doherty as to organization of his department for Mil. Service bill and urged him to proceed with Soldiers Voting bill. Suggested Mewburn, Arch. Bruchesi came from Montreal to discuss exempting of divinity students. He is very earnest but very reasonable; greatly troubled about the enforcement of the Act. Sifton reports that the Liberal Governments of the West are unanimously in favour of coalition.

Tuesday, July 31, 1917

Early at office. Therm 6 or 7 degrees lower than yesterday. McKenzie arrived to discuss terms of bill re C.N.R. Subsequent interview with White and in Council at 11 debate for an hour and a half on ry. policy. Finally arrived at a conclusion as to terms of bill and arranged to give notice that proposals will be brought down tomorrow. Hawkes came from Toronto and discussed programme of Win the War Convention on Thursday. Told them their resolutions

on policy should be very general in terms. Kemp sent for me to come to chamber and assist in discussion of Bruce and Baptie reports. Sent tlgm to Parley as to Bruce reply to Baptie report. Beatty of C.P.R. came to discuss ry. situation. I told him what I had suggested to Shaughnessy as to ultimate policy and he said that he thoroughly approved of it. Reid says Rogers is calling a meeting of the western members to discuss Union Gov't.

Wednesday, Aug.1, 1917

Mackenzie came early to discuss terms of bill to take over C.H.R. Seat for Meighen and after some discussion settled all questions satisfactorily. Then saw White and discussed with him lines of statement to be made this afternoon. Lougheed reported danger that Liberals would defeat Mil. Service Bill in Senate. Sent for him and decided two new Senators should be appointed. Decided to appoint C. Pringle ,and A.C.Macdonnell. Had some trouble with Foster who is determined to appoint McNaught and openly blames other Ont.Ministers for not supporting him. White made statement at 3 on ry. question and put the case remarkably well. It took the Grits quite by surprise and was well received. In evening went to Parl't Hill to receive res'n from War Veterans and addressed them briefly. His Ex. wants meeting with Laurier et al fixed for Thursday 9th Aug. Doherty much incensed at letter written to him by Card.Begin practically ordering him to do what the Church desires re Mil. Service Bill. He strongly resents any attempt by Church to dictate to Ministers of the Crown.

Thursday, Aug.2, 1917

Excited letter from Sifton claiming 3 cardinal mistakes recently. Discussed with White his statement that War Profits Tax will not be continued and arranged that he shall make matter clear on 2nd reading. Discussed with Reid circulation of British newspaper in trenches and tlgm to Perley as to despatching writer to London. White says Aird greatly pleased with our action re C.N.R. After discussion in Council read in House Gen.Fotheringham's report on "The Fiddlers". Rec'd delegation of N.S. apple growers as to embargo. Sent for Turriff and told him of Sifton's misconception and asked him to explain. Turriff quite confident that Winnipeg convention will support Union Gov't. Doherty left for Quebec to see Cardinal at request of Delegate who promises to take up matter with Rome if Cardinal does not withdraw.

Friday, Aug. 3, 1917

Sent letter to Laura by Reid. White took up in the House the Income Tax Bill and made good progress. Foster spoke to me of intrigue going on among our members, evidently alluding to meeting of Western members called by Rogers. Aird called and spoke most appreciatively of our course re C.N.R. Thinks it will be a tremendous asset for the country in 10 years. Discussed with Meighen the Soldiers Voting Act and the Franchise Act. Conferred with Crothers as to strike of Longshoremen in B.C. and sent tlgm asking Shaughnessy to assist. Weather quite cool and delightful. Prepared and gave to press message for tomorrow, 3rd Anniversary of outbreak of War. Also prepared reply to delegation from Win the War confoe arriving tomorrow. Germans still hammering and driving back Russians. Haig's offensive on West front only moderately successful, 5000 prisoners.

Saturday, August 4, 1917

Delightful cool day. Win the War Convention delegates arrived. Hawkes came at 9.30 and explained resolutions also gave me some suggestions. Afterwards A.B.Ames, A.E.Jarvis and Parker called and spoke of Liberal adherence. Warned me as to feeling with regard to Rogers. Rec'd delegates at 10 and was occupied with them and Women's delegation until 12. Spoke to W.W.Convention delegation very frankly, explained my desire and intention as to coalition Gov't and showed that extension parl'y term impracticable. They seemed very appreciative. Then discussed with Women's delegation question of franchise and found them very reasonable. The Senate, after lively debate passed Mil. Serv. Bill by 54 to 25, a great victory. Bostock's motion for non-enforcement until after election defeated by 10 majority. Played golf from 5 to 7. Beat Hugh Clark 9 up in 9 holes.

Sunday, August 5, 1917

Most glorious summer day. Growth of vines phenomenal. Have to cut continually the Virginia Creeper and Bitter Sweet which climb over the railing on the crib work. Lord Atholstan came at ten and stayed until 3. Discussed very fully the whole political situation, policy as to foreign vote, women suffrage, Quebec, Mar. Provinces, the West, retirement of Ministers, financial provision, Roger's indiscretions and services &c &o. Arranged to discuss certain matters with Sen. Foster. He had notes of certain matters but I dealt

with them all before he had a chance to use them. He thought favourably of segregation of foreign vote in West. Has some fears as to disruption of Conservative party but agrees that the issues are entirely above consideration of party. Thinks an a straight party issue Gov't will be beaten and I agree if West does not come into line.

Monday, August 6, 1917

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Went over debates of 1914 and 1916 respecting C.N.R. Examined draft of Military Bill and in afternoon from 3 to 6.30 revised it with Meighen and Doherty. O'Connor's draft is very poor. Meighen reports that Rogers is willing to take Lieut. Governorship of Man. Blacklock sent discouraging telegrams as to Winnipeg Convention, which opens tomorrow, says Sifton's visit was a great mistake and that Rogers is a stumbling block. Doherty reports a very satisfactory interview with the Cardinal who regards D's interpretation of Mil. Service Bill as quite satisfactory. Nearly finished Estimates in the House. My address to Win the War delegates received very favourably. Weather somewhat warmer but not oppressive.

Tuesday, August 7, 1917

Disposed of correspondence and arranged interview with His Ex. for tomorrow. Discussed with Meighen Godfrey's desire for nomination and sent for Blain as to convention fixed for Saturday. White came to arrange as to proceeding with C.N.R. res'n and we decided as to position to be taken on several matters. Prepared brief on this question. Wrote to Perley as to senatorship and as to pol. situation. Letter from Rogers as to disfranchising enemy aliens. In afternoon discussed this and other subjects with delegation of Orangemen. Prepared for res'n as to Overseas Minister and parl'y secretaries and went at it in afternoon. After 2 1/2 hours got res'n through. Mil. Serv. bill went through Com. in Senate. In evening from 8 to 11.30 on C.N.R. res'n. Pugsley made very weak attack and laid himself open. I scored him. Delightful cool summer day.

Wednesday, August 8, 1917

Discussed with Reid situation with regard to Rogers. He thinks immediate

reorganization of Gov't should take place. Meighen reports Soldiers votes bill ready for introduction tomorrow. Says Graham Bell has been informed that three machine guns have been obtained by French anticonscriptionists. Attended Gov. at 12.30 and discussed tomorrow's meeting. He has no very clear idea as to meeting. Sen. Foster came to lunch and I talked with him of Quebec situation which he promised to thoroughly investigate He and Blondin, whom I afterwards saw believe situation not hopeless. In Council passed Food regulation. In House debated the CN.Res'n, Mil. Serv. Bill passed in Senate "on division". Saw Sifton in evening. He gave me most interesting account of his adventures in the West. Says it was a machine convention. He convinced leaders but not the mass of delegates. Says Rogers adherence to party is hurting us greatly. Thinks the fight will be a tremendously hard one. R.G.Church absolutely against us.

Thursday, Aug. 9 1917

White yesterday thought Foster better attend confce at Gov't House. Saw Foster and explained situation to him. He accompanied me to Gov't House where confce took place at 12.30, and lasted to two. Gov. opened with statement setting forth critical condition of war and danger of gen. election during war. Offered to retire but we invited him to stay. I followed emphasizing danger of incomplete victory or even defeat. Laurier followed and spoke of necessity of clearing air by general election. Said Union Gov't might be formed after the war. Shaughnessy said election would be most detrimental and even a disgrace. Wants war council and postponement of election and campaign for recruiting. Sifton proposed practically same thing. Gouin supported Laurier and said he could not join Gov't without mandate. I proposed coalition extension for 6 months, recruiting campaign. Afterwards Sifton saw me with refce to proposing this to Laurier across floor of House. Discussed it with White and Meighen who thought it would be unwise.

Friday, Aug. 10 1917

Slept badly. Decided to spend week end with Reids. Major Gordon came from N.Y. and described to me his experience in U.S. Proud to hear how high the name of Canada stands. Last evening discussed with Meighen my idea of advising Gov. Gen. to call on Duff to form Union Gov't. He was fiercely opposed, saying it would ruin us. Discussed it with Sifton today who said it would depend on attitude of party. Thought it would be advisable if they would stand firm, as Liberals would be encouraged to come in. Fears we cannot win with Party Gov't. Says Dafoe wrote hmm yesterday and latter will arrive Monday I suggested Turriff as member of Union Gov't. Cochrane in Council fretful and says we are losing ground. Discussed with White our position in O.N.R.debate. • Left at 3.30 for Prescott and Bucks Island with Reid, Green and Barnard. Arrived at 7.35. Found Laura looking well but still suffering

from lack of sleep.

Saturday, Aug. 11 1917

Discussed today with Reid the summoning of Duff. He is very strongly opposed and thinks it would be fatal. Went to Alexandra Bay in morning and for a long cruise in afternoon to Clayton and through eel Bay. Papers to hand in afternoon show strong denunciation of Liberal convention by Western press and especially by Manitoba Free Press. "An unspeakable infamy". Evidently the machine result of the convention may be a boomerang. That is Green's opinion and his judgment is usually good. visit here most delightful. Weather just pleasant temperature. Newspapers uncomprehending as to situation, call for immediate Union Gov't. Reid thinks Rogers not acting straight and that he is using party resources to relieve Kelly situation. Very strong against him. Green thinks retention of Rogers would be fatal.

Sunday, Aug. 12 1917

A very pleasant day, hut much warmer, went with Barnard for a bathe before breakfast and then spent the forenoon in going over documents, newspapers and clippings. Regina Post seems very sane and intelligent. Taft reported seriously ill. Evidently a continued offensive is contemplated as artillery of Fifth Division has been sent to the front. Discussed political situation further with Reid who is very firm in his views as to Rogers. Thinks Cochrane entirely incapable of attending to the business of a heavy department. In afternoon went for cruise on river. Called at Echo Lodge where I saw 4 year old John Gilmour of Winnipeg; also at Redpath's little cottage. Left for Prescott at 7.30 and arrived about 9.15. A glorious night and a very pleasant sail down the river. What a glorious and majestic stream it is.

Monday, Aug. 13, 1917

Arrived 10 and at office at 10.30. Meighen came and reported as to western Liberal members saying they are all more determined than ever. Press oomment excellent. Dealt with correspondence and council at 12 to arrange for day's business. Discussed Military Voters Bill and authorized Doherty to introduce it which he did at 3. Sifton came between land 2 and says there is objection by Wood and Crerar to enter Gov't under my leadership. Says Duff cannot come and thinks we should have Sir W. Meredith. Saw Foster, Meighen and Reid all of whom think we have had enough talk of changed leaders. Went on with bill respecting overseas Ministry and Parl'y Secretaries and after much discussion passed it through 2nd reading and com. and stood at 10.45 for 3d reading. Hughes very treacherous, Guthrie says Grits have decided to keep us in session until 7th October. Thus they will raise

party spirit and consolidate their ranks. I suggest 2 weeks adjournment.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1917

Meighen and Reid came and discussed leadership of Meredith, strongly arguing that it would be disastrous. Sent for Sifton and he agreed that we should abandon idea of any other leader. Discussed with him sending of Wood and Crerar and then conferred with Turriff respecting convention. He says it was packed. Asked him whether he would join Gov't and he said yes, if Crerar and Wood would come but it would be no use for him to come alone.

He is not certain as to Carvell's attitude. Says Liberals will propose amendment to C.N.R. bill this afternoon. Sent for White and Meighen and discussed preparation. Decided I should follow Graham. He made a rather weak speech and I had no great difficulty in demolishing his arguments. Pugsley followed in a laboured effort, and debate went on all the evening. Then confce with Cecil Williams as to his visit to Front. Sent for Rowell who arrives tomorrow. Conferred with Sifton at his house and arranged for Crerar and Wood to come on Monday next.

Wednesday, Aug. 15 1917

Telephone message from Rowell that he wd not arrive but letter would reach me. It was dated 6 July and was sent for my correction as to our interview. Showed it to Sifton in evening and he thought it meant Rowell would not come in and that he was trying to justify his action. Discussed with him and with Meighen and Reid inviting Sir E. Falconer. They thought it a good name but nothing more. Sent tlgms to Wood and Crerar. Discussed Pitblado with Sifton and Meighen but former thinks he would not come. Sifton expressed doubt as to conduct of Sen. Ross and Calder. Attended His Ex. and reported to him as to pol. situation, telling him that Meredith and Duff had been spoken of as leaders. Discussed Quebec and Saguenay with Reid, Meighen and Lash and gave letter as to legislation at next session. White quite nervous as to C.N.R. bill and Bennett behaved badly insisting on adjournment of debate so that he can make a sensational speech tomorrow. His vanity makes him quite unbalanced.

Thursday, Aug. 16 1917

Sent for Sifton early and consulted him as to telegraphing for Pitblado. He advised against it and decided to stop Wood and Crerar and go to Winnipeg. He was quite anxious as to certain changes in the Gov't He came again at one and suggested sending for Godfrey but wrote afterwards not to do it. Says Grits are spreading report that we have an arrangement with Nationalists. I made strong contradiction in House at 3. Conferred with Foster and offered him High Commissionership. He

declined on account of his wife's inability to cross ocean. Decided to see Rogers but before doing so received a letter practically tendering his resignation. Bennett made a harmful speech on C.N.R. and Meighen replied very effectively. Mackenzie came in evening and reported as to conversation with Calder who is well disposed but thinks he cannot induce his supporters to accept my leadership.

Friday, Aug 17 1917

Dictated and revised reply to Rogers and at 11 conferred with Cochrane, Hazen, Kemp, White, Doherty, Meighen Foster and Reid. Read his letter and my draft reply. They all approved. Our men are getting restless, Cochrane says, on account of uncertainty. Long confce with W.J.Tupper as to alien enemy vote in west. He says we have no chance unless it is disfranchised or segregated. At White's request spoke on third reading of bill imposing income tax. Confce with Rogers who strongly insists that we should make no further effort for Union Gov't and that we are heading straight for destruction. At 12.30 saw His Ex. and submitted Rogers letter and my reply, of which he approved. He gave me permission to publish correspondence. Saw Sifton who reported Calder well disposed but very cautious. Doubts whether he will come in

Saturday, Aug.18 1917

Finally revised letter to Rogers and sent it for delivery. Did not see him afterwards except in House this afternoon. Council at 11. Disposed of much routine and arranged business for this afternoon. Discussed bills to be introduced by Lougheed in Senate as to organizations of returned soldiers. In House moved concurrence in Senate amendments to Military Service Bill which passed after brief discussion. Then took up Mounted Police and Agricultural Estimates. Some discussion as to withdrawal of Mounted Police from Prov'l duty. Burrell in great hurry to get away for golf was kept until 6; but although I took a car immediately for golf links he arrived ahead of me. Dined at Golf Club with Laura and afterwards played bridge and arrived home at 11.30. Saw Stephen Foster who looks very manly and handsome in uniform of a 2nd Lieut .

Sunday, Aug. 19 1917.

