

Tuesday, January 1, 1918

Weather still very cold for Hot Springs Remained in doors all day. Tlgm from Gordon that he has postponed his visit until trains running more regularly. Abenheim, Mrs. Kaufman and her son, Mrs. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Bamberger and Miss Waxelbaum left this evening. No more through pullmans to N.I. after this evening. Tlgms from Morgan Powell, Senator Foster and Lord Atholstan conveying New Years greetings. Booking back over year it has been a period of great difficulty and responsibility of earnest and persistent endeavour, of enormous labour and of successful accomplishment. I am very thankful for the strength which has enabled me to "carry on" though it all. There is much still to be done and I must hasten back to my work. The U.S. Gov't is giving us good example of drastic legislation re railways.

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1918

U.S. Gov't has given carriage of fuel priority over everything. Much suffering in N.I. and elsewhere. A new and heavy snowstorm last night continued this morning. Therm 12 above. Cloudy and overcast, an unpleasant day. Decided to start for home on Monday 7th. Telegraphed Gordon to secure berths on midnight train from Washington to N.Y. and telegraphed to Hotel Belmont for rooms. Had interesting talk with Mr. & Mrs. Marshall. In evening played "rum" with Mrs & Miss Turck. She told me that Cochrane is in New York. Reid says he has been very ill, slight paralytic stroke. Explosion in Norfolk, Va. today or yesterday supposed to be of enemy origin. Letter from J.K.L. Ross saying that he would prefer baronetcy to K.O.B.E. Evidently it is necessary to pass some legislation respecting hereditary title in Canada as they are very unpopular and entirely incompatible with our institutions.

Thursday, Jan. 3, 1917

Therm. 5 above at 10 A.M. but rose during morning to 10 above. Bright sunshine & glorious day. Books mailed in Ottawa on Saturday last have not yet arrived. Walked for 1 3/4 hours this A.M. Finished reading Ian Hay Berth's "All in it; kl carries on", a very readable book. U.S. Gov't proceeding vigorously with its ry. policy, cutting off passenger

trains, giving right of way to fuel &c. A.H. Smith of N.I. Central appointed operating manager of Eastern lines. Gordon telegraphed that he had secured accommodation Washington to N.Y, Russians still parleying with Germans who are too cunning and astute for them. There seems a hitch in peace proposals on account of Germany's refusal to evacuate occupied Russian territory pending referendum. Germans are hoisting Bolsheviks with their own formulas. *There* is little prospect that the Russians will continue to fight. They have had enough.

Friday, Jan. 4, 1918

Mrs. & Miss Turek left this morning. Letter from Reid as to demand that Dominion shall make good all loss at Hx. He says there is strong pressure to which his colleagues are inclined to yield. Singular telegram from later this evening couched in unintelligible terms. Weather somewhat milder. Very few people in hotel, probably not more than 50. Evidently many difficult questions up for consideration and decision immediately upon my return - Another cold wave + anticipated but weather much milder this P.M. Therm. 24. talked with Laura this A.M. and P.M. Mr. King and his son Bruce arrived from Toronto today. Have just returned from Japan. Went in evening to moving pictures. Galled on Mrs. Edgar Pole and Mrs. Hynsdale - - Terrible tales of delay in receiving luggage. Decided to send ours ahead.

Saturday, January 5, 1918

Rose very early. Tlgm from Rowell as to honours and telegraphed approval of proposed delay. Telegraphed Reid as to inquiry respecting practice in G.B. and U.S. as to indemnity for damage caused by explosion. Wrote Ambassador that I would call on him in Washington on Monday. Telegraphed Blount not to send car to N.Y. Wrote Evie Laird that I will see her Wednesday, Hotel Belmont, at 10 A.M. Fear she is in highly nervous condition. Arranged to send off heavy luggage tonight, 36 hours ahead. Strained tendon of right leg just above ankle by too great activity on my feet. Wrote Ambassador to arrange for interview while in Washington. Carriole called me on telephone from Washington as to his arrangements to supply munitions to U.S. Gov't as to which I shall certainly not interfere. Speculation in U.S. press as to Spring-Rice's successor. Lord Grey of Falloden, Lord Reading and Austin Chamberlain are suggested. Played bridge in evening with

Mrs. Edgar Pole and Mr. Perry.

Sunday, January 6, 1918

Weather much milder, thawing and treating rain. Tlgm from Yates explaining his extraordinary message which had relation to tlgm rec'd next day from Rowell. In afternoon met Baron and Baroness Rosencranz and Mr. & Mrs. Lenn at Mrs. Edgar Pole's; also Dr. and Mrs. Hinsdale and others. Baron is very well read man but apparently fond of talking too much. During evening made preparations for departure and said goodbye to acquaintances. On the whole have had a useful and pleasant visit, notwithstanding the severity of weather. Lord Morley's recollections have not arrived although they were despatched on 29th Dec. from Ottawa. Telegraphed Lloyd Harris and Carrick in reply to their messages that I shall be a few hours in Washington.

Monday, Jan. 7, 1918

Rose at 6 and left for Washington at 7.40. Waited at Covington 1hr. 35 m. En route met Mrs. E.H. Brand who is returning to Washington to meet her husband. Mrs. King of Toronto and her son Bruce and Mr. & Mrs. Barton French and Josephine Betz also on train. Arrived Washington 5.30. Josephine lost her dressesuit case and I spent 33 min. trying to find it. Garrick met us and we dined with him and Lloyd Harris at New Willard. They say much has been done in acquainting Am. Gov't with Canada's equipment for producing munitions and with good results. They think great opportunity ahead of us. Lloyd Harris says he used to think Can. Gov't slow in war matters but it is greased lightning compared with U.S. Gov't. Conditions in Washington are chaotic. America cannot do much this year. Ladies dresses very low at dinner. Laura said "In Canada we have meatless days and wheatless days, but you have in addition waistless nights" We could not board our train until 11.30 and found it destitute of heating.

Tuesday, Jan. 8. 1918

Arrived N.Y, on time and went to Belmont. Found that Cochrane was also there. After breakfast went to Dr. Turck who put me through the

usual ordeal and laid out for me a special course of treatment. Afterwards Yates reported and I went over portion of correspondence. In afternoon called on Nachbar and had feet treated and visited manicure in same building. Dr. Reid took us in evening to see a very amusing comedy "The Tailormade Man". Several reporters called but I told them I had no statement. President Wilson delivered to Congress today an impressive and highly important address setting forth the war aims for which the U.S. stands. He is in substantial agreement with Lloyd George's recent speech. Tlgm from Sir Charles Gordon that he will arrive tomorrow. Saw Cochrane at Dr. Turck's office. He looks very ill.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1918

Again at Dr. Turcks office this A.M. at 10*30. Evie Laird came, a bright faced woman who told me of all her troubles. I told her to sell out her belongings and come to Ottawa for a rest and that probably some position could be obtained for her. At 11.30 Gordon came. He corroborates Lloyd Harris as to the chaotic conditions at Washington. Thinks G.B. is about up to the limit of her strength and that we in Canada should put every ounce of strength into the fight. Went with him to lunch at the British War Mission and met Sir Andrew Caird, Sir Hartman Lever and others. Visited Abercrombie and Pitch's great establishment and bought some flies and other articles. Called on Chapmans and then on Cochranes. Laura at my insistence consulted Dr. Turck this morning and has great confidence in him.

Thursday, Jan..10, 1918

At Souse's Point train two hours late which continued until we reached Ottawa at 2.05. Dealt with correspondence en route. None very important. Found great mass of documents at my house. Weather keen but pleasant. Went to office and at 4 attended Council. Despatch from Col. Sec'y urging very prompt attention to proposed Convention between G.B. and U.S. respecting Military Service Decided to send Newcombe and arranged accordingly. Turriff called to suggest that he might now be taken into Gov't. Told him of my appreciation but that no changes probable until after session. Discussed Pardee's case with Rowell who walked with me when we left the office. Bainville called & discussed his position. Will

resume law practise. Does not wish to be a Judge. Tlgm from Blondin that I should not have in Gov't either him or any other Fr. Can. Minister.

Friday, Jan. 11, 1918

Walked to office. Fine winter morning. Therm 16 above. Dealt with further accumulation of correspondence. Meighen asked as to John Bain for Chairman Soldiers Settlement Bd. and I approved. Discussed with McLean our proposals re Hz. and in afternoon he submitted O.C.drafted by Neweombe which I revised. Made no progress as to personnel. Hazen called at noon and discussed his proposed mission to U.S. Hal not in office and Blount does not know where he is. Sir Mortimer Davis called and made long protest against brevity of time for disposing of liquor stocks on hand. Wrote to thank a multitude of people who assisted in recent election. Sent for Flavelle and discussed policy of Imp. Mun. Bd. with respect to orders from United States. Wrote letter of introduction for Newoombe to id. Beading respecting in s visit to Washington. Despatched tlgm to Col. Sec'y as to this visit. Dansereau of La Presse came to discuss Quebec conditions and to offer support of La Presse.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1918

Very heavy snowstorm. Car could not venture on Wurtemberg St. Called Council at 11 and dealt with O.C. respecting relief for Halifax. It was approved with slight verbal alteration; also statement thereon to press. Discussed personnel of Com'n and decided to ask E. Waugh of Winnipeg to become Chairman. Considerable discussion as to shortage of labour and as to exemption of persons engaged in agriculture. Meighen and Carvell raised strong objection to any course which will interfere with the necessary provision of reinforcements. Discussed general scheme of compulsory registration. Sir W. Mackenzie and Morse came on behalf of Winnipeg Electric Co. to ask aid in procuring loan from Bk. Montreal. Telegraphed Judge Harris my hope that he would undertake duty as third arbitrator on C.N.R. stock. During evening worked on various state papers.

Sunday, Jan, 13, 1918

Blizzard daring early part of day. Went over clippings. Perused Gisborne's draft bill to confer franchise on women. Read Long's weekly secret report and War Cabinet's printed summary for weeks ending 5th and 12th December. Studied Reid's proposals for solution of railway situation by taking over all the Canadian Railways. Called up White as to Winnipeg Electric and conferred with Sir Vincent Meredith by telephone. Sir Fred Fraser telegraphed as to children in need of skilled oculist, and I replied and wired McLean to take up the matter. Rhodes, Consul General Foster and Dr. Doughty called in afternoon. Rhodes says French voted solidly against him. Doughty reported that our War Trophies are to be used extensively by U.S. Gov't in organizing for new loan. Christie of Ext. Affairs wants to go to the Front. I advised him that his best service is in his present duties.

Monday, Jan. 14, 1918

Early at office. Confce with Hanna as to his retirement. He strongly recommends Thompson and thought he should be a member of the Gov't. Sent for Meighen and found him dubious as to Thomson's ability to hold up his end in the political arena. Hector McInnes arrived and recounted to me for an hour and a half the story of our campaign among the troops. He thinks Perley very timid and considers that Kemp does not fill the bill. Says Kemp opposed to Union Gov't. Do not think his opinions very accurate. Held meeting of War Committee and discussed work of Director of Public Information; also tlgs from Col. Secy as to tonnage. Many interviews. In evening held confce in Sifton's office as to Railways situation and discussed taking over of Grand Trunk and C.P.R. All in favor of both except Ballantyne who doubted as to C.P.R. I decided that we should first take up G.T. and G.T.P. as then we would be in better position to deal with C.P.R. Tlgm from Harris that he will accept position as arbitrator.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1918

In poor form today but accomplished much work. Rev. T. Albert Moore came to luncheon. Dealt with correspondence and then conferred with Rowell as to honours. Discussed with him Christie as Clerk of House. Attended His Ex. and found Spring Rice in ante room. Explained to His Ex. my position as to honours and my belief that we must have leg'n that honours shall be settled in Canada by Gov. in Council and that hereditary honours must be abolished. He was favourable but anxious to preserve King's prerogative. Told of his visit to Washington, that President was extremely cordial and talked much of shipbuilding. Said

that Hoot & Hughes in H.T. bitterly criticized management of war. House thinks Germans will make desperate attempt on land and sea during next six months. Meeting of War Committee and took up various matters and then Council. I proposed more regular system. Decided that Council meet Mon. Wed. Frid. and Comtes Tuesday and Thursdays. Very interesting confce with Mackintosh Bell who has just returned from Russia. Criticizes both British and Americans. Confce with Hanna.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918

Major Bell came and continued discussion of Russian affairs. Sent copy of Consul Hodgson's letter to Foster, Meighen and Rowell. Attended confce with Labour men at 11 and addressed them; a fine looking lot of men. Met them¹⁷ afterwards at luncheon and had interesting talks with Bruoe and Hollo. Discussed with Rhodes the situation with regard to honours and asked him to make a report on the subject. Sen. Poster came to discuss situation in Quebec abd advised that no new organization should be attempted at present. Beatty came ^to read Shaughnessy's memo on railway situation and promised to send copy. It proposes that Gov't take over C.P.R. and use its organization for operation of all rys. Kelly of G.T.R. called in afternoon to protest against forced decision in 2 or 3 days. Long tlgms to and from McLean as to Hx. Com'n. He has created confusion & embarrassment by offering Chairmanship to Rogers. Confce yesterday with Lord Atholstan who made various suggestions. Council at 4. Dealt with many matters. Discussed Kemp's tlgm as to 5th Div. and prepared reply. Decided to provide private car for F.E.Smith. Dinner at Gov't House. Took in Her Ex. She spoke of her visit to Washington. Described Wilson as a most inscrutable man.

Thursday, Jan, 17, 1918

Early at office. Dealt with correspondence. Tlgm from McLean as to Chairman. Sent for Calder & Crerar who confirmed my recollection. Sent message to McLean. Waugh and Mayor Davidson. Confce with Sen.Sharp as to Rogers. He thinks he will accept Lt.Governorship of Man. Told him R. would be of no use at Washington. Sen. Pope called to urge effort to sell our horses. Called on Sir G. Foster and found him badly shaken up but anxious to get back again to work. Then to office and conferred with Huntley Drummond as to prohibition. He was very reasonable. Took him to lunch and afterwards called on White. Found him in bed ill and dispirited. Wants to resign. He gave me his reasons, physical, financial, domestic. I urged reasons against it and that he should at least wait until after session. War Committee at 4 and fierce controversy between Lougheed and Mewburn as to Mil. Hosp. Com. Composed it by suggestion that they and Carvell should be a Mil. Hosp. Com. of War Com. Discussed spruce for aeroplanes. Told Christie he should not go to front.

Friday, Jan. 18, 1918

Sent for Rowell early this morning and conferred with him as to cabinet reconstruction, food controllership and other matters. Mr. & Mrs Rhys Dakers Fairbairn came to ask me to become patron of National Council of Women. Weichel called and told me about his campaign in N. Waterloo. Germans voted solidly against him. Arranged with Col. Henderson that Labour delegates should be received by His Ex. Letter from His Ex. offering me G.C.B. Italian Gov't asked for permission to have Banks subscribe to their loan and it was granted. After luncheon 1 1/2 hours with Labour delegates who presented written statement of their conclusions which were not unreasonable. An interesting discussion followed and confce was adjourned to 29th Jan, Then went into Council and reported that Waugh cannot get permission to undertake Hx. work. Agreed to Fowke and I discussed it with him on telephone. Decided that we would make no further statement except publish O.C. Conferred with Loughheed as to Mil. Hosp. dispute and with W.F.McLean, as to his aspirations. Col. Currie and H.J.Crowe called.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 1918

Magrath came to discuss fuel situation and possible necessity of closing factories. Then I discussed with Hanna date of his retirement and the appointment of Thompson as his successor. Lloyd Harris gave further report as to his work in Washington and I spoke to him of representing Canada there. He would take no salary and after some discussion he suggested establishment of a Canadian War Mission of which he might be Chairman and Ralph Vice-Chairman. Major Andrews M.P. called as to views of War Veterans re settlement on land. Seems a very earnest capable man. went to hear Spring-Rice address Can. Club luncheon. He made a very earnest and impressive speech, much better than Readings. Fowke telegraphed from Oshawa that he would accept on Hx. Com. and I called Council and passed necessary order which by arrangement with Sladen I gave to the press at once. Passed much routine business and discussed ry. question. Head Shaughnessy's memo and report prepared fey for Meighen. Sent out invitations for luncheon to Sir F.E.Smith. In evening dined with Boss's. P.D. told me of impressive sentence wh. Morley applied to Lincon and which he (Ross) applied to me. "He who is the master of patience is the master of all."

Sunday, Jan. 20, 1918

Much colder, Slightly below zero. Went over books and pamphlets consigning many to the attic and many to be sent to Convalescent Homes for the Soldiers. Lloyd Harris yesterday gave opinion that

the military should not be in charge of vocational training of soldiers. In afternoon discussed food control with Thompson who said it was a "goat's job" as no man could possibly satisfy the public. He seems a very able man but he has an unfortunate inert bored manner which gives a disagreeable impression until one realizes that it is merely a mannerism. Spring Rice came and I discussed briefly with him the establishment of a Canadian War Mission at Washington. He approves but thinks I should send for Gordon so that there will be no overlapping or interference with British War Mission. He is very angry at his treatment by British Gov't and says he will accept no honour. Thinks I should accept the G.C.B. Says Campbell Stuart's honour was absurd.

Monday, Jan, 21, 1918

Sent for Calder who desired to suggest better support for Reid in Ontario having regard to the great preponderance of Conservatives. Spoke of retirement of Foster and Crothers and of possible successors. Later he sent memo of subjects which we should discuss at evening meeting of Cabinet. Godfrey and Mulloy came as to latter's dismissal and I spoke to Mewburn. McNeil of B.C. wants some employment. Arsenault called as to some minor matter. Green came to recommend Schofield as Senator and to express his opposition to importation of Chinese labour. Discussed fuel situation with Rowell and called a special meeting of War Committee at which question was discussed and I redrafted Magrath's telegram to U.S. fuel controller. Prepared letters to His Ex. as to Campbell Stuart incident, B.E. Order and proposed honours to Foster and myself. No important news from front. Bolsheviks have dissolved constituent assembly by force. Volume of my speeches rec'd published by Hodder & Stoughton, London. Kurd's work appears to be well done. Weather bright and fine, about 10 above zero.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1918

Beverley McLaughlin brought list of steamers, 141 in number, on Great Lakes and I placed list before Ballantyne for his opinion. Mme. Casgrain came to tell me of her activities in aid of devastated regions. Sen. McLennan interviewed me on behalf of Mil. Hosp. Com. and made pretty strong case. Boyce, M.P. came with letter from Orange Ass'n as to senate appointments &c. Luncheon to Sir F.E. Smith went off well. He told me that Americans are really proud of Canada's achievements in the war and emphasize the relationship in expressing the hope that their men will do as well. He is a most fluent and effective speaker. At War Com. in afternoon gave statement of situation as I understand it. Mewburn explained military situation and we debated at considerable length shortage of labour necessary for food production &c. Dinner at Gov't House. I took in Mrs. Sifton and sat at left of Her Ex. who conveyed to me Lord Lansdowne's congratulations.

Friday, Jan. 23, 1918

Hanna discussed with me at luncheon his resignation and it was arranged that Rowell, Calder and Crerar should have interview with Thompson tomorrow. Various confces 12.30 to 1. Sir Wm. Peterson, Chief Justice Archibald, George E. Drummond and Birks came to offer me Chancellorship of McGill University. Expressed my appreciation and reserved answer. Delegation from War Veterans called as to non employment. Mac Dandunnot and Maloney of Grand Trunk. Council at two to consider Meighen's proposals as to Land Settlement Board and as to Railway War Board to control operation of railways. Then discussed proposals as to latter very fully and conferred with Lash. Council again at 8 and arranged procedure on hearing tomorrow of appeal from Railway Com'n. Then discussed sessional program of legislation and Sifton's recommendations as to franchise Act. Took up Crerar's proposals as to increased production and as to guaranteeing seed producers of B.C. against loss. After Council White handed me written resignation. I urged reasons why he should continue but in vain. Telegraphed Shaughnessy and sent tlgm to Smithers, as to taking over Grand Trunk and G.T.P.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1918

After dealing with correspondence, went to hearing of railway rates appeal and remained until 4.45. Symington addressed us at great length in clever speech. After him Norris briefly. Adjourned hearing until 1 March and postponed operation of rates in meantime. Directed filing of printed cases on both sides. Went to hear Sir P.E. Smith at Canadian Club, a very eloquent address. Report came in at 2.30 that insurrection had broken out in Vienna. Meeting of War Committee at 4.45. Discussed labour question quite extensively and practically decided against compulsion. Held very angry that White has decided to resign and says White wants position at head of Railway War Board. In evening dealt with correspondence and Christie came to explain his draft O.C. to establish Canadian War Mission at Washington. Calder says Western delegation who attended at hearing of appeal were pleased with their reception.

Friday, Jan. 25, 1918

Letter from White that he would like resignation announced immediately. Discussed this situation with Reid Rowell and Calder who are quite dismayed and with White in evening when he finally agreed that there should be delay. McLean returned and we discussed Belief Commission, Chief Justiceship &c. Lacoste (Paul) came with message from Gouin as to prohibition in Quebec which was briefly discussed in Council. Shaughnessy arrived at noon and he and Horris came to luncheon. Discussed ry. situation pretty

fully with S. and was somewhat impressed by his views as to value of C.P.R. organization and danger of inefficiency unless that or some equally effective organization is secured. Long discussion of whole matter with Lash during forenoon and instructed him to complete his draft so that it might be printed for use of Council. Held Council 4 to 6.45 and disposed of much business. Hanna's resignation announced and app't of Thompson as his successor. Discussed Sir Geo. Foster's condition withy Calder, Reid and Rowell.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1918

Walked to office with Reid and discussed White's position both morning and evening. He thinks W. will be inclined to make trouble during session. Recalled occasion when Rogers asked Reid to join Cochrane, White & himself in resigning unless I gave up idea of Union Gov't. Sent Lash's draft to Printing Bureau and it was returned at 2 very well executed. Sent copies to several Ministers and to Shaughnessy. Confce with Gordon at 10.30 as to app't of Lloyd Harris. He agreed and said there would be no friction. Discussed Northcliffe's proposal as to honours and said he would prefer to receive them from us. I showed him correspondence. Discussed Foster's condition with Reid & Calder and sent tlgm to Col. Secy as to Impl. Bd. Meeting of Ry. Com. at 11.15 and went fully into situation, explaining Lash's proposals and interview with Shaughnessy. Mulloy came to ask about his future. War Committee met at 2 and first discussed with Food Controller restriction of sugar and then with Sir Charles Gordon essential and nonessential industries and constitution of a War Industries Bd. We gave dinner in evening and I took in Lady Spring-Bice. Sent Christie to Washington to arrange as to Canadian War Mission.

Sunday, Jan. 27, 1918

Very cold day. Went over various documents and newspaper clippings during A.M. and walked for an hour between 12 and 1. In P.M. Smith of Toronto News came to discuss public affairs and I advised him to say little about Quebec but to quote largely from Quebec newspapers and without comment. Mrs. Uniacke and Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Mitchell called; also Lesslie Thompson, an engineer. Gov. Lake also came and told me that Sir G. Schreiber cannot last long. Lake said he wd continue or go into Senate as might be the best. Considered ry. situation and see no course except to continue along the line of co-operative control leading to public ownership and operation by an organization practically independent of the Gov't. It is a most, difficult and intricate problem which has never been adequately solved in any country. The head of the organization ought always to be selected by the Gov't.

Monday, Jan. 28, 1918

Newcombe came to report as to his mission to Washington. Said he was just in time to prevent British representatives making concessions which would have rendered any treaty of no advantage. British did not get on well with U.S. State Department and had made no progress since Sept. Hazen called and reported that Fisheries Confce was proceeding very satisfactorily and that Redfield was quite reasonable in his views. Prof. Lake of Harvard called as to assistance in training Army Chaplains. Conferred with Robertson and Rowell am to interview tomorrow with Labour delegation. Took up with McLean and afterwards with Dr. Roche and Jameson Civil Service reform and sent for Gisborne to draft regulation. Prepared statement for press and submitted to Council. Discussed in Council letter from Fuel Go^roller as to passing similar order to that in force-in U.S. and referred it to Meighen as acting Minister. Weather very cold with intense blizzard. Dined with Burrella.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1918

Weather much milder. Mrs. Corcoran came to ask aid for her son in R.F.C. Miss Inglis, Head of Women's branch of Civil Serv. Ass'n represented need of investigation re F. Baird as reports cast a stigma on all women in Ass'n. D.H.McDougall said that Workman is transferring business from Sydney to Mtl. J.D.MoArthur asked for aid. to Peace River By. Dixon of Christian Science Monitor came to lunch and gave an interesting account of U.S. effort in war. Says Gov't very much in earnest. Does not think ry. executives are purposely making operation ineffective. At 2.30 addressed Labour representatives for 15 mins. quite a large gathering, among them Puttee, formerly in Parlt himself. At 3 long confce with Mewburn and Carvell as to Mil.Hosp. Com, when it was suggested that McCurdy should be head. Discussed whole subject. Then to Recons. & Devel. Com. where little done. McLean pretty visionary. Council in evening 8 to 11.30. Variety of matters taken up, especially Land Settlement, production, general registration, relations with, Labour &c. Very tired. Have not slept well for two nights.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1918

Went at correspondence and then perused report of P.P.Jones and others who went to New York on mission to investigate War organization. Then members of Mission came and we had a very interesting conference of two hours at which several Ministers were present. They made several useful suggestions but were under certain misapprehensions as to proceedings of War Cabinet and as to methods of Gov't in this country. After luncheon a very interesting interview with Knight who has good ideas on many points. Then to Council where I brought up Kemp's cable as to six divisions of 10 bus each. Earnest discussion followed and finally we decided to accept proposals of War

office, having regard to the threatened German offensive. Weather milder. Rumors around town that Reid and Carvell have had a terrible quarrel. Utterly untrue. Dined with Reids

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1918

Beattie of C.P.R. brought letter from Shaughnessy as to our proposals. Discussed it briefly with him. Fears breaking up of organization or confiscation. He does not understand public opinion. Sent him to Meighen & afterwards he came to suggest another interview with Shaughnessy. Christie returned from Wash'n and reported everything arranged. Signed report to Council and order was passed in evening. Various interviews & confces during day. War Com. at 4. Flavelle, Jones (P.P.) and Gundy present. Discussed at great length situation. I finally asked Flavelle & Jones to prepare statement as to low phosphorous iron ore and steel rails for use with U.S. priority committee. Asked Flavelle & I the two others to act on proposed War Trade Bd. Flavelle felt unable to accept. Other two favourable. Council in evening. Dealt with routine. Civil Service Com attended and discussed proposed O.C. Several amendments suggested. Gisborne to prepare them. Discussed also provision of buildings either permanent or temporary by immediate construction but did not decide.

Friday, Feb. 1 1918

Slept till 9.15 and then to office about 11. Jones and Gundy came and I discussed with them proposed War Trade Bd, its responsibility, duties and appointment of Minister as Chairman. They suggested Ballantyne who afterwards told me he could not undertake additional duties. At 12.30 had confidential talk with Calder as to pol. situation, waste of time in committees, alleged differences in Cabinet, propaganda of C.P.R. &c. Discussed White's retirement and Drayton's qualifications. Calder thinks White ambitious for premiership. At two discussed some of these matters with Reid, Meighen, Calder and Fowell and especially status of War, Trade Board. Foster's position under discussion. Arranged to see Foster at 5 and found him looking much better and with no idea of retiring. He wants Bd. attached to his Dep't but is quite reasonable. Then called on Lougheed and dined with him. Discussed Mil. Hosp. Com. Council at 8 and decided to erect permanent building at once to be used afterwards for storage. Rowell and Calder reported as to Labour Confce. Further interview with Jones and Gundy and arranged with them as to their status with Foster.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1918

Drafted O.C. appointing War Trade Bd..& conferred with Meighen

who also had drafted a like recommendation. Sent for Robertson and discussed representation labour on proposed Board. We agreed that we should procure if possible a list from Trades & Labour Executive from which to choose for different committees. Sent for McLean and discussed N.S. Chief Justiceship and appointment of new Judge. We agreed on Mellish as well qualified. Rogers came to luncheon and afterward I visited with him new Parliament building. Studied Hosp. Com. report and drafted report to Council as to formation of Demobilization Committee. Went for walk with Mewburn at 5.30 and discussed with him problems of demobilization. Rogers seems in good spirits but said nothing about his future. I asked him to luncheon tomorrow and he seemed much pleased. Telegraphed McConnell and McNaught to be here on Monday.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 1918

Lovely winter day with snow after 11. Therm 10 above at 10.30. Went over clippings. Had breakfast in my room. Went for walk at 12.30. Most delightful. Rogers came to luncheon and I told him of the arrangements as to Can. War Mission in Washington. He seemed quite disappointed and said he had hoped to go. I told him that Lloyd Harris was serving without salary and so were the business men assisting him and I asked him about accepting Lt. Gov. ship, of Man. He said that he could not afford it and I said it would be less expensive than Washington. Tlgm from Gouin as to date of proposed confce with Prov. Premiers. Arranged with Crerar to postpone date and telegraphed to them all. Walked for an hour in afternoon and met John Ritchie on my return. He is acting as scrutineer in place of R.A. Pringle. Snow continued all day but weather milder in the afternoon. White has gone to California but has not left any address. Rogers complains of being hard up.

Monday, Feb. 4, 1918

C.P. McNaught arrived and I discussed with him War Trade Bd. Practically agreed to act. Had him & Gundy at luncheon. Discussed with Rowell and Meighen form of order therefor. Meighen says Foster recalcitrant. Letter from White as to railway and other matters. Prepared statement for press as to Can. War Mission at Washington. Discussed in Council enlargement of powers of War Purch. Com. and fuel regulations recommended by Magrath. Passed order accordingly. Find McLean (A.K.) of little use. Very slow, not very clear and not very active. Received delegation from Navy League who are asking a grant in aid of their scheme of training boys for Merchant Service. W.G. Ross and A.E. Jarvis were spokesmen. Attended His Ex. and reported as to War Trade Bd., ry situation and other matters. In evening Com. on rys sat from 8 to 10.30. Very interesting discussion but no very definite decision. The subject so vast and complex that we have neither

the time nor the grasp

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1918

Last night at 11.30 therm 20 below. This morning at 9 26 below by our therm which does not fully register cold. Sent for Jones, Gundy McConnell and McNaught and discussed War Trade Board and then sent them to Meighen who informed me subsequently that they had made satisfactory progress in settling draft of O.C. Drafted O.O. making War Purch. Com. applicable to all purchases and put it through Council in afternoon. Called up Crerar and Mewburn and arranged to telegraph to Prov'l Premiers as to subjects to be discussed at approaching confce. Drafted tlgm which was approved by Council in afternoon. Took up remission of duty on plant to be imported for U.S. Gov't at Shawinigan and decided to remit it. Appointed Sir H. Archambeault to be adm'r of Gov't in Quebec during illness of Lt. Gov. Military Service Bd. appeared before War Com. and gave statement of the results of enforcement of Act. Instructed them to prepare scheme of Registration. Discussed length of time it would occupy. Slept badly. Very tired.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1918

Sent for Jones. Discussed War Trade Bd., with him and subsequently "inquired as to desirability of making Foster Chairman. Attended at Foster's house -and discussed same with him for an hour. Arranged everything with him except his insane desire to have O'Hara made Chairman-He even had the childish idea of having the Food Controller attached to his Dep't. Discussed O'Hara with Jones, Gundy, and McConnell who desired time to consider. They say he ist opposed to the entire proposal. Council at 3 and discussed meeting with Prov'l Premiers. Appointed Com. to prepare agenda. Calder convener. Loughheed says he & Mewburn will arrange as to Mil. Hosp. difficulty. Crerar brought in very interesting proposal to have Food production board established with Food Administrator^ Director of Food production (Dunning) and a Director of Agricultural labour. Carvell quite childish as to proposal to spend \$15,000 in war propaganda. Decided to admit 2000 Mennonites, and to suppress Me's book "The Parasites".

Thursday, Feb. 7, 1918

Weather milder, therm 8 above. Directed preparations for Prov'l Confce, drawing up agenda, preparation of documents and memoranda on various subjects, printing &c. B.C. and Alberta asked postponement but told than to have legislatures adjourn as Parl't did in 1911 and 1917. for Laurier and for me. Jones McConnell and Gundy came with Meighen to discuss War Trade Bd. After much

discussion as to O'Hara I called up Foster and arranged to leave him off. Carvell asked as to request of City for 1000 tons of coal and I told him to grant it. War Committee met at 4 and rec'd report of Mil. Serv. Council as to scheme of registration. They propose some method as at a general election, one registration officer for 80 registrants. Council met at 5 and passed O.C. constituting War Trade Bd. Crerar brought in memorandum as to Canada Food Board and after discussion Calder Sifton and Crerar were appointed Com to prepared recommendation.

Friday, Feb. 8, 1918

Letter from Mayor of Ottawa as to fuel supply to which I replied. Seat for Horwood and discussed situation as to fuel for 'buildings. Disposed of many interviews. Council at 3. Appointed Stokes Dep. Coll. Inland Revenue Hx. A.G. Acres Postmaster at Ottawa, R.E. Harris Chief Justice of U.S. and Humphrey Hellish a justice of same court. Considerable discussion as to Ottawa app't and as to judicial appointments in U.S. Sifton said judging from Russell's letters to him he should not be appointed C.J.

Doherty returned looking well and having had an excellent time in California. Tlgm from White that he has arrived. Crerar brought in his recommendation for app't of Canada Food Board in rather crude form. Council continued at 8 P.M. when we discussed Civil Service Reform. After a delay of ten days, Gisborne and Com'n had accomplished very little. Decided I would have to prepare it myself. Then ensued a long discussion on problems of demobilization. We asked Mewburn to outline his proposals which he did at considerable length. Told him to draw Order in Council.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1918

Very beautiful bright winter day. Much snow fell yesterday. Dr. Laidlaw came to examine my leg and says.... Prepared O.C. for Civil Service Reform and discussed it with Gisborne who had his draft about half prepared. Cahan came and again offered his service. very earnest in his desire to do something in war. Had him at lunch and sent him to Gen. Mewburn. Beattie came and discussed railway policy; says oculists think operation desirable in Shaughnessy's case before eye actually ripe. Wants me to see S. before operation. Hopes we will leave C.P.R. alone except by increased taxation. Cable from Kemp that Currie and Turner opposed to six divisions and prefer increasing force on present organization by about 8000 but without increase in number of divisions. Sent cable to Kemp approving. Discussed demobilization with Mewburn and afterwards Calder and Crothers ineptitude with Meighen. Laura informed by Lady Pope that Sladen has been talking violently against me for months accusing me of having insulted the Duke, of Connaught. *Small fibrous ligaments at junction of (?) achilles are ruptures.*

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1918

More snow. A Wonderfully beautiful day., 26 above. Went over press clippings and then to church with Laura. Text "In patience possess ye your souls". He spoke of patience in two senses, long suffering and constancy of endeavour. Rev.version "In patience ye shall save (or secure) your souls".- In afternoon Clements (who wants to be a Senator) Dr. Tolmie, M.P. for Victoria, Col. Cunningham- same and discussed development of iron industry in B.C., Sir Cecil and Lady Spring-Rice, Col & Mr. Hugh Clark and Julia also called. J.W.Dafee came by appointment and had long talk with him as to pol. conditions and as to problems now before Gov't. He agrees with me that Quebec should be left alone for the present. Discussed Laurier's probable attitude and I read him a memo which Blount had made of M.P. Davis report.

Monday, Feb. 11, 1918

Attended G.G. who spoke about memorial to Lord Grey, I explained proposed O.C. re Civil Service reform and obtained permission to publish this evening. At 2 received delegation from press gallery and told them I would receive them on Tuesdays and Fridays. Redrafted O.C. for Civil Service Reform. Explained it in Council, passed it and then went over it carefully with press gallery, explaining also difficulties of labour situation. Discussed in Council proposal to suppress Le Devoir; Doherty to read article in original and report. Dealt with much correspondence; Discussed with Reid difficulties of railway sit'n and directed him to call meeting of Com. Much perplexed as to problem of reconstructing Gov't and stronger representation for Conservatives of Ont. Especially if White persists in retiring. Announcement this evening that Russia has made peace. Beaverbrook has entered British Gov't as Chancellor of Duchy of Lancaster.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1918

Dealt with correspondence. Called ry. Committee together and discussed situation. Reid reported enormous amounts necessary to keep C.N.R. and G.T.P. in operation, decided to send for Kelly and confer with him before Saaughnessy's arrival on Thursday. Sir W. McK. came and discussed arb'n and general political situation, Rowell conferred as to reconstruction of Gov't and as to admission of Pardee. Told him Pardee would have to wait for a little. Heard delegation of packers for nearly two hours in afternoon. They presented their case very ably. In evening held Council 3 to 11.30. Discussed news print inquiry and decided to add Doherty to com who should make further report. Then debated as to suppressing Le Devoir and decided that censorship Com. as reconstituted should

consider and report. Discussed also demobilization and the delimitation between Military and Civil Control. Weather milder and heavy damp snow fell in large quantity.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1918

Went early to office and disposed of heavy mail, Telegraphed Perley as to Pensions Bd. and as to date when returns of overseas vote will be available. Ree'd Officers of French Mission with Sir C. Fitzpatrick and afterwards delegation as to senatorship for Thoburn. Russian Consul General came to represent that he has no funds available and what shall he do. Turned him over to Sir J. Pope. Mewburn came in afternoon to confer as to Mil. Hosp Com. which we debated at length. He brought draft of proposed O.C. Took up statement of Mil. Serv. Council as to men called up for active service and explained it to press. Then confce with Rowell as to advance to packers for extensions. Sent for Loughheed as to M.H.C. and listened for 40 minutes to his burning eloquence. Explained my proposals after he had blown off steam and he seemed quite satisfied. Played bridge in evening with Julia, Hal & Laura.