Variable weather with wharf showers in afternoon. Went over clippings and read draft of franchise bill. In afternoon Sifton came unexpectedly. Showed me letter and telegram from Dafoe. Letter very interesting and illuminating as to convention. Says hostility to me is symbolic, personifying opposition to methods Rogers has employed in the West, especially in matters relating to the war. Crerar has suggested to him as leader Foster or C.H.Tupper. I said I {would hold

up both hands for Foster. He said he had decided not to come in but that his brother would come and could probably bring in Crerar. A.L. has no high opinion of Wood for Turriff or Buchanan. Sifton suggested Mewburn as Minister of Militia. In evening I discussed whole situation with Meighen (who thinks we should not take in Calder as he is unreliable. Infinitely prefers Pitblado.

Monday, Aug.20 1917

Crerar and Wood arrived this morning and I had them for an hour and a half in the afternoon. Exposed the situation to them with much frankness and very fully. They asked as to Rogers and C. Sifton. I explained the situation. Discussed' taxation on business profits. Asked them as to leadership and spoke of Foster. Sifton came to see me early and I spoke to him about Calder's alleged lack of straightforwardness. He explained C's difficult position in the face of hostile delegates. In Council debated many matters and especially draft of franchise Bill. interesting conversation with Anderson, Smith, Walters and Bishop of Press Gallery. Asked Sherwood as to conditions in Quebec which he thinks bad. O'Leary and Godfrey called and former says Hazen will be defeated in N.B. Thinks a Union Gov't would carry 8 out of 11 seats. Military Voters Bill in the House but with little progress. Laurier under the weather and not present.

Tuesday, Aug.21 1917

Heard from Reid that Western men must return home before finally deciding. Sent for Sifton at noon and discussed situation with him. Told him Rogers blames him for giving information to press but he strongly denied it. Reid had conversation with western men in afternoon and reported. Met them in evening at Reid's office. A.L.Sifton, Calder and Crerar. Discussed franchise fully and Sifton suggested enfranchising of women but requiring individual naturalization. This, as I pointed out, would accomplish the same result as disfranchising foreign elements without giving votes to women. We all agreed that this would do. They left for West at midnight and are to notify us before Sunday. Conferred with McK. and Lash as to rescinding resn's and agreements with Bank re Duluth Stock &c. Read in House correspondence with Rogers. Doherty proceeded with Mil. Service Bill. We hear that C.P.R. is in league with Laurier.

Wednesday, Aug.22 1917

At noon heard delegation from all parts of country requesting appointment of Inland Trade Com'n. Told them we could not do it this session. Sent for Kemp, Doherty and Meighen and arranged personnel of Military Service Council. Confce with Carvell at 11.30 and after explaining to him attitude of western men invited him to Join a Union

Gov't. He seemed impressed. Spoke fairly and said he would think it over for a day or two. Montreal Star last evening attacked our C.N.R. legislation. Evidently at instance of Rogers or perhaps C.P.R. White, Meighen and I in confuse during afternoon settled our course in House on that Leg'n. Mil. Voters bill still on in House. In evening long confce with Ballantyne as to pol. situation. He says that C.P.E. and Bank Montreal are bitterly hostile. Professed his willingness to assist and serve in any way.

Thursday, Aug. 23, 1917

C.N.R. bill in house until 9 P.M. Disgraceful and unworthy attack on Gov't appears in today's Gazette signed by H.R. Drummond, Wm. McMaster and others. Graham read it and White made excellent reply converting the article into an attack on public ownership. Our members greatly enraged and violent press despatched went out. I sent for Graham and he is to arrive this evening. Discussed Graham's attitude with Sen. Foster who cannot explain it. Rogers told me in confidence that Graham is proposing to sell the "Star" to the C.P.R. C.H. Cahan called and offered to aid in any way. I asked him to come into public life at ensuing election. Sent for Carvell and McLean and with Meighen and Doherty discussed and practically settled necessary amendments to Mil. Voters Bill. Attended His Ex. and reported to him as to pol. conditions.

Friday, Aug. 24 1917

After two nights in House till 1 P.M. I did not reach office until 10.30 and at 11 met Graham who was evidently not frank with me. He expected to be attacked but I simply asked him for explanation. He pretends that he is trying to help the party and that he is to be the mediator. A very untrustworthy man. Saw Sifton at 2.30 and again at six. He has tlgm from his brother asking as to Carvell. Saw Carvell in evening and he is to meet his executive on Monday. Gave evidence that he is disposed to come. Mil. Voters Bill passed in House. Fierce discussion on Pugsley's motion to exclude voters who never lived in Canada. Our men scored and Pugsley on vote had little support from his own party. Meighen went to Thousand Islands with Reid. Rogers is leaving for Kenora tonight. His despatches to Telegram are very unfair.

Saturday, Aug. 25 1917

Rose very tired and almost on verge of nervous collapse. By arrangement with Sifton, Parent came at 10.15 and I discussed with him the Quebec situation. He expressed hope that elections will be held before conscription is enforced. Thinks better elements of population give it some support. Will visit Quebec and report to me

on my return. After him Sifton came and we discussed attitude of C.P.R. and of Bk. Montreal group. He suggested asking Ames and Osler to assist in Montreal situation. He has no faith in Graham. Says he betrayed the Cons, party once and will do so again. Fears C.P.R. will try to defeat us on C.N.R. bill. Instructed Clark and Christie to prepare statement for press re military service Bill. Tried "Starvation and rest cure". Took no breakfast or luncheon and went to bed at 1 P.M. Many letters alluding to silly rumours that the Gov. Gen. will not sign Military Service Bill, that we are hesitating to put it into force. Some of them from well informed and intelligent men.

Sunday, Aug. 26 1917

Weather much cooler. Came down stairs at 5.30 to find memo from Baker and code tlgm from Calder, Hudson, Crerar and Sifton. Telegraphed them all stating that message is unintelligible. No reply up to 1 P.M. today. In afternoon got in touch with Sifton (Sir C.) at Cobourg through Clive Pringle and learned number used in code (130) but secretary and code book not then available. Sifton says message is fairly satisfactory, went over documents for statement tomorrow respecting Bruce report, Number of employes, &c. Inquiry from Meighen at Preseott respecting message from West, but could tell him nothing. Gave instructions yesterday that all our members are to be summoned for vote on Tuesday night, or rather Wednesday morning at 2 A.M. Letter from Willison that he thinks Rowell will come in if some western men will come.

Monday, Aug. 27 1917

Reid, White and Meighen came for news from west and were very violent when I showed them telegram from Calder, Crerar Hudson and soften that change of leadership is essential, Telegram suggests Foster, Duff, Beck or Mulock. Decided to call caucus tomorrow. Council at 2, passed routine and went over questions. In House made announcements as to Bruce memorandum, overseas administrative staff, overseas medical service and pensions. As to latter said rate &c should be left to a new parliament. C.N.R. bill on all day. Took steps towards closure and Pugsley tried to play to the gallery. A good deal of confusion at one time. Confce with Smithers as to John Riordan as to rates &c &c, Lt. Col. G.F. Carruthers came with W.W. Tupper to discuss disfranchisement, Union Gov't, &c. Saw Sifton at 8.15 and he seemed to think conclusion of western men final. Agreed that we must call caucus. Explained position to Foster in evening. Discussed pol. situation with Turriff. Tlgm from Carvell that he cannot accept.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 1917

Canadian Northern in Com. all day and passed under close at 2 A.M.

Much simulated indignation by Pugsley and French members. Strong support to Gov't proposals from the Globe, Toronto Star, and Man. Free Press Various confces during day with Sifton, who urged that very strong pressure should be put upon caucus to bring them into line. Sent Reid to him, in evening. Reid very strong that Foster could not form a Gov't or carry it on. In Council, explained negotiations and proposals of western liberals to colleagues who unanimously declared that they would not, even be considered. Tlgm from Ld. Northcliffe as to date of his visit and as to scope of his authority from Br. Gov't. Mitchener and Blow urge that Bennett should run again in Calgary. Meighen says Turriff ready to join Gov't.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 1917

Dealt with correspondence and matters of routine and went to caucus (the largest I have ever seen) at 11. Foster described it afterwards as the most wonderful caucus in his experience of 25 years. I described negotiations, stated purpose of messages from western Liberals emphasized the overmastering purpose of winning the war, paid a tribute to Foster, offered to retire or to serve under him or in any other capacity to win the war. He spoke strongly conviction that I must remain leader and declined. Taylor moved resolution, since made public. There were several other speakers and then res'n carried by unanimous standing vote. There were calls for me and I rose and began when suddenly my heart became very full and I could not speak. I stood silent, almost sobbing, when Sam Donaldson suddenly sprang to his feet and began, "For he's a jolly good fellow". When it was finished I was able to go on for a few minutes. Then we discussed Franchise Bill. In evening I spoke in reply to Pugsley on C.N.r. and afterwards saw the two Siftons at 11.30

Thursday, Aug. 30 1917.

Rainville and afterwards Blondin came to deplore delay in making arrests in Montreal. Went with them to see Doherty who reported as to action taken and promised to have proceedings taken. Then saw Newcombe and arranged for meeting of Mil. Serv. Bd. tomorrow at my office. Discussed franchise with Meighen. Saw Laurier at 6 f.M. and asked for his reply as to Board of Selection under Mil.Serv. Act. He said he had appt'd small com. and would require a few days. Lord Grey Memorial service tomorrow in London and here. Sent telegrams to Lady Grey. A very interesting and capable man, of marvellous enthusiasm but ill-balanced judgment. Estimates under cons'n in House. Mil. Voters Act rec'd third reading. Strong rumours that C.P.R. is working hard in Senate to defeat C.N.R. Bill. Hon. Edw. Brown of Man, gave interview declaring his satisfaction with my leadership and his intention to support me. In evening long confce with Duff who said he would like Tilley to come in. Spoke in highest terms of Tilley's character and ability. Told him I would consider.

Saturday, Sept.1 1917

At ten to 11.20 confce with Mil. Service Bd. All present with Doherty, Kemp, Meighen, Mewburn and Gwatkin also. Discussed sending out cards and general scope of reg'ns. Very useful confce. I strongly urged full information through pamphlets &c. Urged firm enforcement of law. Then to Memorial Service for Lord Grey in Cathedral. Very impressive and Archdeacon MacKay made excellent address. Then to Council where we appointed Aime Benard Senator and considered the draft franchise bill submitted by Meighen. Decided to discuss it with Western Liberals, Turriff and Others. Discussed Tilley with Meighen and told Duff to send for him and consult with him as to entering Gov't. Played golf with Duff. Dined at Country Club with Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Ross as our guests. Very delightful evening and returned about 11.30. Tlgm from Sir John Gibson wishing to see me on Monday.

Sunday, Sept 2 1917

At ten went to attend His Ex. who is suffering from a gouty attack and gave him an account of the political position since I last reported. Told him prorogation about the 12th September. In afternoon Campbell Stuart came with message from Lord Northcliffe as to his visit. Lord Reading is coming to U.S. very soon on financial mission and Northcliffe's official visit will be postponed until then. He is spending week end in Thousand Islands near Gananoque and will return to N.Y. via Ottawa on private visit to His Ex. Dr. Doughty also came and gave interesting account of his visit to England. Says air raids much worse than reported. Bombs dropped all over London and several banks damaged. He made a useful chart of our organization in G.B. and France. O.M. Biggar an interesting man. Dr. Mrs. and Miss Ami, Col. Machin and Capt. McGregor of British Embassy also callused. A glorious summer day.

Monday, Sept. 3, 1917.

At 10.45 Sir J.M. Gibson, Flavelle and McAllister came as to steel required for cars to be constructed for Gov't by Nat'l Car Co. Sent for Pope, talked to Cochrane and arranged for Pope and Bell to go to Washington. Discussed with Christie appointment of Can. rep. at Washington. Meighen, Turriff and Thomson came at 11.30 and we discussed fully provisions of Franchise Bill. They agreed to disfranchisement with some reluctance and approved of proposal to enfranchise relatives of men at front. In afternoon heard from Duff that Tilley had arrived but would not come into Gov't and therefore he (Duff) could not come. Sent for Tilley and discussed it with him at length, appealing to his patriotism and telling him it was his duty to enlist in public life for the rest of the war and that his action would create a profound impression. Told Held also to see him and impress him with duty of service. Reid saw Tilley in evening but

evidently did not produce much impression. Very cool weather today.

Tuesday, Sept. 4 1917

Weather still very cool. Called Council at 11 and discussed fully the proposed Franchise Bill. Doherty, Foster, Hazen and Crothers strongly objected to preparation of lists by enumerators without judicial revision. Thought moderate and independent opinion would be turned against us. Finally Meighen undertook to revise it. I suggested that we might make the bill perfectly fair by giving the Grits the nomination of half of the enumerators. Afterwards conferred with Meighen and called meeting of U.S. and N.B. Senators and Members to consider what those two provinces would accept. Confce with Cantley who seems very well disposed and afterwards with Sanford Evans who told me of feeling in West and that Winnipeg Convention was really a demonstration against Sifton. Western Liberals consider him very treacherous. No word as to his return. Am about at limit of my strength Debated and settled terms of White's reply to Shaughnessy's statement in the press.

Wednesday, Sep. 4 1917

Rose and got ready for office when I suddenly seemed to collapse and had to return to bed. Sent for Blount and told him I could do no work for some days. Dr. McCarthy came at noon and thoroughly examined me. Advised me to remain in bed for two days if possible. Says there is no organic trouble but pure fatigue. Wonders that I am in as good' condition as I am. Head "Sunny Subaltern" with much interest and appreciation. Just he every day, human letters of a bright, well educated, adventurous, patriotic Canadian boy. The weather cool but bright in the forenoon. Germans have captured Riga. Many Russian battalions disaffected and retire without resistance. Tlgm in code from Green saying that all negotiations with official Liberals are off and we are absolved from all obligation to them with respect to franchise.

Thursday, Sep. 5.1917

Sent for Reid who told me of the tlgm from Green yesterday, of which I had not known. Says Meighen has completed draft of franchise bill which has been approved by Council and that he will introduce it today with my consent which I gave. Some glorious gladioli from Sen. Foster and roses from Nickle. Read much in "Shakespeare's England", a most instructive and interesting book. Confidential report of Liberal candidates convention in Toronto has been published and has created a considerable sensation. Plainly they had no thought but party advantage. Weather very cold Russian situation very bad and apparently there is little prospect that it will be better. Duff and Tilley evidently have

no idea of entering the Government. They lack the spirit which prompted our young men to cross the seas and go over the parapet.

Friday, Sep. 6 1917.

Franchise bill fairly well received but some Of the Liberal papers are attacking it and the Liberals in the House evidently intend to offer a desperate resistance. Clark and Turriff will support it. Meighen's statement on the first reading was admirable. He was unable to bring on the second reading today as the bill was not printed in French. Dr. McCarthy came this morning and thinks I am in wonderfully good physical condition considering the strain I have undergone. Lively scene in Senate yesterday with Choquette who insulted the Speaker and had to withdraw his words. Went with Laura to Golf Club for luncheon and played 22holes of golf. Weather very cool. Nearly down to freezing point last night. Am not to go to House until Monday. Lord Northcliffe arrives tomorrow.

Saturday, Sep. 7 1917

In the morning Meighen came with Dr. J.G.Rutherford with whom I discussed fully the pol. sit'n and found him very sympathetic. He is prepared to support franchise bill although at first opposed to disfranchisement. He apprehends great difficulty in dealing with bacon industry. Sifton came in afternoon and said that he nearly succeeded in Wpg. and that Hudson blocked the proposal by refusing to come in under my leadership. We agreed to drop all proposals until after prorogation. He agreed that Guthrie should come in. Sent for Guthrie and told him I still intended to form Union Gov't and would ask him to join. Dined at Gov't House in evening to meet Ld. Northcliffe. Sat at his right and discussed U.S. effort. He says they are going in very earnestly and strongly and the trouble will be to get them out of the war. He says Ld. Reading is coming within a very few days with most ample powers as to all financial matters. White reports Grits engaged in effort to talk out Franchise Bill by interposing motions.