Thursday, Feb. 14, 1918

At 7.30 a letter from His Ex. conveying the startling news that Sir Cecil died very, suddenly about one o'clock this morning. A fine character and a man of rare good judgment and of excellent capacity and great devotion to duty. I wrote immediately to the Duke and to Lady Spring-Rice and gave appreciation to press. Henderson came at noon to discuss postponement of dinner and decided it should take place at Rideau Club. H. to preside vice His Ex. Harold Daly gave interesting report of his mission to England. Says men would have voted with equal unanimity for Cons. Gov't and that they have great confidence in me. Loughheed came to say that he is satisfied with proposed arrangement as to M.H.C. Carl Riordon as to fixing price of newsprint. Interesting confce with Shaughnessy and Beatty as to railway matters and spoke to them very frankly as to public opinion re excessive earnings of C.P.R. Told them we must tax heavily, Discussed propaganda of Nichols in War Com. Carvell somewhat childish. Council 8 to 11.30. Financial statement from McLean somewhat confused. Discussed Ministry of Repatriation, amendments of Mil. Toters Act & many other matters.

Friday, Feb. 15, 1918

Went to Provincial Confce at 11 and addressed them for 1/2 hour.

Then to office where I disposed of correspondence and had confuse with Flavelle as to shipbuilding programmed and as to proposal of Norwegian ship owner. Directed Reid to call meeting of Ry. committee and they came at 5 to hear the report prepared by Meighen who recommended no interference with CPR except by increased taxation, that offer of G.T. be rejected and Perley asked to sound Smithers as to reduced offer or arbitration and that rates be increased. Harmer, Muir and Burton came yesterday to enter vigorous protest against the abolition of duties on motors. Conferred with Loughheed as to MHC and directed Newcombe to prepare OC creating now Minister of Repatriation and authorized him to accept amendments suggested by US in treaty respecting Military Service. Met press men and gave out Statement respecting general labour conditions and discussed with them Civil Service reform. Dinner by His Ex. at Rideau Club to prove premiers.

Saturday, Feb. 16., 1918

Dealt with Correspondence and sent for pressmen to whom I gave statement respecting alien labour. Conferred at 12 with Rowell and Robertson as to personnel Registration Board and decided that Moore should be representative of Labour. Thought it unwise to take Rigg at present. Went to Chateau at 1 to be photographed with Prov. Premiers. Sir Lomer Gouin came at 10.30 and spoke of appointment of Lt. Governor in case of a vacancy and I said I should be glad to have his views. He spoke also of some liberal appointments among the new judges and I spoke sympathetically and asked him to see Doherty. Prem. Foster, Veniot and Robertson came at 2 with Carvell to ask us to consider taking over Valley Ry. I told them to send in a confidential memo. Then went with Rowell to funeral service of poor Spring-Rice. A very simple and touching ceremony. Then to office and dispatched tlgm to Parley as to G.Trunk, message to Ukranians and message to Agl. Convention at Wpg. Then long oonfee with Hearst and Rowell as to power distribution at Niagara.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 1918

Most glorious winter day, bright sunshine therm 12 above. F.L.Polk counsellor of U.S.Dept. of State came, spoke very highly and warmly of Spring Rice for whom he had great affection. Told him of our effort in the war and of our financial difficulties. He says Lansing axioms to come to Ottawa but must take a rest. Chief Justice Harris came in afternoon and I discussed with him C.N.R. arbitration and especially extension of time for award. Meighen arrived and had discussion with him also. Sir C. & Lady Fitzpatrlek came with Capitaine Duthoit and Lt.Flory of French Army. Also M. & Mrs. F.H.Keefer and Cap.Manion. Mrs Meighen and Mr. & Mrs. W.M.Graham also called. Called in to see Dr. M.J.Griffin

and found him engaged on review Of Sir Charles Bilke's life recently published. He says intrigues disclosed are remarkable. M.J.G looking well and very comfortable, only slight hesitation in speech perceptible.

Monday, Feb. 18, 1918

Early at office and overhauled huge correspondence. Flavelle reported as to interview between himself Reid and Hearst in Toronto yesterday, respecting power. J.B.McArthur brought statistics and map of his railway line in Northern Alberta. Attended His Ex. who had tlgm from Long as to Imp. War Confce. He spoke also of question of titles & I told him it was certainly coming up. McGallum and Shandie came with Sifton to speak of unrest among Ukranians. At 2.30 to 4 conferred with Prov. Premiers, Stewart, Martin, Brewster and Johnson for Harris as to natural resources. They did not press for immediate consideration but before Session of 1919. Told them to bring it up by letter. In

Council discussed Imp. War Confce and dealt with much routine. Then went to Laurier's house to discuss amendment of Mil. Voters Act so as to permit returns to be made early in March. Told him of necessity to attend confce. He seemed favourable but doubted power under War Measures Act-, j We discussed conditions and political conditions in. He is pessimistic. Interview at noon with Wm. Banks (orange Order) as to various matters.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1918

Took up with Crothers strike at Drumheller. Various telegrams rec'd. Decided to bring Rosedale mine under order apptg Supervisor of Sines. Discussed iIf in Council and passed O.C. accordingly. Sent for McLean and afterwards with Flavelle as to financial situation and had long discussion with latter arranging that he should accompany me to Washington. Sent tlgm to Reading intimating my intention of going to Washington for discussion of whole subject. Met press men in forenoon and gave them information as to various matters, especially Mil. Hos. Oom. Met Brewster, Macintosh and Tolmie and discussed shipbuilding in B.C., Mil. Serv. let and other matters. Discussed in Council announcement as to apprehension of naturalized enemy aliens that their property will be confiscated and prepared it for press. Also discussed latest report of results under Mil. Serv. Act. Report that Germany has resumed offensive against Russia and that latter has made forced peace. Gen. Sir Wm. Robertson has resigned and debate thereon in British Commons.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1918

Much colder. Sent for Loughheed and Mewburn and settled terms of O.C. as to M.H.C. Also terms of O.C. establishing Ministry of Soldiers Civil ReEstablishment. Mrs. Burnett of Toronto as to passport for her daughter. Lord Atholstan as to suit vs Royal Bank &c. Sir W. McKenzie as to enlarging time for making award. Confce with Slt ¥. Wms Taylor as to proposed visit to Washington and preparation of our case for submission to Lord Reading and U.S.Gov't. Confce with Aresnault as to P.E.I. matters and with Rowell as to various matters concerning activities of Gov't. Council at 2.30 and discussed at great length packers regulations. Eventually passed them without proposed clause allowing extensions to a maximum of 1/2% on turnover in addition to profits. Discussed soldiers votes in Yukon and Nelson ridings and desirability of passing OC with regard thereto. Sent for press men and gave them statements as to apprehensions of naturalized aliens (enemy) and as to operation of Mil. Serv. Act also discussed confidentially our work in connection with Mil. Serv. Conv. with U.S. Conferred also with Representatives of prov. Soldiers Aid Com'ns and with Brewster as to action of Lt. Gov. of B.C.

Thursday, Feb. 21, 1918

Therm 12 below. Correspondence, interviews with Guthrie as to delegation and with Rowell as to personnel of Reg'n Board. Tlgm from Reading as to visit to Washington. Sent for F.P.Jones and arranged for him and Gundy to go on Saturday and conferred with Flavelle, discussed financial statements prepared under his supervision and arranged for him to go from Toronto on Sunday. McKenzie came to discuss position of C.N.R. arb'n and is unwilling to extend time until next week. Delegation of Ont. Min. and Hydro Electric Ass'n came and discoursed from 12 to 1.45 on resolutions as to nationalization of railways &c. Our men pleased with my reply. Had Beck at luncheon, in fairly good humour. Sent tlgm to Col. Secy as to Imp. War Confce. War Com. met at 4 and discussed at cons, length regulations respecting manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors, I made suggestion of fixing standard of intoxicating liquors by refce to prov'l legislation. Dinner in evening. Took in Mrs. Crothers, Mme Blondin on other side. Talked to her in French.

Friday, Feb. 22, 1918

Interview with Flavelle and afterwards with Sir Henry Drayton as to power question and discussed it in Council at some length and subsequently with Jones & Gundy in evening. Decided that Drayton should prepare statement to be submitted at Washington and to postpone further action until return. Went over financial statement with Flavelle and. trade statements with Jones & Bundy Very well prepared. Confce with McCurdy who agreed to accept Parl'y Seo'y of He-Establishment Dept. Interview with press men and explained to them

new development* Letter from Laurier as to amending Mil. Voters let. Discussed i t in Council and on my suggestion decided to have preliminary return and final return. Also on my suggestion decided to have counting of ballots postponed in Yukon & Selson. Crerar explained his proposals for aiding farmers to break land &c. Tlgm from Pres. Wilson as to communication by wire between Washington and Ottawa and seat suitable reply. Decided to leave for Washington on Sunday. Arranged with Rowell to see Press in Toronto on power question as Beck evidently determined to fight us.

Saturday, Feb 23, 1918

Very tired last night as have had little sleep last three days. Disposed of routine matters. Attended His Ex. at 11.30 and discussed my approaching visit to Washington. He expressed approval of arrangements as to Mil. Hos. Gom. At 12 went to Pittaways, thence to Topleys and then to Hubers to give sittings for photos. Plewes came at 11.15 to ask what he should do. Wants position in pub. service. At 2.15 conferred with Calder and Meighen first as to rys and then as to Land Settlement schemes. At 3 Beatty came as to taxation of C.P.E. fold him that enumeration of great assets as compared with capitalization merely inflamed pub. desire to get at them. Discussed with Newcombe Hearst's letter as to Gut. legislation to extend parliamentary term and wrote Hearst. Conferred with Drayton as to power situation and discussed it with Rowell on telephone. Doherty showed me pathetic letter from Bruchesi as to non-exemption of students. Weather much milder. Sam Hughes exercised as to return of his son. Telegraphed Kemp.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1918.

Very tired and indeed exhausted last evening. Went to bed Before 8, slept until 1, waked until 4 and slept until 9.30. Then arose went over documents and papers, superintended packing &c. Very shaky and somewhat dizzy. Weather mild and pleasant. Considered S.B.'s action in making secret treaties since war began without consulting us. This must not be permitted to continue. To be taken up at Imp. War. Confoe. Sir H. Drayton sent his memo on power question at 3 o'clock. It Indicates greater reductions on Canadian side than I had realized. McCurdy came at 3.30 to discuss Dept. of Civil EC-Establishment. He thinks his new position is a step backward. Explained to him that new Department will continually grow and Militia Department continually shrink. Left at 4.46 for Washington with Christie. Weather mild, rain. Doherty joined us, en route to Montreal and we discussed representation of Quebec in the Ministry. Turned in early, tired.

Monday, Feb. 25, 1918

Reached New York 4 hours late. Went with Sir F.W.Taylor to Metropolitan Club where we lunched. J.M.Beek came to represent effect of retroactive legislation on financial opinion in U.S. Asked him to send me confidential memo. Met on train Davidson of J.P. Morgan & Co. who wishes to give (from Am. Red Cross) half a million dollars to aid Can. Red Cross. Has in view psychological effect. Told him wd take it up. Arrived Washington at 7.40. Met by Lloyd Harris and Gordon, After dinner had long talk with Harris, Taylor and McLean. Harris says Americans unwilling to use facilities of Canada and want to pull everything over to U.S. Discussed best methods of countering this in order to enable us to meet balance of trade. Harris stated that Sir C Guthrie was somewhat supercilious to this and H. Called him down. Arranged with Embassy to call on leading tomorrow. Walked with H.C. from 11 to 11.45. Very warm and enervating atmosphere. During night 55 mile gale. Little Sleep.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1918

Confer with Jones, Gundy, Taylor, McLean and Harris as to financial situation. Then to Embassy. Private conference with Reading who asked me as to our attitude towards Flavelle. Told him very appreciative. Discussed financial conditions. Called in Taylor and McLean. Reading very strong that Am. Gov't will not commit themselves beyond two months or to 1st July at most. Debated ways and means. Then at 1 to luncheon and returned to Embassy at 4.30 conference to 6.30. More satisfactory than morning. Flavelle put our case very ably. British finance in a very desperate condition. Reading suggested inflation of our currency and said White had promised it. McLean explained that it had proved unnecessary. In evening gathering of all our forces and general discussion. Gordon and Harris urged that I should put our case strongly to President tomorrow. Broke up a little after 11. Very tired, better sleep.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1918

Flavelle, Harris, Taylor, Jones and Gundy gathered in my room this morning and discussed my attitude at proposed interview with Pres. Told them what I proposed saying and they approved. Went to Embassy at 11.45 and to White House at 12. Pres. very cordial. Told him I would speak frankly and he said he hoped so. Told him of our effort, of trade conditions, of 500 millions that we must pay U.S. on trade balance and for interest. He agreed that Can. facilities should be used. Asked me to see Baruch and McAdoo. Went then to luncheon with Reading. Lady R, very bright and charming. Then to call on Lansing and on Baker. Baruch came to Embassy at 4.45 Discussed situation with him in Beading's room and then with McLean, Harris and Flavelle went with Baruch to his office. He is anxious to assist; more dangerous to give

orders at higher figures in U.S. than at lower figures in Canada; very broad minded and cordial. Legge, Peek and another War Industries man present. Dined in evening with Secy, and Mrs. Lansing.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 1918

Discussed with Maclean proposed confuse with McAdoo and went at 10.30. Rec'd most cordially. Discussed balance of tirade with him and Leffingwell. McAdoo suggested segregating Canada for distinctive assistance. Realised difficulties of our position. Said we should pool our resources and our endeavours. Then to Baruch's office and discussed power situation with Legge and Bulkley. Prank Interchange of views, found Bulkley very reasonable. Sailed at Embassy and Beading told me of injudicious utterances by Lady LeBlanc and her daughter. He proposed sending a discreet person to warn her. I said no, that we should

attend to that and he acquiesced. Luncheon at Hew Willard, Reading, Swinton, Harris, Gordon, Taylor, Jones, Gundy; very well served. Moving picture man captured us in part of hotel. Left for H.Y. at 4, tiresome journey. Taylor very amusing with his stories. Arrived at 10.30. Went to Belmont and found no rooms reserved but they gave us an excellent parlor suite. Weather fine and springlike.

Friday, March 1, 1918

Tlgm from Yates that Soldiers vote counted Gov't majority 69 with two deferred elections. Bertron took me to luncheon at University Club. Very interesting conversation. Told me of his mission to Russia under Root, great friend of House, and wants me to meet him. Spoke of scheme to develop more power at Niagara. Told him to discuss it with Harris. Thinks McAdoo very able and will be Dem. Candidate for Presidency. Pres. wanted Bertron to be Ass't Secretary of Treasury. Then called by appointment on Roosevelt who is convalescing in hospital. Told him history of formation of Union Gov't. He was much interested. SPas very complimentary; said I had more reason to be proud than any Prime Minister in any belligerent country. Full of vision and energy. Has little confidence in Pres't. Thinks he is spectacular rather than efficient. Mrs. Roosevelt very sweet charming woman. Long interview with press men in afternoon and several others during day. In evening went with Christie to see Bolly with a Past. at Belasee's. Sent for Sir J. Pope.

Saturday, March 2, 1918.

My interviews appeared in fairly good form. Pope arrived and gave him instructions to proceed to Phila. and take up with Sir B. LeBlanc or Lady LeBlanc her indiscreet utterances. Nachbar

operated on my feet which have been troubling me. Pound yesterday that Dr. Turck is at Atlantic City and will not return until Monday. Delightful sunshine today but somewhat cooler. In afternoon went with Christie to see Fred Stone in Jack o'Lantern, which was very nonsensical but rather interesting and amusing. Letter from Walter Kaufman and called him up on the telephone. Maclean arrived from Washington at 4 and met us at the Station. His eyes were very much inflamed. He arrives Ottawa on Monday. Tlgm from Yates that Premier Brewster died of pneumonia yesterday. Left for Ottawa at 7.45. Mr. & Mrs. Crowdy and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Blackburn also on board. Crowdy says Atlantic City very delightful. Weather perfect.

Sunday, March 5, 1918.

Arrived Ottawa almost on time. Weather still cold and much snow. Great contrast to Washington. Laura gave a very interesting account of Women's Confce held during my absence, thinks it was much appreciated by the women and sorry I was not here, Powell not very good judgment in his arrangements for evening reception. In afternoon Mao. Laviolette called, a very interesting capable woman* has two sons in this war. Gave an account of the activities of the Preach Unionist Com, in Montreal of which she was the leading spirit. Mrs. Calder, ..., Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Plumtre and Mrs. McWilliams also called, all very interesting women. Talked to them of our proposals for woman suffrage, and capacity of married women to control their citizenship. Laura thinks they did not fully comprehend.

Monday, March 4, 1918.

Early at office and dealt with correspondence. Carvell came to suggest Irving & Todd as Senator and I agreed. Met Rogers at Club and took him to luncheon. At 2.30 attended meeting of Ry. Com. of Cabinet and discussed message from Perley as to G.T.R. Decided to offer G.T. graduated scale of payments as proposed by Meighen. Then discussed and confirmed it in Council. Gave Council. report of mission to Washington. Recommended opening of session Monday the 18th at 11 A.M. Passed 0«C. accordingly Discussed in detail proposed legislation all to be ready by end of week. Taxation of C.P.R. discussed and decided to have Beatty here on Wednesday to address Council. Letter from White as to announcement of his resignation and as to financial conditions. Pope returned and reported satisfactory Interview with Lady LeBlanc. Report from Orde as to military voters in Berth America. Weather fairly cold j but snow disintegrating and disappearing. Secret tlgm from Lloyd George as to Versailles Conference & reasons for decision.

Tuesday, March 5, 1918.

Discussed with Sevigny his retirement. He expects a future in public life. Wd like to be Governor; or Senator. Does not want a judgeship. Ballantyne came to discuss arrangements for Chartering vessels. Deputation from Durham County as to Senatorship, urging Mulholland. Brewers delegation came at 12 and urged 2 1/2% alcohol standard. Attended His Ex. at 12 and discussed opening of Parliament, honours list &c. Jos Girard at 1 to tell me of conditions in Quebec and of his desire for a position. Pres men at 11, told them that Parlt summoned and spoke of my visit to Washington, Col. Noel Marshall for whom I had sent (?) agreed as to desirability of accepting proposed Assistance from Am. Red Cross. T.S. Rogers and Maclean discussed with me Hx. relief. Amended report as suggested by me. War Com. at 3. dealt with various important matters such as alien labour, conscription of allied aliens &c. Sent tlgm to Perley to make offer to G.T.R. and tlgm to Kemp as to assistance for destitute wives of officers and men. Geo. S. Campbell came and I sent for W.F. Knight as to War Veterans Delegation. Attended Red Cross and Fat. Fund dinner 7 to 8.30 and spoke, Then Council to midnight. Home very tired.

Wednesday, March 6, 1918.

Mme. DeSalaberry came to ask that her husband be not returned to the front. L.J. Tarte to speak of conditions in Quebec and need of action by censor re "Le Canada". Br. Shearer and Mr. Harkness as to prohibition. Sir Aug. Hanton as to ry. matters. Mr. Justice Duff as to Doherty's request for appointment of Quebec lawyer to assist in appeals. Danford Roche and Dr. Stevenson brot petition for app't of J.A.M. Armstrong as P.M. &. Told them I intended to retain Blondin. Sent for Dr. Chabot and offered him deputy Speakership. He asked two days to consider. Called in Reid, Rowell, Calder, Meighen and Carvell and conferred as to many matters, e.g. Hydroelectric situation, reconstruction of cabinet, C.N.R. arb'n, by-elections &c. Then to Council where we listened for 1 1/2 hours to Beatty respecting taxation of C.P.E. He made an excellent presentation but on some points he was obliged to evade the issue. Mewburn explained the proposal to utilize Loggie in demobilisation. Sir W. McK. came to ask about expediting arb'n re C.N.R. stock, Calgarian sunk.

Thursday, March 7, 1918.

Sent for Northrup as to Clerkship of House. Discussed with Sevigny his promise to (?). He gave me his resignation in a well worded letter. Rainville came to describe conditions in

Quebec. Sen. Foster arrived with two war veterans who desire provision to expropriate land for settlement in that Province. J.P. Anglin discussed with Rowell and myself his proposals for production on unused lands. Came home to luncheon yesterday and today to avoid being buttonholed at Club. In afternoon Sifton came to discuss reorganization of Depts. Decided to pass short Act giving Governor in Council power to amalgamate or cut down. Passed routine matters in Council and discussed at great length policy as to relief for Halifax disaster. Rogers came in and made strong but fair presentation of case. Telegraphed White. Discussed with Burrell Draper's claims and with Crothers action necessary to bring food control under one Dept. In evening Maclean and Rogers came to discuss Hx. relief.

Friday, March 8, 1918.

Revised O.C. re Halifax Relief and conferred thereon with Maclean and Rogers. Put it through Council with slight amendments after brief discussion. Drafted speech for Gov. Gen. at next session. Offered Northrup clerkship of H.C. and he asked time to consider. Wanted to retain his practice. Told him this impossible. Montgomery of Montreal represented to me that Manufacturers of paper feel deeply aggrieved by Gov'ts decision. P.D. Ross and Atkinson came to represent that they must stop publication unless newsprint delivered. In Council settled regulations respecting packers after considerable discussion. We agreed that probably they would have to be revised as they are not just to packers. Discussed but did not finally settle regulations respecting manufacturer and transportation of intoxicants. Asked Carvell to take up question respecting diversion of water on Great Lakes. In evening Boyce came and I cleared up my correspondence including reply to Sevigny's resignation.

Saturday, March 9, 1918.

Remained at house during forenoon revised G.G.'s speech, dealt with correspondence and dictated O.C. as to honours. Then to office for confce with Doherty who took 30 mins. to dilate upon his differences with judge Buff and Mess which I promised to look into. Beatty came on behalf of C.R.R., to suggest taxation of half net earnings above 7 per cent on capital. Then Northrup came to accept Clerkship of House, Council at 3 and passed prohibition regulations. Discussed offer of C.N.R. as to taxation and decided to accept on condition that taxation should not be less than amount reo'd from increased rates and not less than 7 millions. Passed O.C. appointing Northrup. Discussed refusal of newsprint manufacturers to supply paper. Decided to hold meeting of Com. on Monday. Carvell was added to Com.

Read draft of G.G.'s speech and draft O.C. respecting honours. Both were approved by Council. Dined at Country Club with Col. C.S. and Mrs. McInnes. Sir Aug. Nanton a guest. Passed in Council Order for compromise of suits against Calgary and Edmonton and Qu'Appelle. Long Lake and Sask. Rys.

Sunday, March 10, 1918.

Fine blustery wintery day. Therm 13 above. Worked at my clippings all forenoon until 12.25. Then a brisk and very enjoyable walk until one. F.E.D. Smith came in afternoon. Discussed with him hydro and railway matters and Beck's campaign against Government. He thinks it can easily be met but that the situation demands action. Revised the G.G.'s speech further and completed draft for printer. Also went over O.C. respecting honours and further revised it. Letter from Laurier objecting to arrangements for opening but decided to pay no attention to it as he is evidently wrong. Considered selection of members to move and second address and decided to telegraph tomorrow as soon as I hear from Chabot as to Deputy Speakership. No news from front today but last week the Germans were apparently beginning a heavy offensive.

Monday, March 11, 1918.

At office early and sent G.G.'s speech and O.C. re honours to be printed. Gave instructions to Yates as to material for debate on address and wrote to Ministers as to preparing copies of documents to be laid on table. Mrs. Robert Bell at 11.45 as to her husband's super annuation. E.J. Devlin as to Jack's transfer. Dr. J.L. Chabot as to Dep. Speakership which he declined. Mayor Brown of Medicine Hat as to extension of C.N.R. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 and discussed proceedings at opening. We agreed that War situation looks serious. Loughheed at 2 with refce to matters affecting his dept. Then Orothers & Beery of Ry. Org'n as to C.N.R. mountain employees. Long confce with Mitchell counsel for newsprint manfrs and sent him to Committee. Sir W. McKenzie as to expediting arb'n. Discussed with Rhodes arrangements for opening. Wrote to Mowat as to moving address. Council at 4. Passed O.C. authorizing returns on telegrams and dealt with much routine. Gave prohibition regns to press. Discussed in Council unity of control as to inquiry into cost of living. Message from Beatty as to taxation of C.P.R. practically accepting our proposals.

Tuesday, March 12, 1918.

Dealt with correspondence and then to confce with representatives of Transportation interests at which I presided. Discussed port facilities, tonnage and railway facilities. Then to Ry. Sub. Com. at which Shaughnessy and Beauty attended. We discussed basis of taxation and arrived at an understanding which is to be worked out by Meighen and Beatty. Discussed also possibility of amalgamating C.P.R. with Gov't system. After luncheon discussed with Henderson and Montgomery question between newsprint mfrs and newspapers and said we would give a judicial tribunal of review. Senator Foster came to speak of his proposal to resign in favour of Blondin and told me of indignation which it aroused. Monte of Lapresse assured me of their desire to co-operate with Govt. D.H.McDougall came to urge establishment of plate mill. His Ex. sent suggestions as to speech, rfce to Hx. disaster and to the other allied nations. In Council put through routine and discussed at some length the legislation for the approaching session. Question of salaries of Deputy Ministers came up.

Wednesday, March 13, 1918.

Sent for Calder, Meighen, Hewcombe and Gisborne and settled form of Womens Franchise Bill and Salaries Bill. Capt MacTavish came as to company to be raised by Army and Navy Veterans. Conferred with Knight as to Confce with representative of Gt. War Vet. Ass'n and wrote to them for confce on 26 March. Letter from His Ex. as to O.C. respecting honours. Prepared plan of seats for Ministers and discussed app't of Whips. Read in Council Kemp's very interesting letter. Discussed in Council increase of ry. rates to which Calder is strongly opposed and terms of arrangement with C.P.B. as to taxation. Tlgm from Admiralty as to constructing seaplanes and kite balloons to resist submarine attack, a perfectly impossible proposal. Told Ballantyne to send to U.S. and ascertain what assistance could be obtained. Members to be gazetted on Saturday.

Thursday, March 14, 1918.

Received manfrs delegation at noon. They took 1 3/4 hours and detailed their supposed grievances at great length. I replied in 15 min. to the great satisfaction of all wings of the Cabinet whom there were 10 present besides myself. All of them congratulated me very warmly. Sifton said it was the only speech he had heard in 5 years. Then at 2.30 confce with Meighen, Tilley and Beatty as to taxation of C.P.B. They asked that certain regulations should remain for consideration until Shaughnessy recovers from today's operation on his eyes. Agreed

to this and put the two O.G'S through Council with slight amendments* Discussed Ballantyne's proposals for plate mill which stand over until tomorrow. Robertson reported recommendations for taking registration which were adopted except appropriation for newspaper campaign. Dinner party in evening. ¥.8. has commandeered Dutch tonnage 1,000,000

Friday, March 15, 1918.

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. At 11.30 President Kelly of C.T.R. came and for more than an hour and a half gave an exposition of the expenditures and activities of the G.T.R. during past ten years. He showed clearly that maintenance and equipment had not been neglected. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 and discussed O.C respecting honours. He suggested that present holders in Canada might waive heredity. Sevigny came at 2.15 and discussed his future. He has large ideas, e.g. Judge of appeal, Lt Gov &c, but prefers senatorship. Council at 3, discussed seating of Ministers, swearing in &c Reid amended O.C. re honours and obtained assent. Debated oar orders for Gov't railways. In evening Council at 8. Discussed estimates. Conferred with Doherty as to amendments to Mil. Serv. Act. Sent tlgm to Col. Secy as t rep'n of Canadian Allied Transp. Com'n. Weather cold. Thermom. only 3 above and more snow.

Saturday, March 16, 1918.

Counoil at 11 and debated at some length proposed reg'as of Fuel Controller. Made final arrangements as to whips and wrote to all of them. Attended with other Ministers at 1 P.M. and was sworn in. Council resumed in afternoon and dealt with capital case and routine. Discussed O.C. re honours with Neweombe, read Pope's memo and spent two hours in evening revising it so as to soften some of the expressions. Confce at 2.15 with Burrell, Lorne, Campbell and (?)lye as to mining conditions and developments B.C. Ferguson of Wpg. and Harkness came as to prohibition measure. Arranged seating with Carroll and Calder. They suggested putting Rowell in second row. Not very appreciative of him. Arranged as to documents to be laid on table of House, by Ministers. Went for long walk with Reid 5 to 6.30. Weather milder.

Sunday, March 17, 1918.

Further revised O.C. re honours and prepared documents to be laid on table of House. O'Connor's work as General Returning Offioer strongly commended by Council. In afternoon Mr. & Mrs.

H.M.Mowat, Rhodes and Admiral Sir Knut Borresen came. Admiral a very interesting man, showing marks of explosion of Krupp gun while was in Navy. Connected with Br. Am.Niokle Co. Mrs. Mowat very charming Scotch woman. H.S.White called to discuss sessional programme. In evening and portion of afternoon worked at my notes for speech on address.

Monday, March 18, 1918.

Went to meet Dep. Gov. and afterwards in H. of C. proposed Rhodes as Speaker. He was unanimously elected. Then to meet many of the members. They are a fine, looking body of men. Steele appointed Whip in place of Edwards who declines. Difficulty with Meighen who is greatly displeased with seat assigned him. At 3 P.M. to meet lev. After speech delivered went to H.C. and made usual motions. Debate on address begun by Mowat and Chabot each of whom did well. Debate then adjourned and went into Council where I presented amended form of O.6. re honours which was agreed to. Discussed estimates and dealt with some matters of routine. Laurier has many motions on order paper and Lemieux also. Murphy at 1 asked me to relieve Laurier of necessity of suggesting adjournment of debate, which I did. In evening worked 3 hours at notes Of speech on address. . Not satisfied with them. Will be largely governed by Laurier's course. Snow melting rapidly.

Tuesday, March 19, 1918.

Remained at house until 11 preparing for speech. Confce with Judge Smith of N.Y. as to chaplain for Christian Scientists. Debate on address resumed. Laurier spoke for more than an hour but confined himself chiefly to making charges about conduct of elections. Then I followed for 1 1/2 hours and had good reception. After answering L's charges I devoted myself to a resume of what Union Gov't had accomplished during less than 4 months. It was listened to with much interest. After 6 I worked in my room and at 10 debate came to a sudden termination after a very brutal and savage attack by Murphy on Rowell. H. of C. looks very capable; a stronger house than the last. The Unionists seem in good heart and form. Weather much milder.

Wednesday, March 20, 1918.

Early at office and prepared for this afternoon's session so that answers will be ready and bills be introduced. Council at 11 and went over order paper. Discussed Workmen's Compensation

Bill. Rowell looks very ill and is nearly played out. I advised him to go away for two weeks and thoroughly recuperate. Laurier asked as to White's return and I told him I would answer tomorrow. Tlgra from White stating that unless I make announcement he must return by middle of April. Discussed this with Reid and told him I thought we should let White go. Conferred with Laurier as to Dep. Speaker and suggested Boivin, Paoaud, Mareil and Turgeon. Said I preferred first named. Confce with Murdock and other ry. man at 5.30 a very agreeable interview as their demands were most reasonable. Rowell discussed with me a reply to Murphy on ground of privilege. I approved. Weather still milder.

Thursday, March 21, 1918.

Arrived early at office and disposed of much correspondence. At 11.30 oonfoe with Ontario shipbuilders. Council at 12 and placed before them my proposed statement respecting White which they approved. Also statement re Staff at Argyll House. Discussed whether Rowell should answer Murphy as matter of privilege. In House made excellent progress with our hills. All resolutions adopted and bill to transfer depts stands for 3rd reading. Confce with L'Esperance as to Casgrain's claim in L'Evenement and other matters. Horwood also came and I arranged with Carvell to cancel O.C. and have him resign. Davidson and McOurdy came to speak of Hargeson's oase and I asked Davidson to look up Lewis oase. Made statement in House as to White's absence and sent long tlgm to White as to his resignation. In House moved that Boivin be elected Deputy Speaker and Laurier supported it. Currie made a fool speech objecting. Reid objects to Howell's proposal to appoint Loggie judge.

Friday, March 22, 1918.

At office early and went through correspondence. Discussed in Council amendment of prohibition, regulations and appointed Cob* to draft it for meeting at six when it was passed. In House proceeded with bills and considerable discussion in Com. on Women's Franchise Bill. Stupid observations by Morphy and others as to having every provision actually in Act and not by reference. Striking Com. met at 12 and made their report. Workman addressed Council on contract for ships plates mill. At 6 King (Toronto World) came with report given by White in Los Angeles. Sent for Held in evening and discussed situation. Asked him what he thought of Meighen as Finance Minister and he agreed. Held says White was really opposed to Union Govt. Then sent for Calder and he also agreed. Thinks Sifton should be Minister of Interior. Says he would do better than Meighen. Held thinks Donald Sutherland man to come in from Ontario.

Saturday, March 23, 1918.

Invited Meighen to breakfast and discussed situation with him. He is willing to undertake Finance but thinks great loss if White goes. In afternoon telegraphed White that I am quite ready to accept his resignation immediately. Council at 11 and 3 to 6. Dealt with much routine and discussed further leg'n. Settled 4 bills. Attended luncheon given by Canadian Club to Gardiner of New York Times who exhausted his vocabulary in denouncing the Germans. Great German offensive yesterday and today. News yesterday good but today very bad. British driven back from 9 to 15 miles, line pierced west of St. Quentin. Berlin claims 25,000 prisoners and 400 guns. Evening news somewhat reassuring. Spoke to His Ex. about O.C. re honours. I said he had no word from Col. Secy and had better sign it. [Two notices on order paper McMaster and Lickles. H.J. Pettypiece "in vino" called in the evening. Wants senatorship. Told of Laurier speech 18 June, 1897, and 18 June, 1907.

Sunday, March 24, 1918.

Went over my clippings during forenoon and went over criticisms of Women's Franchise Bill in P.M. News from front today more reassuring. British have been driven back 5 to 16 miles along a 50 mile front but they are holding firm in new positions. Germans have lost very heavily. They had 90 divisions engaged. German gun 76 miles away, behind German lines, has thrown shells into Paris. This is perhaps the most astonishing incident of the war. Col. and Mrs. Molnes and Col. Mess came in during P.M. Harrington Mann coming from H.Y. at Easter to paint my portrait for Canadian War Records. Laura, however, suggests going to Atlantic City. Everyone greatly wrought up over great battle now in progress.

Monday, March 25* Heavy fighting still proceeding and apparently our men are still being driven back. Sent message through His Ex. to Haig and through Kemp to Ourrie. Curious telegram from White last evening late. Apparently he is now willing to continue. Consulted Meighen, Calder & Reid and sent him appreciative and cordial reply, urging him however, not to return during session. Council at 11.30. heard Rhodes as to quarters for Speaker and decided that they should not be inside the new Parley Building. Debated proposal for plate mill and asked for further information as to valuation of ore in cost price fixed. Wrote Rowell as to progress of business; also to White. In house proceeded with private members orders and then with Govt bills and resolutions and afterwards with Estimates. Carvell put forward his Estimates with conspicuous ability. Bishop, of Ottawa called as to arrangements for visit of Archbishop of York.

Tuesday, March 26, 1918.

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Then to conference 11 to 1 with representatives of War Veterans. They did not for the most part display any particular ability although they were very earnest. Their resolutions presented to us did not indicate a high order of intelligence. Resumed discussion with them 4 to 6 and arranged that they should take up Land Settlement with Meighen tomorrow morning. Doherty explained to them principles of intern's law. Calder and Mewburn also took part in the discussion. In House I read telegram from Kemp as to the heroism of our nurses and correspondence as to Sevigny's resignation. Saw His Ex. at Club after luncheon and he told me he had signed O.C. re Honours and had a message from Long thereon. In House Foster brought on Daylight Saving Bill which evoked much opposition. Pears were expressed that Gov't would be defeated but it passed on 2nd reading without division. News from front fairly satisfactory but British still retiring. Met press men at 6 but little information for them. In evening confused with Hannay as to his fish exporting projects.