Sunday, Sept. 9 1917

Cold cloudy day, clearing at evening with most beautiful sunset. Sent for White, Hazen and Meighen and discussed Franchise Bill, Lord Northcliffes proposed interview, &c. They report Grits determined to obstruct in the Senate. Ld. Northcliffe came in afternoon. Told him of our confused political situation and of my negotiations with Laurier &c. Spoke of financial situation and of danger that British officials and American Congress may bring about dangerous effect on public opinion. White came at 4.30 and went very fully into financial

situation and emphasized dangers likely to ensue from strictly official attitude not taking into account higher political considerations. Discussed appointment of Canadian representative at Washington. Suggested that he might be added to Northcliffe mission. White thought he should be permanent appointment. Northcliffe said nothing about his proposed interview.

Monday, Sept. 10 1917

Discussed incidents of Saturday as to Franchise Bill and decided to apply closure, according to notice. Considered with Meighen and Speaker the procedure necessary to avoid dilatory motions. At 3 went to House and moved to proceed to Orders of Day and followed this by motion to proceed to Franchise Bill. To my surprise both motions passed unanimously. Then Foster moved closure which carried 48 to 23. The whole in 11 minutes. Ld. Northcliffe Lord Richard Neville and Camp. Stuart were on floor. Northcliffe left this P.M. for N.Y. Lemieux arranged interview of Sir Lomer Gouin with him. I concurred and am to hear of its purport. Several letters and tlgs from Womens Societies as to Franchise Bill. Wrote rather elaborate answer which will serve for all. McCurdy says our men in N.S. are much heartened by Franchise Bill. Says Murray afraid to move without his party. All of them are backward and cowardly except Guthrie, Clark and Turriff. Weather fine and slightly warmer.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 1917

News from Russia growing worse. Civil war seems imminent. Kerensky is taking vigorous and determined measures. Blain says Franchise Bill is most popular measure we have introduced. In House went on with Franchise Bill in Committee. Long discussion. Grits rather baffled by its complexity. They are desperately afraid of the enumerators. They objected rather vigorously to the closure notice but it was given upon the understanding that we should try to make an agreement. Conferred with Rhodes McCurdy and Davidson as to powers of enumerators in N.S. and decided to permit amendment of the Bill. McCurdy recommends E. Hart Nichols for Registrar in N.S. under Mil. Serv. Bd. Senate has made fine progress and will be all ready for this bill on Saturday Discussed with Reid director of Publicity for ensuing campaign. Hope to go to Echo Beach next week.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 1917.

Delegation of Mfrs. Ass'n came and presented an address practically endorsing Gov't and pledging support at General Elections. S.R.Parsons, president, spoke first and afterwards Hobson, H. Cockshutt, Geo. Henderson and five or six others. Hon. Mr. Rees of Australia came to call and sat on floor of House. Laurier refused to

make any agreement as to date of 3rd reading and I moved closure. Many amendments necessary to correct omissions and oversights. Discussed with N.S. members and Senators proposed amendment as to N.S. As they had not moved it before midnight I told them it should be done, if at all, in the Senate. They were displeased but reluctantly agreed. McCrany thinks we will carry 40 seats west of Lakes. Laurier and Pugsley look very dispirited and tired. Graham maintains a fairly jaunty air. Tlgm from Perley that McPhail will return and run in Queens, P.E.I. He also suggests return of Steele. At 2.20 A.M. the Franchise Bill was reported without a vote.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 1917

Slept until 9.40 then to office. Discussed with Newoombe use of bilingual forms tinder Mil. Serv. Act. Told him to use English forms in all Provinces except Quebeo. Discussed with Reid our publicity bureau. Flavelle came to discuss fair wages clause with respect to provision of lumber for aeroplanes and new contracts for 6 inch shells. Wm. Power and Tobin assert that Sifton at first against Comp. Mil. Service. In House proceeded with misc. business until 9.40 when I proposed proceeding with Franchise Bill, but at Laurier's request permitted adjournment of debate, having first given notice of closure. Met White, Lougheed, Cochrane and Held at 5 as to Ry. and Insce bills and arranged our course in Senate. Met N.S. Members and Senators at 8 as to amendment in Senate to Franchise Act and agreed as to proper course.

Friday, Sept. 14, 1917

Laurier declined to give any assurance as to 3rd reading and I moved closure at 3. Debate then proceeded and in reply to an appeal from Weichel as to naturalization I spoke for about 10 minutes in explaining policy of Gov't. Letter from rep's of Railway Emp. Organization as to delay in Senate over railway bill. Discussed wit'n with Armstrong and proposed to take up bill in H. of C. and add as amendments most important provisions. Found, however, that this was impracticable as they wanted so much. In Council discussed reply to British note as to purchases in United States and afterwards drafted reply. White went in the air, said he was overwearied and must get out, that his duties and responsibilities were undermining his health. I soothed him as best I could and arranged for his work while absent in Washington to meet Lord Reading. Fierce debate in House. Our men pounded the Grits thoroughly and completely from 12 to 2.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1917.

Discussed with Meighen the best way of expediting railway and afterwards took it up with Lougheed. Subsequently took it up in Council

and arranged that Lougheed should put it through with such modification of controversial clauses as might be forced upon him. White left for Hew York. Sifton came yesterday and discussed political situation. Told him Cahan says C.P.R. and Bk. Montreal will support Gov't, and he had sent a stern message to Shaughnessy. Thinks we will have a stiff fight but should win. Wants a Senatorship. In that he resembles many others. Sent letter to members urging them to remain and attend caucus. In House put through concurrence to Senate amendments to Income Tax Bill. Division 33 to 11. Then dealt with Drydocks Bill and went into estimates. Arranged with Flint to give him annuity of \$2500. and Laurier to whom I spoke said he would approve. Have my work well up to date.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 1917

A most glorious early autumn day rather warm, therm. 80 in afternoon. Wandered over grounds in morning and part of time went over documents and press clippings. Counted 30 buds in rose garden. Grounds look very beautiful. Feel very tired and utterly in need of rest. Rhodes came in afternoon and Rogers also; Seems in good form. Mrs. Alice Gardiner and her son who has joined a signalling Co. at age of 15, pretending to be 18, which he looks, also Mr. Beaufort of Christian Science Monitor, Mr. Dudfield of Nfld - a partner of Sir Edw, Morris, and Col. Currie (John A.) Currie says our men are in wonderful confidence. Danger that they may be too confident. I must warn them against that at next caucus. John Ewart has issued a pamphlet containing insolent references to me. He has an Intense antipathy to everyone who supports the British connection. It was generally rumoured that he was greatly disappointed because he was not knighted with Aylesworth after the arbitration with the United States. Aylesworth said that he would have been glad to take Ewart's fee and let Ewart have the knighthood. Whatever may be the cause, Ewart's hatred to Great Britain seems to date from that period.

Monday, Sept. 17 1917

Attended Labour Convention at 11 and had good reception, Spoke to them for about 10 or 12 mins. and was listened to with close attention. Sifton came at 12 and is disturbed at resignation of J. Kerr in Eent. Says it will have bad effect on Liberals all over the country. Mulloy has gone for purpose of inducing him to reconsider. At 12.30 attended His Ex. who suggested a useful addition to speech from Throne. In afternoon redrafted it and attended him at Gov't House and he approved. In Council discussed payment of members of Tribunals under Mil. Serv. [Act. Poster, Crothers and Maighen strongly opposed. Doherty and I favoured payment. Great excitement in Senate as to amendments respecting Franchise Act in Nova Scotia. In evening long consultation with W.J. Bullman of Wpg. respecting western conditions, especially Manitoba and Rogers' status and probable course.

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1917

Went at 8.30 with Doughty to see exhibit of War Trophies at Lansdowne Park. Very interesting and instructive. Reversion to old conditions, body armour, shields, helmets &c. At 10 to 12 meeting of Military Serv. Council which discussed important matters. Then confce with Shortt as to hie app't on Archives Com'n. Then to H. of C. and confce with Lougheed and Meighen as to Senate Amendments to Franchise Bill. Ballantyne came at my request from Mtl. and we discussed pol conditions. In Council disposed of routine and arranged business of House. In House Doherty undertook to move non-concurrence in Senate amendments to Judges Act, but was not prepared with motion setting forth reasons. Excursions and alarums as to Franchise Amendments and finally got it arranged at 9.30, Delegation of French Canadians from Mtl. advocated Pope for Cabinet position. J.A.Currie wants to come in. Very beautiful autumn day. Several roses still blooming in garden.

Wednesday, Sept. 19 1917

Caucus 11 to 1.30. Objection raised by Bennett, Fripp and others to Union Gov't. Finally J.A.Currie spent nearly 20 minutes in discussing a rumour that I would give equal representation in Government to dissentient Liberals. He said members greatly disturbed, that rumour was doubtless unfounded, but that I should reassure them. I had only ten minutes for reply. I told them Canada was faced with a crisis above all party considerations; it was vital that necessary reinforcements should be supplied by compulsory military service; without this Canadian Corps could not be maintained and would feel itself betrayed; I meant to keep my pledge to our soldiers; if dissentient Liberals would come in I would give them equal representation in Government; my duty as I conceived it led me to that conclusion; they had to consider their duty, and if their conception did not coincide with mine their only course was to select another leader. There was no more murmuring and caucus acquiesced but there are some dissenters. Have decided to leave everything until after 1st October. Much discussion during the day and all through the evening as to amendments to N.S.Franchise. At 6 had meeting with Lougheed and N.S.Senators and members. Finally arranged that Meighen and W.B.Ross should be a committee to deal with matter and their decision final. They reached agreement with Grits which the latter repudiated in about an hour. Offered Dr. Clark position in Gov't without portfolio. He seemed much gratified and said he would not administer a Dep' t and would leave his accession to Gov't entirely to me.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 1917

Col.H.R. Smith, Sergt. at Arms died this morning and at 3 I made appropriate reference. Great uncertainty all day to 3 P.M. as to

prorogation. Sent, for B. M. Macdonald and had confce afterwards with him and McLean and arrived at agreement, subsequently saw Oliver and arranged that he would not obstruct; then told Col. Henderson there would be prorogation at 6.30. In House moved res'n appreciative of Dr. Flint's services. Prorogued at 5.30. In evening dealt with many matters and interview with Meighen as to formation of Union Gov't, and especially as to Pitblado. Afterwards saw John Pitblado who said he had already written his brother and would telegraph him. Reid thinks Rogers working against us and not acting straight. Says Cochrane expects to stay but might take another Department. Reading and Northcliffe coming to Ottawa on 4th to 6th October.

Friday, Sept. 21 1917

Left at 7 for EAcho Beach. From Chateau to Smallians in 2 hours, 35 minutes. Arrived in Camp 12.30. Would have arrived 11.45 but for delay in meeting us. Had to carry our luggage nearly all way through portage. Motorboat of much hesitancy in operation brought us up Home Lake. In afternoon Rhodes and I went to Pickwick and took only half a dozen. Off La Victoires Rhodes and I each got a 8 pounder about 6. Mine was hooked on fin and made a tremendous fight, testing my new 4 oz. rod. Egan and Blackburn tot 8 good ones at same time and place. Meighen came as my guest. He looks very tired. Dr. Powell, Jones, Gouin, Devlin and Gait also in Camp. Weather very cool but air delightful. Played cards in evening. Respite from infernal pol. worries most delightful.

Saturday, Sept. 22 1917.

Was fool enough to go into Lake for bathe with keen north wind and therm at 44. look physical exercise afterwards and got into a good glow. Egan left for Ottawa at 10 and sent letters to Laura and Dr. Reid. Air very bracing. In afternoon went to Gouin's pool and thence to Keatleys where Rhodes and I got 7 nice ones. Letters from Reid stating that Sifton informed him that the 4 Western Liberals are now ready to coma and that he would telegraph to have them in Ottawa on 5th October. Discussed it with Meighen and we both regarded proposal as unfortunate and the situation as difficult. It would appear that their entry now is likely to do as much harm as good. Their hesitation and their quibbling as to leadership have disgusted the majority of Conservatives.

Sunday, Sept. 23 1917

Rhodes and Meighen went to Dear Lake and came back with 61, some of them larger than I have ever seen from that Lake. Gait and I went to Pickwick where we got 5 small ones, thence to Lunch's Camp where we got five very fine ones and thence to Keatleys where I got three

beauties, one of them nearly two pounds and he gave me a great fight. They all agreed that they were the finest fish of this Camp. Weather delightful. Considered the Western Liberals further and am much puzzled over the situation. To take them in will enrage Ontario and Maritime Conservatives beyond measure. Besides, I have already spoken to five men, Ballantyne, Clark, Guthrie, Mewburn, and Pitblado. Have not heard from last but know others will come.

Monday, Sept. 24 1917

Glorious autumn day. Wrote to Laura and sent her a small box of fish. Also wrote to Reid and told him Meighen is going in tomorrow. Blackburn, Smellie and Bassett left for town. Rhodes and Meighen started for Pickwick at 11. They came back with little from Pickwick but with 11 very fine reds from Keatleys. Powell and I went at 4.30 to Keatleys but we took only 2, all that rose to us, while Rhodes and Meighen were getting numerous rises only 100 feet away. Discussed pol. situation with Meighen and we agreed that position is very awkward, and embarrassing by reason of new attitude of Western Liberals. If they come in situation will be difficult with Conservative element and if we refuse situation will be difficult with independents and Liberals.

Tuesday, Sept. 25 1917.

Not in good form today. Stayed in Camp all forenoon and most of afternoon. Slept and read and in afternoon felt much refreshed. went at 4.30 to Keatleys with Jones but we had no luck. Afternoon was delightful weather. Meighen and Gait left for town and Meighen intends sending up Reid on Thursday or Friday to discuss new attitude of Western Liberals. He realizes our great responsibility but is strongly opposed to taking them in at this stage. I am beginning to feel that we should take them in as our first duty is to win at any cost the coming election in order that we may continue to do our part in winning the war and that Canada fee not disgraced.

Wednesday, Sept. 26 1917.

Went with president to sunken Log, Horseshoe, Martin's Landing, Left Bower and Devlin's pool. Got 13 grays (11 at Horseshoe) and 1 red. Ten of the grays weighed 25 pounds. Perfect September day but too warm for fly fishing. Echo Lake was a most beautiful picture. The beach at the head of Echo Lake is very delightful. There would be an excellent site for a club house or camp. J.A. Gonin spoke to me about his son-in-law Bowie. Wants him appointed Sergeant at Arms. Mail arrived late this evening Letter from Laura in which she recalled that yesterday was 28th Anniversary of our Wedding Day. ARhodes and Powell went to Asbestos Rock and Keatleys and came back with 15 nice fish,

nearly all reds.

Thursday, Sept. 27 1917

Went this forenoon to Asbestos Rock but had poor sport. In afternoon went to La Victoire's and got three nice fish. Reid with Ted Devlin and Monty Powell arrived at Camp in afternoon and I had the opportunity of discussing with Reid the new developments in the pol. sit'n. We came to the conclusion that I should ask Meighen to wire in my name to Mitchener, Willoughby and Pitblado to meet me in Ottawa on Tuesday next. As W. & M. are to be Senators we think they would undertake to organize or assist in organizing their Provinces, As to Pitblado have opened negotiations with his brother and it is due to him that the matter should be discussed at a personal interview Liberals have accepted Clark's resignation in Red Deer.

Friday, Sept. 28, 1917.

Further discussed situation with Reid and sent telephone message by Mail courier to Meighen to telegraph for Mitchener, Willoughby and Pitblado. Pointed out to Reid the danger of our position in case I should refuse proposals of western Liberals. He was strong against them at first but he is beginning to see the difficulty of refusal. Discussed appointments to House of Commons, Clerk and Sergeant at Arms, with the Speaker. Reid and I went to Pickwick and had very good sport. He landed one weighing nearly 2 pounds. Rhodes caught several fine fish at La Victoires. A very lovely autumn day. Decided to return to town on Sunday. Hews from Russia very discouraging. Almost in condition of anarchy. Reid says White is very nervous and overworked.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 1917.