Wednesday, March 27, 1918.

Very early at office. Disposed of correspondence. At 10 attended meeting of shipbuilders and employees and addressed them. At 11 went to caucus which I addressed. Calder, Foster and Carvell made good speeches, also Ballantyne. Then Mewburn threw fat into the fire by a foolish discourse about Mil. Serv. Act and enlistments, a warm debate followed and both Sifton and Doherty spoke, the latter at great length so that at 1 I was obliged to intervene and stop the discussion. Met War Veterans again at 4. They evidently are impressed with view that everything which they ask should be granted. Told them as to aliens all we could do was to intern those who would not work. Left Calder and Mewburn with them. Held Council 2.30 to 4 and disposed of routine. Judge E.A. Borden dead. Oarve;;. and I discussed Robidoux's qualifications for position* Council in evening 8 to 12.15. Discussed at great length alien labour question and Military Service Act. Decided on regulations to deal with former and upon amendments to latter.

Thursday, March 28, 1918.

British apparently holding their Own. Canadians engaged today but no definite particulars. Evidently situation still very serious. Early at office & rec'd J.P. Anglin. Then confuse with War Veterans and left them in hands of other Ministers. Council at 11,30 to 1,45 and discussed at great length proposal for settlement of claim of O'Brien & Co. for compensation on suspension of Welland Canal contract which was finally passed. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 as to some minor matters. Discussed prohibiting exportation of automobiles in Council. Sent tlgm as to ignoring of Canada in arrangements for shipping on Atlantic and tlgm as to publishing OC re honours. Sat for my portrait more than two hours in afternoon to Harrington Mann. Attended further meeting between shipbuilders and labour organizations & addressed them In evening worked at various files and documents. Weather quite cool.

Friday, March 29, 1918.

Bright mild day. Snow is disappearing very rapidly. Went early to office. Report from Quebec that Federal officers engaged in enforcement Mil. Serv. Act attacked and beaten. Sent for Doherty and Gwatkin and conferred. Mewburn absent from Ottawa. Told Gwatkin to get in touch with Landry; asked Doherty to send representative to Quebec to make inquiry, telegraphed to Mayor of Quebec (LaVigueur) asking for explanation of inaction of municipal police. Further confuse with Gwatkin in evening when he reported apprehension of attack on Reg't office. Confce with Dr. Kerby of Calgary as to work of Chataqua Circle in Western Canada. Great battle still continues. Germans have not broken through but apparently British still being forced back. Canadians apparently on eve of being heavily engaged near Arras. Sat for three hours to Mann for my portrait. He is doing fairly well but I dont like the expression.

Saturday, March 30, 1918.

Severe rioting in Quebec last night which was only quelled by troops called. Registrar's office destroyed and records torn or burned. Mewburn still absent. Went for Gwatkin & Fiset and called Council at 12. Debated question for two hours, decided to send Immediately 1000 men to reinforce garrison, to order Lessard to proceed immediately to Quebec and to bring 3000 troops from West. Machin reported by telephone that situation very serious and reiterated this by tlgm in afternoon. Wants martial law proclaimed, and Military Governor appointed. Council again at 4.30 when Gwatkin reported movement of troops. Further rioting expected this evening, rumours of attack on barracks and military hospital. Germans still making progress on western front but very slowly. They have lost very heavily.

F.P.Jones says War Trade Bd. cant get on with Foster. Kept in touch with Quebec by telephone all evening. Weather fine and mild. Did not get out of office until late and worked at Franchise Bill during evening. Late reports from Quebec indicated no further serious disturbance.

Sunday, March 31, 1918.

Laura and I went to 8 o'clock service at All Saints. Then called up Chambers for news from front which continues to be reassuring. In afternoon news came that 100,000 American troops are to be put in fighting line. Gwatkin reported that all is quiet in Quebec. Disturbance last evening not serious. Walked to office and I gave 2 hour sitting to Mann. In afternoon he and his wife called. His Ex. sent for me and read message from Lloyd George for more troops. Also confidential despatch as to Military situation which seems very serious. Discussed with me whether he should show these messages to Laurier and I said yes, but that I had no confidence that they wd. affect his attitude. I said he lacked the courage of 15 or 20 years ago. Message from the Mayor of Quebec that Civil authorities are doing their best. Fitzpatrick telephoned Doherty that German agents from N.Y. are suspected of organizing the riots in Quebec. I take no stock in this.

Monday, April 1, 1918.

Mild showery day. Very early at office. Drafted amendments to Women's Franchise Act and discussed and settled them with Sifton Press men came as to Laverne's assertion that he is acting on behalf of Govt. Sat for 40 mins. for Mann. Bell Irving just returned told me of his six sons now on war service and spoke of splendid morale of our troops. One of his sons had lost about one third of his skull. Council at 3 took up Lloyd George's message and discussed fully Military Service Act. Many varying suggestions. Finally decided to await the report of Mil. Serv. Council. Discussed also the situation in Quebec City and the dispositions made to prevent further trouble. Doherty reports Prov'l authorities are proceeding to take action. Discussed also reg'n to prevent idleness. In evening redrafted this reg'n and dealt with correspondence &c. News from front continues to be reassuring but evidently Germans are preparing further drive.

Tuesday, April 2, 1918.

Riots last night at Quebec. Troops attacked repeatedly and

fired upon; eventually returned fire. Several of the troops severely wounded; 4 civilians killed many wounded and about 70 captured. Attended His Ex. and reported at 12.30. Council at 11 and discussed at length. Quebec situation. I proposed enforced enlistment of any person obstructing or attacking. This agreed to. Mewburn and Doherty did not have proper official statements ready so I made statement at 3 briefly recounting facts, attributing blame to civic authorities and stating proposal as to amendment Mil. Serv. Act. Statement will rec'd. Met in Council again at 8.30 and dealt with O.C. restraining idleness which was finally passed. Then debated terms of O.C. indemnifying Military authorities progress made in H. of C. News from the front still encouraging. Called caucus for tomorrow to have steam blown off. Sat for an hour and a quarter to Mann this P.M.

Wednesday, April 3, 1918.

At office early and disposed of correspondence and then prepared for caucus. Addressed them at considerable length as to situation in Quebec and enforcement of Mil. Serv. Act. Described results under that Act. Speech made good impression. Rowell paid me great compliment. Several violent speeches as to Bourassa, martial law &c. Told them a man behind the bars some times has more influence than outside the bars. Then to Council at 2 and again at 6 to consider O.C. conferring power on Military Authorities in case of riot or obstruction of M.S.Act. Doherty very slow and tedious. Talked interminably. Finally at 11 I dictated memo and gave it to Newcombe indicating lines of O.C. In House debated oleomargarine and coal all afternoon and evening. Foster in bed whom motion as to fuel came oh. Read statement of Military authorities and director of Mil. Serv. as to Quebec riots. No demonstration. JA McDonald of Amherst called and discussed political and personal matters. Carvell told me that Mil. Serv. Act would never be enforced under Doherty. Asked also that N.B. branch rys be considered. Very tired.

Thursday, April 4, 1918.

Went to office and disposed of correspondence. Council at 11 and disposed of routine. Then discussed debate on Currie's motion to adjourn. Decided that I shall speak, but no other Minister. Mewburn and Doherty both quite agitated over the debate and neither wished to speak. Newcombe's draft O.C. not ready until 1.30. Hurriedly looked over it and attended His Ex. at Club who raised no objection. Decided to put off debate until I had opportunity of reading O.C. and when Currie made his proposal asked him to adjourn it which he did. Then went at draft with Doherty, Sifton, Mewburn and Newcombe all afternoon

and again at 8. Finally completed & signed it and sent it to His Ex. by Boudreau. Robidoux came at 6 to urge his claim to judgeship. Also G.E. Drummond as to Dane arrested at Hx. During evening moved amendments to Women's Franchise Bill. Very tired. Strong feeling among members against Doherty. Fighting at front quieted down.

Friday, April 5, 1918.

Early at office disposed of routine and then to hearing of appl'n to disallow B.C. Act at which I remained until 12. Then to Council and discussed motion as to Quebec riots. Decided that we should allow it to proceed. At 5 read and laid on table O.C. to prevent idleness and O.C. re riots.- Currie then proceeded and made rambling speech followed by Stevens who attacked Doherty. Then Laurier spoke and attacked Gov't on methods of enforcing Act and on provisions of O.C. I followed in a half hour speech which was very warmly received by our men and which steadied them very much. Then came Lapointe of Kamouraska and several others on both sides, debate being kept up until 4.40. I came home at midnight. On the whole debate went off very well. Our men had their eyes opened as to effectiveness of enforcement in Quebec. Between 6 & 7 delegation of Austrian Slavs presented a memorial to be regarded as Canadians and not as enemy aliens and to have privilege of fighting for Canada in this war. Tlgm from Lloyd George as to operation of Conscription Act to which I replied fully. Apparently he intends to apply conscription to Ireland.

Saturday, April 6, 1918.

We met in Council at 11 and disposed of routine. Then took up draft of new Civil Service Act until 1 when I went to Canadian Club luncheon to hear address of Archbishop of York. He is an excellent speaker and made a most impressive address. Mann, who is painting my portrait is from the same oily (Glasgow) and of the same age and went to school with him. Then to a meeting with Drayton, at which Reid, Rowell and Meighen were present. Decided to let Drayton make order on the Toronto Power Co. in order to meet needs of Cyanide Co. Then to Council for the Civil Service Bill which we finally settled. Council made a foolish decision in which I did not concur as to regulating leave of absence. Discussed further legislation and practically settled it. Received Hiss Evans of N.Y. Tribune who wanted message to U.S. as to woman suffrage. Arranged in forenoon for Newcombe to attend meeting at Washington as to Mil. Serv. Convention and gave him letter to Reading. Dined at Govt. House to meet Archbishop. Very tired and got permission to leave early. Little news from front but enemy's resuming

offensive.

Sunday, April 7, 1918.

Went to office at 10.30 and sat for two hours to Mann who finished portrait. Conferred with Doherty as to Fitzpatriok's suggestion that he should be appointed it. Gov. of Quebec with both salary and pension. He thinks it would not do and I am of the same opinion. Weather much warmer and buds beginning to swell. Capt. & Mrs. Manion, a very charming couple, called in afternoon. She was nee DesSaulniers, and her family have been in public life for 150 years in Canada. Her father was in Parlt. under Sir John Macdonald. I went over clippings and worked up my speech on honours question. His Ex. sent to inquire as to my health, Very little news of importance from the front but enemy evidently preparing for another heavy attack. I fear that our generals and staffs are not equal either to the Germans or the French. Went to bed early and did much of my work. Hope to get through with my bills next week and take Laura to N.Y. Friday or Saturday.

Monday, April 8, 1918.

Arranged with Nickle and with Laurier that we should take motion as to honours this afternoon. Prepared during forenoon on general question of prerogative. Nickle made a forcible and sometimes eloquent speech but too long. He spent 40 minutes in dilating upon sale of honours in G.B. McMaster followed in a commonplace speech and then I followed on the general question, reading the O.C. of 1902 and of 25th March last. It was well rec'd. There was a very strong feeling to abolish all honours and Richardson's motion to that effect was applauded and would have passed if I had not moved adjournment of debate pointing out that its terms would exclude soldiers at the Front from recognition. Whips not equal to situation, especially Middlebro who has not sufficient force. News from front not important. Allies still holding their own. Very tired.

Tuesday, April 9, 1918.

At office at 10 and cleared off a large accumulation of correspondence. Tlgs from Hemp as to gallant exploits of Can. Cavalry and motor batteries. Council at 12 and took up question of suppressing LeDevoir. Doherty very dubious and thinks we should hesitate on ac of possible outbreaks.

Proposed to draw up new regulations Confoe with Calder in afternoon as to Fitzpatrick's interview with him respecting conditions in Que. In House took up Doherty's bill respecting ad hoc judges for Supreme Court and Reid's Bill for purchase of rolling stock both of which occupied considerable time. Letter from White as to his return. Evidently he is greatly improving in health and spirits. Lloyd George announced conscription in Ireland which occasioned great commotion. News from front fairly encouraging but Germans making small gains. Weather much colder, therm, at 24 at 9 A.M. and still colder weather predicted for tomorrow.

Wednesday, April 10, 1918.

Prepared during forenoon for War Appr. Bill and went over estimates &c with Fiset. Council at 12 and discussed suppression of Le Devoir. Asked Doherty to call together censorship Com* and prepare new regulations. Council met again at 6 and considered draft submitted. Decided that Censorship should again revise & final draft was submitted at midnight. In House went on with War App'n and gave financial explanation after which Mewburn made a capable speech. In evening two hours debate ensued after which Com. rose and I took up Soldiers Civil Re-Estab't Bill which evoked much oratory but was finally passed in Com, at midnight. News from front not very encouraging. Germans again are taking the offensive in overwhelming numbers and pressing British back. Letter from White indicating that his health is rapidly improving He offers to come back by May 1st. Weather a little milder

Thursday, April 11, 1918.

Discussed in Council Doherty's draft of regulation to prevent seditious and false utterances and publications. Considered it again in Council at 6 and again after final revision. Biggar and Mobs came to urge that enforcement of military Service Act should be under Minister Militia. Dr. Thompson called to urge that Yukon election case be taken up. Went over special return and decided that it must go to the Committee on privileges and elections. Secret tlgm from Jiang as to further German gains. In House took up Woman's Franchise bill debate on which lasted from 3.30 until nearly midnight when it finally passed out of Committee. Nearly all the Quebec members opposed it. Message from Lloyd George as to urgent necessity for requisitioning Empress of India and of Asia. Decided it must be done and replied accordingly, after attending His Ex. Lunched with Ballantyne to meet Adm. Grant and Chambers. They are here to discuss submarine menace.

Friday, April 12, 1918.

Went to office early and disposed of correspondence. Doughty came to tell me of wonderful success of Can. Exhibit at Baltimore. Sent for Burrell, Doughty and press, so that they could give account to our people. Prepared motion for Priv. & Election Com. and arranged with Laurier to send Yukon case there. In Council spoke to colleagues about very grave tlgm from Lloyd George as to military situation and asked Doherty and Mewburn to have amendments to Mil. Serv. Act ready by to morrow at 2.30. Laurier told me centre and source of Que. riots is in Mtl. and he suspects German money. Wrote thereon to Doherty and Mewburn. Reid and Maclean made a bad mess of a res'n to provide rolling stock. Pardee came to suggest secret session of House and I consulted several colleagues after which I sent message to Lloyd George asking for statement to read to House. Dined with McKenzie King to meet John D. Rockefeller, Jr. who impresses one as a very earnest and capable man. Then to H. of C. where we sat until midnight and put through much business.

Saturday, April 13, 1918.

Tlgm from Lloyd George that he will send message for House. Discussed with Dunn financial conditions and put him in touch with Lloyd Harris. Council at 11. War Committee at 12 and heard Lloyd Harris' statement as to power situation. Attended His Ex. at 12.40 and discussed war conditions. Went to Can. Club luncheon and heard excellent address from Rockefeller. Resumed Council at 2.30 and discussed for four hours O.C. prohibiting utterances and publications of a seditious nature and not to come into force until approved by res'n of both Houses. Also decided, to amend rules of House. Arranged for Council, Sunday to consider revised draft amendments to Mil. Serv. Act. Council approved proposal to held secret session on Tuesday. Sent tlgm to Lloyd George thereon. Conferred with Laurier in evening as to secret session. He was non-committal. News from front still disturbing. Kemp telegraphs situation very serious but not critical. Weather delightful. Daylight saving bill goes into effect t A.M.tomorrow.

Sunday, April 14, 1918.

Delightful spring weather. Still snow on bank and paths obstructed. Secretary came at 10 and I dealt with correspondence including important tlgm to Col. Secy as to diversion of shipping and tlgm to White as to his return.

Dictated new Will to Blount. Asked Fitzpatrick about Arch. Matthieu who is to see me tomorrow. War news at noon not discouraging. In afternoon Howell came to discuss with me the provisions of O.C. amending Mil. Serv. Act. He fears that abolition of exemptions will seriously interfere with production, Mrs. Jamesn Leach of Aylmer Road came to represent on behalf of her son who has been drafted. In evening Council 8 to 12 in which we discussed very thoroughly the O.C. amending the Military Service Act. It was finally settled in a form which was unanimously approved. Decided on Sifton's suggestion to postpone secret session to Wednesday so that debate on amendments might immediately follow. This evening news from front not discouraging.

Monday, April 15, 1918.

Very mild warm day. Did not waken until 9.15, Telegraphed George and Kemp as to secret session. Attended for a short time letter carriers delegation. Called Council at 2 and discussed further amendments to Mil. Serv. Act. In House moved to refer Yukon return to Com. Privl & Elections. Also moved for secret session on Wednesday. Made announcement as to White's improved health and proposed visit to Washington. At 4 interview with Arch. Matthieu at my house when I impressed upon him urgency of meeting of Archbishops and pointed out the difficult and dangerous position, in which the church had placed itself by Its unfortunate action and what it might have achieved by a different course. Discussion of fuel question in House on Joe Armstrong's motion. During evening it continued. I came to my house with Secy and cleared up correspondence and prepared motions respecting Mil. Serv. &c. Sent strong tlgm to Br. Gov't as to their action in diverting shipping &c. Hollyhock leaves two inches wide and elder coming into leaf and other early shrubs.

Tuesday, April 16, 1918.

Went early to office dealt with correspondence and prepared for caucus which was very largely attended. I stated in fewest words the reason for the O.C. read it and made necessary explanations. It was well received and many spoke. Nickel as usual made some quibbling objections. Dr. Clark made a good speech. Sifton a very warm and effective speech and Fielding suggested a bill instead of an O.C. Discussed situation in afternoon with Mewburn, Howell and Calder. Ask Howell to prepare statement for press of which he made a poor fit. Appointed Meighen and Calder to assist him. Sent O.C. to press for Governor's signature and arranged with Doherty and Howell to explain it. Sent for press at 5.15 and explained Military Serv. Order and told them of O.C.

re censorship. In evening went over material for my speech tomorrow. P.B.I. delegation as to standardizing track. Hews from front very discouraging. Bailleul captured and Canadian Corps in dangerous situation.

Wednesday, April 17, 1918.

Prepared for statement in secret session. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 who spoke to me of approaching visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught. Attended Council for a few minutes. At 3 went into secret session and spoke for 1 1/2 hours largely devoted to giving facts, with an appeal at the end for service and unity. Then Laurier spoke very briefly, endeavouring to convey the impression that there was no need for a secret session. Hughes followed and then Mewburn after which the secret session came to an end shortly after 5. Then went on with regular work and made good progress. It is said (?) will take ground that there are no ships to take over American troops and therefore useless for us to raise more. Wright of Muskoka and Lefurgey came to ask recognition. Hews from front not encouraging. Germans having captured greater part of Messines ridge. Germans evident intention is to destroy British Army before Americans arrive.

Thursday, April 18, 1918.

Weather turned cold during night and ground covered with snow this morning. Therm. 26. Dictated to Secretary at my house and then thought out my speech on Mil. Serv. until 11 when I went to office and dealt with morning's correspondence. Received Bishop of Qu'Appelle and attended Council 12 to 1. Laurier sent word through Sen. McLennan that he desired postponement of Mill Serv. motion. I got in touch with him by telephone and arranged delay until Friday, the debate to be finished on that day. In House moved for Mondays and at Lauriers request motion to take effect on 29th. Put through Bill respecting salaries and then went into Com. on War App'n. It lasted until midnight with very trivial discussion, and then only one clause was passed. Cockshutt tried to make himself very disagreeable and Don. Sutherland to some extent. They disgusted every one. The Can. War Record was under fire. It snowed nearly all day and quite low temperature in evening.

Friday, April 19, 1918.

Thought out my speech until 11 and then went to office, disposed of correspondence and dictated notes. Council at 12. Letter

from His Ex.- enclosing report of Gen. Bridges as to hutments at Halifax. At 3 took up resolution to abolish exemptions; spoke for 40 mins. Speech well received, Laurier followed in a piffling speeds, going over his old story as to recruiting. He was followed by Rowell in a strong and eloquent speech after which Mulloy moved an amendment as to agriculture. Carvell followed at 8 with a good address after which vote was taken 118 to 70. Then a motion for 6 months hoist and a majority of 55. Then a majority of 49 on main resolution. All leave of absence cancelled in Can. Exp. Force. News from front not discouraging. White will reach Washington next Wednesday. McLean is siting his budget ready Much complimented on ray speech. Weather fine and somewhat warmer. New snow very beneficial.

Saturday, April 20, 1918.

Milder and bright. Walked to office and disposed of correspondence, 90 minutes hurried work. Mgr. Stagni called to say goodbye and with him Mgr Philippa his Secretary, who remains in charge. Then to Council where we disposed of routine including O.C. approved by Parlt yesterday and O.C. authorizing orders to issue, to class 20-22. Discussed all day until 6.30 questions of taxation and other questions relating to budget. Maclean very poorly prepared; did not know his own mind; had not necessary information; took no firm stand. Concluded to call further meeting for tomorrow evening. Many Ministers did not come in afternoon including Crothers and Meighan. Foster and Burrell part of the time, also Longhead and Reid. Passed Registration regulations. McCurdy, Col. Frank Reid and others called. Reid wants an appointment because he acted as returning offioer at Elections. News from front not important. '

Sunday, April 21, 1918.

Showery all day. Went through secret reports, clippings and other documents finishing by 12.15. and then worked for 40 mins on bank. No war news of importune. Matthew Wilson, K.C. Smith of "News" and Rev. Mr. Adam oame in afternoon. Discussed with Smith the situation at the front, the need of reinforcements, the Beck propaganda &c. Adam wants to go on ship with me as his wife fears for his safety. Also wants Lauder to visit Canadians. I read to them John O. Wright's letter and they thought it wonderful. I shall read it in the House. Council at 8. Several Ministers absent. Discussed budget from 9.30 to 12 and made some progress. Foster, Meighen and Calder appointed a Com. to assist Maclean who is still undecided. Discussed also coal supply. Crothers is becoming more and more useless. It is necessary to arrange for his elimination.

Monday, April 22, 1918.

Early at office. Weather cool and showery. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 as to delay in landing passengers from Mannetania; directed Christie to take it up with the Departments concerned. Discussed budget with Sub.Com. and telegraphed White that I arrive in N.Y. Friday morning. Officer from Paymaster or Rebord's office overseas arrived and called. Wants promotion. Thinks spirit in England better than here. Hugh Green called as to fish supply and at my request prepared written memo wh. in evening I handed to Rowell to deal with. Very little news from front. Tolmie and McIntosh called as to iron bounties. Told them of difficulties. In House last private, members day taken up with discussion on Clement's silly motion as to alien labour. Many members spoke and many absurd ideas were promulgated. Debate lasted until midnight. I kept in touch with debate but did not speak. McCurdy and Doherty spoke.

Tuesday, April 23, 1918.

Dealt with letters and then discussed with Rowell and afterwards with Doherty the communications from Begin and Cozzins relating to theological students. In Council discussed proposed regulations under Mil. Serv. Act as to apprehension of offenders. Finally decided to let them stand for cons'n by Militia Council and Mil.Serv. Council Completed reply to Graeme Thomson's tlgm as to delay to Maurentania. In House went on with War Appropriation which went through much to my surprise in less than half an hour and stands for 3rd reading. Col. Mulloy came with his wife and I gave him a card to Lougheed. Conferred with Ballantyne and Rowell as to Hugh Greene's proposal to visit G.B. in interest of fish production. Discussed with Drayton power situation. Rowell looks very tired and worn. Very anxious about visit to England. Several interesting letters from Kemp. Lull at front but another German attack impending.

Wednesday, April 24, 1918.

Arrangements to leave for N.Y. Weather clear and very cool. Disposed of correspondence and sent for Calder and Meighen as to Imp. War Confce. Meighen reluctant. I told him he must go. Confce with Wright, Sec'y of Union of Mun. and sent him to Rowell. Confce with Hurt as to bridge across Niagara River and sent him to Reid Confce with Col. P.A.Reid and with Mewburn and sent tlgm to Perley urging recognition. Rec'd delegation from

B.C. asking that we grant assistance to iron industry in B.C. In Council disposed of O.C. from War Purchasing Com. and of much routine business. In House minor bills were taken up and then supply. Business is proceeding with extraordinary rapidity. Wonderful British Naval raid on Bruges and Ostend, quite successful. Germans are renewing their offensive against British, and the next two months will be the great test of our endurance and our resources.

Thursday, April 25, 1918.

Tlgm from Maclean that he is not going to N.Y. Dealt with correspondence and made preparation for confce with White. Discussed with Pardee effect of new call on farmers and told him of difficulties as to any exemptions. Council at 12 and arranged for Business this afternoon. In House read tlgm from Toronto boy as to his desire to enlist, which was greeted with great applause. Arranged with Speaker and Laurier that Gompers should address the Senate and H. of C. Told Laurier the purpose of my visit to N.Y. Confce with Warren as to renewal of Lead Bounties Act. Arranged with Hal that Henry shall come to Ottawa and stay with me, during Laura's absence. Left for H.Y. at 4.45 with Laura and Christie. Bryan Devlin on train; also Geo. Gait with whom I had long and interesting talk as to work of War Purchasing Com. German offensive still continuing and our forces giving ground but not heavily.

Friday, April 26, 1918.

Arrived N.Y. 7.45, Met by White who seems in better form. Christie's luggage stolen on arrival. Went to Plaza where we were received very cordially. Long confce with White 9.30 to 11. He is quite satisfied with Budget proposals and sent a lengthy telegram to Maclean containing certain suggestions. He is still in a rather nervous condition, but his mind is wonderfully active and he has a remarkable grasp of all our financial problems. He is to go to Washington and arrange as to credits will stay there until matter is finally settled. Sir H. & Lady Lever are at this hotel. "Sun" reporter in afternoon to whom I gave quite a lengthy interview. White came with Lady White to dinner and afterwards we went to Liberty Theatre to see an amusing musical comedy "Going Up". We saw Dr. Turck during forenoon and he gave us a long lecture on his research work which seems exceedingly valuable.

Saturday, April 27, 1918.

Rose early and went to Dr. Turck at 9. Then at 11 confce with White and at 12.30 with Stoddart of Allied Purchasing Com. as to maintenance of our wheat handling organization. In afternoon confce with Lloyd Harris who came to lunch and who gave very interesting account of his work in Can.War. Mission. Then oonfee with him and Prof. Wrong as to publicity. Afterwards saw several reporters and 6.15 confce with Harris, Wrong and Dunn. Suggested to Harris that Dunn could assist him as financial adviser and have a quiet organization in N.Y. to systematize publicity and keep in touch with press. War news bad. Germans have captured Mt. Kemmel. Every one here working hard at Liberty Loan. Took berths for Montreal as none available for Ottawa. Plaza very excellent hotel. Decided we shall go there in future.

Sunday, April 28, 1918.

Arrived Mtl. only 5 min. late. Tried to raise Mt. Royal Club for breakfast but no success. Left for Ottawa at 8.45. Lloyd's Surveyor on train told me war was described in "The Great Pyramid" writeen before its outbreak by Col. Garnier. Asked him how long it would last; he said 1917 or 1919. Arrived Ottawa on time and found Henry hare. Learned that Eunice has finished her exams and called her up on telephone and invited her to oome tomorrow. Henry not as tall as I expected but a fine manly boy. Very anxious to enlist and go to the war. Went over newspapers and various documents during afternoon. Lovely summer day. Trees coming out in leaf. Place does not look well as Brockington has been able to do very little. In evening inquired as to Maclean's budget efforts and Calder reported favourably. Inquired as to R.J.Devlin and found that he is not improving. Could not see me this evening.

Monday, April 29, 1918.

Early at office and disposed of great pile of correspondence. Reid came to report as to railway matters. Sir W. McK. called previously and complained of the animus of Harris against him. Wants A.E.B. to see Harris. Told A.E.B. not to attempt it. Conferred with Calder and Reid as to the situation. In Council dealt with much routine. Rowell absent. Discussed budget somewhat and adjourned Council to 6 when an hour's discussion on budget. Maclean not well prepared, not thorough. Sifton and I mat him at his office in evening and discussed it further for 1 1/2 hours. Raised income tax on higher incomes. In House made announcement as to great paintings secured by Beaver-brook and especially Benj. West's "Wolfe" presented by Duke of Hestrainster. Confce with Besry and other railway men for an

hour in afternoon as to arrangements when gov't ownership and operation are in practice. Fine summer day. Lunched with Fitzpatrick to meet Gen. Boucher a distinguished French General {71, looks 50} He is very confident and says Foch is extremely confident.

Tuesday, April 30, 1918.

Eunice arrived last evening. Heavy thunderstorm in the night and cooler today. Went to office at ten and took Eunice and Henry to Archives. Went carefully over Mewburn's statement and extensively revised it. Attended His Ex. at 12.30 and discussed war situation, budget, honours, &c. Council at 12 and dealt with routine after passing on Mewburn's statement. Sent tlgm to Hx. through Fiset as to alleged statement of Commandant respecting lack of trains. Mewburn's statement at 3 well received. Then Maclean followed with budget and made an excellent speech. McMaster spoke next. Then I went to my room for confce with Bristol re Toronto Harbour works and afterwards received delegation of senators as to Women's Franchise Bill. In evening debate on budget continued. McMaster making an interminable speech which was not very effective. Sent tlgm to Martin and Morris as to their accommodation on voyage. News from front more encouraging.

Wednesday, May 1, 1918.

In House debate on address continued but I heard little of it on account of interviews, delegations, &c. Senators still carrying on as to Women's Franchise Bill. Sent for Loughheed who says he can manage them. Attended meeting with Labour delegates (Bernard Rose) from Montreal for a few minutes. Confce with Jones and Irish as to Foster's bill and told them it would not be pressed. Senator Foster called to speak of newsprint in Quebec. Asked me to exercise influence on press. Prepared memo and conferred with Rowell. Attended His Ex. at 1 with respect to honours to Munition workers and decided to withhold them. Made further arrangements for attending Imp. Confce. News from front still encouraging. Weather very cool. Council at 12 and at 6. Discussed again habeas corpus clause in O.C. passed yesterday. Crerar much disturbed as to its effect. Arranged with Doherty to reply to Boyd as to censorship regulations. Perley says not to bring food supplies.

Thursday, May 2, 1918.

Council at 12 and again at 6 to dispose of considerable

accumulation of business. Took up with Christie the preparation of documents by various departments for circulation in Imp. War Confce and Gab. and drafted memorandum to be sent to each Minister. Notified each of them that no leg'n on Estimates to be considered if not on order paper or Y. & P. for Monday. Col. Reid again on hand urging his "contract" as he calls it. Cabled Perley and MacInnes as to promise made to him. In House postponed motion for forenoon sittings. Debate on budget proceeded and Kennedy of IT. Essex made a good speech. Said to be an able man. Confce with Tolmie and McIntosh as to alien enemies, conscription of labour, Ac News from front that Germans preparing for resumption of offensive. Letter from Laura that she is staying with Mrs. Oscar S. Straus.

Friday, May 3, 1918.

Very tired. Early at office and from 9.45 to 11 confere with Calder, Meighen and Rowell as to subjects to be proposed by Canada at Imp. Confce. Council at 12 and debated proposals of War Board as to automobiles* Then took up question of suppressing "Le Canada". Doherty and Burrell instructed to act immediately. Ballantyne produced report of Naval Confce at Washington and we instructed him to proceed with Establishment of seaplane stations &c. In House moved order for Saturday and forenoon sittings next week. Addressed gathering of farmers from Eastern Ontario as to imperative need of men. Congratulated on my speech which is said to have produced marked impression. Extraordinary letter from Col. Frank Field. Conferred thereon with Mewburn and drafted reply absolutely declining to consider his alleged claims. Maclean brought on motion for power to negotiate extension of O.N.B. loans. Much discussion and stupid remarks from some of our men. Weather still very cool Burrell reports mgr of "Le Canada" in great funk.

Saturday, May 4, 1918.

Early at office. Disposed of correspondence and considered honour list and attended His Ex. at 12.30. He approved but made valuable suggestions as to British Empire Order. Instructed Christie as to tlgs to Col. Secy re Imp. Confce. Council at 11 and discussed proposal as to opening up blast furnaces at Midland and Port Arthur for production of pig iron, further consideration postponed. Burrell reported as to censor's conference with Editor of "Le Canada" and Laurier's intervention. Directed him to close it up unless retraction published on Monday. Decided to grant bonus of \$100. to all outside service having incomes less than \$1200. Passed O.C. appointing Ministers to attend Imp. War Cabinet and War

Confoe. Long debate on Meighen's proposal to exclude persons born in enemy country from homesteads. Julia and Hal dined with us in the evening, and beat Henry and me at bridge.

Sunday, May 5, 1918.

Cool in the early morning but quite warm later in the day. Walked around the grounds. A very large woodpecker (with red on the back of his head) stood for half an hour on the chimney pot ventilator which he hammered at intervals with his rat-tat-tat, while he warbled almost unceasingly in a harsh voice. Took Eunice and Henry to All Saints and then for an hour's walk before luncheon. In afternoon drove with Henry to Golf Club where the links looked very attractive. A very handsome large slate-coloured bird made his appearance on the bank while Henry and I were raking and burning the leaves between 6 and 7. War newB not important and on the whole encouraging. German renewed offensive not making much progress. Talked to Henry about taking him to England and found him wildly anxious to go. In evening went over clippings & o and prepared for tomorrow's labours. Retired early and read part of Shane Leslie's book "The Issue of Ireland". Very int'g.

Monday, May 6, 1918.

Ballantyne and Mewburn same early to office former complained quite bitterly that he had not been invited to attend Imp. Confce. Explained to him reasons for taking others. He objects especially to being postponed to Rowell. Council at 12 and disposed of routine. Burrell reports that Le Canada has published retractation and apology as arranged. Letter from Atholstan as to CNR(?). Armstrong's assistance in Quebec. Suggested to Mewburn that he should visit Montreal and get in touch with French Units. He gets on well with French Members. Letter and tlgrams from McInnes and Perley as to Col. Frank Reid who is evidently a bluffer and mendacious as well. Proceeded with budget debate in House. Taking up altogether too much time. Sat late in effort to finish. Henry and Eunice seem to enjoy themselves. Talked to H. about overseas trip. He is most anxious. Weather very-fine. Hews from front that Canadians have taken over dangerous and important sector south of Arras.

Tuesday, May 7, 1918.

Reid very angry because Gov't defeated in Can.Prov. & Elections. Two Unionists voted against us. Confce with

Nickle as to danger of favoritism by permanent officials. Several members strongly on the same point. Began forenoon sittings and sat until 2 A.M. Arranged with Robb under suggestion of closure that debate should end not later than 4 P.M. tomorrow. Many ineffective and useless speeches from Quebec Members. Confce with Mewburn as to Col. Reid's pretensions, farmers' claims for exemptions, &c. Ballantune still somewhat sore about not being summoned to Imp. Confce. Told him no general rule that Naval Service should be summoned. Council at 12 but nothing except Meighen's proposed agreement with P.E.I. which was approved. Very strong feeling against Rowell among Ministers and especially among members who regard him as a pusher & self advertiser. Weather somewhat cooler. Letter from Laura that she will return on Sunday next. News from front not important.

Wednesday, May 8, 1918.

Disposed of correspondence. Tlgm to Col. Secy as to substituting Prem. Stewart for Rev. Adam. Discussed with Laurier business of House and date of prorogation. Told him condition of Grand Trunk finances. In House debate on budget continued. Butts and Currie butted in and spoiled arrangement made with Opp'n Whip. Finally passed into Com. about midnight and got through resolutions about 1.30. Currie a blatherskite. Told Laurier I would drop resolution for censorship of Hansard. Confce with Premier Oliver of B.C. as to C.N.R. obligations, iron bounties and Pacific and Gt. Eastern. Explained fully difficulties of financial position. In Council dealt with matters of routine. Meeting of ry. com. of Cabinet at 11.20 and told them of Kelly's message from Smithers. Decided to wire message through Perley that we could not increase offer. Further tlgm to Long as to his message respecting commandeering and diversion of shipping. Weather cooler. Sent for McKenzie re C.N.R. Lively scene bet. Speaker & Hughes.

Thursday May 9, 1918.

Very busy day. Worked at house until 10.30 and then to office where I rec'd delegation respecting Toronto Harbour and then gave pressmen my statement to farmers. Council at 11. Dealt with routine some of which involved discussion. Took up at great length question of steel bounties for B.C. and Committee of Council took up that question with B.C. members and delegates in afternoon. Also discussed at great length pensional allowances for outside civil

service. Calder worked out a plan which was adopted. Rhodes spoke to us at luncheon about Sam Hughes & his expectation that Sam would again create a scene. Carvell asked ins'ns as to Toronto Harbour. Confce with H.J. Crowe and Clift of Nfld, Sir W. McKenzie came in answer to my tlgm and I discussed present condition of arb'n proceedings. Told him he could not continue as director and he authorized me to say that he desired to retire. He is coming to England to closeup some matters. Confce at six with Maclean and Sherman Rogers who gave oral report of his work and proposals in Hx. relief. Thought them very good. Julia and Hal dined with us. Julia won bridge prize.