A dull and overcast day, much cooler. Reid and I went to Sunken Log (5) Horseshoe {none} Cold Spring (1) Left Bower (none) and Cedar Bay (14) returning at 5.45 with 20. Rhodes caught a magnificent 3 pounder at la Victoires and Ted and Monty had excellent sport at Long Lake where they captured 15 beauties, all on the fly. Talked further with Reid and Rhodes about the pol. situation and decided that action for reconstruction ought not to be delayed a minute longer than necessary. He thinks that Cochrane would accept presidency of the C.N.R. and that the appointment would be popular. The difficult question is as to the overseas service. Most conflicting reports as to present conditions in G.B. and France.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1917.

Packed up and started with Rhodes and Reid for home at 10.30. It began to rain shortly after we started and rained hard until we reached Smalians. Had lunch there. Motored to Ottawa over a very bad road reaching home at 6.50. Stalled on one hill and skidded into ditch &c. Sent box of fish to His Ex. John Pitbiado came at 8 to report as to his brother. Believes he is willing to come in although reluctant to do so and that he leaves for Ottawa this evening. Afterwards Reid and Meighen came and we discussed pol. sit'n for two hours. Meighen still strongly opposed to taking in four western Liberals. I pointed out the difficult position I would be in if I refused, after all that I have most sincerely said about forming a Union Gov't and placing the Winning of the War above every other consideration. Reid who was strongly of Meighen's opinion at first is coming around to mine.

Monday, Oct. 1 1917

Early at office. Tlgm from Pitblado that he cannot come. This explained by later tlgms to Meighen. It appears that Pitbiado has heard of further proposals by Calder et al and does not wish to interfere. Latest tlgm says Laurier will resign on Saturday and Carvell will assume leadership and agree to coalition. Telegraphed for Ballantyne and Guthrie. Seat for Sir W. McK. but he is in Winnipeg. Appt'd Jameson on Civil Service Com'n. Appointed Shortt Chairman Historical Document Bd. In Council discussed issue of proclamation dissolving Parliament, app't of Clark (Assistant) of Crown in Chancery and of Scrutineers. Disposed of much routine. Hazen and wife arrived yesterday. Sifton out of town, returns tomorrow. Major Gow has arrived and is to see me with message from Perley. Newcombe consulted me as to reciprocal arrangements with U.S. for compulsory service.

Tuesday, Oct, 2. 1917

Sent for Cochrane and discussed with him the presidency of the C.N.R. He agreed to take it and remain member of Gov't without portfolio. Sent for Mitchell previously and discussed with him appointment of Sir W.McK. as Chairman of Board of Directors. Willoughby came and reported on conditions in Sask. Said Calder would be hard pill to swallow. Discussed with Roche his retirement and offered him collectorship in Toronto or Chairmanship of Civil Service Commission. He wants ry. com'rship. Pope discussed app't of enumerators. Council in afternoon. Discussion of financial sit'n which Foster painted in very gloomy colours. White contended that outlook is much more cheerful than Foster supposes. In evening confce with Sifton over whole pol. situation. He says Western men are to be here on Friday and outlook is good. Thinks McK. must sever his connection with C.I.E. absolutely. Believes Laurier will resign if Western men come in.

Wednesday, Oct. 3. 1917

Called up early by Reid who gave report from Ballantyne. Saw Ballantyne and arranged to swear him as Minister of Public Works. Meighen came afterwards and reported that Laurier has resigned. Sent Reid to interview Sifton and demand that he shall send for Calder, which he did. Waited for report which eventually came from Reid, then in Sifton's office, that the course proposed would not interfere with attitude of Western Liberals. Swore in Ballantyne before His Ex. at 1.45. Long talk at luncheon with W.F. McL. who demands recognition. Council resumed at 2.30 and we considered proclamation calling out Class 1, which with a few amendments we passed. Several routine matters dealt with. Confce with Hawkes who wants a seat in H. of C. With Col. Currie who wants a seat in Cabinet, and with Col. Gow who gave me some excellent suggestions as to overseas forces. Rumors that Grits are to make charges against Guthrie if sworn. Discussed this with Meighen and Reid.

Thursday, Oct. 4 1917.

Late at office and immediate confce with Reid and Meighen as to report re Guthrie. Reid telephoned T.E. Ferguson who said there was no report. Nothing on file in Interior Dep't. Saw Guthrie who assured me there was nothing in report. Passed O.C. appointing him Sol. General and he was sworn in 12.30. Passed O.C. app'ting Purpey Ass. Clerk of Crown in Chancery and O.C. dissolving Parl't. Sent for Kemp at 11.45 and again discussed Mewburn very earnestly. He afterwards suggested that I should see Mewburn and I arranged app't for 5 but postponed it to meet Ld. Reading. Sir W. McK. came and I told him of proposal to make Cochrane Pres. of C.N.R. He objected and thought it would be a mistake, Wm. Sharp came at 4.15 and I discussed Man. sit'n and especially Rogers. Lord and Lady Reading and Henderson called at 5 and I briefly stated to R. our difficult financial sit'n. Dinner in evening at Gov't House. Took in Lady Blanche and sat next to Lady Reading. Arranged with Reading and Northcliffe for conference tomorrow.

Friday, Oct. 5 1917.

Very hard day. Sent for Kemp (after previous confce with Mewburn at 9.30) and put it to him very earnestly that he should go overseas. In afternoon he asked to consult brother and partner, it eleven confce with Northcliffe and Beading and Poster, White, Burrell and Doherty and went over entire financial situation, especially as to providing funds for purchase of wheat. Then to lunch with Bankers. White and Reading spoke and bankers seemed disposed to provide 100 millions out

of 350 necessary. Several confces with Reid and then Meighen, the latter greatly excited about delay by Westerners. McKenzie came and we discussed his retirement to which he strongly objects. He said Calder wants to see me and promised to telephone him, In Montreal. In evening a lively oonfce with Sifton, in which I attacked Westerners for delay. He promised answer on Monday. thinks situation as to food very serious and that it will be a strong canvass against Government.

Saturday, Oct. 6 1917

Saw Reid and afterwards Meighen and explained to them arrangement with Sifton which they regarded v as satisfactory. Lord Northcliffe came at eleven and I discussed with him both pol. and war situation. He says W.S. very grasping and selfish. They commandeered without question everything which British have ordered, including such essentials as ships, machine tools, &c. Says they insisted on Reading coming and they are very willing in financial matters to learn by British experience. Heading is to have confce with Laurier this P.M. at latter's request. Council at 12 discussed Fort Wm. Strike. Passed O.C. placing Boyd (L.H.) in control. Played golf with Northcliffe in afternoon at Rivermead. Attended Can. Club luncheon when Reading spoke. Very good address. Beverley Maclaughlin came to see me with proposal from Parent. Willison telephoned that Howell is coming to Ottawa and asked me to send for him. I did not promise. McKenzie for 1 1/2 hours discussed pol. situation and C.N.R. Thinks Cochrane's presidency very bad from pol. standpoint.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 1917

Walked around grounds. Wild sunflowers very beautiful. Rose striving to bloom, several buds. Ramblers bravely blooming in spite of cold and frost. Leaves falling rapidly. Many robins on bank, feeding on berries. Arranged meeting with Food Controller for this P.M. Discussed Western strike with Crothers and told him to go to Ft. Wm. tonight. In afternoon long discussion with Food Controller. Foster, Meighen and Crothers present. He gave a very graphic acc't of his labours and difficulties and placed important proposals before us, which Council will consider tomorrow. After he left, we discussed strike at Ft. William and Port Arthur, as to which several telegrams arrived. I sent reply to Longshoremen urging them to resume work. A.C.Ross called to offer his support. Had interesting conversation with Hamilton Fife. Mrs. Twohey, Mr. & Mrs. J.D.Connolly, Mr. & Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. Ewart and several others called during afternoon. A very active day.

Monday, Oct. 8, 1917.

Conferred with Howard Ferguson as to Parent's proposals and decided

to take no action. Arranged confce with Western Liberals. Called Council for 1045 and Hanna came at 11 and discoursed until 1.30 giving us a very interesting statement and report as to his proceedings and proposals, in food control. His four recommendations were practically adopted, but as to one, prohibition of grain for use in distilleries and breweries, there was some question. western Liberals Calder, Sifton, Crerar and Hudson came at 3 and remained until 6.50. Discussed War Council, portfolios, conscription of wealth, taxation, War Customs tax, appointments to office, control of organization, repeal of War Time Elections Act. There seemed no Insuperable difficulty. Asked Meighen and

Bold In evening and discussed with them until 10 and then sent for Calder and debated until 12. Meighen kicked on Wartime Election Act repeal and on appointment of Senators. Very frank discussion by Calder and confce did good. Calder says he and Mb Gov't will support us in any case.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1917.

Long anxious Worrying day. Confce early with Calder as to arrangements for day. Saw White and explained position. Called Council at 12 and dealt with routine. Passed O.C. as to U.S. embargo on gold. Attended His Ex. and explained position politically. Discussed his proposed trip to West. In afternoon discussed pensions in Council. Then confce between White and myself and Calder and Crerar as to fiscal arrangements. It went fairly satisfactorily. Then confce with Rowell who wants to bring in Pardee. Told him of difficulty. Then in evening 2 1/2 hours confce with Calder & Crerar. They brought up question of personnel. Would prefer not to have Clark and insist somewhat on Hudson. Rowell does not want Dept. Discussed War Council. Talked of Labour representation and want something done about Wartime Franchise Act. They gave in as to Senators. Confce pretty satisfactory except as to Hudson. Would like to have Pardee in.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 1917.

Went to early confce with Reid and Meighen and latter found himself unable to come In with four Western Liberals. I finally became impatient and swore that I would give up the whole undertaking and resign. Then in came White with complaining about Ontario. Again I went into the air. He was profoundly surprised. Sent for Calder and explained Meighen's position and arranged interview which proved to be very satisfactory so far as Calder is concerned. McKenzis after subsequently seeing Calder came in and told me to stand pat. Apparently a message from C. Held Council in afternoon and dealt with routine, then discussed Military Service reg'ns, and Banna's recommendations re oleomargarine &c. Consulted with Foster as to general difficulties of the situation and told him I thought of retiring. He said it would mean defeat. In evening cons'n with v Calder who told me of position re Hudson and of his own willingness

to give up Interior Dep't. Very tired but more encouraged this evening

Thursday, Oct. 11 1917.

Murray was to arrive at noon but I.C.R. late. Offered him special train but he did not arrive until 7.15 when Fielding Immediately saw him. Went to His Ex and reported at 6 and arranged for swearing in this evening. It was definitely arranged with Calder that a decision should be reached and a statement given to the press this evening. Meighen and Reid very nervous as to effect of further delay upon our party in case coalition does not materialize. Had hearing from Calder I telephoned him repeatedly during the evening and I believe he made earnest efforts to expedite matters and to carry out arrangements. The delay was very wearing as Meighen and Reid became more and more excited and urged me to break off negotiations. At one A.M. Calder came with Rowell to my office. We decided no swearing in possible that evening and I notified His Excellency accordingly. Dictated in presence of Calder and Rowell statement for press. I told Calder only one way to settle affairs, and that was for Western men, Rowell and Meighen to be sworn in. He agreed and in every respect he has been most reasonable. During day received delegation of Mennonite and Ahmish bishops at noon as to Military service. Also held Council and explained pol. situation. Several telegrams respecting Union Gov't, one from W.H.Thorne strongly protesting against Carvell. A long, interesting and critical day. Very trying and very strenuous.

Friday, Oct. 12, 1917.

Calder came in forenoon early and brought Carvell and Murray. I sent for McLean. We discussed situation at length. Murray wanted time which was reasonable. Urged him to say that either he or McL. would come in. Carvell *Bad tlgm from McD. (E.M.) urging Carvell to come in and saying that Murray should do the same. Told Calder to see that Rowell arranged with Pardee as to Howell's supposed promise not to come in without Carvell. Announced changes in Council and passed necessary orders to retire Cochrane, Perley, Kemp, &c. Attended with 5 new Ministers who were sworn in at twelve-thirty. Council at three and discussed oleomargarine and use of grains for beer. Longhead brought tip dispute re Military Hosp. Com. and Militia Department. He was quite violent. After much discussion appointed Calder, Reid and two other Ministers as a Com. to look into question and report. In evening gave dinner to new Ministers (7) at Club. Martin and Hudson, Ralph Connor, Doherty, Reid, Meighen and Kemp. Very pleasant evening. Rowell proposed my health. We adjourned early as all very tired.

Saturday, Oct. 13, 1917.

Confce with Hazen early this A.M. Calder having informed me that Carvell ready to be sworn in. Hazen excited and angry at first, but all right eventually. Told me Johnston, his Deputy, broke down and wept at his (Hazen's) proposed departure. Arranged that he shall go to Washington, salary \$15,000. Telegraphed Perley accordingly. Conferred with Carvell and told him situation re Hazen. Passed O.C. appointing Ballantyne to Mar. & Fisheries and attended His Ex. with Carvell who was sworn in at 12.30 and then introduced to Council. Confce with Murray in afternoon and feel confident that he will come in. All Ministers seem greatly pleased at what has been accomplished. In Council discussed request from Wpg. for military protection to elevators. Crothers reported against it. Worked hard at office up to 6 P.M. clearing up correspondence. A deluge of letters and telegrams of congratulations. Prepared several news items for press and had confce with 8 of them in afternoon.

Sunday, Oct. 14, 1917

Lovely soft air, fine October day. Walked in grounds, counted 15 roses and picked two. To All Saints with Laura. Harvest Festival, fair sermon by Mr. MacKay. Walked home through Strathcona Park which looked very beautiful. Calder came in after noon (and discussed advisability of considering and announcing certain matters of policy of which he gave me a memo in writing. I told him of rumour that Quebec Liberals now wanted to come in and he had heard the same. Foghorn McDonald came with A.C. Ross. Some one had tuned up the horn and it smelled and sounded of whiskey. Douglas Borden who was wounded at Avion also came, a fine manly looking boy. McCurdy came at six and discussed arrangements in N.S. He thinks Union Gov't a great coup, but believes that the Liberals had not a safe seat in Nova Scotia. He strongly agrees that Murray be brought in.

Monday, Oct. 15, 1917

Late at office, 10 A.M. Dealt with much correspondence. A multitude of letters and telegrams still pouring in. Fine letter from Hazen in reply to mine and a disagreeable letter from his wife. She is evidently a woman of a soured disposition. McCurdy came and before him Ballantyne I discussed with them Cahan's announced candidature in St. Lawrence. Cahan told McCurdy of his political ambitions and th he did not go to N.S. for fear of standing in McCurdy's way. Burke came in to suggest Gorneau. From 12.30 to 1.15 Flavelle discussed various matters, urging that there be a very capable / Canadian representative at Washington. I spoke of Hazen. He thought him splendid for our purpose, as a dignified and experienced representative, but he needs an assistant with experience and punch. All evening 8 to 12 meeting of Cabinet to consider constitution of War Council, personnel and duties, meeting at Toronto, declaration of policy &c.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1917

Spent forenoon at home. Early confce with Dr. Reid as to War Council, organization, meeting at Toronto, &c. Drafted Orders in Council creating War. Com. No. 1 and War Com. No. 2. After luncheon dictated announcement of policy. Reid told me Rogers was secretly intriguing with Laurier a year ago to form Union Gov't and supersede me. U.S. Consul called as to possible appointment of U.S. diplomatic Agent in Ottawa. Godfrey came to discuss situation and representation of Labour in Cabinet. Had previously discussed Ainey with Crothers and Doherty and then sent for Ainey at 3 and suggested to him that he should undertake duties of Parl'y Sec'y. Council in evening and read the two O.C.'s and announcement of policy. There was little criticism but one or two useful suggestions. Ballantyne announced his candidature in St. Lawrence without seeing Cahan. Attended confce in evening with the two of them and Sen. Foster. No definite result. Ballantyne a little too much inclined to drive things .

Wednesday, Oct. 17 1917

Early at office and dealt with much correspondence. John o'Donoghue came and discussed labour representation. He strongly favours Carey, discussed with Sen. Foster pol. situation in Quebec. He has no high opinion of Ainey. Telegraphed for Atholstan and Willison. Revised two O.C.'s constituting War Committees and announcement of policy and circulated them. Confce with Oalder, Meighen, Reid & Mewburn at 2 and arranged as to western Senatorships &c. White and Webster came to me about senatorships and urged the appointment of the latter, in Council 4 to 6 discussed oleomargarine bill, great majority in favour of 6 months entry without duty. Also reached conclusion as to grain for malt. Sat also in evening and after dealing with routine business discussed C.N.R. agreement, especially as to immediate displacement of McKenzie and Mann. Then considered and settled terms of announcement of policy and of O.C.'s.

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1917

Early at office. Telephoned Reid as to Flavelle's request to be heard and as to Carey. Telephoned Rowell as to pub'n of policy. Willison arrived and I had interesting confce with him. He thought the policy and committee admirable. Talked about senatorship. Doherty wanted to leave out women suffrage but I told him that was impossible. H.G. came at 12 and discussed affairs with him for an hour. Then confces with J.A. McDonald as to his future activities, with Slater as to Argenteuil, with Carson as to his service, with Hazen as to his duties at Washington, tent tlgm to Long as to Hazen's status, saying that he could not be

attached to Embassy. Tlgm from Murray that he cannot come in. Reported to Western colleagues and to Rowall and wired Maclean to come to Ottawa. Interesting conversation with Robertson (G.D.) and invited him to join Gov't which he agreed to do. Sent him to Toronto to help Reid with Carey. Interesting conversation with Laporte and found him willing to join Gov't if necessary Probably best to make him P.C. and bring in Liberal.

Friday, Oct. 19.

Carvell arrived today at noon and in afternoon came to council when we discussed and settled the pension rates. He says that matters are not going badly in N.B. and he does not apprehend much trouble. I explained to Council my proposals as to representation of labour. Delegation at 2 from W.G.T.U. Montreal asking for prohibition, Mrs. J.G. Sanderson and Mrs. R. W. McLachlan presiding. Explained to them provincial powers. Policy announced to press yesterday seems to be well rec'd. Discussed position of Rogers with Meighen who thinks I should telegraph for him. Cahan withdrew last evening from Bt. Lawrence Div. Wrote to him; also to Shaughnessy on his interview. Telegraphed to Washington that Ross does not represent Can. Gov't. Reid reports from Toronto that he and Rowell have locked horns on question of candidates and are arriving tomorrow to refer matter to me. Discussed Quebec with Sevigny and told him to sound Garneau.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 1917

Cocfce with Reid as to difficulties between him and Rowell as to selection of candidates &c and subsequent long confce with Rowell as to ditto. Pounded Rowell pretty reasonable and naturally desirous of bringing with him as large a proportion of Liberal party as possible. Says Graham and Pardee both coming out strong for Union Gov't. Told him if difficulties insuperable we must have a committee of six, each party equally represented. Called Council at 11,30 and passed O.C. increasing pension rates. Arranged with Reid to go to Toronto tomorrow and endeavour arrange for nomination of Carey in South Toronto and his acceptance of Parl'y Sec'y in Dept labour. Took Rowell for golf in afternoon and Burrell joined us. In evening went to hear J.M. Beck in Collegiate Institute. A very eloquent and notable address. Strongest response to his declaration that Germans' people must be adequately punished.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 1917

Major Belford and Jas. Morris came at 11 with a letter from "Baker"

as to organization. Discussed with them and arranged for Belford to see Mewburn. Then Murray and Jones from NB. came and set forth the difficulties in NB. especially as to Kings and Queens. Told them I would see Carvell and have them meet him. Long tlgm from McCurdys' as to situation in U.S. Went to lunch with the Draytons at Country Club. On return Gov. Grant called and told us of affairs in Hx. Spoke of Harris as Chief Justice. Reid called up from Toronto and says there will be much difficulty about Carey as they will suggest an Orangeman by the name of Bobbins. Mr. & Mrs. Rowell, Dr. Shearer and Mr. Cochrane called, the latter as to some men to be brought back from the front. Doughty described the exhibit of war trophies in Hz. and amusing account of encounter between Armitage and Milner.

Monday, Oct. 22, 1917

Early at office and sent for Carvell and discussed situation in NB. He is much opposed to Maclean. Then confce with Rowell as to rep'n in Cabinet, Carey's appointment add other matters relating to candidates. Telegraphed to Cockshutt and Fisher to come immediately. Also to Sen. Robertson. Discussed with Rowell proposed changes in permanent committees. Sent for Jones and Murray and discussed LB. and then at 2 further confce with them and Car-veil which ended very satisfactorily. Then discussed with Bennett his position and acceptance of honour. Met delegation from Quebec District, full of loyalty and confidence. Council at 3 and dealt with routine and appointed four Senators in West. Conferred with Carvell and Rowell and discussed B.C. situation. They also spoke of more liberal representation in Cabinet. Sevigny reported Garneau took time to consider. Confce with McLean and arranged for his entry into Cabinet & passed O.C. appointing him and Robertson members of P.C. Further long confce with him in evening as to LS. conditions &c.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 1917

Very early at office and telegraphed congratulations to Calder and other colleagues on last nights meeting in Winnipeg. Asked them to state date of return. Redrafted O.C.'s for permanent committees of Cabinet. Conferred with Kemp as to Daly's mission to England. Conferred with Maclean and afterwards with Robertson as to their entry into Government. Attended His Ex. when they were sworn in and afterwards conferred with His Ex. as to honours list. Council at 3 and dealt with prohibition of export of munitions plant as to which I had long previous confce with Flavelle. Prepared statements for press as so Maclean and Robertson and as to permanent Committees. Telegraphed to Rogers to come to Ottawa Conferred with White as to Leeds and .tirockville and sent for Taylor and Webster, in evening long confce with Rowell, Reid Carvell and Mewburn as to Ont. situation and asked Godfrey on telephone to postpone convention for S.Essex. Made considerable progress. Confce with Sifton who wants Turriff appointed Senator. Told him I would telegraph Calder.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 1917

Very tired, a worrying day. Geo. Taylor Stewart and Webster came to discuss White's candidature. After dreary waste of time with them and with Reid and White, decided that latter should run in Brockville-Leeds. Saw Harold Daly and instructed him as to his leave in England. Held first meeting of War Com. Discussed app^ont of Secy, disbanding of 5th Division and sent tlgm to Perley thereon. Confce for two hours with Brewster who wants to come into Govt. Pears Liberals will fight bitterly in B.C. Authorized tlgm to Minister of Mines and sent tlgm to Mining Ass'n as to zinc and lead. Several confces with Rowell as to gen. pol. conditions and especially as to various ridings in Ont. Discussed conditions in N.S. with A.K. Maclean. Sir W. McKenzie came and conferred as to CNR. affairs. Told him of effort to reduce maximum. Sent tlgms to Calder as to B.C. and as to Turriff and to Meighen as to various matters. Reid extremely apprehensive as to real intentions of Howell and Carvell. They equally suspicious of him. Good news from front. Great French victory.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 1917

Discussed with Rowell, Lloyd Harris and afterwards with Mewburn situation in Hamilton and Brantford and general situation in Ont. as to candidates. Report from Reid in Mtl that there had been a fine and enthusiastic meeting. Conferred with Kemp as to running Liberal candidates in Toronto. Several confces with White and with Lick. as to Can. Nor. agreement and telegraphed to Calder thereon. Also telegraphed him as to honours list. Held Council and disposed of routine and several important matters. Carvell's speech at Sarnia not very tactful, and White raised question casually in Council as to attitude of new Ministers to old Gov't. Discussed with Sevigny and L'Esperance entry of y French Canadian Liberal into Cabinet. L'Esperance suggested Asselin. In evening confce with Rowell and Lloyd Harris as to Liberal representation and as to organizing Liberal unionists in Toronto and elsewhere and as to holding Unionist Conventions.

Friday, Oct. 26 1917

Rogers arrived this A.M. Came to lunch and saw me in evening. Explained to him Hazen's desire to go to Washington and talked of general pol. situation. He thought he would not be a candidate. Doubts whether Grits will not play us a trick. Looks disappointed and discouraged. Conferred with Reid as to Brant and general situation in Ont. Drafted letter to H. Cockshutt but did not send it. Discussed M.S. affairs with Maclean and- telegraphed McCurdy. Wrote to Fielding and Murray my appreciation of their public statements. Rec'd

delegation from Can. Pat.Ass'n \ of an *JJ* hour as to taxation on incomes. E.W.Beatty came to discuss cooperative management of railways, Calgary and Edmonton compromise and other matters. Talked with Rowell as to more effective control of cold storage and went for walk with, him In Council dealt with routine and discussed Crothers proposals as to amending Conciliation Act and Mewburns proposed circular to representatives before Exemption Tribunals. Put through O.C. establishing Department of Imm'n and Colon'n

Saturdays Oct. 27, 1917

Considered tlgm from Long as to repres'n at Washington and called Council to consider reply which I drafted, setting forth our views firmly and definitely. All agreed except Foster who thought we were entering on road to independence. Left it to him to tone down my draft and submit to me. Mewburn, Ballantyne and Reid only other members present. Ballantyne reports that Choquette offered to come in to Gov't! Discussed Blondin's return and strong opinion expressed that he should remain and take course as officer. Told Doherty of my sending Sevigny and L'Esperance to Bruchesi and Begin. Discussed with Reid lack of preparation for overseas vote and telegraphed Perley. Told him of Kemp's proposal that I should go to Toronto to meet Central Executive. He thinks proposal absurd and says Kemp has lost his nerve and his grip. Played golf with Hazen and beat him 1 up. C.E.Reads came to dinner . At 11.30 Henderson telephoned that there is important message respecting rep'n at Washington and His Ex wishes to see me at 12.30 tomorrow.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 1917

Cold overcast day. Went over press clippings &c during forenoon and attended His Ex. at Govt House at 12.30. He handed me further despatch from Long and discussed question of representation at Washington. Spring Rice who arrived from Washington this A.M. came in afterwards and I went fully into matter with him. He is quite agreeable & made useful suggestions as to working out details. Says almost impossible to obtain accom'n either house or office House rent #25,000. Small house \$15,000. Lord Reading pays \$21,000 for house for 3 months. Laura came at 1.30 and we stayed for luncheon. Bad news from Italian front. Germans claim 60,000 prisoners and 500 guns, in afternoon interesting confce with J.W.Dafoe who thinks chief danger has been passed but foresees much difficulty as to selection of candidates. Believes return of Union Gov't if there is united Action. Gave him draft address to look over. Afterwards Arthur Hawkes came and discussed pol. cond'ns need for unity and especially his own aspirins to a seat in East York.

Monday, Oct. 29, 1917

Two tlgms from Calder as to B.C. conditions and as to Dept of Mines and Fisheries. Wired thereon to Meighen. After seeing Rowell at 10.30 conferred with Godfrey, Gould, Hawkes McCullough as to candidates and constituencies at 11.30 and resumed at 2.15 with them and with Rowell and Reid. Then long confce all afternoon with the two latter. Went over all the Ont. constituencies and classified them according to Con. Lib. Labour and Laurier. Got nearer agreement than before. Telegraphed H. Cockshutt, W.P.Cockshutt, G.C.Wilson, Burnfeam and Bradbourne to meet Reid in Toronto on Wednesday. At 11 discussed Washington representation with Hazen for half an hour, and from 12 to 1 went over whole situation as to ditto with Spring Rice and arranged confuse between him and Hazen. Spring Rice gave me interesting account of conditions in U.S., their attitude towards war and their progress. Thinks they have sent 200,000 men overseas. Says Denman deliberately obstructed construction of shipping and Wilson knew he would do it.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1917

Much depression over extensive Italian defeat. Discussed with Hazen the Washington question. He 1st rather appalled at the cost of living there as outlined by Spring Rice. Thinks of taking C.J.Ship, bent for O'Connor and afterwards saw Doherty as to getting out election writs tomorrow. Telegraphed to Calder and Carvell as to date. Wired Calder as to Btewster's entrance telling him to consult Burrell and Green. Discussed Quebec situation with , L'Esperance and Sevigny and afterwards Doherty, telling L'Esperance to see Mnns. Roy again and then to approach Picard. They report interview with Bruchesi who is repellant and with Roy who is sympathetic. Had Dafoe at Luncheon and rec'd his notes on address to people. Issued appeal to support Victory Loan. Col. Campbell Stuart came to report as to Northcliffe's return to England and as to his tour of Middle West. Conferred with Cockshutt as to Brant and Brantford. Very obstinate and unreasonable. Several confces with Reid and Rowell and afterwards with them and other Ont. Ministers until 7.30 on Ont. situation. Made some progress Very hard, and busy day. Weather wet and cold.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 1917.

Early at office. Bright frosty morning Sent for O'Connor as to O.C. for issue of election writs and discussed necessary preliminaries. Telegraphed Meighen, Reid, Powell, McCurdy and Maclean as to returning officers. Attended His Ex. and discussed honour list JSc. Carvell returned and says things going very well in N.B. Lt. Gov.Ganong died this morning. Sent messages of

condolence and ordered wreath. Council at 4.30 and disposed of much routine. Signed O.C. for election, nomination 19 Nov. polling 17 Dec. writs returnable 27 Feb'y. Attended Gov't House with Boudreau and explained to His Ex. that schedules not complete. White came in Afternoon and conferred as to Brockville and Halton. Told him if acclamation offered in Halton, he should take It. Telegraphed to Perley as to Blondin and as to organization among troops. Wrote Laurier asking him to name scrutineers. Gave statement to press as to united effort and voice in selection of candidates.

Thursday, Nov. 1, 1917

Several confces with Rowell by telephone as to Ont. situation. Much telegraphing to N.S., Toronto and Manitoba as to hastening names of returning officers. Long confce with J.A.McD. as to his ambitions and usefulness and as to labour conditions in N.S. Sent for Carvell and told him of Hazen's desire expressed to me this morning that he should take Chief Justiceship. Asked him as to Lt.Governorship. He spoke of Pugsley. Tlgm from Perley as to pol. activity and replied. He is quite fearful of criticism. Col. J.B.White (Forestry) called and gave interesting account of work in Francs. Called Council at 4.15 and disposed of considerable business. Italian defeat very serious - 2nd Nov. Ambassador reported that Fitzpatriok wants him to meet Laurier and Gouin Told him to accept. Sir Wm. McKenzie discussed at 2 interviews agreement with C.N.R. and taking over additional lines.

Friday, Nov. 2, 1917

At office early. Disposed of correspondence Sent for Reid and discussed with him his mission to Toronto and various difficulties which arose. Also with him and Meighen situation in B.C. and Turriff's desire for senatorship. Sen. Robertson reported as to convention at North Bay and I discussed with him labour situation as outlined by J A.Mod, whom I also saw and sent to confer with Reid and after wards put in touch with Robertson. Discussed P.E.I. situation with McPhail and telegraphed for Nicholson. Lt. Gov. Aikins called. Council at 2.15 passed O.C. authorizing instructions for Military voters and discussed shipbuilding. Much telegraphing as to political conditions in various parts of the country and in the evening long confce with "Baker" and Reid as to organization. Spoke frankly to Baker as to Rogers and told him precise situation as to his financial transactions.