Friday, May 10, 1918.

Cold rainy day. Took Eunice and Henry to office. They left for Mtl this P.M. Said they had a delightful visit. Henry returns next week. Told Eunice of my proposal for Henry's trip. Confce with Guthrie and Newoombe as to report of Priv. & Elec. Comte. Prepared for motion in House if there should be any defiance of speaker. Took up C.N.R. guarantee bill and Criminal Code amendment which occupied until 5 and then went into Civil Service Act. Rogers came to explain to Council at 12 the plans of Hx. Relief Com. Premier Murray present. Plans approved. Discussed with Flavelle labour difficulties in B.C. and took him to Mewburn. Took up with Reid and Rowell question of LabatUs resignation and further power development wt Niagara. In evening confce With Col. Almond. Calder told me of Gouin's visit to His Ex. tomorrow and of desire that I should speak to him confidentially.

Saturday, May 11, 1918.

Early at office, disposed of correspondence and thence to the House. Went at once into Civil Service Bill after dropping three Govt. orders. Civil Service Bill all day, met with much opposition and criticism as to its details but all based really on antagonism as to its principle. Members dislike to be deprived of patronage. Council at 2 and debated as to O.C. depriving soldiers of double pay. Settled on new principle and Rowell was left to work it out. Prepared memo as to alien labour question and discussed it with Rowell. Session will evidently last to 24th May. Prepared amendment to motion or resolution respecting titles. Dinner in evening at Govt. House. Sir Lomer and Lady Gouin, Sir C. & Lady Fitzpatriok, Arch. Mathieu, Mr. & Mrs. Goor, Comtessl Lapaille, Lieut. Gouin &c. Interesting talk with Arch. & Gouin. Told Gouin he should come into Federal politics. He said he was too old, 47. Said he would like

to be Librarian. I said we might be joint librarians. Told him that during my absence Quebec would be in his charge both provincially and federally. He said there would be no trouble in that Province. Told Archb. how much we appreciated his good work. He said that God had done it, not he.

Sunday, May 12, 1918.

Overcast day with almost continuous rain. Went over press clippings and papers during forenoon. In afternoon Archbishop Mathieu called, a very engaging and winning personality. He reminds me of the Bishop in Les Misérables. He is a thorough Christian if ever there was one. Walked with Laura and then to Council at 8. Worked, until midnight discussing supplementary estimates and O.C. as to civil pay of Civil Servants in Can. Ex. Force. Much waste of time on account of Maclean bringing into Council matters that should be disposed of in Treasury Board. Very much fatigued. Will rejoice when session ends.

Monday, May 13, 1918.

Early at office and disposed of part of correspondence. Galled Council at 11.30 but detained in House until 12. Then discussed estimates (suppl'y) at great length and finally settled them about 5. Took up expropriation of Hx. Dry Dock and authorized Carvell to proceed. Many discussions with Ministers and members as to reply to be made to farmers tomorrow. Crerar much disturbed as to effect of our O.C. upon production. Mewburn and other colleagues strongly of opinion that we cannot give leave of absence &c. Discussed with Meighen, Calder and field situation at Quebec & Saguenay and report of Com. on Privileges and Elections. Decided to refer back that report. Reading has stated at Washington that report *from* Long given out on Saturday here is not accurate. Congratulations to Laurier on golden wedding. Civil Service Bill on in House. News from front not bad.

Tuesday, May 14, 1918.

Went to meet Farmers' delegation at 11.30 in Russell Theatre crowded and more outside than in. Lasted until 2. Four speakers including Caron, Quebec Minister of Agriculture. They were very aggressive and insistent.

Caron alluded to his ancestral home. I spoke moderately, firmly, and told them we could not alter our policy. Points out that their productions would be valuable (?) captured Channel ports. Submarine (?) Caron's ancestral home liable to g (?) Afterwards they asked privilege of addressing Parl. Were denied. Rumour that they intended invading Paris (?) force. Doherty and Mewburn told to take precautions. "Official news" sent by Long on Saturday has greatly ? Washington and Reading has made statement. Called M? at 6 to discuss my announcement of ry. policy and ? It during evening with Meighen, Maclean and Graham. Report that Rowell is taking peculiar course in Pension Committee. Mewburn sent in strong letter respecting (?)

Wednesday, May 15, 1918.

Delightful bright day but very cld. Foster says wheat crop in Manitoba frozen out. At office early and prepared for speech on ry. situation. Several confces with Graham Bell. His Ex. sent for me at 12.30 but I excused myself. Tank Bn. reviewed by His Ex. on Parl Hill. At 3.15 began my speech and spoke until after 5 giving a brief review of the whole situation and slaying down the policy which the Gov ' proposes. Speech made a good impression and I received many warm congratulations. At six o'clock called Council to discuss Ballantyne's shipbuilding proposals at Hx. Long confce at 8 with delegation from Wpg. Grain Exchange as to monopoly of Wheat Exp. Co. Case deserves attention and must be dealt with. Short confce with J.H.Dunn as to his activities in U.S. and as to Wrong's work. Donaldson wants a senatorship McKenzie still disturbed about arbitration and asks Reid's consideration. Henry arrived this evening.

Thursday, May 16, 1918.

Prepared for debate on Yukon Election. It began shortly after 11 and votes did not conclude until 6.30. Our men stood wonderfully well together and we had a majority of 50 on one vote and 42 on another. Carvell said to be talking loudly that he was ashamed of his vote. Fitzpatrick came early in the morning and gave me a memo of statement which he desired read. I had no opportunity of reading it. Every one spoke most appreciatively of my speech yesterday on the ry. question. Council at 2 and again at 4.30 and at 8.45. Dealt with important administrative matters and considered at great length O.C. as to Civil pay of civil servants overseas. Discussed also apprehension of deserters and calling out of additional classes. Calder to whom I spoke as to representation at confce agrees that sending of six

is absurd. Whole subject to be discussed fully in Council. Tlgm from Long that Hughes insists on visiting Washington, Chicago and Seattle before going overseas.

Friday, May 17, 1918.

Sent for Calder and discussed with him attendance at Confce (imp) and attitude of Carvell respecting Yukon election. Sent tlgm to Perley as to Major Williams. Third reading of Civil Service Bill, several divisions & great waste of time by opposition. I spoke as to our proposal to give returned soldiers recognition. Then attendance and confce with His Ex. as to visit of Redfield, Lord Heading &c. Sent tlgms to Hughes, Cook, Masey and Ward, bidding them welcome. Council in afternoon, settled O.C. respecting Civil pay for soldiers, discussed business of session, including probable attack by opposition on overseas voting. Maclean put through four bills (taxation) during the afternoon and Reid went on with his estimates in the evening. Committee on Priv. & Elections decided by 14 to 10 to count Yukon Soldiers votes. Instructed Christie to prepare draft of speech on prorogation. Weather very warm and members impatient to get away. Arranged to meet Lord Reading Sunday morning and to hold Council at 2.30 that P.M.

Saturday, May, 18, 1918.

Worked at correspondence until 10 & then interview with Pres. Kelly of G.T. until 10.45. He said my speech was fair to his company. Spoke of accompanying us to G.B. if negotiations carried on there. Said Canadian Rys wd be self supporting if 25% increase were given as now proposed in U.S. Put through bill respecting Hx. Relief Com. Discussed C.N.R. arb'n with McKenzie and wrpte White as to that and other matters. Conferred with Mewburn and Cronyn as to Col. Frank Reid, and telegraphed message to Kemp through Perley as to his promotion. Dealt in Council with many matters of routine and finally settled O.C. re civil pay of soldiers. Nicholson and Harrison as well as Pardee came to urge arrangements for leave of absence to only son of widow &c. Sent for Fitz'k in evening and discussed with him situation in Que. He says Archb will be solidly in favour of every aid and cooperation in war except Bruchesi who is unstable and unreliable. Thought (?O write to Gouin and see Shaughnessy No important news from front.

Sunday, May 19, 1918.

Glorious summer day. Prepared for conferee with. Reading at 12,30 and for Council at 2.30. Inspected tank and planted wild cucumber vines on each side of arch on Riverbrink. At 12.15 went to Gov't House and met Lord Reading with whom I had intimate conversation respecting U. S. participation in war. He says they sent 120 thousand in April and will send 185 thousand in May. Nearly 800 thous. in France by 1st of June. More than a million by 1st Aug. Says they have fallen down very badly in aeroplanes and ordnance. Thinks Br. Govt, is right in taking firm stand in Ireland. Mr. & Mrs. Redfield, Sir V. & Lady Meredith and Col. Boss also present. Redfield spoke very warmly in praise of Hazen. Council at 2.30 to 6.15 and from 8 to 12. Debated many matters; attendance at conferee as to which I decided that the three Ministers will accompany me but return 1st July and Mewburn and Ballantyne Arrive. Mil. Serv. Act very long debate. Decided to give leave absence to only support of widow, invalided father or helpless dependents. Decided also that apprehension of offenders should be transferred to Militia Dept. Doherty apprehensive.

Monday, May 20, 1918.

White returned this morning looking well and in good spirits. House at 11 and then various conferees to 1. Attended Can. Club luncheon where Redfield made an inspiring speech. Then conferee with Hazen and White as to admitting U.S. fresh fish free of duty. This was taken up in Council at 6 with Hazen present and all were in favour of it except Maolean dubitante and requiring time for consideration. Long conferee. at 3.30 with Adml. Sir Wm. Grant, Sir Thos Royden, Mewburn, Ballantyne and various military and naval officers both British and Canadian as to arrangements for transport of troops. Adml. Grant very tactful and conciliatory. Think we made strong impression on them. Discussed with Robertson strikes at Winnipeg, Toronto and Vancouver. He leaves tonight for Toronto. Dinner at Govt. House, party of 42. Took in Mrs. Ballantyne and sat next to Mrs. Redfield. Weather very hot. Breakfast on verandah yesterday. No news of importance from front.

Tuesday, May 21 1918.

Disposed of correspondence and then took up in House report on Yukon election upon which there was much debate and many votes. The Unionists stood strongly together although Fielding made a strong speech in favour of Congdon. Then took up "Titles" motion and I moved an amendment which I showed to Nickle, Richardson and MacMaster in the forenoon & to which I

endeavoured to obtain their consent. I had to leave House during portion of evening and found that Nickle has been circulating among members the statement that it was a free vote. There was a warm debate and great opposition to titles developed. Finally in reply to question from Manion I said that if my amendment were voted down I would resign. This brought all into line except Fielding, Foster (York) and Nickle. Great satisfaction at my stand and its results manifested by members. At 11.45 we went into Com. of supply. A very trying wearing day. Several members to see me about Wpg. strike, exemptions for farmers, &c.

Wednesday, May 22, 1918.

Utterly worn out and did not rise all day. Sent for Yates and Christie at 9 and instructed them as to various matters requiring attention. Especially anxious as to , ; Nickle's questions as to Fitzpatrick. In evening Reid came to see me as to Copp's motion and later Sifton and Doherty arrived to discuss attitude of Govt. I told them to vote down motion as one of want of confidence and to say that we would give any necessary judicial investigation. Dozed and slept most of day and ate nothing from noon yesterday until this evening. Discussed with Reid date of my departure for N.Y. and decided to wait until 24th. He says the old man of the sea has news from Toronto which pleases him. Prorogation probably delayed until Friday or Saturday by Copp's motion. His Ex. greatly inconvenienced in his arrangements for visit to Southern Ontario. Weather much cooler and fine.

Thursday, May 23, 1918.

Not in good form but after Interview with Yates decided to go into town. Arrived at H.of C. at 10.30 for Council and discussed answers as to Fitzp. Then to Govt. House at 12 and interview with His Ex. as my visit to G.B. Honours, it. Governorship of Quebec and other matters. Council , again at 1.30 and long discussion as to these matters and as to Chief Justiceship of Man. Discussed also provision for taking care of farms for men called into military service and sent for Dunning, McGregor and Thomson after which I drafted O.C. to be brought in by Crerar appointing adm'r of Soldiers Farms with wide powers. In evening confce with Fitzp. as to answers to Nickle's motion and as to his superannuation and appointment as Governor. Accepted invitation to degree at Cambridge. Several confces with members. Parit to prorogue this evening. Sent appeal to shibuilding men not to strike.

Friday, May 24, 1918.

Early at office. Disposed of correspondence. Council at 11.15 Massey and Ward attended and were introduced to new Ministers. Discussed my draft of O.C, respecting Soldiers farms and it was agreed to subject to a few modifications. Discussed Chief Justiceship of Manitoba and I brought in recommendation for Perdue with Denistoun to replace him as puisne judge. Decided to appoint Bennett county court judge for Westmoreland-Kent. Debated as to new directorate of G.H.B. and decided to leave it until my return. Telegraphed to White as to utilizing services of J. H.Dunn. Julia and Evie came to luncheon. Discussed with Evie as to securing employment and told her to consult Blount. Left at 4.30 with Calder, Meighen, Martin, Norris and secretaries. Henry greatly excited over the trip. Played bridge in afternoon and part of evening. Mrs. Calder and Mrs. Jonah with us.

Saturday, May 25, 1918.

Arrived at 8.45. Had breakfast on train and then to Plaza. Warm welcome. S.H.Dunn and Sir Wm. Peterson met us. To barber's and then to Dr. Turek who told me much of his further discovery as to shell shock and then gave me a treatment. Mrs. Turck insisted on my having their motor. Then to Dr. Naohbar and Dunn came to luncheon. We had a very interesting discussion on many topics. He is a big broad-minded man, much better read and better informed than I had supposed. Walked with him two and a half hours in afternoon. Said the Red Cross drive on Fifth Avenue very well organized and highly successful. All five of us (Christie, Henry et al) went to see Ethel Barrymore in "Belinda" Clever but not specially attractive. Tlgm from White as to using Dunn, rather non-committal. Hear that award in Can. Northern has been made but no particulars.

Sunday, May 26, 1918.

Rose betimes and arranged to attend Church with Turcks. Good sermon by Dr. Milne Smith who has a bey at front. Met him after service. also George Wilson, Sec'y of Pilgrims and several officers of the church. Dunn called and said not to press his service if White is unwilling. Wrote to Foster as to appointing Wra. Hendrie to Pensions Bd. and John Bain to War Trade Bd. Went on board of Milita shortly before three. Discovered she is not sailing until 7 tomorrow morning Very warm. Hughes came to boat to see his wife on board but I did not see him. Oapt. Webster called at my room to say we should be about 11 days on voyage. Lady Boss on board. Premier Lloyd and Bennett of Nfld, Ward &

Massey and several Australians. Dr. Adam put at our table which is badly arranged.

Monday, May 27, 1918.

Sailed about 7. Foggy. 2100 Am. soldiers on board. Met several of them. Lt. Foster of Illinois fine looking young man. Physique and bearing of Americans good. Boat drill at 12. Beautiful little girl, 6 yrs old today, Margot Burton, on board. Says her father is a soldier every day. Jenkins of Charlotte town on board. Invited Newfoundlanders to our table. There are thirteen ships in this convoy. The escorts are the Victorian (Br.) and the Pueblo (Am). Walk with Howell in afternoon and talk with Massey as to conference. Boxing bouts among the American soldiers, some very good; one between soldier and sailor, the latter too clever for his opponent who was, however, stronger and very game as well as skilful. Fog in afternoon and all-evening. Margot said, "It disturbs me very much". Played bridge in evening with Norris Oalder and Meighen. Then read "A Student \$n Arms."

Tuesday, May 28, 1918.

Weather foggy and sea very calm. There are 14 ships in the convoy including escort. Met several Am. officers and played bridge in afternoon and evening with one of them, Major Leopold a neurologist from Phila. Col. Ferguson in charge of troops and Col. Hackett second in command. The soldiers have boxing matches every evening from 6 to 7 and much interest taken in matches between soldiers and one of the sailors. Met Mrs. Hughes her daughter Helen is a very bright little girl. Report that German offensive renewed and French driven back near Soissons. Y.M.C.A. officers attacked to the Am. troops asked me to address them tomorrow* Memorial day. Rowell told me how Canada has been-ignored in British propaganda article published by John Buchan in The ; Journal of American History, Vol. XII November 1.

Wednesday, May 29, 1918.

Weather much cooler. Cap. Webster told me we are a little east of Hx. but in latitude of N.Y. Am. cruiser will be with us as far as 26 W. Dr. Lloyd to the contrary notwithstanding. Interesting talk with Latham of Australia. Naval Department (Intelligence) Had meeting of Ministers at 10.30 and distributed documents to be examined before we land. Meighen too ill to attend. Germans reported to have driven French back

and crossed the Aisne. Reported that Am. troops have had a success in Picoardy. Sea much rougher this P.M. and evening. Played shuffle board. Martin and I against Peterson and Powell and we won. Read more of Student in Arms, very good. Went to bed at 8.30 and put out light shortly afterwards. Many of the troops and passengers ill. Chill wind off the ice has lowered the temperature greatly.

Thursday, May 30, 1918.

Not quite so rough and quite clear. "Pueblo" in sight this morning. Met a ship going west. Gathering of American troops in honour of Memorial Day. Addressed by Massey and me. Fine looking men and very attentive. Impressed on them the greatness of cause and individual responsibility. Rec'd many congratulations. Margot Burton alone at her table. Invited me to join her in the most self possessed manner. Meighen says he will remain in England, will never venture on the ocean again. Got the ship's doctor to see him. Ward proposed an infallible remedy. Cayenne pepper enveloped in a raisin skin. In evening was ordered off deck by sentry. Asked him by what authority. He said officer of the day. I told him to report that I declined to recognize any authority except that of Captain. Played bridge with Lady Boss and Mrs Whitehouse.

Friday, May 31, 1918.

Conversation in P.M. with Prof. Willy as to investigation into life history of mackerel and halibut. Very able man according to Peterson. Notice from Capt. posted that we are not to stay on deck after dusk. This the result of my demanding authority of Capt. Went over some of my documents. Read Interesting letter from Prof. (?) to Birks as to Univ. of Vimy. Beautiful day, sea much smoother, bright sunshine. Long talk with Capt. who told us much that was interesting with regard to fight against submarines. Two came through convoy on last trip, and he believes depth charges accounted for both. Thinks navy getting better of submarines. Every destroyer now equipped with depth charges. Nine ships carrying troops this convoy. Meighen on deck today. Rowell reports Col. Frank Reid talking nonsense.

Saturday, June 1, 1918.

Waked very early. Had bath at 5.15 and worked until 7 when steward brought me tea. Then on deck, a bright fresh morning, sea comparatively smooth. Meeting of Ministers at 10.30 and

went over documents, deciding as to those which should be circulated in the War Cabinet and War Conference. Arranged as to further work and the inquiry to be further discussed next week. At 2.30 all the ships in the convoy practised shooting at a target. Our ship fired four shots two of which were almost direct hits. American Artillery officers pronounced it fine shooting and said these two shots would have sunk any submarine. American dental officer from Omaha told me their dental corps organized on lines of ours which he thought the best in the world. Bridge in evening with Major Leopold and Colonel Hackett. Both very charming men. Dictated letters to secretary. Weather very fine.

Sunday, June 2, 1918.

Overclouded but sea quite smooth. Remained in bed for breakfast and went to service (military) at 10.40. Very good address by chaplain. Then walked on deck for an hour with Ireland. Service at 10.40 very interesting in the character, of the audience almost all privates in the U.S. Army. They seemed very earnest and attentive. Read "Changing Winds" in the afternoon and evening. a rather remarkable book written evidently by one of a group of intellectuals who have studied problems of statecraft. Read also "Report of War Cabinet for 1917" which is well put together and contains a vast amount of information. Little news from war theatre this morning but what there is seems satisfactory. Indications of a change in the weather. Henry has had a very painful sty which has been treated by the doctor and he is now improving. Agreed to take the chair at concert tomorrow evening.

Monday, June 3, 1918.

Captain told me we would arrive at Liverpool. 3 P.M. Friday; said the convoy can make 14 knots and did so yesterday, that 600 zig-zags are being ordered to slow up the convoy today that it will not do to arrive too early. We reach danger zone on Wednesday morning. Concert this evening very good. Two hundred dollars collected for Liverpool Seamen's Home. I presided and made an address which was well received. Asked Massey to move vote of thanks and he let himself go as usual on every conceivable subject. I believed we were in for an hour's speech. Weather very cool. Evidently we have come far north. Margot Burton having the time of her life, especially when her mother is ill. Made love to me tremendously today. Said she loved me better than her father. She is wonderfully bright for 6 years.

Tuesday, June 4, 1918.

Margot's father in British mission. Hopes to get a place as assistant to Brand. Mother of Norwegian descent and apparently granddaughter of Robert Bacon. Some one turned on deck lights at a quarter to one this morning. Much rumour. Sir A. Garron and Massey want me to ask Capt. to authorize Latham to investigate. I put them off as I knew Capt. had investigated. Circumstances very mysterious as electrician declared he removed fuse plugs before leaving New York. Boat drill at 4.15 and Captain told us to wear life belts after tomorrow morning, to provide ourselves with warm clothing and not to give credence to rumours. Did not rise until noon and am getting a good rest. Played bridge in afternoon and evening. Funked "Changing Winds" and began "El Supremo". Weather very cool. Capt. told us at boat drill that we would reach Liverpool on Friday evening at 8, but torpedoes.

Wednesday, June 5, 1918.

Many rumours as to attack toy submarines; last evening. Torpedo said to have been fired at Devonshire last evening and whole convoy turned and steamed back for four hours. Weather misty and more motion. Every one wearing or carrying life belts. Dr. Lloyd very angry because his room next to non. corns, and because Purser will not accept BK. Montreal travelling notes. Rose very early, having slept badly on account of light shining into my room all night. Boyce broke typewriter and we borrowed one from Col. Ferguson in command of Am. troops. Played bridge in evening with Bennett, Martin and Calder and had fine hands. No news from front for three days. Discussed with Calder the arrangements for the Prov. Premiers as to visiting Parlt., the camps and hospitals, France &c. Destroyers will meet us tomorrow morning, it is said.

Thursday, June 6, 1918.

Destroyers met us at 7 this morning much to satisfaction of every one. Seven of them in all, four near this ship. Called meeting of Ministers at 12 and worked until 1.20 at arrangement of subjects to be taken up at Cabinet, at Confce, with Kemp and with Perley. Further meeting 5 to 6.30 and completed draft of memorandum for that purpose. Yates and Boyce short of paper, shaving carelessly put stationery trunk in hold. Rowell brought draft tlgm as to using Doughty's exhibit for propaganda in U.S. Revised it. Wrote Laura and Julia. Discussed with Massey subjects to be taken

up at confce. He thinks the British are exploiting the shipping situation to their own advantage. Pueblo turned back last evening. Notice of debarkation for Saturday instead of Friday. Apparently we lost 8 hours in turning back on Tuesday night to avoid submarines. Played bridge in evening with Bennett, Leopold and Martin and left my life waistcoat in saloon. Weather cleared of beautifully toward sunset.

Friday, June 7, 1918.

Rose at 2.20 and suspecting daylight cautiously opened porthole at 3 and discovered bread day. At 3.45 went on deck and found sun had been up for half an hour. Shaved and bathed by 4.20. Scotland visible on left and Ireland on right. Four destroyers (add'l) joined us. The two oil ships left us for Glasgow. Between 1Sf and 1 the helm was put hard apart and ship (followed by the others) made a complete circle. Two dirigible balloons met us early in the morning and circled over or near us all day. At dinner Com. Gaunt came on board from Admiralty Martin of S.S.Co. and Lt. Drummond of Canadians. Decided to go to hotel for night and went to Adelphi. Before leaving said goodbye to American troops, "Boys, just a word to say Goodbye and God speed you. May you have as enjoyable* a passage home but I hope you will visit Berlin first." Major Bristol met us at hotel and gave us news from front and from Canada. Germans have driven French back during past ten days and taken many guns and prisoners. Subs have sunk 14 ships on Am. coast^only one of any size a steamer.

Saturday, June 8, 1918.

Very good nights rest. Martin and Howell oame to breakfast. Left for London at 10*30. Pleasant journey. Arrived at 2.30. Met at Euston by Kemp, Perley, Nattersbee, Griffith, Turner and others. Then to Savoy Hotel where I encountered press reporters and gave them a short statement. Then confce with Perley and Kemp and i thereafter to look at Perley's house which he offered for jmy use during stay in London. Did some work with Secretaries and then to dinner with Kemp at U.Service Club where we met Com. Gaunt, Kemp gave me a graphic description of his trials and difficulties and told me of the differences between Currie and Turner now happily adjusted through his efforts* Described his efforts at reorganization of the Dept. and of the propaganda carried on by McCrae and McAlpine against it. Says Beaverbrook is acting with perfect fairness and loyalty. Kemp gets on well with... Br. Ministers.

Sunday, June 9, 1918

Rose at 8.50 and had meeting with Ministers at 9.30. Sketched out our procedure and our plans for tomorrow. In afternoon Rowell began to bombard me with letters about various subjects. Arranged that he should visit Knightsbridge Barracks tomorrow morning to witness demonstration Mansden gun. D'Egville came at 3.50 to discuss Empire organization &c. Tom Blacklock at 6 to give me his impression of conditions and of status and work of Canadian Corps in France. Says it is easily best corps in Br. Army. At 2.30 went to service at St. Columba's, Pont St in memory of men of Scottish descent in Dominions and 'U.S. who have fallen in this war. Very impressive service. Sat by Lord Chancellor. let Lord Balfour of Burleigh. Inspected Canadians after the service. Went to bed early after walk with Henry to St. Pauls.

Monday, June 10, 1918

Meighen and Rowell disappeared to H.of C. and did not turn up until late in afternoon. Col. Reid & Col. Hartt both of. Ont. (former is Ont. agent in Eng.) called. Amery came as to war cabinet. Told him I wanted all Ministers to attend 1st meeting. Then to call on Long to whom I talked very plainly as to stupidity of Br. Perm. officials and new Ministers from business life. Then to call at Buckingham Palace and Clarence House, tailors, shirtmakers, &c. At 5 called on Lloyd George by app&t and discussed gravity of situation but Massey came in and our intimate interview was stopped. At six went to Bona r Law with Meighen and Calder and discussed financial affairs after which I spent the evening in confce with Calder and Rowell and in dealing with correspondence. W.A.Simson and others called including Percy Hurd.

Tuesday, June 11, 1918

Prepared to make statement at War Cabinet. Met at 12. Lloyd George gave interesting exposition of war situation. He frankly admitted its critical condition. Gave no explanation of how Germans can drive our forces back and inflict greater loss than they incur. Lunched with him afterwards. All members of Cabinet present. Then confce with Sifton who is greatly disturbed over situation. Says many British divisions useless and men discouraged. Then to confce at Kemp's office when he gave outline of the overseas Military organization and interesting discussion took place. Returned to keep appointments at six. Major Parkinson of Ottawa says German morale never better than

today. In evening conferred with Meighen and Calder as to whole situation. Germans still driving on.

Wednesday, June 12, 1918

Confce with Meighen and Rowell at 10 Calder indisposed. Went to confce at 11. Address by Long. I moved resolution of loyalty to King. Smuts spoke well as usual. Also Balfour. Then to visit our rooms at War Cabinet. After luncheon wrote to Beaverbrook to look after western premiers. Then confce with Smuts who admits tho situation is bad. Gen. Currie came at 3 and he gave an awful picture of the war situation among the British, says incompetent officers not removed, officers too casual, too cocksure, no foresight. Took him to Smuts. Bishop Fallon called and had the same story from the front. Also Major Lash and Major Evelyn Wrench. Calder better. Dinner by Kemp. in evening at Ritz. A great gathering of Canadians. Fine speech by Currie who is an exceptional man. Very earnest. News from front better.

Thursday, June 13, 1918

Discussed again with Rowell, Calder and Meighen my statement to War Cab. Made notes on add'l points. Began speech at 11.50 and spoke for nearly an hour. Gave a full summary of Canada's effort since last Cabinet and then made an earnest criticism of Empire's war effort on western front during same period. Throughout spoke without hesitation and more rapidly than usual. Told them I had ordered Currie to report and he had reported. Gave illustrations of incompetence lack of system, disorganization, lack of foresight &c. Curzon and Lloyd George, my colleagues, the other overseas Ministers, Long &c. gave me very warm congratulations, Lloyd George said "a memorable speech". Long said it was a very difficult task and most admirably executed. Lunched with Duke of Connaught. Very interesting stories of Portuguese. Soldiers call them "Bloody Geese" One general issued a formal order against this practice. Also as to Italian Navy. Found Curry and at L.G.'s request took him to Downing Street at 5 and went over whole situation. Confce Col. Peck in evening and then dinner at Marlboro Club with Perley and large gathering, very representative. Then confce with Ministers 10.30 to 12. Lloyd George wishes me to see Hughes as soon as he arrives. Hews from front indicates that German attack @a French has about spent itself. L.G. gave me report of interview with Robertson and Haig 21 June, '17 in which objections to offensive were clearly stated.

Friday, June 14, 1918

Correspondence early. Blondin came to breakfast. Discussed situation with him and told him of Senate appointment. Engaged him to come at 10 daily and assist. Cabled White as to shipbuilding. Kemp came as to formation of Fifth Div, as requested by War Office. Turner with him. Told them to let it stand. Found that Amb. 'r Page out of town until 1 Aug. War Cabinet 12 to 1.45. Long address from Smuts. He gave valuable summary of differences between Cabinet and Gen. Robertson and Haig. Otherwise his speech not up to mark. Confce with Gen. Ware and very interesting discussion with Prof. McLennan as to his inventions against submarines. Very valuable service by Canada. In evening discussed with Ministers visit to France, Fifth Div. and other matters. Bead important' documents from War Cabinet.

Saturday, June 15, 1918

Sir Andrew McPhail came to breakfast and we had interesting discussion. Sent for Blacklock and told him to revise his telegram to Gazette. Went through correspondence and dictated revision of my address ay War Cabinet. Capt Webster came as I was dictating letter to Lady Graham. Wrote report to Foster of our work since arriving London, Lowell still bombarding me with letters. He, Meighen and Calder left for Bramshott and Witley this morning. Hews from front more reassuring. Wrote to Col. A.H. Borden. Henry and I lunched at Cheshire Cheese and met two Australian nurses. Premier Hughes arrived London this afternoon and gave characteristic interview. Weather finer. Dined in evening at middle Temple. McColl, E.G. Treasurer presided. ^George made wonderfully fine speech recalling that Drake, Frobisher, and Baleigh were members of that Inn, that the odds against England then were greater than now. We left at 10.15 and it was then twilight.

Sunday, June 16, 1918

Wrote Foster and White an account of our work. Accepted invitation to dinner from Lord Lansdowne. Left with Kemp and Henry for Emsom where we found 2000 Canadian convalescents assembled in the Hall whom I addressed for nearly half an hour. Kemp also spoke. They were very responsive. Col. Pringle was in charge and we saw Capt. Bird and Capt. Moore the chaplain. Then to Boxhill where we had a wonderful view of the beautiful valley beneath. Then to the Inn at Burford Bridge where a very good luncheon was served; afterwards we motored to Cherkley where we found Lloyd George and Montagu discussing possibilities of an invasion of India. Also met Paul

Cravath Am. Consul and Morrow an American official and several others including Mrs. Montagu and Col. & Mrs. Murray Maclaren. Then to Windsor via Kingston and Staines and back to London via Twickenham and Richmond. Very cool in afternoon and many showers.

Monday, June 17, 1918

Confce with Ministers as to interview with Kemp and as to nature of my speech on Friday. Attended confce, Hughes and Cook present. Proceedings not very important. Graves Com'n and emigration Bill. Hughes came to luncheon and I opened my mind to him fully as to military situation and told him what I had said in Cabinet. He was appalled and said we should remain until conditions were reinstated. Then went with Rowell 3 to 6 to inspect. Pay Dept. (Gen. Ross) and Record Dept (Col. Armstrong, son of C.N.) Wonderful organization in both, modern and up to date. Armstrong has established wonderful chart system which gives us extraordinary amount of information at a glance. Major Wolfe with him. Then to hotel where I received Gen. Williams evidently somewhat off his head, then Major Beer of P.E.I, and then Biggar of the Archives who spoke very enthusiastically of my leadership. Then to dinner with Aitken at Hyde Park Hotel where we had a very intimate talk. Told him of ray proposals re Americans joining the Canadians.

Tuesday, June 18, 1918

Italians still holding line firmly. Confce with Ministers as to distribution of work. They decided that Rowell should come to Cabinet and Calder and Meighen take the Confce. Attended King at 10.15 He looks very fit but is evidently nervous. Spoke of my speech in War Cabinet and tried to explain disaster of last year. Is evidently a friend of G.H.Q. and War Office. Went to War Cabinet at 12. Sir H. Wilson gave very interesting and intelligent account of strategy of both sides during war. Tried to say and did say clever (but sometimes unfortunate) things. Then to luncheon with Milner. He told me 400,000 rifles in British forces alone, 44 divisions. Talked to him about our offer to train Americans and then at 3 discussed it with Paul Cravath who said he would bring Griscom tomorrow. Then to confce at Kemp's office where Gen. McDougall air gave instructive report as to work of Forestry Corps. Afterwards saw Smuts at 5.30 who asked me to meet him and Hughes to discuss cons''l relations of Empire. Then Sir 7. Caillard as to addressing Federation of Br. Industries and Sir E. Perks as to addressing Methodist laymen. Dictated notes for my speech on Friday.

Wednesday, June 19, 1918

Usual confce with Ministers and then to confce where we discussed control of raw materials. Long and Hewing not very clear in their view as to carrying out proposals in actual practice. Hughes under a clear misapprehension as to what is proposed. Then to H.of L. to see Black Bod and was photographed holding it. Then to luncheon with Lady Graham, Lalen and Capt. Webster as guests. At 3.30 (Hughes late) confce with Hughes and Smuts as to com'n with Br. Govt. Hughes wants to eliminate Col. Office and Smuts and I agreed. My colleagues afterwards agreed. Then confce with Cravath and Griscom and offered to train Americans. Griscom very friendly and sympathetic. Then Major Dan Sprague called and told of his grievances. Rowell told me that Currie had been privately informed that he had injured himself by giving information to me. Extraordinary statement from War Office as to number of men in field. Completed draft of notes for Friday.

Thursday, June 20, 1918

Attended War Cabinet at 11,30 and heard very interesting statement on foreign relations from Balfour. He considers Russia in hopeless situation. Wilson still strongly opposed to interference. Then to luncheon with Turner where I met Major Bishop who has world's record, having brought down 73 Hun planes. He is here to organize air expeditions on larger scale against Germany. Then confuse with Kemp, Turner, McDougall and Stewart as to forming 5th Div. McD. and S. are strongly opposed to taking any further men from Forestry or Ry. Construction Corps. Turner and Kemp to give me a memo as to answer to be made to War Office at meeting of special Com, arranged for noon tomorrow. Confce with Sir Wm. Beardmore as to shipbuilding at Dartmouth and with Orr Lewis. In evening dinner at Lord Farquhars, a very distinguished gathering. Discussed ocean transportation with Sir John Ellerman and cattle embargo with Lord Chaplin.

Friday, June 21, 1918

Discussed Grand Trunk negotiations with Meighen Rowell and Calder. Then at noon to War Com. Debated withdrawal of divisions from Palestine and finally on P.M.'s suggestion adopted a compromise. Then went into the general question of leadership and organization. Decided that reports made in October last by French and Wilson should be circulated. To meet again on Monday at 6. P.M. Previous confce with Kemp as to letter to Wilson, C.G.S. Then to luncheon with Lady Perley. Prepared during afternoon for this evening's speech.

At 6.30 to House of Lords. Lord Chancellor and Speaker presented Black Hod and I replied. Supper followed and Lloyd George proposed health of overseas colleagues. I spoke first and was well received, spoke for half an hour. Hughes in poor health, not up to mark. Massey followed. Met Lord Bryce and many others including Lord Harris. Asquith closed with short eloquent speech. News from Italian front good.

Saturday, June 22, 1918

Rose very early, attended to correspondence and at 10.15 proceeded to Kemp's office which we left at 10.45 for Matlock and Burton via St. Albans, Dunstable, Northampton (luncheon) Leicester, Loughborough and Derby. Arrived Matlock Bath 4.20, inspected hospital (officers convalescent) addressed officers (among them McKeen) and congratulated Col. Goldsmith a very capable and devoted officer. Then to Burton, went over Can. Discharge Depot (Col. Hanson a fine capable earnest officer) dined with him and then to Can. Nurses Hosp. where we saw many sisters who were bombed at Doullens and Staples. They had no doubt as to the purpose and intent of the Germans, machine guns were used upon the huts where the sisters and patients were. Invited to stay at Bowens (Mrs. Bowen nee Osler). Arrived there about 10. Col. Hanson and Col. Hartt accompanied us. Henry was with us on the trip and he met at Matlock Ernst of Lunenburg who was at Kings and who knew Henry.