Saturday, Nov. 3., 1917

Dealt with correspondence. Hazen called to explain pol. situation in H.B. as disclosed in letter from Thorne, and as to his app't as Chief Justice. Sent for Carvell and discussed this with him. He says Pugsley will accept Lt. Governorship. Delighted with meeting at Hamilton and says Mewburn did exceptionally well. Telegraphed to McCurdy as to E. M. McD.'s appointment to Bench. Heard delegation as to Y.M.C.A. educational training of men of C.E.F. in England during demobilization and told them I approved of their proposals. Long confce with J.A. McD. and sent him home with assurance that I would appoint him a member of Sub Com. of Reconstruction and Dev't Com. Discussed with Reid arrangements with Baker. Went to Mackintosh-Cavendish wedding, very pretty, a tremendous crowd. Worked at papers and especially at address during evening and long confce with Carvell 10.30 to 11.30 as to same and as to C.N.R., prohibition, honours, general political situation &c.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 1917

A day of excursions and alarms. Many tlgms as to Nova Scotia, B.C. and Ontario. Went to service at which tablet to H.E.H. Duchess of Connaught was unveiled. A very impressive ceremony. Then to luncheon at Gov't House, the Hendries, LeBlancs, Hearst and Merediths, Spring Rice came in afternoon and told me meeting with Gouin and Laurier did not come off. Donald Borden Smith came with Elizabeth and her husband, a fine looking boy of 21. Talked with him of the Borden family and showed him record of Ancestors at Headcorn. Baker came and discussed organization and told me of his conversation with Rogers who is in a "nasty" mood. Sent for Meighen in evening who told me general trend of Laurier's manifesto which is out this P.M. Discussed organization. Revised my address to electors.

Monday, Nov. 5. 1917

Very early at office. Sent for O'Connor and after confce with him told McGregor and Grant that Returning Officers could not be changed. Rowell called up as to Peel and I sent for Charters. Told Hazen I wd expedite N.B. appts. Attended His Ex. and discussed honours, Washington rep'n &c* Sent despatch to Long as to latter, explaining that we would let it be in abeyance until Jany. Sent tlgm to Burrell as to B.C. Senatorship and informed Calder. In Council disposed of much routine, appt'd Pugsley Lieut. Gov. N.B. and Hazen C.J. Taylor and Stewart arrived and gave Taylor letter as to White's candidature. They were greatly opposed to his retirement and said Webster might be defeated. Discussed twice with Meighen proposed report of Henderson and suggested certain considerations. In evening long confce until 11.30 with Rowell, Mewburn Lloyd Harris and Reid going over

Ontario difficulties, especially Hamilton and Brant.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1917

Hazen Came and I told him of app't of himself and Pugsley. Wrote letters of congrat'n to each. Telegraphed McCurdy and Maclean as to Hx. Convention. Spoke to Rogers at Club as to Washington rep'n. Told by 'Baker' that R. very disappointed that 'Baker' is to undertake duties. War Committee met at 12 and dealt with 5th Div.. new machine guns, publicity and other matters. Discussed with Mewburn position for H.F. McLeod and agreed that he is practically useless. J.S.O'Brien came to beg for position. Sir J. Flavelle and Crocker, pres of U.S. Steel Co. came to discuss remission of duty on plant for steel plates and structural steel. Met Military Serv. Council at 2.30 and discussed proceedings against men neglecting to report under Act. Afterwards discussed Ontario situation with Reid, Rowell 4 Pardee. Wollatt and three others from Essex came as to situation in that riding. In evening council at 8.30. Discussed prohibition and other important matters.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1917

Calder arrived this morning. Says that under present conditions Laurier cannot carry more than 12 y seats in West. Discussed B.C. with him. Says condition there is very confused. Sent for O'Connor and spent much time in arranging matters under Military Voters Act. Decided app't Sims, Thompson and Orde. Wrote Laurier as to Special Returning Officers. Discussed with Robertson work of Labour Sub-Committee and its personnel. White nominated in Leeds-Brockville today. Confce with Loughheed as to system of letting contracts and discussed in Council during evening. Sent Blount to Montreal to confer with "Maud" as to "William". Calder reported that Federal Press Bureau in state of disorganization. Instructed him to proceed with printing. Arranged for Calder and Reid to open up Union Offices Gen. H.Q. at Ottawa. Council at 8 and disposed of routine. Discussed operation of Mil. Serv. Act, app't of scrutineers &c. Appointed committee for that purpose. Discussed prohibition and practically decided prohibit manufacture.

Thursday, Nov . 8, 1917

Discussed with McKenzie maximum and after wards went over his claim first with Calder and afterwards with White. They agreed M. & M's assets should be taken over.⁷ Telephoned Reid as to Toronto situation and generally Ont. He thinks Rowell is making himself very unpopular. Crerar came to urge notice to Tribunals as to need of agricultural labour and increased production. Discussed it in Military Service Council and then prepared notice for cons'n of Cabinet who rejected

it. Blount reported that "William" will be all right. Telegraphed Hx. that I arrive Monday evening. Rowell wants Pardee in Gov't with portfolio. Thinks B.C. would be pleased if Dept. Mines and Fisheries were created. Give Pardee Sec'y of State. Council from 3.30 to 11 P.M. Discussed and practically decided C.N.B. agreement. Discussed prohibition and finally decided to postpone action, either to next session or to week immediately before election. Reconstruction and Devel. Com. met and organized. Decided to appoint Com. on Labour and Immigration.

Friday, Nov. 9, 1917

Very long and tiresome day. Discussed C.N.R. question with Calder and Reid and repeatedly with Mackenzie. Arrived at conclusion as to understanding respecting acquisition of outstanding assets, coal docks, Duluth stock, town sites &c. Held long confce 10 to 1 with Calder, Held and Meighen (and afterwards with Rowell present) as to B.C. sit'n as to Graham and Pardee and generally as to Ontario sit'n. Decided Pardee might come in about 10 days from now but must first make his position clear. Went to home in afternoon and dictated draft of Hx speech to two secretaries. In evening revised it and then from 10 to 11.30 went over Ont. situation with Rowell Reid and Calder and settled greater part of it. Told McKenzie we could not increase maximum beyond 10 v millions. Held Council and decided on that figure. Called in Calder, Reid and Meighen and arranged that we should give McKenzie written undertaking as to carrying out arrangement.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 1917

Completed revision of Hx. speech. Confce with McKenzie as to assurance re taking over assets, when he submitted new draft of proposed letter which I asked Reid, Calder and Meighen to consider and they all approved. Went to His Ex. at 11.30 and remained until 1 discussing honour list. Asked to make it smaller, or better defer it so far as B.E. Order is concerned. Proposed to send tlgs to Bonar Law and did after the matter had been briefly discussed in Council. Crerar was moved to great mirth when I told him how seriously such matters were regarded by those around His Ex. Discussed at great length in Council policy respecting my regulation of packing house profits and decided on announcement. Alarums and excursions as to candidatures in Ont. Warburton arrived and I told him frankly of our policy as to prohibition of which he approved. Dined with the Chas. Reids.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 1917

Left at 8.30 and on arrival in Montreal went to 'Baker's' and discussed situation with him as to Bourassas support of Laurier, as to

candidatures in Quebec add as to Shaughnessy's attitude. Went to see latter at 2.45. He rec'd me very cordially and after complaining of attacks on him in press referred to his support of Cons. party and especially in 1911, spoke contemptuously and bitterly of 'Baker'. Seems desirous of supporting Govt. Left Montreal at 4.10 with Lynch Staunton with whom I discussed my manifesto and my Hx. speech. He made a useful suggestion as to latter. Discussed with him control of packing houses and our proposed policy. Wrote to Starr as to Liberal representation in Toronto and to Harry Cockshutt as to withdrawal in Brant. Very tired as I have lost much sleep during the week.

Monday, Nov. 12, 1917

Dictated to Yates re various matters requiring attention and dictated draft of speech at Sydney. Arrived Moncton at 9.45. Met by Price and others. Hayes, Gen. Manager, Brown, Ass't and Brown, Chief Engineer, came with us to Sackville. Say rates on I.C.B. do not pay. Rhodes joined us just out of Moncton and says he will have a very hard fight. Thinks he may be beaten. McCurdy came at W. Junction and told me that Murray and Maclean seem to have no control, former very timid. Met at Station by Maclean and at 4.15 went to Murrays office. He, MacL. MgC. and I thoroughly discussed situation but without much progress. Maclean unable to make up his mind and Murray very timid. Dined with McC Mrs. McC. very amusing in relating her success at "snooping", i.e. getting intelligence. Long confce with MacL McC. and McLeod. I urged MacL. to run in Queens Shelburne but he hesitated after definitely agreeing.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1917

All morning conferring with Maclean who is quite incapable of making up his mind in face of difficulties with which he is surrounded, when he does make it up he soon changes it. Urged him strongly to arrange with Fielding re Queens-Shelburne. Discussed Pictou with Alex McGrefcor who is sadly outraged because he did not appoint all the enumerators. During day endless conferences with many friends on the difficult phases of the situation. At 8 went to convention after confce with Bligh et al as to Liberal refusal to receive Committee. Addressed them on the pending situation and succeeded in inducing them to adjourn Convention until next evening at 6.30. After this was done a very curt letter arrived from Liberals. Then to Herald office and received report of Conventions' for Queens-Shelburne which was very disappointing.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1917

During forenoon the Literal representatives Redden, Bauld and

Wakeley called to discuss possible agreement. Told them I would accept Dr. Blackadar with Campbell whom I had previously consulted. They went away promising to let me know and later on in the evening they called and said that a full meeting of their Ex. had decided nothing could be done. Letter from Carvell as to Carleton and wrote to Pres. of Ass'n from whom I received fierce reply. All day engaged in discussions with J.H.Macleod, McKay of Pictou, delegates from Queens-Shelburne. They insisted on opposing Fielding but put case to them very strongly from midnight to 1 A.M. and told them, there must be no opposition. Saw Murray during afternoon and discussed general arrangements in Province, 8 Cons, and 8 Liberals. Meeting in evening. Market building, 5000. Was told that my speech was effective. Maclean in state of collapse all afternoon but spoke well in evening. Lynch Staunton made some foolish remarks, but a fair speech on the whole.

Thursdsay , Nov. 15, 1917

Went at 9.45 to Deep Water and addressed men just returned. Then met delegates from Bd. Trade as to matters affecting Port. Then met Murray and Fielding when whole situation was discussed. Told them of my attitude re Queens-Shelburne. Bauld came to suggest possible compromise in Hx. Then went to inspect Hx. Ocean Terminals and admired bridges across right of way. Lunched with Crosby, called on Archbishop and discussed Annapolis-Digby with H.B.Short. Arranged with Rhodes for meeting at later date and received delegates from P.I.I. Fine editorial in Chronicle as to my attitude yesterday. At 5 went to Gov't House, at 5.30 called on Lady Graham and at 6 on Mrs. Maclean, Final cons'n with Macleod, McCurdy and Tanner and left for Sydney at 8. 30.

Friday, Nov. 16, 1917

Arrived Sydney at 9 and en route Dr. Thompson and another from H.C.Breton and Victoria spoke to me about Cantley. I declined to interfere. D.H.McDougall and others went with us to Steel forks which have grown by 50% since my last visit. Very interesting tour of inspection. Met a Scotchman (McDonald (?)) who fought in the South African war as well as in this war. Four of his sons and two sons-in-law have been killed at the Front. Stayed on car during afternoon. Very rainy. Several tlgs from Reid as to need for me in Ont. Told him Cochrane and Rowell could speak in Toronto on Wednesday. Conventions here failed to agree on candidates and a party fight will ensue. J.A.Gillies called very angry that he has not been appointed to Senate. Regards County Court Judgeship as an insult. Tlgm from Wilson Southam that Citizen will support Gov't. Great meeting in evening. Amusing interruption of Lynch Staunton in an eloquent passage respecting the necessary service of democracy, but applying the injunction "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's".

He was urging that each democracy must render to its country the service that is due. But when he was quoting, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's", a strong Conservative who had imbibed too much whiskey endeavoured to assist him by roaring out in a raucous voice, "And unto Borden the things that are Borden's."

Saturday, Nov. 17, 1917

Did not wake until we had passed Truro. Then arrived Kentville 10.30 and discussed situation with friends. Discussed N.B. situation with Carvell over telephone. Learned that Judge Chipman died this week. Webster called to see me. Was unanimously nominated by Convention and addressed public meeting afterwards for 40 mins. Left at 3.40 for Ottawa. Spoke to Julia over telephone and explained inability to remain over Sunday. Learned that Robert Clarence Borden was killed on 30th October. I deeply regret the poor boy's death, only 20. At Truro McCurdy met us and I gave him letters asking Queens-Shelburne Conservatives not to oppose Fielding. At Moncton telephone call from Baxter and telegram from Carvell re Royal constituency. Sent code message to Gen. McLean as to joint retirement of himself and Baxter. Carvell says Cons, of Carleton will not oppose him.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 1917

Rose late; Arrived Montreal at 1.50 less than 23 hours from Kentville. Met by G.G. Foster who reported on Quebec conditions. Says Grits have plenty of money and have bought up LaPresse. Rowell and Blount met me at Ottawa and I discussed with former general condition and what has transpired since my absence. He gave me list of candidates to be recognized and urged publication of Truaz, Charlton and Harold. Galled up Reid on telephone. He strongly objected. Called up Workman in N.Y. and Spoke to him about D. H. McDougall's candidature. Took up correspondence with Blount and afterwards oonfced with Mikel as to recognizing Thompson in place of Northrup.

Monday, Nov. 19, 1917

At office early and dealt with correspondence. Then interview with Rowell as to meetings in Ontario and as to recognition of candidates. Took up with him and with Bain, Blacklock, Smellie and Greene, headquarters organization and publicity. Bain says Reid Crazy. Reid says Bain useless and impracticable. Drafted notice for press and tlgm to Ministers. Conferred with Brien as to Essex and with Currie and Webster of Montreal as to organization. After lunch discussed

letter from Maritime Munitions Ass'n as to shells and sent tlgm to Seoy. Tlgm from McCurdy and from McLean that. Seeley has been nominated in Kings and that Fielding elected by acclamation. Long tlgms from Thorne and McLean as to Royal. Redrafted message to men at Front and cabled it to MacInnes. In evening long confce with Reid as to situation in Ontario. He says Laurierites have large funds and are putting up big fight. Returns this evening whew French Liberals and 7 Unionists elected by acclamation, the latter all Liberals. General Maude died yesterday in Mesopotamia.

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1917

Very heavy day. Confce early with Mewburn as to Hamilton situation which is very difficult. W.F. McLean same twice as to recognition and W.B. Northrup also. Called in Bain and Blacklock and sent for Egan and discussed publicity and made satisfactory arrangements. A flood of letters and telegrams as to unfair action of tribunals. Discussed this at meeting of Mil. Serv. Council and decided to speak on it at Toronto. Afterwards determined to make statement tonight and dictated it to Blount in evening, going over it afterwards with Mewburn and Moss. Addressed M.S. Council as to exemptions. Geo. Ham reported conditions in west very satisfactory. Baker doing poorly in Montreal. Reid went there this afternoon. No one on deck here but Mewburn and myself.

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1917

Arrived Toronto and very actively engaged all day in conferences with Reid, Rowell, Foster, Cochrane and others. Long confce with Chairmen of War Ass'ns at Albany Club. Much consideration of packing house question and of difficulties in administration of Military Service Act. Gave interview respecting statement of Judges Winchester as to calling out Second Class. Discussed at great length recognition of certain candidates and heard claims of Clarke, Plewes and others. Eventually in evening gave out statement as to nearly all Ontario ridings. Went to lunch at Lark Club with Kemp and afterwards met Sir John Eaton and several American officers. In evening immense enthusiastic meeting in Massey Hall. Rowell and Sir R. Falconer made excellent speeches. My own well received. After meeting more confces as to recognition and went to bed very tired. Cochrane very angry at W.F. McLean's recognition.

Thursday, Nov. 22, 1917

During forenoon confce with J. Allen Baker as to recognition of McLean. A very capable and reasonable man desirous of assisting. Plewes accompanied us to London; more energy than judgment. Rec'd by

Hume Cronyn, Dr. Roome and other friends in London. Great meeting in evening at which I spoke last. Other speakers Cronyn, Ballantyne and Mrs. Crerar. A very earnest and enthusiastic meeting. General impression that Cronyn will be elected by large majority. Supper at Cronyns after meeting. MrB. Cronyn a cousin of Mrs. J.D.Reid. After supper confce with delegation from S. Bruce as to McFab's claim for recognition against Truax. Very strong feeling everywhere against Flavelle and urgent request that he retire from Chairmanship of Munitions Board. Very tired, but on whole satisfied with day's work.

Friday, Nov. 23, 1917

Left London at 12.30 for St. Mary's. Cancelled app't for meeting at Paris made without my knowledge. Laurier has recognized opponents of Pardee, Rowell, Carvell &c. Meetings in Quebec broken up by French agitators. Arrived at St. Marys in afternoon and held splendid meeting at 2.30 presided over by Prof. Dale. Rowell, Steele and I spoken. Then to Stratford where we held a great meeting in evening, about 4000. Some interruption expected but none materialized. Both Morphy and Steele are confident of winning, especially by reason of women vote. After meeting confces with Chambers, M.P.P. and with Clarke and afterwards with Rowell as to N.Wellington. Rowell making inquiries as to Kent. Difficulty reported as to sentiment of farmers re conscription. They want to retain their sons, increase their production and get good prices

Saturday, Nov. 24, 1917

Left early for Dundas, breakfast on car. In passing through Brantford met W.F.Cockshutt, Sen. Fisher and Harry Cookshutt. Meeting much more agreeable than I expected. Arrived at Dundas and rec'd by Mr. & Mrs. G. Gordon Wilson, who says he will have 1000 majority. Fine meeting addressed by Wilson, Gen. Mewburn and myself. Chair man (Liberal) very adroit and clever. Then to Kitchener. Arrived at 7, dined with Weichel, went to Arena, tremendous crowd, 6000 or 7000. Organized band interrupted meeting and prevented our speaking. First Chairman, then Mowat & then I made the attempt. Crowds rushed around galleries y with incredible din, tin whistles, hoots, cheers for Laurier and for Euler, prevented any speech. There was a proposal to call for 100 volunteers and clear the galleries but there would have been a riot. Some men with revolvers were arrested. Weichel says that the disturbance means his election.

Sunday, Nov 25, 1917.

Left Kitchener at 8112 and arrived Toronto at 12.30. Met by Starr who discussed S. Toronto. Constant confces all forenoon. Blount reported

as to Montreal. Ames meetings stopped by force and he has cancelled them. Reid and Cochrane during forenoon discussed operation of Mil. Service Act; also Moss at 1.30. Several confces with Blacklock and Bain and went over their pamphlet as to Quebec. Rowell thought it might be toned down with advantage. Long confce in forenoon with "Baker" and in afternoon with him and MacNichol; satisfactory. Sent for Mewburn and confce with him, White, Rowell, Cochrane and Reid 8.30 to 11.30. Prepared despatch for overseas as to families serving by voluntary enlistment. Discussed direct appeals from Quebec tribunals. Great fear that Flavell's retention in office will injure gov't. Guthrie says he is not hurting us among farmers. White thinks we should make strong campaign against Quebec. Called at Rowells in afternoon and met Sir R. Falconer.

Monday, Nov. 26, 1917.

Arose early. Confce with McKenzie as to app' t 3rd Arb'r. Discussed Marwick with White, Cochrane and Rowell and afterwards with Graham A. Bell who strongly favours him. White and Rowell agreed that we should attack in press and on public platform the attitude of Quebec. Went to Station at 12 to meet Roosevelt and welcomed him. Left for Uxbridge and arrived there for afternoon meeting. F.L. Fowke made capital speech as well as Gould, Chairman. Both j of them strong Liberals. Fowke spoke out very strongly as to Laurier's alliance with Bourassa. Then left for Oshawa where we were rec'd by enthusiastic delegations and addressed

two meetings both of which were large earnest and enthusiastic* Reports that farmers are strongly against conscription but are becoming more reasonable. Left in evening for Toronto where we arrived early in morning of

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1917

MacKenzie came on train and urged appointment of Marwick before I was up. Told him I would telegraph to colleagues which I did. Arrived at Glencoe in time for afternoon meeting. Joseph Oliver who joined me at Toronto made excellent speech. George Elliott seems confident of success. Then to Windsor where first I attended luncheon of Victory Loan Com. under chairmanship of Mc Gregor. Reid from Detroit conducted proceedings which were very enthusiastic. 'l'hen to meeting of 8000 in Armouries one of the most earnest, responsive meetings I ever saw, a wonderful gathering. Our friends think good prospects of both ridings. After large meeting addressed a smaller but very earnest and enthusiastic gathering. Then to supper at E.G.Hendersons and then to car, leaving for Simcoe at 2.30 A.M. very tired.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1917

Had opportunity of a walk at Woodstock and arrived Simcoe in time for luncheon with lanes and then to large meeting in Armouries, which was addressed by Oliver, Charlton, Rowell and myself. A very satisfactory meeting. Left after meeting for Dunnville where we arrived at 7. Wrote Clarke of N. Wellington that he should withdraw. Plewes continually chasing us in train as to Kent. Meeting at Dunnville very well organized. Lalor says sentiment of farmers improving. Combined choirs of churches rendered good music and patriotic songs-very effective meeting, very large and enthusiastic. After meeting discussed situation with Rowell who speaks tomorrow with Poster. Agreed that we should use music more at our meetings. Much indignation that council of Kitchener refused to express regret as to meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 29, 1917

Slept in car last night and left at 8.25 for Milton via Toronto. Car broke down. Made hasty luncheon and left at 11.15 for Milton where we addressed two meetings Robert McKay who accompanied me made very strong speeches, attacking Laurier's alliance with Bourassa. John Ewart out in press with attack on me. Reached Toronto at 6.15, changed got hasty meal and left with John A. Patterson for Newmarket in Nicholls' motor. Great meeting there, 4000, addressed by Pearson, Chairman, Urquhart, Parker, Patterson and myself. Report here as at Milton that Farmers' sentiment is better. After meeting supper at hotel and reached hotel at 1.45 very tired. News that Lady MacKenzie died today. Sifton arrived in Toronto this morning.

Friday, Nov. 30, 1917

Up at 8 and confces with Cochrane, Suleiman Rowell and Sifton. Latter thinks position in Ontario very dangerous and that there is no effective headquarters organization. Consulted Rowell and asked Sifton to take charge. He agreed to do so. Tlgs from colleagues agreeing to accept Marwick as third arbitrator. Left at 12.30 for Millbrook accompanied by Rowell and Mrs. Plumtree and addressed two meetings both very earnest and enthusiastic. Then to Peterborough and found Burnham, an eccentric and crazy as ever. Insults every one in sight. Started for Armouries with Rowell, Gen. Hughes spoke at meeting. 5000 people very earnest and enthusiastic. Then confce on car as to E. Hastings. Wrote W.P. Cockshutt as to situation in Brant & Brantford.

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1917

Arrived Ottawa at 8.10 and went to house and then immediately

to office where I dealt with correspondence. Sir W. McK. came as to appointment of Marwick and then Reid. Left at 10.50 for Arnprior. Yates and valet missed train. Fine meeting at 12.20 at Arnprior and then proceeded to Renfrew where Rowell and I addressed a great audience of more than 3000. Col. Martin with us at both meetings and confident of winning although it is a hard fight. Then to Pembroke where we were met by Col. Maokie, Gerald White, Williams and Dunlop. We addressed two meetings one in Opera House and one in town Hall, both crowded. Presented testimonial to returned soldier fm. Wiencke, of German descent. Then started for Ottawa at 1.10. This makes 19 meetings in one week but not greatly fatigued.

Sunday Dec. 2, 1917

Reached Ottawa early and left car at 6.50 White came at 8.30 to discuss C.N.R. Meredith wants Clarkson, Marwick auditor of Bk. Com. Told White conditions in Ont. very bad. Then held Council at 10 and discussed organization. Reid, Foster, Doherty, Howell, Cochrane and Ballantyne present. Decided not to proceed with prohibition at present. Foster objected to Sifton taking part in organization in Toronto. Told him Gov't would be defeated unless active steps taken. Passed O.C authorizing Mewburn to discharge men essential for agriculture. Arranged as to app't of officers to cooperate and assist Mewburn. Discussed Ont. situation with Sifton. Deft for St. John at 2.45 with Ballantyne and Doherty, who described Sherbrooke meeting. At Montreal conferred with Geo. E. Drummond as to candidature of H. Cockshutt.

Monday, Dec. 3, 1917

Arrived St. John at 2.45 after a very comfortable journey. Delegation from Westmoreland joined us on the journey. Met at St. John by Thorne and others. At 4 visited Ladies Headquarters and Carvell and I addressed gathering of 2000 women. Very earnest and enthusiastic meeting. Then to gathering of Prov'l Union Ass'n and discovered that they knew little of what Gov't had done. Then to Thorne's to dinner. Afterwards Carvell and I addressed two meetings, one at Imperial Theatre and one at Opera House, both crowded to utmost capacity. Situation in St. John seems good. Elkin the Liberal candidate seems a very capable man and a very fine character. After meeting Gen. McLean set forth his troubles as to assistance. Telegraphed Blount. Barbell's opponent has retired and he is elected by acclamation.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1917

Left St. John 6.30 for St. Andrews. Dr. McAlister and J. Fraser Gregory accompanied us. During journey Vioent McQuaid, his father

and mother and Serg . Slater came into car on my invitation. 7. McQ. a fine boy just invalided back from front. He had a great reception at St. Andrews. Fine meeting there. McAlister made a capital speech to wind up meeting, with very appropriate story of horse sold to trot in 2.10 which trotted in 3.10."Wait a minute." Then to St. Stephen accompanied by Ganong. Met there by returned soldiers and band. Four more came in on train at end of meeting. A great meeting. McAlister again in excellent form. Reports are that Hart will win. Tlgm from Murray and Jones as to providing assistance in Royal. Remained in car for night and to pull out for St. John early in morning.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1917.

Left St. Stephen early and arrived at Sackville at 3.20. Met by Dr. Borden and Josiah Wood and others. Students' guard of honour. Addressed them in Fawcett Memorial Hall. Then to Amherst. Met by Rhodes and executive. Addressed two meetings one in Armouries, the other in Opera House, both very earnest attentive and responsive. Rhodes says chances greatly improved. Women and overseas men very strong. Carvell at both meetings. Says Liberals in Nova / Scotia not doing their part; is not very sanguine as to more than an even break. Reports from Zings conflicting but thinks it all right. Strange tlgm from White as to speaking in Woodstock. Tanner sent correspondence with Fielding as to taking part in election. Latter timid and partisan and Murray the same.

Thursday, Dec. 6, 1917

Arrived at Tormentine early this morning. Inspected terminals and left for Pt. Borden at 9. Sup't accompanied us. Car ferry very fine boat. At Pt. Borden reception in hall and presentation of address by Premier Aresnault. Father John McIntyre and another priest were very much in evidence. Stopped at Kensington for 5 mins and Carvell and I spoke from end of car. Heard rumours of terrible explosion at Hx; later confirmed; a steamer loaded with munitions took fire as result of collision. More than half of city wrecked, many fires, scores of lives lost. Two meetings at Summerside both very large and responsible although very little advertisement. Lefurgey inclined to speak too long. Then to Charlottetown. Great reception, tremendous crowd at Station. Dined with Jas, Paton and then two meetings,, both Very large, the first disturbed by two enthusiastic drunken friends, the other wonderfully fine. Then to Paton's house for supper and then on Arranmore at midnight., utterly tired. Had Captain's cabin but could not sleep.

Friday, Dec. 7, 1917

Arrived Pictou at 4.30 with nurse and doctors on board. Rose at

7.30. News of Hx. disaster still trickling in and quite appalling. Discussed with Carvell and decided to cancel my meetings at Antigonish and Pictou and proceed immediately to Hx. McGregor, Sutherland, McKay and others arrived and decided Carvell should speak Pictou and H.G. Pierce blizzard raging. Arrived Hx about 4. At Ocean Terminals McLean of Cook Cons'n Co met me and put me in motor. Went to City Hall and met Ex. Con. McIlreith, Geo. Campbell, R.B. Caldwell and others. Disaster even worse than reported. Tlgm from Shaughnessy which I read to them. People housed in some sort. Many families killed and burned leaving only a husband or son. Dined with Gov. and in evening attended Finance Com. Their ideas very curious in some respects. Gov. & Macgillivray think Gov't ought to do the whole thing. Discussed with McLean aid by Gov't and telegraphed Reid to pass O.C. for \$500,000. Cancelled meetings Kentville and Berwick tomorrow. J.R. Macleod says news from , Kings not good. Fielding acting very badly.

Saturday, Dec. 8, 1917

Rose early. J. R. Macleod came to breakfast at 8.30. Discussed pol. situation. He thinks Kings not in good shape. At 9.30 met the delegation from Mass. Hon. A.G. Ratssskyy Mr. Moors, Major Geddings, Capt. Loring and others. Took them to City Hall where there was much confusion and introduced them. Then after some delay drove through devastated area, a scene of unparalleled horror. About one square mile wiped out. Death toll about 1500 by estimate. Then to Club and had Americans at luncheon. Then to confere with Tanner and McLeod and decided to go to Kentville Monday morning. Then to organization meeting in City Club where I spoke. Met Hal and found him uninjured. Discusses with McLean postponement of Hx. election. W.B. Ross says Kings not

in good shape. In evening went to Adm. Chambers Com. at Bd. of Trade to discuss port facilities. Many tlgms as to relief. Boy who drove my motor is one of two survivors of a family of eleven.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 1917

Went at 10 to McCurdy's office and discussed pol. situation with him. McLean came at 12 and we debated postponement of Hx. election, McLean hesitant and inclined to postpone decision. Went to lunch at Gov't House, Chambers (Adm), Rathchesky and Moors there. After lunch to Mass. Hosp. at Bellevue, organized yesterday in a few hours. Many distressing cases, one little tot with a bandaged face kissed her hand to me. Then to meet McLean and McCurdy .and afterwards to Com. on Harbour accommodation with rfce to provision of machine shops. Afterwards to Cogswell Mil. Hosp. and. Camp Hill Hosp for nearly two hours. Very sad experience but the woman and children of indomitable spirit. Afterwards at car met representative Boston Globe and Roy Atkinson of Boston Herald and gave them interview. Busby and R. McLatchy of Customs came to report. Bubby gives Reggie a good report for keeping his head and his nerve

Monday, Dec. 10, 1917

Left Hx. at 7.15 with J.R.McL. Sent tlgm to White as to A.C.Johnston. Arrived Kentville 10.45. Julia joining us at Grand Pre. Sent tlgm to Mewburn as to Douglas Borden. Calkin reports that Roscoe is speaking often and working hard against my election and Wickwire to some extent. Oyler came to meet me stating that Chase is ill. Mcleod reports after conversation with friends that organization is gradually getting into shape, Meeting in Nicklet Hall at 2 P.M. and I spoke for an hour and a half. Very heavy storm and cancelled Berwick meeting. Decided to speak in Wolfville tomorrow at 2 P.M. Met Dr. DeWolfe on train this A.M.; speaks at Digby tonight, a very capable speaker, in evening attended at Pastime Hall and addressed gathering of ladies for an hour. Mrs. Barclay Webster Mrs. McBride and others present. Told them of experiences in France and Belgium.

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1917.

Early this morning Dr. Cutten called and asked me to address students of University. I went with him at 11 and addressed a large gathering, spoke on general lines and discussed women suffrage and naturalization. Dr. C. told me that a majority of professors are Liberals but all are supporting Union Gov't. In afternoon addressed a gathering in Opera House. W.H.Chase got out of bed to act as Chairman. MoCurdy telephoned that his opponent has retired. Train 2 hours late. Billings, Collector of Customs at Boston, on way to Hx. dined with us. Sangster joined us at Windsor where we also met Parsons and Tremain who expect to carry Hants. At Truro met McLean and McCurdy. McLean thinks Hx. election must be postponed but will wire me later. Says the Belief Comte is well organized and doing effective work. Telegraphed Newcombe to draft O.C. to postpone Hx. election.