Sunday , June 23, 1918

At 9.30 went to Red Cross Hosp (Col. Burnett) and then to Grenville Can. Special Hosp (Buxton Hydropath) and Palace Hotel. Addressed patients at both places. Col. Clark in command. Organization of Grenville Hosp. most efficient. Clark very capable man. Then to luncheon and started for Haddon Hall, very interesting visit, and then to Chatsworth where we spent an hour. A most wonderful place of great beauty and of historic interest and full of art treasures. Then to Matlock Bath Hosp. for tea and started for London at 6.50. Three punctures en route and reached London at 10.53, 4 h. 20 Min. actual running time. A most glorious summer day but cool. Crowds of people in the open air everywhere. Very dusty. Went over Sunday papers. One of them says speeches at Friday's function poor. I agree. News from Italy fairly good.

Monday, June 24, 1918

Caldar returned much impressed with Forestry organization. Head French's and Wilson's criticism of offensive in Oct. last. Very cogent. Meighen reported as to confuse meeting this A.M. Luncheon at Balfours. Carson told amusing story of Irishman's idea of "religious controversy". Then to room and went over documents. Letters from Laura. Attended meeting of War Com. of Cabinet at Bonar Law's office, H.of C. Lloyd George did not arrive until 7 as he had to speak in debate. Meantime we discussed flying service, defeat of Fifth Army, change of command &c. On arriving he told us of interesting interview with Kerensky whom he regards as capable and honest. K. thinks power of present Govt, waning and that time for allied intervention has come. Has been sent by important group including Milinkoff. After returning walked for an hour with Christie and Henry. News from Italian front excellent. Austrians in full retreat. Good news indeed.

Tuesday, June 25, 1918

L. George suggested last evening that we should visit France next week as no meeting of War Cabinet. Called overseas Ministers at 10.45 and arranged with Swinton to postpone Ld. Mayor's dinner. Went to War Cabinet 11.15 and were photographed after which Lord Curzon gave a very clear and cogent exposition of Eastern situation. Then to luncheon with Col. Gunn and met Gen. Radcliffe and Gen. Harrington, both of whom served on Can. Corps staff. Then to H.of C. to hear debate on Irish situation. Shortt made good speech; followed by Carson, very strong and incisive. Afterwards Pringle, a strong speaker, and then Sir Mark Sykes, an English B.C. Very good. Then L.G. very clever and effective, followed by Asquith with [his usual ability. Visited H.of C. and as P.C. sat on foot of throne and several members including Lansdowne came to speak to me. Then confce with Dr. J.W.Robertson and others and worked with Secy.

Wednesday, June 26, 1918

Attended at Imp. War Confce for half an hour in effort to expedite proceedings. Interview with Lord Mayor of York who desires to confer freedom of city. Also with Bishop Boyd Carpenter, Sean of Westminster, as to extending Abbey. Thomas Feilden and Capt. Wills also called. Attended luncheon at Royal Automobile Club to Marshall and Dunstan given by Ld. Lansdowne and Sir Art. Stanley. Then Confce with Capt. Straight, Capt. Morrison and Lieut. Gunn, repatriated prisoners from Germany, who gave thrilling accounts of their experiences. Saxons decent and even kind, Hanoverians cruel and brutal, even more so than Bavarians; Prussians worst of all. Then interview with Long and told him of our conclusions as to means of communication and status of Dominions; direct sam'n to Prime Minister, He admitted need of change but doubted P.M.'s time. Then to War Com. where

we discussed memo to be submitted to Grand Allied Council respecting Russia, labour men abolished political truce today. Dined at Lord Curzon's.

Thursday, June 27, 1918

Dealt with correspondence and discussed with Ministers visit to France. War cabinet at 11.30. Dealt with memo to Russia to be further considered tomorrow and then had statement as to naval situation by First Ld. of Admiralty (Sea)] He gave us interesting statement as to submarine situation & put forward proposals as to Empire Navy already circulated. In afternoon long meeting with G.T.directors who were in a more reasonable frame of mind than we expected. Told them we did not wish to take over G.T. if they can meet their obligations.Sent a cable to White to assist them in payment let July. Afterwards Sir Clement Kinlock called and C.N.Armstrong. Major Lash came as to arrangements for visit to France. Sent word to Currie that I wd protect him against any military discrimination by reason of his report to me. In evening Kemp drove Henry and me to Serpentine and we walked back. Saw a large number of W.A.A.Ca drilling in Hyde Park. Blondin left for Canada yesterday.

Friday, June 28, 1918

Confce with Ministers and then with Canadian workmen from Newoastle. Worked at correspondence and documents all forenoon. At 2 went to Appollo Theatre to receive Princess Patricia; she has influenza and Princess Mary came. Then to War Cabinet 3 to 5.30, a most interesting account of air service by Sen. Sykes and then to Lord Weir, a very able man. discussion thereafter on utilization of man power and Hughes went off at halfcock. Discussed memo as to Russia and privately I gave Lord Robert Cecil my point of view. Long asked my opinion as to a statement to confce for purpose of expediting work. Cabled to Canada as to platinum deposits and other matters. Col. Munro of Sask, Col. Cordon and Com'r Lamb called. Col. MoBain called to report as to ag'l needs of Greece and as to possibilities of trade in the Balkans. Hughes out with long speech yesterday along the line of what he did two years ago. Dined in evening with Ld. Lansdowne.

Saturday, June 29 1918

Left London 8.30 embarked Folkestone 11.15. Arr Boulogne 1.30. Lash accompanied. Luncheon at Res't with Shaugh. Met by Col. Sage. Then to No. 2 Hosp. Col. Donald, Miss Pope, Matron, and

inspected it. First visited bakery at Boulogne, Lt. Dunlevy, well organized. Addressed men. From No. 2 went to No. 3 Hosp. and first saw Matron Kate MoLatchy who looks rather thin and worn but is very brave and plucky. They have been bombed for months. One explosion sent a huge stone through roof of Kate's room. Many Nova Scotians among nurses and Officers. Two Matrons from other hosp., Miss Hubley and Miss McIsaac. Tea with nurses and dinner with officers Gen. Wilberforce, Col. Thurston and Col. Lee of Harvard unit. Meighen and I responded to toast to guests. Then to Paris Plage past Staples and ruins of bombed hospitals there. Lights went out at 11 on account of air raid. Went to bed at 11.45. Guns began at 12.00 Incessant firing amid searchlights for 30 mins. Two terrific explosions from bombs.

Sunday, June 30, 1918.

Huns tried to get ry. bridge at Staples but failed. Gen. Stewart came at 9 and we went first to Col. Gardiner's Bn. then to Col. Munro's, then to Col. Martin's. Saw Major Chas. Tupper, described by Chas. Stewart as a very able man. All Bns. very appreciative of visit. Addressed each of them. Then to Crecy and to Creoy Cross with its remains of original stone erected shortly after 1346. Then to Haig's Chateau for luncheon. He seems in good spirits but it is said he has not strength of character or iron will to put aside inefficients with whom he has had personal associations. Has no doubt he can hold line. Says Americans very good but lack officers and staffs. Asked him about Currie's tunnelling Battalions and about Stewart's status. He made rather unsatisfactory answers. Talks about difficulties and friction. Then to Currie's H.Q. at Chateau De Bryas, a beautiful spot, talked with Lindsay. Gen. Atkinson came from Br. Engrs as to tunnelling Cos. Met many Generals and officers at mess. and Pipers Band of 85th played for us. Sang their special Song "The 85th". Murray of Pictou. Currie arranged visit to Vimy for tomorrow. Continual booming of guns from East. Hun aeroplane at 11.30 and heavy barrage from anti-air guns.

Monday, July 1, 1918

A most wonderful day. First with Currie to Viray Ridge, inspected positions our men and Huns held immediately before attack; through to Kings O.P. and looked out on Hill 70, on Lens and twenty other well known points. Had passed through St. Nazaire and other villages, Lorette, &c. the scene of bloody fighting. 100,000 Frenchmen buried in the district. Inspected officers club built by Chaplain service. Then to Tincques where there were 25 to 30 thousand Can. troops. A natural amphitheatre, a glorious day, sports wonderfully arranged and organized. Duke (Connaught) came at 1; magnificent guard of honour. Rowell, Meighen, Calder and I stood with Currie

to receive him. Major Bacon, Gen. Birdwood, French Generals, Italians, and Belgians and 30 or 40 Brit. Gens, were present. Vaudeville by 1st Div. at which the men called on me for a speech and asked what about leave. I said we all had Heave to do our best until war was over. Inspected advanced dressing station and delouser. Reached DeBryas [about 9.30. Ralston came to dinner. Hub aeroplanes came iover at midnight. Guns tuned up merrily. Heard bombs. There were two attacks.

Tuesday, July 2, 1918

Heard early this A.M. that Can. Hosp. Ship sunk by submarine. Alister very anxious about his sister. So 12th Brig. (Sen. McBrien) met all officers. Took salute. Addressed Brig. Mighty reception. Calder with me. Gen. Watson present. Then to 6th Brig. (Col. Ross) same programme and same reception. Calder also addressed brigade. Gen. Burstall present and took us to his headquarters where I met the officers of the other two brigades and then lunched with him. Addressed the officers of the 4th and 5th Brigades, H'quarters at the Chateau of the Comte de Kerlogay. Mme La Comtesse called on us after luncheon and talked with us some time. A very charming woman. She speaks a little English. Then to 3rd Brigade (Gen. Tuxford) and carried out same programme. Meighen also addressing men. Gen. McDonald present. All brigades very fine. Then inspected and addressed 1st Div. Train, Col. Gorrigan, O.C. Then addressed athletic team of 1st Div. and returned to Chat. de Bnyas.

Wednesday, July 3, 1918

No bombing last night. Rose at 6 and left fit 7.12 for Paris. Recent German shelling at Prevent. Saw bombed hospital at Doullens. Went through Amiens and saw hardly a building that does not bear evidence of shelling. Passed through Beauvais and Senlis and arrived at St. Denis in just four hours. Met Marshall and attended dejeuner at 12.30. Hanotaux next to me and Col. Phillips on left. Roy and several French officers present. Then to Joinville where a great crowd of personages were assembled Lord Derby greeted me very warmly. I presented the Hospital to President Poincare in French and in English and he made a suitable acknowledgement. We then went through the various wards. Met many Canadian nurses. Returning I rec'd N.Y. Herald representative and others. Invitation to attend function tomorrow, naming of street for Pres. Wilson. Christie reports absurd difficulty about getting passport vised. Dined with Lord Derby.

Thursday, July 4, 1918

No bombing last night. Went at 9.15 to Place d'Jena to assist at inauguration of President Wilson street. Notable gathering. Was introduced to Clemenceau. Met several American officers. Speeches from 3 Frenchmen and American Ambassador. American troops marched past, about 6000. Pretty ragged. Then French veterans, infantry and cavalry, very impressive. Then to visit Br. Military and Haval Relief Club. Met by Miss Decima Moore (Husband General Geggisberg, Com's 175 Inf. Bn) who has worked wonderfully and indefatigably in assisting the soldiers to have a home in Paris. Ten thousand Canadians have visited it. Then to luncheon with Lord Lovat at Ritz with Gen. White, Roy and Lash as guests. Met Charlie Reid and Col. Jones. Then to Versailles to Council. L. George made a speech introducing us. Then Clemenceau and then Orlando. I was to reply but Clemenceau cut into the business of the day. Discussed enlistment of Czecho Slavs in Serbian; Army at great length, then question of status of Mil. Rap'ves at Versailles. At tea talked with Gen. Bliss and Col. Grant of U.S. Baron Sonine, Pichon, Foch, Weygand (Fr. Chief of Staff) Bellin, Gen. Duncane, Studd, Ssckville: West, Fraser of U.S. &c. A very interesting gathering. Dined with Hoy at Cercle des Attis(?).

Friday, July 5, 1918

Left Paris at 10 for base camps. Passed through Noailles. Car had several punctures. Got lunch (scrambled eggs and red wine) at Airames at a small country inn. Then another puncture and boarded a motor lorry which brought us to General Base at Etaplies. Col. Worthington met us and I addressed 1500 men who gave a great reception. Then to the Infantry base where I addressed 2500 men. Then to Gen. Stat. Hospital Ho 7. where I met the Matron and sisters as well as the Col. and officers. Then to G.S.H. Io* 1 which had been bombed where Col. Gwynne descanted much to my disgust upon the alleged grounds for the German brutality. I interposed a pretty vigorous protest. Then towards Boulogne and another puncture. Transferred into a car thoughtfully provided by Major Lash for such an emergency. Met Gen. Hanbury Wms. on board. He has aged much and looks very worn. Dined in car with L. George and reached London at eleven very tired.

Saturday, July 6, 1918

Up at 7.30 and breakfast with Meighen to meet Capt. Lloyd

who has rendered wonderful service in Arabia in raising the tribes and cutting Turkish railways. Then dealt with correspondence, prepared stat. for Can. press and drafted letters to Stewart, Currie and other officers in Bug. and France. Attended silver wedding of King and Queen in St. Pauls, a very impressive ceremony. A simple and eloquent address by Archbishop of Canterbury. Then back to work. Kemp came to luncheon and says Mewburn and Ballantyne will arrive tomorrow evening. Left for Cliveden at 3.30 took Henry with me and Mrs. Aster thought I introduced him as Sir Henry. He stayed to tea and then returned to London. Had a fine sleep and rest. L. George, wife and daughter arrived at tea time. He is wonderfully buoyant. Mrs. Aster as brilliant and earnest as ever; a most remarkable woman of highest purpose and wonderful usefulness.

Sunday, July 7, 1918

The warmest day of the year. Went to church with Mrs. Astor and Mrs. L.G. Then addressed patients in the Open Air and afterwards went through the different wards. Lunched with the officers mess and addressed them. They were very appreciative of a word from home and from the front as well. Afterwards had an interesting talk with Major Bacon who is profoundly anxious that Americans and Canadians should fight side by side. Kemp told me of his proposal to put Colonel Boss at head of our medical service. Drove in afternoon with Mrs. Astor and Christie to Burnham Beeches which is quite near Cliveden. Visited Soldiers Cenatery at Cliveden on the site of an old Italian' garden. Most beautiful. Many Canadian soldiers buried there. L. George addressed the Hospital after tea; Mrs. A. says he was quite embarrassed. Left at 10 for London and arrived in quick time at 11.10.

Monday, July 8, 1918

Message from Long as to moving address to Their Maj. Went at 3 to confce and made a short and rather poor speech and then to Euston to meet Mewburn and Ballantyne whom I took with Kemp and Perley to see McKimall's statue for the cemetery at Cliveden - a woman with outstretched arms, looking far away - into hope eternal towards the more abundant life. Mewburn and Ballantyne in good form. Gen. Wilson and Col. Martin came with them. In evening they came to dinner with me, also Kemp, Meighen and Calder. We discussed the war and I gave them my estimate. Then took up Grand Trunk matters and decided to give no more aid - sad to put our case in writing. Meighen to draft it. H.A. Gwynne came to luncheon and I expressed to him freely my views as to Br. Mil incomp' cy. He thinks I am unjust to Haig and

Robertson. Told him I admired them but they made bad mistakes last year in offensive. He wants me to see Robertson. German offensive probably coming at once. Very formidable.

Tuesday, July 9, 1918

Usual confce with Ministers this A.M. and then interview with Lady Strathcona, D. MacMaster and another gentleman as to charter for Royal Vict. College. Then to War Cabinet after which I attended memorial service for Lord Rhondda. At Cabinet P.M. reported as to meeting of Supreme War Council at Versailles and Balfour explained diplomatic position respecting Bulgaria. Sir H. Wilson reported movements of German troops which lead him to anticipate resumption of offensive about 15th July. Father Workman came as to proposal to appoint Bp. Fallon to diocese in U.S. No progress as to G.T. matters. Smithers alleges Reid promised Kelley that Co. wd not be allowed to default. Telegraphed to White as to this. Dinner at Buckingham Palace. Massey went with me, very excited as to revelations re price paid for Am. meat. Large party. Sat next to Queen. She was rather dull. Roseberry said that Dominions should transact their affairs: here through Ambassadors.

Wednesday, July 10, 1918

Confce with Ministers at 10 and despatched tlgm to White as to Grand Trunk and to Reid as to his alleged undertaking with Kelley not to permit default. At 1 had interview with Balfour as to proposed app't of Fallon and gave him a memo of our view, afterwards sent him a memo as to Matthieu. Discussed with Ballantyne for nearly an hour the development of shipbuilding industry and the requisitioning of our ships by it Admiralty and the rates. He apprehends great labour difficulties in Canada. Then a long confce with all the Ministers including Kemp as to many matters relating to the overseas forces, especially organization of Can. Air Force, compassionate allowance &c. Then interview with Long as to transferring matters relating to Dominions to Prime Minister. Showed him my letter to L. George. He is quite agreeable to change, and suggested confuse with L.G.J and Asquith together. Told him of Roseberry's suggestion as to ambassadors. Showed him letter from British Officer.

Thursday, July 11, 1918

Confce with Ministers at ten. Then interview with Sifton who is very pessimistic and denounces War Office ring and influence of German Jews. Told him of my attack in War

Cabinet. Tlgm from Reid denying Kelly's statement. Rowell reported as to his investigation into venereal conditions among troops. Col. Smart called for promotion and Maj. Parkinson reported as to his work. Four letters from Laura 16th to 23rd June. Gold pin from mysterious correspondent who signs as "grown Eyes". Sent for Ministers at 2.30 and discussed Grand Trunk situation. Decided we could not advance amounts required and I told Meighen to draft his letter. Sent for Smithers who rambled on for 40 minutes without saying much. He is a good fellow but has lost his grip. Sent cable to White stating what Smithers urged. Dinner at Lord Mayors, Mansion House. Sat at L.M.'s left. Spoke without notes. Rec'd tremendous congratulations on all hands. Met L. Beauchamp. L.Chancellor next to me.

Friday, July 12, 1918

At meeting with Ministers ascertained M. & C. leave on Monday. Divided up our time to best advantage. Tlgm from Reid as to C.N.R. urging that Meighen and Caldar be given authority. Meighen read draft of his letter to Smithers which was approved with minor alterations. Took Mewburn to Cabinet. Very interesting and instructive statement from Churchill as to Munitions. He paid great tribute to Canada's effort in production of munitions. Then to luncheon with Kemp at Ritz; a large party; Then correspondence and cables for an hour. Discussed with Meighen and Raider railway and other matters to be dealt with before my return. In evening attended dinner to Canadian Press delegates. L.George made fine speech of welcome and J.H.Woods an excellent speech in reply. I proposed toast of Can.Ex. Force and Turner spoke well in response. Meighen told me at eight of tlgm from White at noon which he had rec'd and overlooked.

Saturday, July 13, 1918

Called Ministers together at 9.15 and after discussion sent for Smithers. Told him of two cables from White and wrote him letter stating White's terms of assistance. He said he would consider* in evening letter from him that he had arranged otherwise. Left for Cambridge with Perley at 10.56 and arrived at 1. On way discussed many matters including including rep'n in London, &c. Went to Christ Church Lodge. While waiting for Dr. Shipley walked in garden. Sundial inscribed "He prayeth best who loveth best all things both great and small" and "Praised are thou, My Lord, of Slater Watery for manifold 4s her use and humble is she and precious and pure". Lunch Sir J. and Lady Sandys (the orator) the master of Christ Church &c. V.C. told me that 2509 Cambridge men have been killed. Then procession to Senate Hall and long Latin oration reciting my virtues and achievements. Then garden party, Dr. Adami and

other Canadians and visit to S wards of hospital and then back to London. Message that L.G. wants urgently to see me and Gen.Smuts tomorrow.

Sunday, July 14, 1918

Rainy and unpleasant. Turner came at 9.30 and we decided to postpone visit to Bramshott and Witley. Left at 11 for "Danny" Hassocks, near Brighton, to see L.G. Arrived 1.50. An old part Tudor, part early Georgian House much resembling Hatfield in an estate of 4000 acres, owned by Campion family and leased by Sir Geo.Riddell and by him placed at disposal of L.G. Found we were to discuss action of Foch in ordering 4 Br. Divs. to rear of French line near Vitry le Francois between Rheims and Toul. Smuts arrived 3.15, Milner, Wilson and Radcliffe at 8. Discussion after dinner to midnight. Decided to send tlgm to Haig telling him that if he thought proposed order placed Br. Army in jeopardy he would have support of War Cabinet. L.G. said to me during afternoon that for eight months he had been boiling with impotent rage against higher command, they had affiliations and roots everywhere, I told him he should have dismissed Haig last autumn. He said he tried to but did not succeed in carrying cabinet. Smuts, Wilson and Radcliffe returned to London at midnight. In afternoon walked to top of-steep hill and saw remains of old British trench. Henry went with me.

Monday, July 15, 1918.

Left at 8.35 and arrived London 10.10. Confce with Calder and Meighen as to questions coming up today and subsequently in Imp. War Confce. Especially organization to investigate and report on raw materials. Perley present as to purchase of site and as to returning women and children to Canada. Cabinet at 12. News of offensive at 4 this morning. Germans seem to be pretty well held but have made some advance west of Rheims. Attack has come as anticipated by Foch but it may not be main attack. Discussed also charge by Germans that our type of bullets illegal because paper is used. Decided to stand by it. Wrote to Cochrane and gave memo as to ry. situation to Meighen. Hughes has given notice that he intends bringing up channels of communication on Wednesday in Imp. War Confce. Col. Bruce called and offered his services after completion of engagement with British. Also Capt. Towse blinded, as to Comrades of the War Ass'n; also Longhead's son and others. Kemp came to consult as to sending a battalion to northern Russia. Warned to be in readiness for Cabinet during evening.

Tuesday, July 16, 1918

Good sleep, much refreshed. French holding well. German gains slight. Americans fighting. At 12 confere with overseas Ministers. Discussed conditions in Br. Army and amazing influence of old army organization and then went to Hughes motion as to channels of communication. Decided he had better have it referred to War Cabinet. They did not warmly approve of bringing in Asquith to private confere. Told them there was no intention unless L.G. agreed. Lunched with Asquith and discussed with him development of constitutional relations. He entirely favours direct communication from Cabinet to Cabinet but thinks that P.M. could not undertake additional duty of Dom. affairs. Called on Long and told him of Asquith's views. At 6 called on Lady Edw. Cavendish, Sir. Richard and Lady Granville and Lady Daore were present. Not sure of latter name. At 6 War Cabinet. Smuts had returned from France, had good success in his mission. Discussed disposition of troops and need of more Americans behind our line, News from front still good.

Wednesday, July 17, 1918

Confere with Rowell at 10 and alBO with Kemp. Went to War Confere at 11. Ld. Chancellor present. Hughes brought up his motion for Imp. Ct. of Appeal, and made a fairly good statement. Ld. Chancellor non committal. I objected as there had been no time adequate for cons'n. urton, Lloyd and Smuts supported me. Finally concluded to adjourn cons'n. Arranged with Hughes modification of his res'n as to Channels of Com'n. Then to luncheon given by Ld. Weir at Claridges and then to factory at Croydon, very interesting. Works begun end of Sept. first aeroplane produced in following March. Went with Weir who is a very able and resourceful man. Says Atlantic will be crossed this year or next year via Azores. Saw great aeroplane flights at Kenley aerodromes. Handley-Page machine weighing with load of personnel 6 1/2 tons took the air easily. Confere with Joe Martin. News from front still good.

Thursday, July 18, 1918

Arranged to visit Bramshott &c tomorrow Perley and Rowell called and Sir John Curtis came to arrange about Cardiff. Kemp arrived in afternoon as to battalion for Russia &c. War Confere at 10.30 disposed of motion as to Channels of Com'n. Then to War Cabinet where we rec'd report as to front and inter alia considered propaganda in America by publishing list of casualties. I supported it and so did Ld. Robert Cecil but most of Br. Cabinet were afraid of effect on people. Then to luncheon given by the Aga Khan and other Indian Residents to Patiala and Sir S.Singh. Was unexpectedly called on to respond to toast and had a very fine reception. On Tuesday visited Lady Ridley

Hospital and saw several wounded including Capt. Howard and Major Bell Irving. Lt. T.S. Trotter as to position in British or Canadian Mil. Service. Drafted re6'n as to Imp* j Court of appeal. All overseas Ministers approve except Hughes who turns up his nose. News from front still good. French have launched counter attack.

Friday, July 19, 1918

Left at 9.15 with Turner for Bramshott. En route he gave me very interesting particulars of the organisation. Arrived 10.50, guard of honour. Gen. Elmsley, then to field and took general salute. Three thousand Fr. Canadians. Col. DesBosiers, Major DeSerre. Visited Quebec H.Q. and Nova Scotia H.Q. Addressed 1500 men. Col. Muirhead, O.C Nova Scotians. Then to Frenshams Pond, inspection, visited R.C. recreation hut and YMCA; luncheon with officers, addressed them. Victor Tremain among them. Raining all morning. Then to Witley, guard of honour, inspection, addressed parade, still raining and therefore assembled in recreation hall where I spoke on Easter 1917; General Garnett Hughes. Then to Witley Church to see flags presented by Laura to 85 and 185th. Very old church, partly Anglo Saxon. Rector showed us Anglo Saxon window which he had discovered. Then to Guildford for Portsmouth where met Gen. Seely's man. Arrived Brooke louse 8.25. Everything in bag (upside-down on top) soaked. Very hearty welcome. Pr. Antoine de Bourbon; Mrs. Seely and daughters most charming.

Saturday, July 20, 1918

Still raining, holding up at intervals. Rose very late, breakfast 10.30. Walk with Gen. and Lucy (4 years) and then to Village and shore. Grandfather of Jen. strong character. Family own large estates in this part of Island. Gen. represents electoral district in Derbyshire, was at Cambridge with present Gov. Gen. Told me of message which came through when Cavalry Brigade were fighting desperately at Cambrai (second battle). "You are to vote your men at Brigade H.Q." Very fond of Canadians. Hopes to go to front again. Very gallant man. News from front still good. Foch has gathered in 15000 prisoners and many guns. Went with Gen. in afternoon to Golf Links at Fresh Water. Played 8 holes borrowed pro's clubs. Shower at end. Gen and family went for bathe. I came home and found curiously mixed tlgm about the Supreme Court and Order in Council and a valet. It meant that S.C. has held O.C. valid. Gen's brother and sister in law for dinner. Discussed in evening constitutional relations in which Gen. takes great interest. Decided to leave for London tomorrow afternoon so as to arrive about 8.

Sunday, July 21, 1918

Very delightful day. Strolled for an hour around grounds and in vicinity. Hector and wife at 5 luncheon and sister in law Mrs. Murray. Left in motors for Cowes at 3.10 and boat for Southampton at 4. Arrived tendon at 7.20. No motor to meet me. Long confue during evening with Ballantyne and Mewburn, discussing matters to be brought up an Confoe. Especially discussed demobilization and allocation of shipping to bring back our troops. Ballantyne and Mewburn reported as to their visit to France and what they saw at front. Mewburn discussed affairs relating to corps with Haig and insisted Corps should be kept together. News from front still good Foch has captured 360 guns and 20000 prisoners. Germans bringing in new divisions and making stronger resistance.

Monday, July 22, 1918

Went to Confce with Mewburn and Ballantyne at 11 and discussed demobilization. At 12.10 went to War Cabinet and discussed reply to Aide-Memoire submitted by Lansing to Reading. Decided that misrepresentations shd be corrected and a firm but respectful reply presented. At afternoon session of confee passed res'n establishing a committee on demobilisation. Drafted proposed resolution as to migration within Empire and showed it to Burton who wants no res'n passed. Showed it also to Sinha but told him I would not submit it if Burton objected. Discussion on Massey's motion as to naturalization. Pointed out complexity of problem. Said we preferred to deal with it after our own fashion. Burton supported me. Confee with Marshall Dunstan and Leonard as to appeal of Br.led Cross. C.S. Armstrong and Steel Maitland called. Dinner at Duchess of Abercorn's.

Tuesday, July 23, 1918.

Confoe with Ballantyne as to visit to Navy with Burton and afterwards Rowell as to Indian Res'n which I further amended and arranged many matters with a view to departure. Went for oonfce with L.George at 11.45 and discussed direct com'n. He is entirely in favour but we were both in doubt as to method. Discussion in War Cab. at 12. Hughes not very cogent. I went in strongly and after hearing objections I spoke even more intensely. Smuts who supported Hughes in conversation with me thinks no active steps should be taken. Massey and Lloyd gave fairly good support. Back at Confee of L.G. with Prime Ministers at 3.30. Lord Cavan present. Gives Impression of strength and good judgment. Discussed conditions in Italy, morale and strength of Armies, German or Italian offensive, Signer Hittis

views &c. Left for station at 4.30. Arrived Cardiff with Turner and Christie at 9.30. Received by L. Mayor, Sir J. Curtis &c. Stayed at Mansion House. Patiala along. Supper at 9.30. Weather delightful.

Wednesday , July 24, 1918.

Rose 7.30. Breakfast and then to Prince of Wales Orthopedic Hosp. Well arranged, many useful ideas in exercises and inventions. Griffiths and Collier made a wonderful arm invention. Then to Docks and Ironworks and back to Mansion House after which to City Hall where Maharajah and I were admitted as freemen with much ceremony. My speech there and at luncheon well rec'd. Magnificent Welsh Choir sang during luncheon. Perth madrigal s; finer parts lost as there was buzz of conversation and a din of dishes. Little girl recited "The Old Armchair". Then to accept gift of painting from Mrs. Gould, "Battle of Ypres" and then to open Canadian War Records Exhibition. Spoke in all six times during the day and had a most cordial reception. Then to the various hospitals with Col. Hepburn to see Canadian wounded and left for London at 5.07. Long confce with Rowell after arrival as to proceedings of Imp. War Confce. Tlgm from White shouting for my return. Labour situation seems bad. Calder & Meighen arrived Ottawa today. Rowell leaves on Saturday.

Thursday, July 25, 1918.

Early confce with Ballantyne, Mewburn and Rowell; and then with Ballantyne to Confce with Adm. Wemyss, Impr. War Cabinet at 11.30 until 2 and long discussion as to Channels of Com'n. Churchill urged immediate action along broadest lines. Long with the Col. Office tinge spoke haltingly in favour of direct com'n. finally L. George announced direct com'n in discretion of Prime Ministers. Foolish talk prevailed in some quarters. It is absurd that it should have taken two days to accomplish this result. Then at 2.45 for Confce with Kemp, Mewburn, Loggie and Gibson as to demobilization. Then to various confs, one with a man by the name of Zelner as to gold in Mt. Uniaoke. Then to the Press Club dinner to Melville & Stone. Sat next to Ld. Burnham with Adm. Sims on my left. Several speeches very good, especially Blythe of Sat. Ev. Post and Keeley of N.Y. I was very tired and did not speak well.

Friday, July 26, 1918.

Confce with Rowell and Clynes as to Canada's rep'n on Food Council and discussed with Burton & Lloyd res'ns as to Imp.

Court of Appeal. Hughes hedged and accepted my proposal. Then to War Confce where we disposed of business rapidly except for Australia and N.Z. using up time with refce to purely local matters. Wrote all oversea Ministers to meet on Monday to discuss channels of oon's and naval questions. At 5 went to Buckingham Palace to present address to King which I read. Hughes late and when Long was sent by King to ask us whether he should wait I said I was willing to wait for the King but not for Hughes. During evening had long discussion with Rowell (who dined with me) as to various matters. Urged him to hold public meetings and to ask Calder and Meighen to do the same. Sent tlgm to Calder explaining res'n as to Indian Immigration and tlgms to White, Meighen and Calder as to date of my return. News from front still good. Fine letter from Ld. Mayor of Cardiff.

Saturday, July 27. 1918

Rowell left this morning and shortly after a shower of letters arrived as to matters he had omitted to mention. Discussed with Ballantyne rep'n on Food Council and sent tlgm to Crerar as to removing restriction on bacon. War Cabinet sent for me at 11 to discuss our contingent for Siberia expedition and latest correspondence from U.S. and from Japan was submitted. I promised to take up matter and succeeded in finding Mewburn who pointed out a number of consigns to be taken into account. He is to make out a memo and see War Office on Monday. Wrote to Long and to Lloyd George on various important matters such as eliminating stenographer in Imp. Confce, failure to give Canada adequate representation &c. Tlgm from Calder, Meighen as to my return, saying definite reply will be made on Monday. Went with Christie and Henry to see "Titles". Very clever and well played.

Sunday. July 28, 1918.

Dealt with correspondence and at 10.50 started for Basingstoke, arriving 12.50. Had luncheon and then inspected wards. Very excellent building. Erected as Hampshire County Asylum but never used as such having been taken over by Canadians as soon as completed. Excellent facilities and excellent organization. Col. Hendry of Toronto in charge. Addressed officers at luncheon. Sutherland of C.M.R. a wonderful patient, practically dead for three days, called for piper to play, began to recover, his pluck, saved him. Then started for Virginia Water (calling at Gen. tiogarth's en route) which we reached about 7. Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Forest, latter wife of King's agent. Addressed men called out by fire alarm. Gen. McDougall paid me, warm tribute in introducing me. Dinner and afterwards dancing by pipers. Went to see

Queenr-Victoria's teahouse and her barge. Left for London at 9.30 News from front still good. French making progress.

Monday, July 29. Rose early and dealt with correspondence then advised Marshall and Dunstan as to Br. Bed Cross, telling them to make appeal but no oampaign. Then a 10.30 long confoe with overseas Ministers as to Channels of Com'n when 1st and 2nd proposals of L.George were agreed to but not 3rd. Sir Henry Wilson came at 12.30 and I discussed with him the proposed training of a division in Italy instead of Great Britain and also the Siberian Expedition. Various oonfces and interviews after luncheon and then to H. of C. to hear Irish debate. Dillon was rather ineffective and Shortt not so good as on former occasion. Sir Geo.Reid made a very sound and reasonable speech. Then to Grays Inn dinner where a distinguished company was assembled. I sat next to Master Gundy, public orator at Oxford, and next to me was Duke of Newcastle. Curzon made a good speech but too long. I was rec'd with great enthusiasm. Evident intention to boom British effort.

Tuesday, July 30, 1918

Correspondence. Cable from Caldar as to return. Decided it should not be delayed. Confce with Belgian Minister, very appreciative of Canada's effort. Then with Col. Leprohon, a very fine and earnest, man. War Cabinet at 11.30 and disposed of report respecting Prisoners of War and of Channels of Com'n, our conclusion being adopted. Massey word as usual. Then to luncheon with Duke of Connaught, Gen. & Mrs. Congreve, Major Griscom, Mrs. Bulkeley and Lady Sibyl Grey. Drove Congraves and Mrs. Bulkeley to their destinations. During afternoon drafted speech for luncheon tomorrow and Thursday. At 6 Kemp brought in Gen. Batterson, O.C. of Can Cavalry Brigade, a very fine and gallant officer; for training of H.N.W.M. Police Contingent. At 6.30 left for Richmond to attend meeting of Victoria Working Men's Club. Dined with Mrs. Watts, charming people. Meeting at 8.30, addresses to Massey and me. Massey spoke interminably as usual. I had only 18 mins but had a magnificent reception. A short call at Chairman's house and then home.

Wednesday, July 31, 1918

Tremendously trying day after a sleepless night. McMaster at breakfast at 8.30 as to Royal Charter for McGill and briefs for himself. Discussion with Ballantyne & Goode as to Canada's rep'n on Food Control Bd. Then to the Ld. Chan.

and confce as to O.C. and general question of titles. Thereupon to War Cabinet at 11.30 and very interesting and important discussion upon report of Chief of General Staff. Then to luncheon of Methodists at Savoy where I spoke (very tired). Then to meeting with Kemp and Mewburn at K's office and long discussion as to a multitude of questions. Then to Com. Prisoners of War (Battalion) at Foreign Office. Lord Newton and Mrs. Livingstone, a very capable woman, were present with Lord E. Cecil. Decided not to retaliate at present, but made several suggestions. Then confce with Sir Harry Wilson and Sir G. Parley re "Dummons Week". Int. Aco't by Dr. Robertson of his visit to Italy, where he had splendid reception. Capt. Shaughnessy called. He is to go on H.Q. staff. Dined with Perleys.

Thursday, Aug. 1, 1918

Early breakfast and revised speech for today. Conferred with Ballantyne and afterwards with Mewburn as to Italy and Siberia. Then to confce with Long as to Massey's proposals to change King's arms. At 11 attended confce of Prime Ministers still engaged in discussion of H.Q. report. Wilson and Harrington present. L. George went at them very warmly for lack of information or estimate as to "expenditure and income" of man power. A very interesting discussion the whole question. Then to Canada Club Luncheon, a notable assembly. Duke of Connaught presiding. Spoke for 20 mins and was very warmly rec'd. Numerous congratulations. Many confces during afternoon. Hepburn for Gen. McDougall, P.O. Armstrong as to our effort in Russia and education of Canadian soldiers. Prepared appeal to be published on 4th Anniversary of the War. Dined with Sir Wm Robertson with whom I had very interesting conversation. Lady Victoria Herbert, Dean of Westminster and Mrs. Ryan. Mr. Duckworth, Lord and Lady Pirrie.

Friday, Aug. 2, 1918

Sir M. Hankey at breakfast and interesting discussion with him as to Channels of Com'n. Sold him to arrange detail B with Christie. At 10 confce with oversea Ministers as to naval policy. Decided could not accept Admiralty's suggestions. At 11.30 War Cabinet and discussed prisoners of war agreement and other matters. Then to luncheon with Lord and Lady Northcliffe and Geoffrey Robinson. Went to Downing Street to see L. George or Secretary respecting reception by King of Melville E. Stone. Conferred with Hoy as to salaries and allowances for himself and his staff. Dr. and Mrs. Kidd called and I had them stay for tea. He has been ill and looks greatly reduced. Gerald White also came and bemoaned his earthly lot. In evening dinner in Pinafore Room with Sir T. Caillard, Sir Wm. Peat and others, followed by discussion as to customs declarations, uniformity

of boiler reg'ns and of patent laws &c. A very useful confuse. Weather warm (rather) and oppressive. French still advancing.

Saturday, Aug. 3, 1918

Good news from the front. Scissons oaptured and Germans in full retreat to Veste and probably to Aisne. Long confuse with press men to whom I spoke pretty confidentially as to conditions here and in France and relation of Cabinet to G.H.Q. and to command in France. They all came. Last evening I received from CO. and officers of 86th Regt. a "skean dhu" with suitable engraving. Wrote warm letter of thanks to Col. Ralston. Gave out yesterday my message for 4th Anniversary and sent a message to Currie. Attended opening of Australia House by the King. There was a constant dripping of rain through the ceremony. Little Helen Hughes was of course in evidence and persistently enquired whether "that was the Queen". During afternoon dealt with correspondence and documents. Close depressing weather all day. Dined on hot water. Went to theatre (Savoy) "Nothing but the Truth" with Henry. Found it quite amusing but not so well played as "Titles".

Sunday, Aug. 4, 1918

A good night. Fine news from front. Germans in full retreat to Aisne. Went to service in St. Margarets, Westminster. King and Queen, Lords and Commons. Very simple but impressive service. Confce in afternoon with Ballantyne and Mewburn as to remaining matters to be taken up. Told Mewburn I would not send troops to Italy or Siberia except upon his recommendation. Made inquiries as to residence out of town. Cannot stand London air longer. Instructed Yates to take it up with Swinton. Drove in afternoon with Ballantyne and Mewburn to Lady Paget's place, Warren House, Combe, very beautiful gardens, especially Japanese Garden. Dr. Dillon, the writer was there, also Lord Annerly and Major Lyggen, whom I met there 3 years ago. Left for Edinboro with B. & M. at 10.15.

Monday, August 5, 1918

Arrived Edinboro 8 and after breakfast went in motor 1/2 hour and boarded dispatch boat. First proceeded through battle and battle cruiser squadrons .and then to "Canada" rec'd by Capt. Watson and officers, went over ship, very large and powerful, 10.14 in. guns, taken over from Chile on outbreak of war. Then to flagship "Queen Elizabeth", rec'd by Sir D Beatty and officers and Adm. Rodman of Am. Navy. Lunched on board. Adm. Madden, second in Command of Grand Fleet next

on my right. Adm. Browing, Burney & Co. also at lunch. Then to latest type of submarine very interesting, crawled through innumerable holes and passages, looked through periscope and magnifying periscope, examined mechanical devices, torpedo tubes &c. Then to "New York", very cordially reed by Adm. Rodman, Capt. Hughes and others. Splendid cooperation between two navies. Very fine ship, clean and spacious. Then to examine newest type of supply stores. In charge (to Edin.) of Lt. Robinson and (to fleet) of Lt. Startin. Back to Hotel and left at 9.30 for London after very interesting and inspiring day.

Tuesday, August 6, 1918

Arrived London 8.15* one hour late. Went over correspondence and discussed some matters with Ballantyne and Mewburn. To Prime Minister's Com. at 11.30 and considered Pres. Wilson's proclamation and Lloyd George's speech tomorrow setting forth British aims in intervention. Told L.G. I proposed leaving for Canada on Monday next. He begged me to stay until end of next week at least. Said he would refer in his speech tomorrow to vital importance of our work here. Smuts came in afternoon and urged the same. Had Adm. Sims and Major Grisaom at luncheon with Mewburn Ballantyne and Perley, Turner and Elmsly. After lunch talked with Elmsly about taking command of troops in Siberia. Had long documents and reports about manpower in G.B. Reported that our troops in France soon to be engaged. Col. Bart McLennan killed today. Discussed with Swinton and Perley taking rooms out of town.

Wednesday, August 7, 1918

Went early (8.30) to Sunningdale and then with G.H.P. examined Berystede Hotel. Ascot and took rooms for Christie and self. Then to Admiralty and explained to Geddes that we could not accept proposals of Wemyss. Asked me to put proposal forward for visit of Jellicoe and I agreed. Then to war office and with Mewburn had confere with McPherson, Parly Sec'y as to handing over to us in fee simple the military property at Hx. Proposal rec'd sympathetically by Mcpherson. Then had Sir Auckland Geddes at luncheon and interesting talk as to distribution and conservation of manpower. He says physique in Lancashire (industrial) and agricultural districts (labour) and in Wales very poor due to insufficient food. Then long confere to 4.30 with Smithere. Sinister, Clutterbrick and others as to arrangements with Grand Trunk, Smithers not making a very good presentation. Then to H. of C. and heard L.G. for a short time and then Samuel who rebuked Hughes. Then int. with Degirtle and with Ld. Minto and then with Collins U.P) repse

of S.African Press. Then to dinner at union Club given by G.Gen. Foster. McPhail still obsessed as to state of Maine. Met Col. Delaney very interesting Am. officer.

Thursday, August 8, 1918

Dealt with correspondence and then for an hour for a very interesting visit to Red Cross rooms at York Hotel, Berners Street. Mewburn accompanied me. Then to War Committee and discovered that the Canadians are fighting today in a successful attack commenced early this morning. Australians are north of them and the French South. Penetration about 5 miles. Told L.G. I was going next week and discussed with Paymaster Howe the date of later sailing. At 3 had a confee (with Ballantyne) wit Reading and Royden as to coal and afterwards discussed with Beading conditions in N.S. He says the country is fighting mad. President an uncertain factor. Had no pol. education and has no adviser who have a real knowledge of world politics. Confce with Sir C. sifton as to shipbuilding and charters. Wants his son's firm to be agents of Mar. Dept. Arrived Hotel 7 then walked to Golf Links and returning by supposed short cut. Encountered a bevy of nuns whom we appealed for information as we were lost.

Friday, Aug. 9, 1918

Rose early and left for, London at 8.35. Found both Yates and Royce absent re passports. Yesterdays attack more successful than at first reported, 14000 prisoners and large numbers of guns captured. Sen. Malcolm told me that one Brigade of Canadians had captured more prisoners than the total casualties. Discussed arrangements with Admiralty as to transportation of soldiers &c. and as to use of Canadian ports, with Mewburn and Ballantyne. Went with them to Admiralty and after many inquiries found first Capt. Henderson and then Adm. Duff with whom we made final arrangements about sailing. Wrote to Milner as to medals and dealt with other important orrespondence. Arrived at Berystede in afternoon at 5, bringing Henry with me. Cross, an American and St. Lukens of Am. Food Control, were at dinner. During evening worked at mass of papers respecting Germany's war aims, League of Nations and peace proposals.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1918

Remained at Ascot until 10.30 and then went to Sunningdale Golf Links where Mr. Roberts, the Secy gave us a most kind reception

and bestowed upon me as a "distinguished guest" the freedom of the links. We, Christie and I I played with a Mr. Burdle who showed us the course. I did fairly well considering that I have not played for 14 months. Turner came about four and we left at once for Seaford passing through Guildford, Horsham, Cuckfield and Lewis and arriving at 7.15. Dinner with Col. Gardiner and H.Q. and other officers, at Golf Club wh. Canadians occupy. Very good quarters. Seaford beautifully situated. Good golf links. Spoke 15 mins in response to toast of my health. Good news that estimate of 21000 prisoners is now raised to 24000. Went to Esplanade Hotel at 10 when a very comfortable room awaited me, and the song of the sea.

Sunday, Aug. 11, 1918

Rose at six and went on Esplanade at 7. Many bathers men and women. Several soldiers brought their wives and were teaching them to swim. At 3 breakfast and then with Turner to Parade for Divine Service. The singing was not effective. I then presented medals to 13 men, for gallant service. Then officers and men formed up around platform and spoke to them for about 15 mins. Three cheers proposed by Col. Gardiner, col. Daly was in charge of the Parade. I then met Matron in charge of Eastbourne Canadian Hospital and several of the sisters, including sister McNeil from Cape Breton. Afterwards the parade (0000) marched by. Then thru Arundel and Chichester to Winchester. Col. Jones in command Gen. Penn a guest. Very kind reception and good luncheon. Then visited Camps and inspected a few hundred men. Kemp and Mewburn also at luncheon. Brought great news of Canadian success which came last night to London by aeroplane. Penetrated 12 miles, captured over 100 guns and innumerable machine guns and 7000 prisoners. Returning reached Ascot at 5. pretty warm weather.

Monday, Aug. 12, 1918

Arrived in town at 9.20. Took in Lukens. Confce with Ballantyne and Robertson and then to officers of War Cabinet to deal with correspondence. Then to King George and Queen Mary maple Leaf Club with Lady Drummond and Lady Perley where i met a number of our men and went over the promises which are well kept. Then to luncheon at Beaver Hut (Y.m.Ca.) a new building admirably fitted up. Spoke to the men. Met Mrs. Ross and Miss MoMaster and Lady Donegal. Excellent luncheon which would have cost 3 1/2 pence. Then to office and then to war cabinet where we discussed military situation and other matters including situation of Czecho Slovaks which is good in west but dangerous in East. Then to meeting of Food controllers where I met Hoover, Robertson (Dr J.W) also attended. Then to office and hotel and arrived at ascot at 7.20

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1918.

In London at 9.30. Conferred with Mewburn and Ballantyne as to safety of force for Siberia. Then to war cabinet offices to deal with correspondence &c. Meeting of War Cabinet 11.30 to 2. Balfour made his statement as to War Aims and peace conditions. Very comprehensive, dealing with French, Italian and Serbian claims, the position of Turkey and Bulgaria &c. He dealt with question of returning Germany's colonies. I followed and strongly urged that U.S. should be insistently requested to take control of Islands and Colonies that we did not hand back to Germany. I suggested this as to Palestine. Heading said protectorate of Palestine would appeal to people of U.S. L.G. said my statement was very important and they should take time to consider it. Went to Lanfiers to be photographed. Then drafted statement as to United Navy, cabled to White as to Grand Trunk Co. Confce with Heading as to opinion in Canada Left for "Danny" via Ascot at 5.20, left Ascot 5.20, arrived Danny via Guildford Horsham Cuckfield and Cowfold at 8.25.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1918

Long discussion this A.M. with L.George as to war aims and conditions of peace, as to arrangements for organization of army and for next years campaign. Told him of dangerous condition of public opinion in Canada, of official stupidity here as contrasted with his action and of difficulties in administering Empire affairs. He suggested that we should take over the West Indies and I acquiesced. Then to town arriving at 1, attended hurriedly to correspondence and then to Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons where I inspected the General and the Canadian records of wounds during the war. Then to Kemp's office and discussion with him and Mewburn as to transportation &c Then to War Cabinet at 3.30 and resumed discussion on Balfour's speech. Hughes was rambling and inconclusive. Massey direct and even terse. Smuts made an analytical review of the whole situation which he left open to serious attack. Settled memo as to naval matters with Nfld. Arrived Ascot 7.20 and after dinner worked with Christie in preparation for tomorrow. Yates and Boyce and Henry left for Liverpool

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1918

Took Perley into town and discussed enroute his position. He would like to re-enter Gov't and act as "devil" for me at Ottawa, say as Pres. of Council. Told him of the

uncertainties. Dealt with correspondence and at 10.30 went to confce with Kemp and Mewburn, disposing of a multitude of matters. Asked Embassy to ascertain cause of excessive Canadian losses as compared With Australians. War Cabinet at 11.30 and discussion of war aims and peace conditions. Curzon critized Smuts' conception of military situation. Barnes spoke very sensibly and Chamberlain also. Prime Minister concluded the discussion. Then to luncheon and a flying visit to five separate establishments to buy remembrances for those at home. Then to Prime Minister's Coml to take up draft report but as usual Hughes had not read it. Agreed to take it up at breakfast tomorrow and I went over it for an hour with Hankey. Sent message of congratulation to Currie. Worked all evening at various documents. Arranged to leave tomorrow at 5.20.

Friday, Aug. 16, 1918

Rose at 6 and at 7.30 left for London. Arrived Savoy Hotel at 8.30 and completed arrangements for departure this P.M. Went to 10 Downing St. for breakfast confce. All the P.M.'s Milner, Hankey and Radcliffe. We went over draft report and I gave my views on each of the recommendations some of which I criticised. On the whole a useful and instructive report, necessarily not very definite as conclusions respecting operations next year cannot be absolutely certain at this stage. Then to Whitehall and dictation to Miss Walters, including introduction to Col. Adami's history of the Canadian Army Medical Service. Then to Lord Northcliffe's luncheon to Dom. Press Reps at Printing House Squar. Sr. Late and left early, receiving a cheer. Then to Whitehall and to Euston. Sir C. Sifton, Perley, Kemp, Lambert, Batteraly, Howard &c to say good bye. Sifton went with us as far as Rugby. Mewburn. Ballantyne met us at Station. Capt Casil Courtney, Gen. Embark'n Officer helped us on trendier. Boarded Mauretania about 11 PM.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 1918

Sailed about 6.45 Greenwich time. Did not rise for breakfast. Have bedroom sitting room bath room and lavatory. Very comfortable. Five destroyers accompany us but will probably leave us tonight. Hoover on board with party of 5 or 6. Br. Robertson says he is more friendly to Canada's views than formerly. Two tlgms yesterday from Reid and White rejecting Grand Trunk's proposals. Also tlgm from White as to proportion of flour to be milled in Canada. Sir Peroy Bates of Shipping Ministry spoke to me about user of Canadian ports. Met Taylor of Hoover's party a very fine man Dr. Robertson says. Many women and children on board. Dr. Robertson and Gen. Wilson at our table. Many conveniences such as shower bath,

gymnasium,,lounge rooms &c are not available. Wind and sea increasing this evening. Am.sailor says there will be heavy sea further out. Read Can.Record's account of Vimy and Passchendaele.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 1918

Did not rise until nearly noon. Was introduced to Mr. Morris, U.S. Ambassador at Stockholm, who is visiting Washington to confer with the President. He speaks very highly of Sir B.Howard and says that the relations between all the allied representatives at Stockholm are most intimate and cordial. Met also Sanderson the Pres. of the White Star line. Dictated letters to several of our ministers. Discussed with Henry his career at college and whether he should study law or go in for science. He rather inclines to the latter. Weather quite cool and sky overcast. Destroyers left us at 9 this A.M. Not much news from the front. Mewburn already looks much rested. Ballantyne not in good form. Says the visit has eured him of any desire to live in England. Americans have a very high opinion Dr. Robertson.

Monday, Aug. 20, 1918

Breakfast in Saloon. Considerable sea. Weather overcast. Boat drill at ten. 3 missing including Christie. Walked with Sir Percy Bates and Morris. Latter told me of German attempts to introduce anthrax into G.B. and U.S. through cubes of sugar in which are concealed tiny glass tubes of anthrax germs. Morris says all Scandinavian nations will stand or fall together as they have a complete understanding having had conversations. Met also F.B. Conder of New York and Paris Bar who reminded me of Banquet of Society on int. Law at Washington when he presided and Lodge and I spoke. Met also Mr. Francis, ass't in U.S. Embassy at Stockholm. Discussed railway situation with Mewburn and i possibility that White might become Chairman of Com'n. In evening went to lounge where cinema performance w as given.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1918

Clearer weather and beautiful sunshine during greater portion of day. interesting discussion with Amb. Morris as to League of Nations and terms of peae. Told him and also Hoover that Canada would not fight for policy of aggrandisement. Discussed policy among dem. nations of putting down violence by a warning to aggressor that they would attack aggressor. Economic pressure ease discussed. Morris says Huns' activities in Finland, has influenced public opinion against him in Sweden. Hoover showed

me his estimate of tonnage required for Am. troops in France by next July. U.S. will be 1 1/2 million tons short which must be provided by G.B. Thinks we should make tremendous effort to end war by next year. I agreed. Had also interesting talk with Chairman of Polish Committee (Paris) Ra has wide ideas as to establishment of Polish state. Thinks it must be a monarchy, if Germany remains a monarchy.

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1918

We are making excellent time and Capt. says we should reach N.Y. on Friday before noon. Had interesting talk with Sanderson who told me that Olympic sank a submarine in latter part of May. Capt. Hayes was in command. Wrote letter to Amery as to U.S. and cable to L. George as to Hughes' speeches. Also drafted Interview for New York press. A most glorious day, bright sunshine and ocean like a mill pond. Moon and sun faced each other at sunset, moon full and bordered by beautiful banks of clouds in all shades of lilac and gold. "Old Bull" took Ballantyne into camp at bridge. walked with Couderc and discussed League of Nations. His brother in law is governor of Alaska. News from front good. French have practically captured Lassigny and 2200 prisoners. Christie handed me interesting memo from Brand as to protecting our interests in British Departments.

Thursday, Aug. 22, 1918

Another glorious day. At 5.30 passed 5 life boats but apparently no one on board. Dictated Ottawa interview and revised it as well as N.Y. interview. Submitted both to Mewburn and Ballantyne who approved, vessel making very wide zigzags. Evidently we are in danger zone for submarines. Report is that we land tomorrow between 9 and 10. Concert in evening at which I presided. Nearly all Australian performers. I paid to Australian effort a glowing tribute. Read Ballantyne's papers respecting transfer of Harris and suggested sending shipping mission to London but he thinks it unnecessary. Col. Johnson, clergyman, of [Mtl. attracting much attention by rather eccentric behaviour Hiss Goodie Reeves, one of the concert performers, very amusing.

Friday, Aug. 23, 1918.

Booked at 9 and landed before 10. Met Mrs. Morris, wife of Ambassador. Dr. Reid was at dock and took us to Biltmore Hotel where we had our headquarters during the day. A beautiful dining room on the 19th floor. Very hot weather. Reid and I drove in

a motor during afternoon but found the heat greater than in our room at the hotel. Evening newspapers printed my interview in full. Met Hugh Guthrie who has been speaking in California, Kansas City and at other important centres. He says his reception has been wonderful. The name of Canada carries everything before it. Also met Sir Charles Gordon en route to Montreal We took the train for Ottawa at 7.45 and dined on my oar. Reid gave me a very useful idea of political conditions. Says that White is nervous and restless. Thinks he has some ulterior motive in which I do not agree. Says Cochrane not physically or mentally fit for heavy work.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 1918

Reid left us at Coteau for Prescott. We arranged to have Hanna in Ottawa on Monday. Arrived Ottawa at noon. Laura met me and several ministers. Went to P.O. and registered. Then to Council from which I did not get free until 1,30 much to Laura's indignation. Strike among mates and officers merchant marine on Pacific coast. Appt'd Com. and Robertson later in day brought me draft of tlgm to Merchant Steamers Guild, i modified it and instructed R. to send it. Deeply touched by tidings of R.J.Devlins death. He was buried today. A very fine character and possessed of many remarkable qualities. Echo Beach will not seem the same without him. Weather much cooler than in N.Y. Our grounds very beautiful. Laura seems to be better than when I left. Does not like Tam O'Shanter. says it is dreadful. Enjoyed greatly her visits to the Kingsmills and to the darlings.

Sunday, Aug. 25, 1918

Beautiful roses from C.B.Powell. Several tlgm of congratulation on safe arrival. Did not go to church. Went over correspondence, tlgm from Kemp that May, son of Privy Council officioial, died in hospital. Wrote to Julia and children. Hal came to luncheon. In afternoon Bowell called, also Dr. & Mrs. Doughty, Mr. & Mrs. Cfcothers and J.G.Poster. Crothers submitted draft of tlgm to Chairman of Com'n on Seamen's demands in B.C. and I revised it. Rowell had made fine refoe in his recent speeches to my work in G.B. and I thanked him. News from front still good and Germans are being pushed back continuously. Tlgm from Long giving result of recent operations. At six Laura and I went to Govt. House and I gave Duchess account of conditions in Eng.a nd and of my work there. She referred to her father's letter's and I had to tread warily in replying. Lady Maud in Ottawa en route to Mtl. Weather delightful, a perfect day.

Monday, August 26, 1918

At office by 9 A.M. Dealt with correspondence Sent for Meighen and afterwards Sifton and discussed railway situation with each of them and afterwards at some length with Hanna who thinks the C.N.R. a splendid asset if the present organization is not broken up. Discussed some minor matters with Rowell. Called Council at 2.30 and submitted tlgs I had prepared respecting B.C. strike. They were approved. Chinese consul called as to propaganda among Chinese in Canada against Chinese gov't. Henderson (Col) came to report as to various matters and especially as to visit of Prince Fushimi about middle of September. Held thinks Cochrane is very determined on presidency of Can. northern. News from front still good. Hope Germans have not some surprise for us. Rowell say Beland will probably not enter Gov't as it would destroy his influence. Wweather delightful.

Tuesday, Aug 27, 1918

At office early and at 11 confere with J.K.L. Ross who wants to resign if civil service act applies to common. Then with Dr. R. Tait McKenzie as to his work in the war. His sculptures are wonderfully good. A very versatile man. Then a confere as to railway questions with Sifton, Reid, Calder and Meighen at which lines of policy were discussed and practically decided on. It was left for me to deal with Cochrane and White. At luncheon conferred with J.H. Dunn as to Br. propaganda in N.Y. and dispatched tlgm to Kemp. At 2 Council and took up summoning of Ministers by Quebec Courts, preparation of our case before Int. Joint Com'n as to water power at Sault and discussion with Lloyd Harris as to new policy of U.S. in converging industries to war uses. Appt'd Com. to confer with Mm and war board. Sent for Guthrie and conferred with him and Keefer as to hearing before Int. Joint Com. Sevigny called and desired to be appointed Judge of Appeal court. Thinks Pelletier shd be C.J. to succeed Archambault. News from front still good. Weather delightful.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1918

After disposing of correspondence had confere with McKenzie who wants all outstanding questions as to values of property &c to be settled before he resigns. Told him this was impracticable. Discussed with Yates and afterwards with Reid and Meighen the situation with regard to Cochrane and as to sending for W.J. Bell and G.H. Ferguson. Interview with press men at eleven and afterwards confere with Rowell as to minor matters. Reid says Rowell thinks we should get a

strong conservative in from Ont. and he favors Home Smith. This shows much political sagacity on Rowell's part. At 3 had interview with Cochrane who took my announcement in much better spirit than I anticipated. Told him his health was not sufficient for Presidency of Railway management and said Lt. Gov. chairman of Pensions Bd. and High Com'r at his disposal. Confee with Newcombe and col. J.A.Currie. Went at 4 with Calder and played 14 holes of golf. News from front still very good.

Thursday, August 29, 1918

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. News from front still very good. Bapaume taken and Noyon shortly to fall. Germans seem demoralized. Discussed Prince Fushimi's visit with Pope and instructed him to meet Prince at Vancouver. En passant he spoke of C.H.Tupper's vindictive and quarrelsome temper. Took up with Desbarats matters relating to Naval Air Service &c. He seems to have little drive and to be rather casual. Turriff came as to app't to Senate; also Chabot and O'Brien on the same mission. In Council dealt with many outstanding Matters, allowance to Roy, date of thanksgiving &c. After considerable discussion decided to speak on Labour day at Toronto Ex. Those least ready to undertake this work are most prone to urge that I should do it. Discussed with Reid the situation as to Cochrane. Appointed Com. of Council to deal with immigration questions. In evening Dr. R. Tait and Mrs. McKenzie, the Christies and the Masseys came to dinner. McKenzies very cultured and interesting people.

Friday, August 30, 1918.

Early at office, disposed of oorespondence and vainly sought opportunity to prepare speech for Toronto. Carvell came to suggest removal of duty on potatoes. Interview with Hazen at which I told him of our de-cision yesterday as to proposal to remove duty on fresh fish for a term of years. Met pressmen at 11 and gave them statement as to men who failed to take advantage in time of amnesty to those who had disobeyed statutory requirements Presented Black Rod to Col. Chambers as Gentleman Usher. Confoe with Lloyd Harris as to restrictions on production. Sent for Col. Gull of Br. Air Service and told him cause of delay in Council. Put him in touch with Christie and telegraphed Ballantyne. During afternoon and evening worked on Toronto speeches. Poor T.P.Owens has lost his only son in action. British and French still advancing and fall of Peronne is anticipated. Weather delightful. Determined to get away for holiday after Toronto visit.

Saturday, August 31, 1918

Rose at 5.45 to revise Toronto speeches and continued the work at office. Submitted them to Guthrie, Meighen who all approved, Meighen making some suggestions. Keefer and afterwards Guthrie came to report as to hearing at Montreal before Int. Joint Com. Aluminium Co. has powerful influences in U.S. Govt. behind it. Sec'y for War and other members of Cabinet; also all the War Committees. Told Keefer to see Magrath and arrange that judgment be not given until we passed O.C. and transmit to Washington. Called in Sifton Calder and Meighen and arranged that O.C. should be drafted and passed on Monday and that Sifton and Meighen should leave that afternoon for Washington. Later discussed land settlement with Meighen. He thinks we are already too much in provincial arena and should withdraw rather than advance. Left at 10.30 for Toronto. Cochrane came in my car. Robertson gave interesting statement, as to labour unrest. Says it is due to higher cost of living. A. Marchant came in and reported his capacity for any position. Says he wants a big job. That he is a \$10,000. man.

Sunday, Sept. 1, 1918

Arrived Toronto 7.25 C.H.R., road is pretty rough. Bright cool autumn morning. Went with Yates for walk in Queen's Park and then in High Park. Beautiful show of colour in garden at caretaker's residence. A very interesting park. Soullard and Kerr called in evening to congratulate me on return. Then White came in and I discussed with him C.H.R. and financial position. He wants to get out and made me promise to help him. Says his temperament is unsuited to public life and that he was too old when he entered it.

Monday, Sept 2, 1918

A glorious autumn day. Several callers. Discussed with Dr. Abbott and Herman Somerville address to Empire Club and promised to send a minister when the Govs. of N.Y. and Ohio came. Mrs. Bowlby came to inquire about Ethel. She is living at Queens. Then Bowman and Ball called. Went with T.A. Russell at 10.40 and spent forenoon in visiting various buildings at the Exhibition. Good educational work is being done especially in training overseas men (demonstrated by Prof. Hamilton) and in teaching the best preparation of food and the avoidance of waste. Saw two fine bulls, one of which is the grand champion of the year, then to luncheon where I spoke for 35 Mins. and my speech was well rec'd. Many

congratulations. Robertson also spoke and did well and then a fine speech from a labour man Gunn, who sat next to me. Then attended the labour sports, the Rotary Club &c and went to receive an Am. regt. from Illinois, fine looking men. Then spoke in the open air for half an hour to 12009 people. Was boiling hot and soaked when it was over. A tremendous crowd thronged around me to shake hands but Tommy Church pulled me through. Then to supper in directors' room and afterwards saw the Am. regt. march past. Attended the Grand Stand performance and arrived at station at 10.30. Discussed Cochrane's attitude with W.J. Bell and G.H. Ferguson. They agree that he should not undertake C.N.R. presidency. Wm. Banks, Sr. called. Left for Ottawa at 11.20.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1918

Arrived Ottawa 8.15. To house and then to office at 9.10. Dealt with correspondence and conferred with R. Tait McKenzie as to designing memorial. D. Maloney and Morris of Huntingdon called as to senatorships. Discussed with Rowell and Toronto librarian further campaign of publicity. Yates gave me his impression of Cochrane's attitude and I discussed it afterwards with Reid. Prepared for press statement as to Long Sault power and explained it to press men at 2 o'clock. Then in Council until 6. Took up many administrative matters especially Naval Air Service. Redrafted Ballantyne's recommendation and he was satisfied with changes. Discussed admitting Hearst newspapers and Burrell read a long report from Chambers against it. Took up also question of retaining Dr. R. Tait McKenzie and appointed Com. of Council to look into it. News from front wonderfully good. Lens captured and 16060 prisoners, Evidently German divisions weaker than we supposed.

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1918

Office at 9.45 Correspondence and reports. Sir W. MoK. came. Discussed with him transfer of assets, resignation of directors &c and continued the discussion after sending for Calder and Reid. Decided that we could not postpone resignations until after arranging terms decided to bring in O.C. as to further assets to be acquired. Put R. Tait McKenzie in touch with Rowell and Carvell. M.P. Davis came to inquire as to reappointment of Darcy Scott. Told him ministers were strongly opposed but would do my best. Sent tlgm of congrat'n to Sir Arthur Currie on the breaking of the Drocourt-Queant line. Telegraphed to Meighen and Sifton as to the Hearst press. In Council discussed shipbuilding policy and approved Ballantyne's course, the transfer of Sir A.H. Harris to British ministry of shipping (warmly opposed) the C.N.R. situation. News from front

still good. British and Canadians making great advances.

Thursday, Sept. 5, 1918

Cold and wet, very heavy rain fall. Early at office. Delegation of graingrowers with Crerar as to purchase of wheat crop. White produced O.C. passed in August making necessary provision. Mrs. Hamilton Gault called as to her work in France. Shaughnessy came at 12.30 and I discussed with him war, railway and business sit'n. At Council I took up C.N.R, question having had a previous confce with Cochrane who still wants to be president but not unless it carries my judgment. Discussion arose as to general question of operations and personnel of directorate. White talked incessantly & discussion had no definite result. Then took up at some length G.T.R. question, I proposed and White opposed often of 4 millions annual payment. Took Reid after (?) (?) whole situation with him and (?) .

Friday, Sept. 6, 1918

Early at office, dealt with, correspondence and called Railway Gob. (Balder, Carvell, Robertson with Reid and Meighen absent) together with White and Cochrane. Had a very interesting and useful discussion, during which White put forward very cogently his opinion that there should be a small central Board with an outstanding figure at its head to manage and control all Govt railways. During she confce telephone message arrived from Reid that all C.N.R. directors had resigned except Hanna, Mitohell and Bell and that three minor officials had been appointed temporarily to make quorum. Council at 2.30 reported as to C.N.R. and as to negotiations with G.T.R Long discussion as to military appointments in Militia Dept and as to Pensions Com'rs. Every one glad that J.K.L. Ross has resigned. Hume Blake and Glassie of Wpg. suggested. Report from Flavelle that Br. Govt will cut out munition orders next year. News from front still good. Mr. & Mrs. J.G. Foster dined with us. He is very nervous about Austen who is an artillery observer in Flying Service.

Saturday, Sept. 7, 1918

Had early confce with Reid whose mission to Toronto was most successful. He sent for Wood & McKenzie and Wood told MoKenzie they all should resign. Afterwards saw saw McK. and told him we would immediately pass O.C. for \$8,560,000 being oompens'n for 510,000 shares transferred to Govt. Confce with Rowell as to various publicity matters and as to reorganization of Govt

by including Pardee Council at 12 and passed O.C. for payment of compensation for C.N.R. stock. Also appointed M.J.O'Brien to the Senate. Sent tlgm to L. George by new code (direct) as to his desire that I should return to G.B. and as to military situation in view of operations taken on larger scale than intended. Discussed with White a refce to By. Com. of questions as to acquiring certain assets of MCE. & M. Went with White to golf club at 1.30 and played 18 holes. Lovely autumn day. News from front still good but Canadian casualties very heavy.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 1918

A fine Autumn day but too cool for the season. Head documents after breakfast and went to All Saints with Laura, in afternoon Bristol came and gave his account again of Br. Govts transactions in shipping. M. & Mine Fortin also sailed. Laura says their son who has enlisted for overseas is a remarkably handsome, cultured and accomplished boy. McKenzie Bent me several issues of "The Statesman" a rabid Liberal Journal published in Toronto, containing much abuse of me and lucubrations of John Ewart. Meighen came in evening and I discussed C.H.R. directorate He strongly favours Hanna and thinks he is the best man for president. He is opposed to making larger offer to G.T.R. and thinks our position will be much weaker if we do so. Does not think that the forces arrayed against gov't are making much headway. Considers the position with respect to Long Sault power is difficult and wants me to make a refce to it tomorrow, is rather resentful of attitude of U.S. towards Canada in the matter. Especially the Counsel for War Dept.

Monday, Sept. 9, 1918

Dealt with correspondence. Interview with Flavelle as to British and Am. orders for munitions. Revised draft of cable to Lloyd George thereon. Sent cable to Atholstan as to Orandall. Long confce in afternoon with Robert Harmer as to removal of duties on tractors and promised to bring it up for early decision. At 12.15 went to central Can. Ex. lunch and spoke in opening it. Speech warmly appreciated. Afterwards went through Canadian War Exhibit. Fine message from Sir Arthur Currie. Met pressmen at 4.30 and gave them statement as to Fr. Canadian Brigade. Council at 3 and disposed of much routine. Discussed Grand Trunk matters and did not find great unanimity as to increasing our offer. Laporte sent proposals for reorganizing War Puroh. Com'n News from front still good but allied offensive evidently slowing up. Weather delightful, a glorious autumn day. Leckie Wilson's only boy severely wounded.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1918

Very cool, therm 48 at 9, frost anticipated tonight, workman came at 11 to detail grievances and difficulties of his company. Discussed them with him and afterwards in Council. finally decided to give Magrath additional powers and to appoint sir Percy Sherwood to enforce anti-loafing law-! Cantley came to speak of labour conditions and of the proposed honour which he greatly appreciates. Called By Com. of Council and discussed labour conditions and afterwards our relation to C.N.R. and our negotiations with G.T. Finally settled and sent to Perley instructions for further confere with Smithers. Also sent to L.George tlgm as to proposed cutting off Canadian orders for munitions. Dealt in Council with much routine, discussed proposed visit of French mission, repatriation from G.B. of Canadian women. w.J.Tupper, F.P.Bligh and Com'r Lamb called. Interesting letter from J.H.Dunn as to American confidence in early victory. Expect Germans to be driven out of prance this year.

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1918

Bright pleasant day but very cool. News from front still good but allied offensive has greatly slowed up. Discussed pensions board with Todd and afterwards with Jack Ross who has a high opinion of Coristine. Sent for Ballantyne and conferred with him as to defence against submarines. Told him to consider construction of destroyers. Wanklyn of C.P.R. came as to restoring S.S, ASIA & RUSSIA to pacific trade. Discussed with Dr. Blake immigration of Mennonites and provision of fuel for needy dependents. Long confere with air H. Laporte as to reorganization of war purchasing oom. He thinks Dept. of Naval service is badly served by Wilson and Movey. J.M. Vincent came to discuss his retiring allowance. Mrs. Henshaw of wolffville came as to her son's furlough. At 3.30 went with Laura, Calder and Meighen to Golf and played a foursome, very enjoyable.

Thursday, Sept. 12, 1918

Late at office. Many tlgms about strike Winnipeg coal prices, censorship of palmer, confere with Fitzgerald as to leave of absence to men producing aeroplane spruce and arranged it with Mewburn. Attended His Ex. at 11.30 to 12.40 and gave him report as to my work in England. His tour in West was good and reception at Chicago most cordial. Crowdy describes his visit to Chicago as best piece of British propaganda yet accomplished. Then Evie Laird came as to her position. Mrs. C.H.Campbell, Miss Cameron and Miss B&efen addressed as to Women's Auxiliary Corps. Weichel called as to senatorship. Council at 2.30. Foster had his report appointing Magrath Director of Coal operations. It was in poor

shape. I had to go out and redraft it. Discussed many matters and passed many important orders. In evening confuse 8 to 11 with ry. com. and Hanna, Mitchell and Bell. Discussed whole ry. situation. Hanna says disastrous if C.p.B. acquires G.T.E. He wants announcement made to strengthen^his position White in the air.