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1917

En route to Ottawa. Atkinson Dist. Supt. joined us, a very active and capable man. Met Blount and Sen. Poster at Mtl. Latter promises at least 5 seats in Quebec. Says Laurierites have made desperate efforts to get y our candidates out of the field, but without success. Urged me to send out a message to Women tomorrow, Blount reports conditions in Ont. and West most hopeful and greatly improved Many tlgms sent to him have not been received. Says White has been kept busy in Brockville. Calder has not returned from West. Dictated interview describing disaster at Hx. Went over correspondence and dealt with it. Arrived Ottawa at 11.15 and found Laura in good health. She has been sleeping

better. Weather very cold and unusually heavy fall of snow. Cancelled my meeting at Hamilton.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 1917.

Early at office, but Sir W. McK. arrived shortly after and wanted Marlow appointed 3rd arbitrator. Told him of objections and said I would send for Tilley. Tlgm from Carvell that conditions in Hx. very bad and that he left for that City last night. Wired him full authority to act for all depts. Reid also went last evening. Gerald White came to say good-bye and Jap. Consul came to give me message of sympathy from his Gov't. Vaillancourt called to say that he will resign from Imp. Mun. Bd. During afternoon tried to prepare for meeting but was too utterly weary to make effective preparation. Veterans came and escorted me to Russell Theatre which was packed with most enthusiastic audience. Spoke for over an hour and was greatly complimented. Dr. Adams, Congregational (Scottish) clergyman wound up meeting with a forcible and picturesque speech. Issued message to press thanking women throughout Canada for their active interest and assistance.

Friday, Dec. 14, 1917

Fitzgerald came to report as to additional orders for munitions. Tlgm from Reid and Carvell recommending expropriation of Hx. dry dock and I approved. Tlgm from McLean as to postponement of Hx. election. Sent for Newcombe and afterwards O'Connor, had O.C. prepared and afterwards sent it to Mtl. to be signed by Ballantyne, Doherty and Laporte. Discussed with Tilley then with McK. and afterwards with Tilley app't of 3rd Arbitrator and told McK. that Marwick could not be agreed to. Lt. Henderson came with message from Lord Northcliffe. Very interesting young man. Lady Foster reports that Sir George is in hospital from accident. Tried to get hospital on telephone but failed. Attended His Ex. who enjoyed western tour but is suffering from bad cold. Is going to Hx. next week. Telegraphed colleagues as to prospects. Amazing mistake of Militia Dep't causing trouble in connection with Separation Allowances.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1917.

Bain came respecting Lanark and I got in touch with Arthur Burgess of Carleton Pl. and asked him to retire. He refused, saying parl't needed brains and that he was chock full of ingenuity and could give us some pointers as to winning the war. Prepared report to expropriate Hx. Dry Dock. Discussed west Hastings with Smellie and Green and wrote to R.H. Graham Foster injured by engine

yesterday in Toronto, rested well, collar bone fractured said not to be in danger. Reid reports we will carry 76 seats in Ont. Returning officers for Mil. voters not yet sailed from Ex. Waiting for convoy. Fripp very optimistic about Ottawa, hopes to beat Laurier without overseas vote. Gave out Hughes tlgm expressing hope Union Gov't will be returned. Walked for an hour in afternoon. Arranged to go Senate Chambers to hear result Monday evening. Weather very cold and forecast colder. As strain relaxes realize that I am very tired.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 1917

Very cold. Rose 7.30 and went over press clippings. Then to All Saints and heard very fair but long sermon from Missionary as to conditions in China. Baker came at 2.30 and reported as to conditions in Mtl. Shamghnessy Holt and Bury very much against us. Hosmer & Wms. Taylor indifferent. Angus (like Holt) very bitter. Foster and A.J. Brown very helpful. Wants a baronetcy for Jack Ross and E.G.M.S. for himself. Says Sir M. Davis not helpful and his honour regarded most unfavourably. Says Meredith told him some peculiar things about E.E. Says we should get 7 seats in Quebec are trying for 15 and may get none. Calder reports all seats in Sask. safe except three. Nickle reports Peterboro and Prince Edward doubtful otherwise East is good. Rowell called up to arrange for statement in press as to effect of overseas vote. In evening discussed with Rowell statement to press that overseas vote will not be counted for six weeks or more, and arranged for Bain -to prepare it.

Monday, Dec 17, 1917

Voted early after inquiry as to polling place. Apparently Liberal organization better in Ottawa. Attended His Ex. and discussed honours list. Spoke to him respecting J.K.L Ross and E.L. Pease. Drafted tlgm to Ld. Northcliffe as to Gordon and Campbell Stuart whose cases I discussed with His Ex. Hal returned today. Walked for an hour in afternoon. At 6.30 Nickle reported 8700 majority in Kingston and Yates 1200 maj. in Peel. No word from Ottawa until 7.30 and then Laurier and McGivern leading. Went to Senate with Laura at 8. Took Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Rivers. Returns came in quickly and it was soon apparent that Gov't, was sustained. Kings gave me 1000 maj. Enormous majorities in Ontario and West. Foster had 12000. Great excitement among ladies. Laurier and McGivern beaten in Ottawa without overseas votes West almost solid for Gov't. Nova Scotia and P.E.I. made poorest showing but Soldiers vote may bring them up. On return to house at midnight found about 100 returned soldiers whom I addressed. Their cheers could be heard all over town.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1917

Very tired after all the strain. Reid arrived early and I discussed with him extraordinary attitude of C.P.R. and our policy towards them also Foster's position as he is showing signs of age. He thinks Crothers should go before long. Hundreds of tlgs of congratulation from all parts of Country. Sent many hundreds in reply. Issued statement to press commenting on result and special statement as to my own County. White arrived noon in good form Carvell and McLean coming tomorrow. Sent tlgs to Perley Blondin and Melnes. At Club was overwhelmed with congrats Drayton gave me card received from a westerner inscribed, "God save our splendid men. Laurier won't even try." McCurdy telegraphed that N.S. will stand 11 to 5 for Union Gov't and perhaps 12 to 4. Dined with Gills, OoJ and Mrs. and Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Evans were the other guests.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1917

Rowell, Mewburn, Ballantyne and Cochrane arrived this morning. Held Council at 2.30 and disposed of routine business. Discussed prohibition with Rowell and sent tlgs to 4 Western Ministers asking their views. Took up question of remuneration of McLean and Robertson and directed Christie to prepare O.C. and consult with D.M.J. Conferred with Mewburn as to small number of enlistments from Quebec under Mil. Serv. Act and need of expediting appeals. Sevigny arrived yesterday and has hope that he may be elected by soldiers' vote. Conferred with Rowell as to his proposed visit to England and as to Imp'l Cabinet. E.R.Wood and A.E.Ames called as to initiating fund for Hx. and I said Gov't must take lead. Laurier arrived this A.M. but made no statement. American press very enthusiastic over election. No report yet from British press. His Ex. left for Hx. Discussed with J.K.L.Ross recognition by appropriate honour. Told him he was recommended as K.C.B.E. He does not understand very clearly and evidently wants a baronetcy.

Thursday, Dec. 20., 1917

Carvell arrived last evening and attended Council today. Discussed proposals for shipbuilding. McKeneie called to ask that O.C. might be passed to take in two small branch lines as part of C.N.R. Suggested to him app't of Judge Harris. Discussed with Reid and Ballantyne whether I should take holiday now or later and both said now. Tremendous correspondence still pouring in. in Council dealt with some routine and discussed at great length proposals for prohibition. Eventually decided to prohibit sale as well as importation and manufacture but found difficult to work out. Debated cooperative management of Canadian railways and

I proposed a sub-com. of Reconstruction and Development Com. which was agreed to. Jean Gobell reported as to conditions in riding formerly represented by Forget, says Forget worked against us. Discussed needs of Hx. sufferers and announced total contribution of five millions and probable app't of a Commission.

Friday, Dec. 21. 1917

Further huge volume of correspondence, Ralph Connor called and I discussed with him impressions of late campaign. He thinks foreign labour should be conscripted. Warburton came to ask whether I desired his ass'n to continue work and I said yes. Wanklyn and Fairbairn of C.P.R. came to represent need of 600 miles of rails for replacement on C.P.R alone. Arranged app't with Rowell after Jan'y 1st. Telegraphed Perley as to honours for Gordon and Stuart and gave Lt. Henderson message for Ld. Northcliffe as to ditto, council at 11 to 1 and passed O.C. as to remuneration of Robertson and McLean. in evening debated prohibition at length and finally I prepared a statement for press, immediate prohibition of importation of transportation after 1st April, and of manufacture at date to be fixed. Every one agreed. Wrote Tilley as to Judge Harris as third arbitrator. Passed O.C. appointing Robertson Chairman of Subcom. of Council on Labour questions. Arranged to leave tomorrow for Hot Springs. Mewburn and Rowell left tonight for Toronto.

Saturday, Dec. 22, 1917

Alice Fitzpatrick came at ten to discuss Women's Convalescent home; wants quarters in any spare building. Spoke of Quebec's attitude thinks clergy amenable to reason. Doherty conferred as to same problem and said he thought little should be uttered either by members of Gov't or by press during next 5 or 6 weeks. Let them have time to think. Council at 12.45 and put through routine and O.C. prohibiting Importation of liquor. Called in press men and gave them the official announcement and explained to them its effect. Enormous volume of correspondence still pouring in. Prepared message to overseas troops and directed Christie to hand it out on Monday. At 4.45 left for N.Y. in private car J.W. Pugsley accompanying us. Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Dunlop en route to N.Y. came in to dinner and in evening we played bridge. Jas Morris came in to tell us of his campaign. He (like Ames) says Fr. Canadians voted against us on bloc but are now repentant.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 1917

Very cold during night, 15 below at Troy. Water in car froze. Lost

three hours and connections as well. Left Albany (where we remained several hours) at 12.15. Reached Jersey City at 5 and found that 5.08 train to Hot Springs had been taken off. Car taken to N.Y. and attached to 9.30 train for Washington. Interesting talk with two men on Penna. Motor Engine. Told them of Canadas effort in war. They think war will profoundly affect methods and standards of civilization. Very intelligent men. Ames at interview yesterday told me that French Canadians voted solidly against him and that women's vote saved him. Strongly objects to any immediate effort to give recognition to them. Radiator in car leaking and giving us much trouble. Arrived Washington at 5 with tremendous bump} thought we were off of rails. N.Y. Sunday papers announce prohibition in Canada and that it is well received. We cannot reach Hot Springs before tomorrow night.

Monday, Dec. 24, 1917

Rose at 7.40. Beautiful morning. Telephoned to Embassy that we would be here until 10.15 but found afterwards that we cannot leave until 2,15. Walked with Laura for more than half an hour. Drove to Embassy at 11.15 and were welcomed most effusively by Ambassador who actually hugged me in his delight at result of elections. Discussed war and he thinks spirit of president and people good but believes that not more than 100,000 men have been sent to France. I think he is mistaken and that from 400,000 to 700,000 have been sent. He came with me to call on Laura. Says Duke is coming to visit President on 9th January and he suggested that I should come at same time but I declined. Railway people very kind in making arrangements about our car. Saw 3 troop trains leave Washington and one car of troops was attached to our train. We lost time steadily and did not arrive at Carington until midnight

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1917

Remained in car all night and rose at 7.30. Pugsley came for breakfast and luncheon at hotel which he greatly admired. Sent telegram to Duke and replied to messages from White, Cochrane and Reid. No baths given on Christmas Day. In afternoon joined bridge for Red. Cross. Laura and I played with Mr. Abenheim and Mrs. Seymour. Afterwards Pugsley and I went to Xmas party at Dr. Edgar Poles, very pleasant. Little Willoughby Pole a child of about 7 dances most beautifully with her brother a few years older. Met Mrs. Moore (nee Wylie of Toronto) who is tremendously keen about the election and she could not sleep for two nights before 17th. Met several people in evening, Mrs. Betz and her daughter, Josephine - Mr. Kaufman, nephew of Abenheim, a lawyer of great ability, almost totally blind is here. Snow all day and quite cold, a real Canadian winter scene. No prospect of golf for several days but I am not concerned.

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917

Went early to see Dr. Lamier Pole and he reports me in fairly good condition. Prescribed stiff bath and arranged for 5.30. Belon, the Russian, is the only attendant. I weigh 193 stripped and 201 when dressed. Remained in open air nearly all day and became very much sunburned. Dazzling sunshine all day. Mrs. Kelly Evans called and invited us to dinner 7.30 at her cottage. We had a very pleasant evening and met her two sons one in the U.S. Army and the other too young for Com'n in that Army wants to join the Canadian Officer Training Corps. Read Hanna's letter again. He wants to be a member of Gov't or to resign his present duties as Food Controller. U.S. Gov't talking of taking over all railways. We may have to do the same. Tlgm from His Ex. who says that he has written. Pugsley left with car last evening.

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917

Took long walk in forenoon. Bright sunshine in forenoon. Cloudy afternoon. Started up Delafield Path in afternoon. Very hard climbing, path unbroken after first half mile except for tracks of rabbits and other animals. Climbed 653 feet, a little more than 1-3/10 miles. In evening met Kaufman, New York lawyer, practically blind who has made a fine position in his profession. Wrote to Dr. Reid. In evening played bridge with Mrs. Seymour and Abenheim. TShe latter very full of fun and amusing. Laura is taking massage from Mrs. Hellman and thinks it will help her. We are in rooms 516 add 518 which are very quiet & near baths. Belan (bath attendant) told me his father & mother both were serfs in their younger days. Worked for nobles without pay. Were flogged until blood ran, at will of their masters. He asks what can you expect of people thus enslaved for centuries.

Friday, Dec. 28, 1917

Weather still quite cold. President has taken over control of all U.S. railways, 260,000 miles. They are to be under direction of McAdoo but probably management will be vested in Committee of leading ry officials. Walked for an, hour in morning and again in afternoon Mrs. & Miss Turck arrived from N.Y., the latter in training as a nurse. They are without their luggage. Danish Baron Rosenkranz is living here, pro-German and very unpopular. Dined with Kelly Evans, very pleasant evening. Dr. and Mrs. Hinsdale also guests. Kelly very much opposed to prohibition. Monday's Canadian newspapers arrived. Gov'ts action in prohibiting importation well received throughout country -Mrs. Green (Golf Club Gazette) full of news as to young Beaton French. Says the boy had no proper home training and is not reliable.

Saturday, Dec. 29, 1917

Very cold this morning, only 9 above zero at 9.45. Laura and I were in open air for more than two hours. I walked hard for an hour and a quarter and had to take off my overcoat. Tlgm from C.B.Gordon that he has just returned and will come to Hot Springs to see me as to Munitions &c any day next week. Exercised in open air in afternoon. Met. Mr. Marshall of J.P. Morgan & Co. who is here with his wife. They have a daughter living near Fassfern Farm. Dined with Col. and Mrs. Kelly Evans. Dr. and Mrs. Hinsdale were also guests. A very pleasant evening. Abenheim, Mrs. Seymour Mrs. Kaufman and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bamberger and Miss Waxelbaum are leaving next week. No prospect of golf as weather continuing very cold with lowering temperature.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1917

Therm. descended to 20 below last night and was 12 below when we went out this morning. Air very calm and dry. We remained in open air by Golf Veramdah all forenoon and felt no discomfort. Walked also for an hour in afternoon and at 5 went to Hinsdales for tea & had a very pleasant time. Dr. Sweet and another gentleman were there also. Mr. Fiske, whom we met years ago at Lakewood, is also here. All through pullmans are being taken off after Monday or Tuesday. Budget of Ottawa papers coming in but nothing very important. Letter from His Ex. last evening as to B.EiOrder proposing to take up list with Acting Prime Minister. I replied that I did not understand it was necessary to take it up so early.

Monday, Dec. 31, 1917

Weather more moderate but still very cold. Great suffering in N.Y. on ac of fuel shortage. In P.M.went for sleigh drive with Hrs. Kelly Evans to Warm Springs where there is a considerable community of southern people in summer. Cable from Ld. Northcliffe that he has reluctantly withdrawn Gordon's name but must insist on a Knighthood for Campbell Stuart. Made no answer as I did not see messenger. Congestion on rys and on mails evidently increasing. Books mailed to me in Ottawa on Sat. last have not reached me up to this evening