Friday, Sept. 13, 1918

Americans making great drive on St. Mihiel salient, captured 9500 prisoners and 60 guns. Very early at office. Hallway com. at 11 and decided to appoint 4 new directors, E Hobson, F. Jones, E.E. Wood and a western man. Council approved and Calder and Crerar named M^r H. Hamilton of McTaggart Sask. B.H. McDougall called and explained severing his connection with Dom. Co. Spoke to Hobson and telegraphed Jones and Hamilton. Evidence continues that forces opposed to Govt, are getting up strong press campaign. Peculiar threatening letter from Detroit. Sherwood somewhat disturbed. In Council took up and after long discussion approved Calder's immigration proposals. Discussed with Ballantyne condition of Naval Dept. and with Mewburn organization of Siberian force. Took us in Council production of oil from shales and many other matters. Conferred with Pringle as to O.C. creating appeal tribunal on price of paper and passed it. Weather wet

Saturday, Sept. 14, 1918

At office early and disposed of correspondence. Seat for Sir Percy Sherwood and discussed with him the Detroit letter. He seems very depressed and nervous, suffers from insomnia and admits he should have appointed an assistant or understudy who could take some of the strain. He thinks the letter may cover a serious attempt and that there should be precautions. I said if they were considered necessary, they should be thorough. He is to consider and see me again, George Blair called as to By. Com'n appt. Also Margeson as to Pensions Bd. Senator O'Brien came to thank^ me and to speak of Knights of Columbus campaign. Massey and Ward arrived from Htl and I had them with Major Massey and young Ward to lunch at Golf Club. Sent tlgm of congratulation to Pershing. Played threesome with Calder and Reid. Talked with them about organization for publicity and they agreed it is necessary. Americans have captured 15000 prisoners.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 1918

Sunshine and shadow, rain, mist and clear sky by turns. Went

over my papers and documents. Prepared message for Christian Science Monitor as to labour's part in the war. Sent for Ballantyne who will arrive tonight, to discuss tomorrow directorate of C.N.B. as Frank Jones has declined. My hand swollen from bite of some insect. Dr. Laidlaw came in evening and painted it with iodine. Ward, Major Massey and Brown, Ward's Secretary, called in afternoon; also Dr. & Mrs. Tait McKenzie, Mr. & Mrs. Christie and H.H. Stevens. News from front still good and apparently Americans will make a big haul of German prisoners in the St. Mihiel salient. Austria has asked for a peace conference at which delegates will merely exchange views without committing their countries to any proposals.

Monday, Sept. 16, 1918

Walter Scott came at 9 to discuss senatorships but especially his recent meeting with Col. House's com. on Int. affairs, Thinks Canada should have a similar Com. Sir W. McK discussed his claims as to two minor roads & but finally agreed to let them stand. Ryerson wants to be pensions chairman. Discussed C.H.B. directorate with Ballantyne and then an hour's interview with him, McIntosh and Stevens as to shipbuilding in B.C. Told Mulloy of what we proposed for him and short confs with Nicholls (Sen.) and M.P. Davis as to Darby Scott. Couaill 2 to 6. Dealt with much routine, discussed duty on tractors at some length western senatorships 4c. Carvell thinks we are not appointing many Grits. Decided on Judges to constitute Paper Control Tribunal. Calder leaves for West tonight. Letter from Crothers offering to resign. News from front still good. Austria under Germany's direction has launched a new peace offensive which is not making much headway. Weather cold and wet, very unusual for September.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1918

Still cold and wet. Pres. Wilson has rejected Austrian proposals for peace conference. News from front still good. Discussed with Strong Gov'r of Federal Reserve Bank, N.Y. and with White proposal to speak in aid of liberty Loan. Sent telegram to ask whether MaAdoo approves. Conferred with Sir Edm. Walker as to Dr. R. Tait McKenzie. He is not favourable to proposal. Had him and other members of adv. council at lunch. Told McK. that we would have to leave it to Arts Council. Kemp arrived and I discussed situation with him. He reported reasons for Lipsett's replacement by Loomis. Frank Jones came to discuss C.N.R. directorship and finally agreed to accept. Sat from 2 to 7 in Council and cleared up many matters. Appointed C.J. and three judges in Quebec. Appointed Paper Control Tribunal. Discussed at great length duty on farm tractors. White in fine form and approves of all we have done re C.N.B. No progress made in Pensions Bd. Made grant for Khaki University work.

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1918

Ascertained by tlgm that we can get accommodation at Hot Springs and arranged to leave on Friday. Heard from Riley and Hamilton and had 5 directors C.N.R. appointed and prepared statement for press. Confce with McIntosh, M.P. who insists we must have better arrangements for publicity. Sent for Turriff and told him he would be appointed. Met press and told them of paper Control Tribunal and discussed (Meighen present) the decision of the Int. Com'n. Meighen too pessimistic as to outcome. Desbarats brought report of Joint Fisheries Com'n which was briefly discussed in Council. Sent for Loughheed and afterwards saw McLean and discussed with both of them McCurdy's singular attitude. Had Gen. Sir Louis Jackson at luncheon and afterwards discussed with him defences of Hx. and Esquimault. C.H.Cahan came at 2.20 and gave me in full his views as to necessary reorganization of Militia Dept. in Council discussed fuel situation, price of flour &c. and dealt with routine. Boutilier of Hx called as to building trawler. Weather very cold and wet. Telegraphed to Calder as to various matters. Crandall came to discuss propaganda in U.S.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 1918

Cold wet weather. A very busy day. Sent for J.K.L.Ross and arranged with him to continue during my absence. Discussed High Com'rship with Foster; he cannot accept it. Does not want pension Ed. Thinks that Providence will provide, Hanna came to speak on behalf of F.H.Keefer and I promised to oonsider. Consul Sen. Bonin came to pay his respects before going to Russia as Minister. Sent for Sherwood and had his report as to precautions U.S. They will take full charge. W.S Hughes called as to his position in Dept. justice. Bartram of Toronto as to senatorship; and others. Confce in evening with Newoombe as to reorganization of Dept. and with Crowe M.P. as to B.C. affairs. He favours Ellis as senator. In Council discussed proposals to control high cost of living. Conferred with Meighen and Guthrie as to O.C. respecting Long Sault decision, R. Tait McKenzie called to say good bye. Tory disappointed that Walker does not favour him. j Explosive message from B.W.Thomson. British made great gains, 8090 prisoners.

Friday, Sept. 20, 1918

Early at office and after disposing of correspondence had interview with Christie as to O.C. respecting Long Sault decision and O.C. respecting same. Went in Council at 11 and

discussed it when draft was adopted subject to suggestions and was referred to Meighen for further revision. Passed O.C. respecting two small roads incorporating them into C.N.R. system. After Council interview with Magrath who endeavoured to explain reasons which induced decision. He enlarged on the consideration extended to us in coal &c. I told him decision utterly illogical (which he admitted) and I thought it wrong as Lansing should have agreed to our proposal. Left at 3.10 for N.T. with Christie and Pugsley. Dr. R. Tait McKenzie called. We played bridge.

Saturday, Sept. 21, 1918

Arrived at S.T. 40 mins. late. Had breakfast on board. Ramsay of Dom. Police service was on train and met us when we emerged. He kept close to us all day. Went to Biltmore. Sawyer of State Dept. met us. He is to take charge during our stay. A very capable man I should judge. Sent for J.H.Dunn and explained Crandall's proposal mission. He agreed to assist and thought Crandall would do well. Undertook also to find place if possible for E.L. Left at 3.45 and arrived Washington 9; met by Lloyd Harris and MacMaster and drove to their house. Harris gave interesting and amusing account of his struggles with Flavelle. Left at 10.15. Sawyer keeping vigilant guard over us. Left Christie at Washington. Bill Nye, head of U.S. Secret Service saw us off at Station.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 1918

Arrived Hot Springs about 8.30 and went immediately to breakfast. Got same rooms, 516-18. A glorious day. Strolled with Sawyer to Bath House and over a portion of links. Arranged bath for 5.30. After luncheon went for stroll over new ("Goat") course with Laura. Very steep climb. Men playing call it a freak course. It is very picturesque and there are some beautiful views. In evening Laura met Mrs. Fiske whom she had known at at. Andrews. We also met two Greenshields boys who have been here some time. Good concert by orchestra in the evening. British still gaining at front, tent to bed early but did not sleep well. Sawyer says he can see the strain relaxing since I arrived at N.Y. yesterday morning.

Monday, Sept. 23, 1918

Great news this morning. The British have captured Nazareth with 18000 prisoners and 120 guns. Visited drug store and Golf Club house and then went to see Dr. Pole. Says I am in very good condition. Went out with Sawyer at 11 and played 15 holes;

played well for me and beat him about 5 up. In the afternoon he played 12 holes with Laura and I rested. Bath at 5.30, new attendant, a Swede, Earl. Letter from Christie giving information as to his mission. Most glorious weather. Met Mr. Kinnaird who told me is in business with a Mr. John Low who knows me. Sawyer pretty tired after playing 27 holes and we all went to bed early.

Tuesday, sept. 24, 1918

Most delightful weather, much warmer than yesterday. Sawyer went out with me at 10.40 and we played the Goat course, 9 holes. I beat him one up on last hole which I got in 4. Allenby's victory greater than reported yesterday. He has destroyed 7th and 8th Turkish Armies, captured 25000 prisoners and 260 guns. In afternoon played on putting green with Laura and Sawyer. They beat me first round; all even on second. Dined in evening with Mrs. Kelly Evans, Mr. Lane who has lived for many years in England and France, Mrs. Bright, Mrs. Richmond and Dr. Hinsdale were guests also. Mrs. Bright very witty and amusing. Excellent dinner. Women discussed Nancy Astor. I extolled her earnestness.

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1918

Still most glorious September weather Played foursome today, Gordon Greenshields and I against Charley and Sawyer. Charley very accurate. They came out 5 points ahead, counting best ball and aggregate. Allenby's victory in Palestine continues to grow in magnitude and importance, it is expected that it will result in driving Turk6 altogether out of Palestine, met Miss Mary Curtis Lee, daughter of General Lee; also Mrs. and Miss Sims, very good looking, the mother born in San Antonio and very proud of being a Texan; also Miss Richmond and her brother who is dark and quite unlike his mother, suffering from cold and hoarseness which does not seem to be relieved by baths. Russian attendant is at Poland Springs and Earl a Swede is my attendant.

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1918

Weather looked uncertain but we started with Mrs. Evans for White Sulphur; Mr. Lane and Mr. Sawyer also with us. Beautiful drive over mountains to Covington and fairly good road. Scenery very picturesque, lone range of hills with intervening valleys and Jackson River winding in distance. Road beyond Covington very poor. Arrived White Sulphur at 11.40, in 2 1/2 hours. Rain came shortly after arrival so that we had no opportunity for golf. White Sulphur country very lovely and golf links very

inviting. Had luncheon at Green Brier. Left a little before 3 and arrived at Homestead at 5.40. The rain had ceased fortunately as the road would be rather dangerous over the mountains in wet weather. Met Mrs. Robertson, sister of Mr. Ingalls and Miss Bright, a very pretty girl; also Donna Eugenia Ruspoli, American wife of some Italian baron.

Friday, Sept. 27, 1918

W.Nye arrived from N.Y. and we took him into the foursome instead of Sawyer, a very original and amusing man. Will play a very good game with practice. He and Charley beat us 5 points, weather very lovely. In afternoon called at Dr. Pole's but he was engaged, putted against Laura but she defeated me. News from front continues to be very good. Bulgarians suing for an armistice and for peace; but the Allies are evidently determined to exact unconditional submission. The allied forces have heavily defeated them and Bulgaria is invaded, Allenby is still pressing the Turks in Palestine and Foch is striking at different points on the western front. Peace may come as suddenly as war came four years ago. weather still delightful, typical september days.

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1918

Charley and Gordon Greenshields left this morning for home, sorry to have them go. Gordon and I were beaten in the foursome until they gave us 5 bisques and then we squared the match. Gordon poor on greens while Charley is deadly in his accuracy. Met Miss Dayton a very intelligent girl much interested in war work. Laura went to Warm Springs with Mrs. & Miss McGook and had a very pleasant afternoon. Books arrived from Scribners and I read "The Rough Road" by Locke a very interesting and readable story. My cold making me rather wretched. Weather still beautiful. Allies making good progress in West and advancing with great rapidity into Bulgarian territory. Wilson last night said there would be no bargaining as to terms. There must be unconditional submission Weather still delightful.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1918

Bath at 7.15 left me very tired but I arose and went to service with Laura. Sermon by clergyman who was for many years in Paris and who is not favourably regarded by reason of his attitude towards his country during war and before America entered. Sermon rather sensational and not very impressive. Report that Bulgaria is applying for armistice but not officially confirmed. Weather delightfully warm and bright sunshine. Very

much under weather with cold and too many heavy baths. Went to bed after luncheon and remained there rest of day reading and dozing. Resolved to take less exercise. Do not feel that tension has been much relaxed up to present. Difficulty as to sleeping. Wake very early. Nye and Sawyer played golf and Bill won; very jubilant.

Monday, Sept. 30, 1918.

Still feeling very tired and depressed. Dispensed with bath and did not play golf. Went to see Dr. Pole but he has not returned. Reported that W.J. Bryan is living here in a cottage. Great news which seems to have official confirmation that armistice has been concluded by which Bulgaria makes unconditional submission to Allies, breaks with central Powers, surrenders all territory that she has occupied and all troops outside her own boundaries and gives Allies right to conduct military operations in and through her territory. Evidently she has taken the opportunity of going over to the stronger side in time to avoid severe punishment as far as possible. Weather still bright and warm. Autumn colouring in woods very beautiful.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1918

The glorious autumn weather still continues. Have not heard a word from Ottawa since my arrival here. Yesterday's news as to Bulgarian's unconditional surrender said to be officially confirmed from London and from Washington. Every one overflowing with joy and confidence. Played golf in afternoon with Miss McGook but did very badly in first nine holes. Played 13th beautifully, nearly on green in my second. Liberty loan drive proceeding with great vigour. Weather rather too warm, for comfort, lined with Mrs. Evans and had a very pleasant party. Mrs. Bright, Mr. Lane, Mrs. Bonaparte and Dr. Hinsdale. Excellent mint julep; should be introduced in Canada. Mrs. Evans says the bridle paths are most beautiful as the colouring of the leaves becomes more and more vivid.

Wednesday, October 2, 1918

Glorious day. News of armistice with Bulgarians confirmed by yesterday's press despatches. It looks like the beginning of the end but there are official warnings not to relax effort and Germany has still a powerful army and will fight with desperation. Dr. L. Pole tells me that I am not so restless and more relaxed than at my first visit on Monday, 23rd Sept. Wants me to take 13 baths and then remain for about a week. Played golf in afternoon with Laura and Sawyer. I found weather

intensely hot and made a poor average. Beat prof in drive at 6th hole. Dined in evening with the Brights and played bridge afterwards. Mrs. B. and her daughter very bright and delightful^ they are from Hew Orleans. Autumn colouring of the leaves most beautiful. Must take up horseback riding.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 1918

Rumours of peace riots and financial panic in Germany. Chancellor and Foreign Minister have resigned. Took my affairs very quietly. Cut out golf and slept two hours in afternoon and found that my bath did not weary me as it did yesterday. Wrote to Julia and to Hal. Laura went to luncheon at the Bashfords "The Pillars" In evening played a threesome at bridge with Laura and Mr. Sawyer. Weather still glorious, bright sunshine and delightful air. Have had no letter from Ottawa since my arrival here. Possibly if our offensive continues to drive Germans back and if Turkey makes submission I may receive a summons to London. Hotel is beginning to fill up for October.

Friday, Oct. 4, 1918

Glorious day, a little cooler. News from front still good. Germans are being slowly but surely pressed back, desperately resisting. Went out at 11 and played 18 holes with Sawyer and beat him 7 up; but I did not have a good average. Letter from Osier asking me to speak in aid of victory loan at Toronto^ on Saturday, 26th October. Decided to accept and instructed secretary to advise Oiler accordingly. Many new arrivals at hotel. Laura afraid they will bring epidemic of influenza. Decided to remain until end next week and arrive Ottawa about middle of following week. The panorama of the mountains with the wonderful beauty of the thousandstinted foliage was most exquisite.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 1918

Lloyd Harris arrived this morning and I called him up early and later arranged for a game of golf. Laura and Sawyer went off at 11 and Harris and I pursued them 10 minutes later. He is just learning but later he will make a good player. Laura and I played 9 holes against them on even terms and they beat us only 1 up. In afternoon rested. In evening played an amusing game of bridge; heated argument between Laura and Sawyer as to the play in the last game when he doubled 2 N.T.. and we went out with flying colours. I was able to prove from Graoe Montgomery that they were both wrong. News from front still excellent and strong probability that France and Belgium will be free of

invader before winter.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1918

News today that Austria Hungary has proposed an armistice but no details or confirmation. Kemp wants me to return for consultation before 12th. Told him to come here. Met Capt. Gordon of Am. Ordnance Sept. a fine looking young man who plays golf exceedingly well; also McConnell of British purchasing Con'n, Lloyd Harris complains that Ballantyne is stupid and obstinate as to his shipbuilding programme. Arranged a confce to be held as soon as I return to Ottawa. Lloyd Harris left for Washington in evening. Met Mrs. Bronson and Mrs. Manning, two very lively haters of the Germans and all things German Mrs. Bronson has a son in the, Aviation Corps. Rain during a portion of the forenoon, very grateful and acceptable.

Monday, Oct. 7, 1918

German Chancellor has addressed a note to the President of the U.S. asking him to arrange an armistice and a conference of the belligerent nations for the discussion of the terms of peace on the basis laid down by the President with especial refce to his speech of the 27th Sept. The press of the U.S. foreshadow a rejection of the proposed armistice and conference, but there is some fear that the Pres. willmbe fool enough to engage in palaver which will slacken or discourage the nation's wholehearted endeavour. Played golf with Sawyer and beat him handsomely. Weather still magnificent. Allies still pressing Germans back with good prospect of clearing France and Belgium this year. Sawyer says Sims wants stronger naval activity.

Tuesday, Oct. 8. 1918

most glorious autumn day. Laura. Sawyer and I played a threesome in which I beat Sawyer badly and she won from me. News from front still very good. Allies steadily driving Germans back. Gordon won from his opponent in Golf tournament. Wilson's reply to the German Chancellor's peace note not yet given. There is some fear in the minds of people here that he will indulge in palaver and not be sufficiently downright. Dined with Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Worthington and Mr. lane also guests. No word from Ottawa since I left, so that evidently nothing very important is calling me back. i)r. L.Pole says my blood pressure is down from 150.88 to 141. Recommends rest after 15 baths.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1918

Still glorious weather. Laura and I played 15 holes, all even. Wilson's note to Germany demands information as to actual acceptance of terms proposed, as to evacuation of all invaded territory, as to whether German gov't really represents the people. Many are disappointed as they thought the same answer should have been given as to the Austrian note and fear that the reply will lead to interchange of a series of notes which will tend to slacken the country's effort in the war. Meantime the Allies are pressing back the Germans with great vigour. Cambrai has been taken with 11000 prisoners and Cavalry are being used with great effect. Canadians have captured Rome. Tlgm from Kemp to meet him in Washington.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 1918.

Replied to Kemp early yesterday morning that I cannot leave here before Wednesday, and this evening repeated same message to him at Knickerbocker Hotel, N.Y. Press evidently wish Wilson's reply had been different but explain that it was designed to compel German Govt to show its hand fully. British and French with Americans ably assisting still driving Germans back to frontier. Walked around course and watched play of semifinals between Gordon and Pfeifer, won by former. In evening played bridge with Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Bronson. Cppttingham, president of Sherwin Williams Co. is here. Eave arranged to leave on Wednesday evening for N.Y. and to leave N.Y. Friday evening for Ottawa. Weather still delightful.

Friday, Oct. 11. 1918

British Cavalry away to the east of Cambrai Haig has gained 15 miles in two days. American press still explaining President's message which doubtless is well judged and in the final result will place Allies in better position than would otherwise be possible. Watched final between Gordon and Averill, latter winning by a put on the 37th. Weather still glorious. Letter from Hal as to Eunice's eyes. She is to give up her work in college this year, but oculist thinks with a year's rest she will be all right. Since middle of July Allies have captured 500,000 prisoners.

Saturday, October 12, 1918

Rain at intervals during the day. Rather welcome showers; many golfers caught and came scurrying in. News from front very good.

Canadians have repeatedly distinguished themselves and have been in the forefront of the fighting. Their casualties, alas, are very severe. German peace note in reply to Wilson reported to be on the way. Much concern on all sides lest the President's desire for the interchange of notes may prove detrimental to the Allied cause. In evening played bridge with the Hutohins but Jere proved a very erratic player. Cakewalk in the Japanese room. Putted against Laura and Sawyer for an hour and exercised in the afternoon.

Sunday, Oct. 13, 1918

Kemp arrived this morning a little ahead of his telegram. Discussed with him many minor matters relating to our troops and especially to his department. Turner is proving difficult and may have to be dispensed with. Walked with him in afternoon. He is concerned about White's possible retirement. Great excitement in hotel over news that Germany has unqualifiedly accepted everything that Wilson has asked. Many regard the war as virtually at an end. Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Bronson, two very witty New York ladies, say that two travesties of Shakespeare will be given this winter, "The Merry Wives of Wilson" and "Macadoo about Nothing". Weather glorious. Dined with Mrs. Evans.

Monday, Oct. 14, 1918

Cooler. Heavy forest fires raging last night. Played golf with the Gordons. Afterwards saw Dr. Pole, who thinks I have benefited much by rest but should take holidays more frequently. In afternoon Nye telephoned me text of President's reply to German note. It seems very good. 1st, says as to armistice military advice must control, 2nd, Germany cannot expect armistice while she is carrying on war by barbarous and inhuman methods, drowning civilians and burning cities and towns; 3rd, militant autocracy in Germany must be rendered impotent or destroyed and that has not been accomplished. Nye telephoned this A.M. that Capt. McIntosh died last night of pneumonia. I sent tlgm to Duchess who is in Washington, Played bridge in evening with Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Bronson. Sawyer somewhat concerned over arrival here of several Germans, Busch and Reisener.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1918

Wilson's reply well received by press both here and in Europe. People here much relieved. Played golf with Cottingham and Richards very interesting game. Allies still making good

progress in driving back the Hun hordes. Message from Christie through Canadian War Mission that I may have to remain over some hours in Washington to confer as to important documents forwarded to me at Embassy. Laura went to luncheon at Fassfern Farm as one of Mr. Lane's party. Sawyer busy with affairs relating to gathering of Germans here. Glorious weather, like our early September. Have had a fine holiday and glad to get back to work. In evening played bridge with Sawyer and Gordon and arranged for departure tomorrow evening.

Wednesday, Oct, 16, 1918

No news from Washington but Sawyer telephoned Nye not to have me stop over unless absolutely necessary. Influenza has commenced to develop in Motel. Good news from the front still continues, it is said that the peace proposals emanate from German military authorities who are beginning to recognize their defeat, played golf in morning with the Gordons and packed and rested in the afternoon. Most glorious weather like an early September. Left at 7.35 after saying goodbye to our many friends and acquaintances. eel. and Mrs. Kelly Evans came to see us off and Mrs. Bronson presented Laura with a mysterious box not to be opened until tomorrow, we waited three hours at Covington where the influenza apparently is raging as I saw people wearing protective masks.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1918

Arrived at Washington about 7.30 and met Barclay of British Embassy who showed me recent secret despatch from Foreign Office and informed me that House is going to Versailles as representative of the President. Left for New York at 8 and had a very comfortable Journey arriving at 1.10. Went to Biltmore. Sawyer arranging all the details, were met there by Pugsley, Bustard and Ramsay. After luncheon spent part of afternoon in dealing with correspondence. War news continues good. Hews came in afternoon that British have captured Lille. There is a tremendous organization for the 3rd Liberty Loan which is two billion dollars behind. At Vanderbilt Hotel at dinner with Sawyers and in evening at Comedy Theatre where we saw "The Ideal Husband" there were fervent orations which were quite successful. Boys of 14 or 15 and on Fifth Avenue children of 6 or 7 were appealing for subscriptions.

Friday, Oct. 18, 1918

James Dunn came to breakfast and I discussed with him proposals for Canadian propaganda in U.S. Thinks it unnecessary for us

to build up any large organisation. Went to see Dr. Turek at 11. He is still much interested in his experiments on shell shock and read to me part of his latest publication. Lunched with H.d.\$n†'ok other guests Dunn, Judge (?) Arthur Vincent. Greer, broker for Frick and Frick's Secretary. Delightful lunch. Vincent talked much of the Irish situation. After lunch inspected wonderful collection of paintings and bronzes which have cost Prick 20 millions and which with house (wonderfully spacious and beautiful) he is leaving to I.Y. City. Young lady from Women Aux. Corps who drove us is niece of Charles Langelier, name Miss Brown. After luncheon went over documents & o and at 7.45 left for Ottawa in "Nipissing". Pleasant evening. Played bridge until pretty late. Were bumped around pretty roughly during night.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1918

Arose at 3.30 and found bright clear leather. Bristol came in after breakfast and gave long story as to British seizing all profits out of ships requisitioned in this country. Arrived at Ottawa on time and took Sawyer to our house for luncheon. Went over some of my correspondence while he and Laura drove in Rockfcliffe Park. Took him to Parliament Hill and introduced him to Doherty and Fitz. and then saw him off at train. Then to Doherty's office to discuss Governorship of Quebec. TbEd Pita, pension must cease while Lt. Gov. Called up Couin who agreed to appointment of Fitz. Sent for Sladen and told him of proposed appointments and necessity of announcing them on Monday evening. He agreed to procure Gov's consent. During evening worked at documents and correspondence until 11* Influenza epidemic very widespread and many fatal oases. Cars everywhere on street bearing redcross emblem. Mayor said to have done excellent work.

Sunday, Oct. 20, 1918

Weather changed suddenly last night and today cold and rainy. Sent for Boyce and worked at correspondence for two hours and with Buskard for an hour in the afternoon. Tlgm from Pope that Fushimi much gratified by attention paid to him while in Canada and pleaded with arrangements Called up Censor and ascertained that news from front is still good, the Belgians especially making excellent progress. Letter from Blacklock to Christie setting forth doleful view of feeling in Army against Govt. Mr. & Mrs. J.O. Poster called in afternoon. Both their sons are in the firing line and they are naturally anxious but very brave and hopeful. During evening worked at my correspondence and various documents piled up and awaiting my return. Find Liberal propaganda going on vigorously in "The Statesman" and elsewhere; evidently the time has come for some publicity work by the Govt.

Monday, Oct. 21, 1918

Weather cleared last evening. Laura spent day at City Hall and reports conditions are worse than she realized. German reply to Wilsom came out this afternoon and seems to accept his terms pretty fully and may place him in rather a difficult position as to reply. It is not regarded favourably, except as a step to unconditional surrender. Conferred with Rowell at 12 and with Carvell, Crothers and Robertson at 12.30 as to Labour situation. They regard it as rather serious. Carvell wants troops sent to Port Arthur. Robertson thinks not. Discussed it further in Council and decided on course at Calgary and Port Arthur. Much discussion as to appointments to Supreme Court. Davies carried by narrow majority. Strong opposition to Pelletier. Much debate as to appointment Lafleur. Finally decided further consideration necessary. Met again in evening 8 to 10.30 and put through considerable routine. Very tired.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1918

United States press out in strong opposition to further parleying with Germany. Wilson evidently put forward his proposals in January last without >due consideration. Much fear that he has made a mess of matters. Message from L. George as to situation. He evidently fears unfortunate action by President. Several messages from him since my return. Confce with Perry as to honours and with him and afterwards at luncheon with Jones and Flavelle as to organization for after war conditions. They think Canadian Mission to London very necessary. Confce in afternoon with Moore, Pres. T. & L. Council as to labour conditions and confce with Doherty as to Supreme Court vacancy. Tilley and Wood urge Lafleur. Doherty apprehensive; I said we might increase to 7 and appoint Lafleur. Discussed in Council social Democrat party, very interesting debate. News from front yesterday and today very good. Germans preparing to evacuate Brussels.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1918

Message from L. George that Turkey asks for armistice and that Commander has been authorized to negotiate on basis of terms already settled. Dealt with correspondence and then confce with Rowell as to propaganda in U.S. Afterwards long confce with Moore and Draper, Rowell, Carvell, Calder and Robertson being present as to various Orders in Council affecting labour; especially that relating to strikes. Moore a capable and sincere man. Made some progress and reported in afternoon to

Council who thought it should not be repealed. Conferred with Willison as to his proposals for confce. between East and West. D'Arcy Scott came as to his claim to be reappointed; several other callers. In Council on Doherty's recommendation. appointed Mignault to be Judge Supreme Court. Fear Duff is disappointed at not receiving Chief Justiceship. News from front good but allied progress not so rapid.

Thursday, Oct. 24, 1918

Early at office and dealt with correspondence. Many confces. Calder at noon respecting calling together Prov'l Premiers which was afterwards discussed & settled in Council. Dr. Griffin and A.A.Maclean; Dr. Robertson as to technical education, Major Kennedy as to aviation; Cresse, Morrison, Forbes, Brodeur and Hague as to organization, discussed with Cahan his activities and put him in touch with Moore, Pres. Trades and Labour. Discussed Pensions Bd. with J.K.L.Ross who is willing to remain as Chairman and took up the question also in Council. Sir W. Mck. came at 3 to discuss his affairs. Council at 4 and dealt with much routine. Discussed soldiers settlement and public domain of western provinces and app't of ry. com'rs. News from front still good. Drafted speech for meeting at Toronto. Wilson's note in reply to Germany published. He has taken good ground under difficult conditions, which he created himself.

Friday, Oct. 25, 1918

Early at office. Revised draft of Toronto speech and appeal for Victory loan and discussed them with Rowell and Meighen who approved. Accepted invitation to Govt. House, Toronto. Met Miller, Governor of Commonwealth Bk. of Aus. and had very interesting information as to establishment and development of that Bk. Discussed with Foster Garnett and T.B.McCaulay economic and pol. relations with Br. Guiana and W. Indies. Sent tlgs to Prov'l Premiers to attend confce on 19 Nov. Crothers came to discuss his retirement and says he is ready to go at once. Wants a Senatorship. Declines Judgeship. News from front good. Haig still driving on. Tlgm from London that conditions of Armistice are being considered. In Council long discussion as to app't of By. Gom'rs. Great feeling against Scott. F.H.Keefer says cannot continue in present work without financial remuneration. Earnest and conscientious man. Weather warm and wet; influenza somewhat worse.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 1918

Went early to office and dealt with correspondence. Left for Toronto with Mr. & Mrs. Rowell at 10.36. Told Reid on train of my interview this morning with Drayton as to appointment to Railway Commission. Asked him to ascertain facts as to allegations of Richardson respecting Scott. Discussed with Rowell establishment of Public Health Dept. and perused report thereon as well as many other documents on the train. Had very interesting interview with Major Marlett as to his work in Boston as recruiting officer and as to need of publicity work. Arrived at Toronto at 6.45 and met by Premier of Province, Mayor and Com. Inspected French sailors, guard of honours, &c. &c. escorted by R.C. Dragoons through City. Guests of Lt. Gov. and Lady Hendrie who received us most cordially. Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Case and Mrs. Hendrie house party besides family and A.D.C.'b. Had pleasant evening. House very commodious. News from front still good. British pressing on.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 1918

An overcast day but cleared somewhat in afternoon, talked through grounds and considered my speech for afternoon. Left at 2.10 for Queen's Park where there was an immense gathering. Stands for 5 speakers. White, Hearst, McGarry, Rowell and myself. Devotional service and hymns and then the addresses. I spoke very earnestly for 17 minutes and received many congratulations. Met several Australian officers. Then went to Aviation Camp at Leaside and found that very advanced and highly important instructional work in artillery observation is being carried on. Lord George Wellesley and a Canadian officer, very capable, whose name I did not get, gave me much valuable information. Then tea and afterwards supper at Govt. House and interview with Banks, Hocken and McLean at train. Left for Ottawa at 11.

Monday, Oct. 28, 1918

Arrived at 7.40. Heavy rain during day. Dealt with correspondence and perused important cable from Lloyd George asking me to prepare to start for England. Germans have apparently accepted terms in Wilson's last note which means virtual surrender. At 12.15 went to Connaught Place and addressed gathering in aid of Victory Loan. Then to lunch with J.H. Dunn who gave me important information as to Wilson's attitude which I telegraphed to L. George. Interview afterwards with J.A. McDonald of Halifax as to labour conditions. Then McLeans meeting of Reconstruction Com. and discussed his proposed O.C. Eventually decided to appoint much smaller number of subcommittees. Dined at Rideau Club with Dr. Robertson and several ministers. Had interesting discussion as to technical education on which Dr. B. spoke for more than two hours and on settlement of returned soldiers.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1918.

Early at office and disposed of correspondence. Interview with Moore, Robertson and McLean, organizer for C.B. of R.E. Then to meet delegation of Can. Mfrs. Ass'n at 10.30 who spoke of need of preparation and organization for post war conditions. Sold them of what we had done and what we proposed to do and they seemed to be quite satisfied. Then discussed in Council L. George's tlgm as to my departure for England, and debate ensued on peace terms and Canada's representation at peace confce. Drafted tlgra to L. George thereon which Council in my approved at afternoon sitting. Discussed our rep'n on Int. Joint Com. at some length. Doherty very insistent as to a French Canadian appointment and Ont. Ministers equally opposed. Called Meighen, Eeid, White, Sifton, Calder & Rowell together at my house in evening and had 2 1/2 hours discussion of reconstruction. White announced his resignation at end of year. Decided to appoint Robertson as Minister of Labour and Keefer as Parly Sec'y.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1918.

At confce on Monday last McCurdy announced his determination to resign. After dealing with correspondence discussed reconstruction of Govt, with Rowell. Told him and afterwards Calder that I must have understanding as to whether Govt, is to continue after war Interesting interview with Bruce as to Social Democrats; a capable and sincere man. Confce also with Ballantyne as t to contrasts for shipbuilding in B.C. Yesterday conferred with Sen. Foster as to org'n in Montreal and other matters and interesting interview with Duff. Told him I would recommend him for P.C. Today met in Council at 2, and spent afternoon in prolix and confused discussion as to war bonus to civil servants. Arrived at a conclusion which Maclean is to embody in O.O. War news good, drive on Italian front is succeeding. Several secret tlgms as to negotiations with Turks, arrangements for armistice &c. Discussed with Doherty objections to appointment of Scott. In evening perusal of documents and confce with Crandall as to propaganda and publicity in U.S.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1918.

Dealt with correspondence. Tlgm from Long that armistice concluded with Turks on satisfactory terms. Turkey therefore out of war. Italians driving baok Austrians with good success. Conferred with Cahan as to Social Democratic party and

afterwards discussed it with Moore, Draper and Robertson, with them also discussed strike order but made little progress. Hoisted Honour Flsg i at 12.30 and made brief speech. Council at 2 and discussed strike order and other matters including transfer of Inter-t colonial &c to C.N.R.Board. In evening Important meeting of ministers with whom I discussed continuance of Union Govt. Explained my desire to retire but willingness to continue if it should appear my duty. Liberal Ministers Carvell, Calder and Sifton, together with Reid and Meighen all agreed it should be continued. Rowell also agreed. Discussed bringing in French members an later date. considered some of Rowells articles of polioy.

Friday, Nov. 1, 1918.

Sent for Calder Meighen and Ried and r enewed discussion which continued from 10.30 to 12. Deoided to bring in Pardee and Morphy, to have Meighen undertake Finance and Howell Trade & Commerce. Subsequent confce with White who said he would not resign in my absence. He said he would leave matter in my hands. Many discussions on the subject during day, e.g. with Mewburn Ballantyne and Maclean. All of them willing to continue in union Govt, after war. Sir W.MoKenzie called as to his affairs and arranged to leave it with directors. Discussed Dunvegan ry with Stewart of Alta. and long confce with directors of C.N.R. as to taking in I.C.R.&c. Tlgm from Long as to Versailles confce's decision as to armistice. Sent for White who acted very manfully and agreed to remain until return. Meighen Reid and Calder also came in evening. Then sent for Foster and detailed all arrangements to him. He agreed to accompany me to England and to accept Ex. Affairs. Events progressing very rapidly

Saturday, Nov. 2, 1918.

Office 8.30 and instructed Christie as to tlgs re our voyage to Europe. Sent for Reid and then Rowell and conferred finally as to Pardee and Morphy and wired them. Both replied they would be in Ottawa on Sunday. Examined drafts of O.C. re Mines and Labour prepared by Gisborne. Sent for Crothers who desired to delay resignation; then for Sifton who does not wish to accept Interior and then for Robertson who agrees to accept Labour. Then attended His Ex. and reported as to tlgs from L. George and discussed cabinet changes. He approved and asked as to need of calling Parlt on conclusion of peace. Then interview with Bain and Kindersley as to meat trade. Then to luncheon to meet Dr. Shipley and other professors at luncheon given by His Ex. Miss Sidgwick sat next me. Then long confuse with Calder, Sifton, Meighen and

Reid as to reorganization and decided to erect Dept. of Public Health. Afterwards confuse with Crerar as to his attitude when he agreed to hold on until after demobilization. A very busy day. Several despatches as to terms of armistice to Austria &c.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 1918.

Report this evening that Austria has accepted terms of armistice. Two cables from Long on minor matters. Confoe at 10 with Gisborne as to necessary O.C's, at 10.30 with Burrell who agrees to continue as Minister of Mines; with Lougheed at 11 who agrees to take over Hugh Clark; with Pardee at 11.30 who speaks of Base Hospital and of Carvell's utterances and wants time to consider as to entering Govt.; with Morphy at 12 who agrees to come in and says that he can carry his riding. News from front good. Germans steadily driven back. In afternoon confuse with Rowell as to his assumption of Trade and Commerce, appointment of Parly Secy, attitude of Govt towards labour &c. Col. and Mrs. Bishop came with Frank Keefer in afternoon. A charming young couple. He returns to Eng. on 11th. James Dunn (?) as to Wilson's attitude and afterwards explained more fully what he has heard. Dillon sailing on 11th. bright clear weather in afternoon.

Monday, Nov. 4, 1918.

Very early at office. A tremendously busy and worrying day. Confoe early with Reid and Calder as to reconstruction and then with Ballantyne and afterwards Calder, who strongly objects to Rowell as Minister of T. & C. Then further confuse with Rowell and afterwards with Calder and Carvell as to Ontario rep'n in Cabinet. Carvell supported Nesbitt. Morphy continually on deck to ask for progress. Worked out a programme by which Rowell might remain where he is whether Pardee comes in or not. Discussed Lloyd Harris who arrived today. Carvell thinks he is not a distinctive Liberal. Sent for Frank Jones and asked him to come to England. In Council long discussion as to civil service and appointed a com. of five to work out proposals. Crothers gave me his resignation. Austria has accepted armistice which puts her out of the war. L. George sent message urging my immediate departure.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1918.

Excursions and alarms all day respecting reconstruction of

Govt. Tlgm from Pardee that he cannot come In. Confce with Rowell and afterwards with Calder. Carvell Bowell and Reid as to Nesbitt, Lloyd Harris and Cronyn. The Liberals could not agree. Sent for Ballantyne and pressed him to accept T & C. He was unwilling and I gave it up. Sent for Morphy in evening and explained situation which he accepted gracefully. Sent for Keefer and Hugh Clark and arranged for their acceptance. Gisborne said no election necessary but called me up at midnight to explain that he was wrong. Admiralty instructions as to transportation arrived. Prepared O.C. to establish Trade Mission in London In evening discussed with Harris sit'n at Washington and asked him to become Chairman in London and to accompany me. In Council long discussion as to civil service bonus. Very tiring. Terms of armistice published and greatly approved. News from front good. Allies pressing on. Italians have captured 500,000 prisoners.

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1918.

At office very early. Saw Newcombe and Meighen as to effect of statutes touching ParlAy Sec'ys Told Keefer and Clarke to see Loughheed and Mewburn. Reid told me last evening of White's desire to remain M. of F. Conferred with him as to our affairs during my absence. Then confce with Ballantyne White Harris and Jones re construction of ships for French Govt. Got Ballantyne to modify his attitude. Attended Howell's luncheon to Lord Gherwood, who made lengthy but interesting speech on organization of Empire. Confce with Shearer and then to Council where i dealt with reconstruction of Govt and other matters. Council decided against honours. Discussed and settled bonus to civil servants. Doherty greatly troubled at his omission from those attending Peace Confce. Consulted Carvell, Meighen and Ballantyne. Decided he shd come later. Tlgm from Long announcing terms of armistice. to Germany, very severe. U.S. elections favour Republicans Control of Senate uncertain. In evening confce with Mclean and Rogers re Halifax. Allies still driving back Germans.

Thursday, Nov. 7, 1918.

Correspondence to 9.30 then Foster and Sifton as to Doherty's claim to attend confce. Sent for White D. and Mewburn as to Guelph Novitiate and told them it was serious. Afterwards oonfce with D. as to unfortunate attitude of Church and feeling against it. Atholstan at 10.30 full of desire for Intrigue. Wrote him guarded letter as to Ry. situation and declined to write further letter as to funds. Fine letter from Dennis as to my public work. Confce with Moore and Draper

as to strike order and as to labour representative. Decided to take Draper and Council approved. Attended His Ex with Robertson, Clark and Keefer when they were sworn in. Interesting interview with His Ex. as to honours. Discussed situation. He said he would be glad to retire if it would assist. I said he had respect and affection of Canadians. Rumour that Germany surrendered and many tlgms. Report that Wilson goes on Mauretania. Council at 2. Dealt with several important matters including Ry. Com.ship and discussed exhaustively peace terms &c. Revised and completed press statement; in evening had interview with press and confere with Reid and White. Riots and revolution in Germany.

Friday, Nov. 8, 1918.

Sent for Yates and arranged that Tabor should come. Attended to packing went to office at 12 and \ dealt with correspondence. Appointed Rolph Chairman of Can. War Mission, Washington. Conferred with Rowell as to bringing over Dafoe and told him to proceed. Discussed general situation with Dr. Reid and told him to wire and write me from time to time. Situation in Germany growing worse and revolt spreading. Continued rumours of the Kaiser's abdication. Laura very depressed about my departure and did not wish to come to station as she could not bear up. Persuaded her to come with me and it was better so. Nearly all the Ministers came and the crowd gave us a fine cheer when we pulled out. Took Sergeant Thompson to assist Tabor. Draper in fine form. Crerar came with us to New York. Foster; Sifton, Robertson, Warne, Biggar, Christie, Boyce and Draper started with Jones to meet us in N.Y.

Saturday, Nov. 9, 1918.

Before leaving gave Blount instructions about my personal affairs. Arrived N.Y. on time. I got breakfast on car. Met by Consul General Bailey and by Sawyer; Went to Biltmore. Dunn came also, interesting confere with Bailey as to President's attitude. He Dillon and Dixon say President will attend confere. Dunn says he thinks not. All agree as to possible trouble respecting freedom of seas and return of Colonies. Pres't much of a dictator when he controlled Congress. Very vain, inconceivably so. Not cordial to G.B. Went to Turck who gave me treatment for foot and usual irrigation treatment. Then to luncheon with Dillon who comes to England a little later. Very interesting and able man. Thinks U.S. does not appreciate Canada's war effort. Then to Nachbar and at 4 confere with Dixon who urges that Dominions shd put forward any claim that is to be made for retention of Colonies. Dealt with correspondence. Mr & Mrs. White came to

dinner and went with me to see "Be calm, Camilla". Amusing but very light.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 1918.

Report last night that Kaiser has abdicated is confirmed this morning. Revolution has spread to Berlin and seems to be sweeping over Germany. Danger is that it may sweep over other countries. One sees possibilities of widespread attempts at anarchy. Went to take treatment from Turok at 9.30. Sir W. McKenzie came as to his affairs and I gave him letter to laid to have directors take up the matter. Interesting interview with Geoffrey Butler and arranged that he should visit Ottawa and see Rowell. Tlgm from White that Laporte is proposed to assist me in London. Told him to let it stand until after my arrival. Went on board at 12. Ship sailed at 2.27, Mauretania. Very good accommodation for me. Sifton put in room with Major Phipps and I got it changed through it. Seddon. Ship crowded with Am. troops. Very fine view of N.Y and sister cities as we put to sea. Met. Mr. Pearson of Br. Food Board.

Monday, Nov. 11, 1918.

Fair weather. Had enjoyable walk with Dr. Robertson. Very beautiful scene in early moonlight. At 12.30 ship's time purser came to my room with/startling announcement that Germany signed armistice at 5 A.M., hostilities to cease at 11 A.M. today. Terms are published in form already communicated to us. This means a complete surrender. The Kaiser is reported as seeking refuge in Holland but the Dutch don't want him. Humours that several of the German princelets and Kinglings have abdicated or fled. Revolt has spread all over Germany. The question is whether it will stop there. The world has drifted far from its old anchorage and no man can with certainty prophesy what the outcome will be. I have said that another such war would destroy our civilization. It is a grave question whether this war may not have destroyed much that we regard as necessarily Incident thereto.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1918.

This morning despatches report that Dutch intend to intern the Kaiser Hindenburg and Crown Prince trying to escape to Holland have been stopped at border. Socialists' Govt, has been established in Germany. Many cities and states have set up their own local Govts as in Russia. Soldiers and workmen's councils are taking charge in various places. Discussed Canada's

interest in indemnity with Dunn and Jones. They say material loss in man power should be first considered. Played bridge last evening and again this evening. Lady Grant, wife of Adm. Sir Wm. Grant played with us this evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1918.

Officious lieutenants of U.S. units interfering with our party, one of them insisted that I should wear my lifebelt. Declined and sent word to Captain yesterday afternoon but have no reply. Today's report says all submarines given up by Germans. Kaisers whereabouts unknown. He has taken designation of Count Wm. Hohenzollern. Here we are at sea and great events happening everyday. We should have been en route earlier. Sea pretty rough this forenoon. Com'r Jones says we should reach Liverpool 6 P.M. on Saturday. In afternoon wind increased and ship rolled tremendously all evening. Played bridge in afternoon and again in evening, some very interesting games. Went to see Draper who has been under the weather but is recovering. Discussed indemnities with Jones and Dunn and asked for memo.

Thursday, Nov. 14, 1918.

Heavy sea all night and ship rolled tremendously. Ross at 12.15 and walked on deck with Jones. Arranged for meeting Foster, Sifton, Jones, Robertson, Dunn and Christie. Had very interesting discussion. Jones and Dunn put forward with much earnestness and ability their view that compensation for loss of man power and for injury to those prevented from carrying on their occupations should be taken into account. Robertson said pension roll could not be logically distinguished from interest on war expenditure. Foster admitted logical case made out but thought proposal not practicable. Sifton thought whole question would be disposed of on some rough general or arbitrary basis. Discussed development of St. Lawrence water power and of industries dependent thereon, production of nitrates, &c.

Friday, Nov. 15, 1918.

Sea much smoother. Little news from the front or elsewhere. Confce with Br. Robertsen who has prepared scheme of indemnities. Discussed it with Sifton who thinks chief concern of Canadian people is that they shd be represented at the peace confce. Prepared cables to White for information required and to Doherty for ditto. Four destroyers met us at 3.45 this afternoon. Write to Laura and Julia. several letters to white as to development of water power, extension of St. Lawrence canals &c. Prepared

statement for press, approved by Sifton and Foster. In evening attended entertainment given by Am. troops and addressed them. Had very fine reception, many warm congratulations on my speech, which went very well, on need of unity of effort by our two nations to preserve peace.

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1918.

Rose at 7 and on deck at 7.40. Breakfast at 8 and then to sundeck to see boxing tournament. Parsons, a sailor did well, not a finished boxer, but clever and a hard hitter. very cold during forenoon. Met Sir Thomas Miles, a very interesting Irishman, protestant and homeruler. Also senator Wordsworth of New York. Gave an interview to Roberts of the Cleveland plain Dealer. Anchored outside of bar about 6. Adm. Stoneman, Capt. Younger (of Colonial Office) and Griffiths came on board and brought papers. Decided to remain on board all night. Newspapers for a whole week much appreciated. London celebrating all the week. Disorder in Holland and Switzerland. Gen. election 14 Dec. Nominations 4th. Lloyd George busy electioneering. Captain told me of wireless from (?) giving details as to taking over German ships.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 1918.

Rose early and found ship stationary in fog. fender came alongside and remained two hours. Eventually at 11 ship moved to dock and we left on special for London. Lady Grant, Wordsworth and Peterson, as well as Elliott and Harrison went with us. Lloyd George, Col. de Willoughby on behalf of King and Russell of Col. office met us. Guard of honour from 2 N.S. batt, 25th, 35th and R.C.R. Inspected Guard. Great crowd cheered us. Went at once with L. George to 10 Downing St. and with Bonar Law discussed arrangements for confce. They propose, L.G., Balfour, Barnes, B. Law and myself to specially represent Dominions. He thought I should be selected by Dominions. I said I did not think I should have any special status to represent Dominions but same as others. Discussed sudden termination of war. Churchill came in. Discussed basis of society. I agreed to see Smuts. In evening long conference with Currie Embury and Gibson as to demobilization. Currie gave interesting account of Canadian achievements during past three months. He urges that corps should be returned in units, as they fought.

Monday, Nov. 18, 1918.

Hotel very badly heated, no central heating except in an

occasional way. Halls and bedrooms are cold storage. Drafted tlgm to Cabinet as to Currie's request and discussed it with Poster, Sifton and Biggar at 2. They concurred. At 11 confce with Smuts as to delegation to Peace Oonfce. He said I should go but suggested telegraphing to other Dominions and getting concurrence. He agreed that I should not go as a special representative of other Dominions but as an Empire Delegate. Sir E. Garron called, evidently to see how I stood on the Hughes situation. Told him my conception of how present situation had developed. Perley came in afternoon and we discussed Kemp situation and Hughes incident. Went to see K«mp and found him better than I expected. Told him to go for holiday in Cornwall or Italy. He said he would decide shortly. Save interview to Standard &c. Discussed with Jones publicity and telegraphed Howell as to Hurray Williams. Heard that Doherty has started.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1918.

Rose very early and walked after breakfast. Saw apples for sale and was told price 4/ per lb., equal to about \$80. per bbl. Confce with colleagues, advisers and Perley at 10.30 when reconstruction orders were discussed at considerable length and interviews with British Ministers arranged. Took up also question of Siberian expedition and arranged interview for Sifton with Milner. Left cards for British Ministers and wrote our names at Palace and at Clarence House. Discussed with Dunn publicity for Canada in London press and told him I would take it up with L. George. Went to hear address and King's reply in Royal Gallery and afterwards walked with Poster to 10 Downing Street but found no cabinet called. Attended meeting of Privy Council at Palace at 6.30. Stood next to Curzon, Pres't, and remained while prorogation speech was approved. Stayed for audience with King who said he had conviction war would end this year. Gave him my views as to causes. He spoke most warmly of Canadians. Hopes we will not undertake trial of Kaiser. Thinks he may be left to present condition of contempt and humiliation. Dined a.t Marl. Club with Perley. Large company. Geddes very interesting as to Navy's work.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1918.

Did not waken until 10. Awake part of the night. Yellow fog, sulphurous smell and taste. Venezelos came at 11. Had interesting conversation with him. He complimented Canada on her effort and I told him how all our people admired him. Went to War Cabinet at 12. Saw L.G. before going in. He told me Smuts had not seen him. Said both Ward and Massey want to attend Peace Confce. I agreed it was absurd. In Cabinet I suggested preparation of memo on Freedom of Seas. Gave them my idea of Pres. Wilson's attitude. Discussed trial and punishment of

Kaiser. L.G. very insistent. Curzon and Barnes supported him. Also Geddes. I pointed out serious difficulties. They agreed to widen pending refoe thereon to Atty. Gen's Com. Decided to send message to German Gov't as to providing for released prisoners. Discussed various questions including Kaiser, in afternoon and then took up with Gen. Radcliffe question of Siberian expedition. Decided to advise Mewburn to continue for present and sent tlgm. Kemp improving. Fog continued all day.

Thursday, Nov. 21, 1918.

Rose at 7.30 and went for walk shortly after nine. The weather much cleaner. Dealt with correspondence. Gen. McDougall sailed as to possibilities in timber trade and I sent for Jones. We had an interesting discussion. Discussed also with Christie and Biggar question of preparing briefs on various questions for Peace Conf. In afternoon called on Kemp and took up many matters, demobilization, return of dependents, Siberian expedition, honours &c. Brand came to luncheon and I discussed with him economic situation, honours for employees of Imperial Munitions Bd. &c. Asked Major Bristol to forward publicity in London press as to work of Canadian Corps, in evening dictated long letters to Gov. Gen, White and L.George. Wrote to Laura yesterday. Submarines surrendered yesterday and battle ships and cruisers to be handed over today. Late in evening read Alf. de Musset's "On ne badine pas avec l'Araucan". Unpleasant ending. Arranged to move tomorrow to offices at 2 Whitehall Gardens.

Friday, Nov. 22, 1918.

Rose early and after breakfast went to Offices Whitehall Gardens. Very convenient. The amiable and ever present D'Egville on hand as usual. Conferred with Sifton as to honours recommended by Haig, he agreed. Wrote to Cubitt accordingly. Dealt with correspondence & at 1.30 went to luncheon at Duke of Connaught, Mrs. Bulkeley, Lady Evelyn Farquhar, Lady Evelyn Ward, Lady Warenden, an air Gen., Fitzgerald, Secy of Sir John Cowans &c. Princess very bright and interested. Hopes to see her regt. in France. Copes, a can. soldier, came in to urge us to be severe on Germans on account of their cruelty and brutality to women and children, in afternoon went to give Lafayette sitting for photo. Then to office and afterwards conf. with Gen. Sir D. Watson who told me of Canadians march to the Rhine and their wonderful reception by the population. People would come and timidly touch them as if to make sure that they were real. Parley came to dinner and is fretting about Can. Trade Mission as he thinks it supersedes High com's work. Soothed him and explained High com's position is more and more diplomatic in its status.

Saturday, Nov. 23, 1918.

Tlgm from white as to Siberian Biped. and as to demobilization. Discussed them with Foster, Sifton and Doherty (who arrived at noon) this evening. They approved my draft telegram as to Siberian Exped. and agreed with me that reasons urged against demobilization by units not convincing, considered it useless to send again for Currie's opinion. Tlgm from Ballantyne as to Air force, discussed it with colleagues who approved my draft reply. King had wonderful reception from "silver medal men" today. Status of Crown wonderfully improved by successful issue of war. It would have been otherwise if we had lost. Lloyd George opened campaign at wolverhampton today in an inspiring speech. Cecil and Clynes have resigned. In afternoon went to Coombs and played 10 holes of golf with Dunn, beating him 2 up. Be has very pretty and commodious cottage. A fine November day, Lloyd Harris arrived. Pros. Wilson coming to .England on way to France. Press announcement sets forth optimistic forecast of what he will accomplish.

Sunday, Nov. 24, 1918.

Rose at 7.20 and went over many documents and papers, prepared statements for Canadian and British press. Arranged several natters with Christie. Wrote yesterday to L.George as to preparation for peaoe Confce. Consulted Bonar Law as to invitation to preside or speak at meeting in Albert Hall as to peaoe terms and we agreed that I should decline. Called on Jones who is improving & on Lloyd Harris and young Col. Gow came to lunoh and we had an interesting conversation. He is most keenly appreciative of what Canadians have done in this war. I invited him to remain and assist us in peace confoe and he agreed. Bonar Law says Hughes will be strongly opposed to any reps'n from another dominion unless he is appointed. Dealt with correspondence. Walked for 1 1/2 hours with Christie. Arranged interview with Kemp but he was too ill and it had to be postponed. Weather overcast and damp. Hardly any sunshine since our arrival.

Monday, Nov. 25, 1918.

Rose early. Wet murky day. Drove to office. Took up tlgm re demobilization and submitted draft to Foster and Sifton who approved. Wrote thereon to Kemp. Confce with Foster and Sifton and afterwards with Harris and Jones as to our work and especially orders for reconstruction needs. Called with Harris, Jones and Young on Perley. At 3 oonferred with Smuts on arrangements for Peace Confce and told him of information as to

Pres'ts attitude. He says Hughes gets on L.G.'S nerves. At 4 to 5.30 confes with all our colleagues and staff and discussed whole situation. Appointed several committees. Then to interview with Balfour and discussed same subjects as with Smuts. He fears that L.G. and Wilson may not get on well together. I said controversial subjects should be discussed by him with Wilson; that he and President were very congenial and he had made great impression in that quarter. In evening went over papers from Foreign Office to. and arranged for Christie and Biggar to take up certain work.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1918.

At office early 9.30. Dealt with correspondence and at 10.30 confoe with Ministers after which I attended at Imp. War Cabinet. A not very fruitful discussion on arrangements for Peace Confce. Hughes cranky and unworkable. I told L.G. that he should set Balfour on Wilson as they got on well together. He said Balfour too much inclined to agree with Wilson. I said "instruct him how far he can go". In afternoon tlgm from White as to Siberian Exp'n. Canada war weary, will send no more men. Called on Kemp who seams finally to be recovering. Drafted my speech for American Society on Thursday. Newspapers in Canada clamouring for meeting of Parlt. Gazette behaving badly. Confoe in evening with Lloyd Harris. He says Perley is fretting. I discussed with him personnel, purpose and possibilities of Mission. He is very shrewd and capable. Weather damp and infernal. Suffering from cold. Bolshevism increasing in Germany.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1918.

Had Henry rep've of Le Petit Journal of. Paris at breakfast. Rather unprepossessing in appearance but capable and shrewd. Gave me good story as to our Canadians. Then to office and confoe with Ministers as to Siberia Exped'n. Sent cable to White authorizing abandonment. Biggar to see Radcliffe and explain. Badcliffe quite reasonable and I cabled his attitude to White. Miss Shorey as to London Pageant. Explained to her that Canada is not a colony. Foss of Telegraph came for interview and I spent most of afternoon in preparing it. Had Long, Foreign and Colonial Editor of the Times, at luncheon, and we agreed in our appreciation of Imperial problems. Discussed trade matters with Jones and Harris in afternoon. Revised draft of my speech before American Society in afternoon and evening. I spend too much time in polishing: phrases. German disorder still continues. Walked with Christie and Biggar at 6.15. Tlgs from White thicker than autumn leaves in Vallambrosa.

Thursday, Nov. 28, 1918.

Early at office and revised speech for this evening. Usual confuse with Ministers and discussed Siberian Expedition. Tlgm from White that Sir C. Sifton has resigned as President of Conservation Com'n. Wrote to Balfour and Long as to Canada's right to recognition in purchase of supplies. Attended War Cabinet at 11.45. Atty. General present and reported in a very powerful argument in favour of proceeding against Kaiser. Report adopted but method undetermined. I did not concur. Gen. Morrison and Brutinel arrived post haste from France to give me particulars of achievements of Can. Corps. Heard their account for 50 mins. very impressive and interesting. Attended dinner of Am. Society in evening. Sat between Ld. Chan'r and wife of Siberian Minister, a very charming woman. My speech well received and had many compliments. Heading made an impassioned speech in praise of America and her effort.

Friday, Nov. 29, 1918.

Good report of my speech in Times. Early at office. Shower of telegrams from White on various subjects. Discussed with Ministers expediency of guaranteeing price of wheat for coming year. Dr. Robertson reported and is to report further. Then meeting of all members of Mission when questions as to orders for reconstruction, restriction of imports to U.K. and as to shipping were taken up. Then interesting statement for an hour from Morrison and Brutinel as to 100 days campaign. Clemenceau to arrive on Sunday and Foch to accompany him. Tlgm from White that Siberian Exped will proceed. This strange after row they made. Sent Biggar to Radcliffe and Kemp re various military matters. Dinner at 7.30, Morrison, Turner, Harrington Radcliffe Dawdon, Dunn and members of Mission except Foster and Perley. Very interesting and enjoyable evening. Proposed Morrison's or rather Corps' health and he responded. Speaking took only 5 minutes. I claimed them all for Canadians. Morrison told us of many amazing incidents in connection with corps.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 1918.

Shower of tlgms as to Siberian and Archangel Expedition, war medals and other subjects. Dealt with some of them and Biggar went to see Kemp about others. Usual meeting of Ministers, Doherty alone attending. Large number of documents from foreign office, which I perused in afternoon and evening, on variety of subjects touching Belgium, territorial arrangements in Caucasus, economic post bellum conditions and other subjects) went to Coombe with Perley at 11 and played 13 holes of golf

very badly. Returned at 3.15. Confce with Biggar and afterwards with Kemp as to tlgs from Powell. Severe cough and pain in right shoulder and neck. Excused myself from dinner in honour of Gen. McDougall. Fine cool day but air in London ; never very good. Went to bed at 7 and worked for three hours at Foreign Office documents. Election affairs becoming more lively.

Sunday, Dec. 1, 1918.

Remained in bed until 7 P.M. and worked most of time at documents from war Cabinet and Foreign office. Was struck with the progress of Bolshevism in European countries. Long paper from Bd. of Trade as to post vellum trade conditions, restriction of imports and exports, indemnities &c. instructed Christie as to circulating these. Foch arrived about 2.25. Streets lined with troops and behind these an immense wildly cheering crowd. They made him come out on the balcony three times and then they started "We want a speech". It was a wonderful reception. Perley was in during forenoon and we talked of some matters. Weather overcast and drizzly, strong article in Observer supporting Lloyd George. I am beginning to feel more and more that in the end, and perhaps sooner than later Canada must assume full sovereignty. She can give better service to G.B. and U.S. and to the world in that way.

Monday, Dec. 2, 1918.

In much better form today. Went to office and after disposing of correspondence had conference with Ministers and settled form of several tlgs to Ottawa. At noon received memo prepared by French Gov't as to Peace terms. It is a most astonishing document, imposing conditions of the most rigorous character which would keep the German people under the allied nations as taskmasters for half a century. And nearly everything that is to be exacted is for France. Went over it with Sifton, Doherty & Perley who share my view. Wilson will never stand for it nor will I. There were confces with French and Italian Ministers today but we were not asked to attend. Cabinet called for tomorrow at 10.30. Wrote to several of the Ministers and to the Governor General. weather cloudy and Overcast. In evening discussed french proposals with (?) and others. Banks of Globe and McEvoy for Tlgm.

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1918.

Bad night, went for confce with Duke of Connaught at 10 when we discussed general matters including proceedings against ex-Kaiser. Then to Imp. War conference when conclusions

reached yesterday in our absence were taken up. I raised my voice as to establishing an ad hoc tribunal to try in a long drawn out proceeding the ex-Kaiser for an ad hoc crime. Said if we did anything by way of indictment general principle should be affirmed. French and Italians came in at 11.15 and we had interesting discussion on many points including rep'a of Russia. Yesterday's conclusion not well expressed. Met Dafoe after lunch and gave him an idea of situation. Confoe with Gerald White and W.R. Smyth both of whom want senatorships. Resumed war Cabinet at 5.30 and reached conclusions on some minor points. Much useless discussion. French and Italians not on very cordial terms, old Clemeneau in great form. In evening confess as to tlgs from white re orders for our industries. Saw Harris and Jones and Foster. Very tired.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1918.

In morning confce with Ministers and disposed of much correspondence. Informed Ministers of my intended com'n to L.G. as to representation of Canada at confoe. Sent for Hankey and had serious talk with him as to irregular procedure and oversight. He agreed. I said I had not come to take part in light comedy. Saw Long afterwards and told him as I had told Hankey that res'n as to rep'a should on no account be made public. They both agreed but were afraid Keith Murdoch would get hold of it. Long spoke of Sutherland, priv. Secy of L.G. being dangerous. Saw L.G. afternoon and put case before him very firmly. He said Hughes was committed by his acceptance of res'n and that rep'n of Canada would be satisfactorily arranged. Kemp came at 3.30 to discuss several matters, among them honours for Forestry Corps. In evening long confoe with Lloyd Harris in who whole situation was reviewed and draft cable to White settled. He says Perley is still fretting over establishment of Mission.

Thursday, Dec. 5, 1918.

Usual confce with Ministers and reported as to interview with Lloyd George. Later, after dealing with correspondence and various confces, went to see Long at his request. He said it was necessary to communicate conclusions to Dominions. I told him it would be very difficult to do so n terms that would not create dangerous impression. Ho gave me draft of proposed dispatch and I promised to assist in putting it in shape. Then to luncheon with Gen. Turner at Naval and Military Club where some 25 officers were present, whom I addressed. Then took up work in office, reading despatches &c and at 4.30 went to the Sadlers Hall, Cheapside, to address wounds soldiers who gave me a fine reception, Then back to

office and interview with Rev. Dr. Grant as to cooperation of church in demobilization and with Col. Elliott of Cobourg. Dined with the Parleys, Mrs. Greville also a guest. A very pleasant evening. Election activities getting warmer. The weather overcast but very mild.

Friday, Dec. 6, 1918.

Early at office. Foreign office despatches very heavy! Went over Long's draft message and found I could do nothing with it. The conclusions to be communicated are too maladroitly phrased. Wrote him to that effect and also Prime Minister. Submitted letter to Foster and Sifton. Meeting of Ministers at 11. Discussed provision of passages for dependants. Kemp gave good analysis of difficulties. Then meeting of delegation at 11.30. Dafoe print. Interesting reports on various matters and considerable discussion on shipping question. Lloyd Harris and Jones engaged with Lord Emmett and did not attend. Lunched with Lord Reading at Savoy and afterwards discussed with him our difficulties with Wilson and generally at Peace Confce. He thinks Wilson will be troublesome on Freedom of Seas. Long walk 4.30 to 6.15. In evening worked at despatches &c Dined on an apple. Weather mild, overcast. Many tlgms from Ottawa.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1918.

Early at office and dealt with correspondence. Letter from Long admitting that form of conclusions unfortunate and conveying copy of amended message. Conferred with Christie and Biggar as to matters requiring attention and explained whole situation to Dafoe at some length. Took up with Perley question of honours for Forestry and he concurred with me and with Kemp that I should take no action. Went with Parley to Coombe Links immediately after lunch and played 13 holes. My game much hotter than usual, especially on first 8 holes. Then to Ooombe cottage for dinner. Lady Paget, wife of Sir Ralph Paget gave very interesting account of her experiences in Serbia where she headed an English hospital unit early in the war. Was vehement in denunciation of Gen. Surrell(?) she considers a spy. Says Jugo-Slavs are a century ahead of the Serbians. Latter wonderful soldiers but very indolent and unprogressive, resemble Turks in their outlook. Thinks both French and Italians have extraordinary jealousy and hatred of British.

Sunday, Dec. 8 1918.

Delightful mild day. Examined relief map of Europe giving one excellent idea of natural boundaries. Met Capt. Lowenstein and Belgian Military attach who say that Belgium is quite prosperous and prosperity will be assured by indemnity. Visited Air Training School at Roehampton Grove and met 7 Canadian cadets, two from Ottawa. Lunohed there, colonel Dunnville an Irishman in command. In afternoon called on the St. Georges, she a daughter of Geo. Baker of N.Y. A very intellectual woman of great charm. Her eldest son in Life Guards was killed 3 years ago. Beautiful portraits of her and her daughter, Mrs. Gunston by Orpen. Also a wonderful painting, an Irish scene, The Holy Well. Lady Paget told me in evening that her father Gen. Paget considers Canadians best fighting corps at the front. Major and Mrs. Pearson in for dinner. He is a son of Lord Gowdry. Long talk 10 to 12 with Dunn as to pol. situation and as to attitude of U.S.

Monday, Dec. 9, 1918.

In town early and dealt with correspondence. Eight cables yesterday and ten today. They go in first instance to Biggar and Christie. Cabled Reid to have fewer sent if possible. Sent what I hope are final messages re Siberian Exped'n. Laurier active in Canada. Walter Scott issuing silly pronouncements. Usual confue with Ministers, Perley and Biggar present. Discussed payment of passage of dependents. Told Ld. Reading we should have rep'n on his committee. He was in favour. Sir A. MoPhail Doherty and Dafoe at luncheon. MoPhail advanced many extraordinary theories, thinks U.S. would give us part of Maine, believes ag'l machinery is useless &c. Went over Dafoe's first despatch with him. Further cable re Siberia and again tried to close it. Long has amended conclusion of Allied Confue in Ms message to Gov Gen. Perley tells me he will carry on loyally with L. Harris. Mrs. Smith, wife of Capt. Smith formerly stationed at Hx. stopped me on street and we had a long talk. Dorothy married to a naval man.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1918.

Warm and rainy. Election becoming still more lively. Confue with Ministers. Discussed honours & decided to adhere to arrangement already made. Letter from Maude Hanan Rankin sending Maltese lace for Laura. Letter from Mrs. Dunn, very grateful for telling her husband not to move to Grove. Discussed with Christie arrangement for accom'n in paris. Conferred with Draper as to Labour, situation here and in Canada. In afternoon went to Harborows, New Bond St., Davies

& Co. and Lincoln and Bennetts. Then to office and dealt with correspondance after which walked for an hour and a half and went over documents during evening. Perley very much concerned about British Empire honours. The weather unusually mild very relaxing and rather depressing. Doubtless the cold will soon come. I telegraphed to Currie that I should like to spend Xmas with the Canadian Corps. Letter from L. 20th Nov.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1918.

Rainy, drizzly and warm. Early at office, confere with ministers especially as to honours and as to successor to Sherwood. Telegraphed Meighen accordingly. Confere with Sir R. Perks as to Georgian Bay Canal scheme and afterwards with Mrs. Hester who seemed rather confused and wild in her statements. Told Biggar and Christie to investigate them. Called on Lloyd Harris and Young and found them both confined to bed in one room. Sent for Manager and arranged for another room. Letter from Milner containing particulars as to lawless and disorderly conduct of Canadians at Witley and Baden Camp. Saw Kemp immediately and put matters in train for investigation and so informed Milner. Interview with Banks of Globe and with correspondent of C.S. Monitor. Answered Reading's letter as to honours and promised Gen. Sykes answers as to military and commercial needs of Air Service after war. Perused also Bell's report as to conditions in Germany.

Thursday, Dec. 12 1918.

Confere with Ministers at 10.30 and discussed our part in Army of occupation as proposed by Q.I. G.S. Decided we could keep 2 divisions until after peace signed but after that uncertain. Took up with Jones & afterwards with Ministers certain trade questions and arranged to have them discussed in imp. war Cab. Attended Cabinet at 12 when army of occupation and other questions were considered but no definite decision reached. Told L.G. I would bring up question of Govt supplies, in P.M. discussed with Dr. Robertson proposals for confere with Ld. Reading tomorrow. Prepared note of subjects for agenda of imp. war Cab. went at 5.30 to St. Dunstons Hostel. Queen Alexandra present and Princess Victoria. Foster, Doherty and Sifton were also there and Robertson and Dafoe. Very interesting entertainment. Chorus singing very good. Afterwards saw Canadians and read their petition as to land &c and addressed them. Weather still wet and overcast and mild. Many cables from White.

Friday, Dec. 13, 1918.

Usual confere with Ministers and went over many tlgms from Ottawa. Discussed appt of permanent com'n at Washington and appts to International Joint Com'n. Then to meeting f Reading's Com. on Food Supply for 2 hours. Robertson with me. Pointed out difficulties in working out proposed plan; e.g. no control of prices and lack of power to enforce decisions of Food Council after cessation of blockade. Wilson arrives at Brest today. L.C. going to France to meet him next Thursday. Despatched several cables to Ottawa and wrote White as to programme for session. Dealt with much correspondence. In afternoon (5 P.M.) walked for an hour with Christie and in evening, went to see "The Naughty Wife" at the Playhouse. Very amusing and very well acted. Hawtrey and Miss Cooper in the leading parts. Met McNaughton who crossed with us in the Adriatic in 1915. Usual volume of Foreign office despatches. Weather mild and damp. Election activities becoming somewhat livelier.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1918.

Early at office, and dealt with correspondence. Polling day but no sign of an election. Drove to office in rain but did not even see a polling place. Sir Chas. Ross came to discuss minor source of friction between Canada and U.S. Heard what he had to say and told him I would speak to Lord Reading. Saw Reading afterwards and we discussed sources of friction as well as imminent meeting between L.G. and Wilson. He thinks there is danger and so do I. Nelson Spender came to speak of appt to Mil. District 13. I telegraphed his views to Meighen. Interesting letters from Reid and Hugh Clark and Keefer. Showed them to Foster and Sifton. Walked to Charing Cross in afternoon. Saw no evidence of an election. In evening went to Court theatre and saw an admirable performance of Twelfth Night. Met Mrs. Jack of Halifax, and her daughter, Betty, married to a naval officer.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1918.

Rose early and went over a mass of newspapers from Canada and then attacked a pile of accumulated documents. Worked at this until luncheon. Day overcast with occasional rain. Wrote L yesterday. No news as to election. Votes not to be counted until 28 Dec. Wilson had great reception in Paris yesterday. Continued work in afternoon and at 4.30 went to Hyde park and listened for some time to the various orators on diverse subjects as well as to many arguments between earnest individuals on various subjects, chiefly socialism

and labour. There was some amusement but not much useful information to be gained. Several communications of a more or less mysterious character from "Baker" which I forwarded to Blount telling him to see Reid. Attended to my correspondence in evening. Duchess of Devonshire arrived yesterday with Lady Maude. Understand that Shaughnessy also has arrived.

Monday, Dec. 16, 1918.

Rose at 6.30 and went early to office. Weather brighter and clearer. Confce with Mission, after first being photographed outside by Swaine. Discussed several subjects and had reports from various committees. Afterwards held confce with Ministers and sent important cables respecting Fisheries Treaty with U.S. and appointments to International Joint Com. Kemp arrived with voluminous reports as to several matters touching demobilization. Conferred with Dafoe as to representation at Peace Conference and prepared report for him as to committee meeting last Friday. In afternoon went over many documents received from imp. War Cab, and Foreign office despatches. There is plenty of trouble brewing for Peace Confce. British Govt evidently very earnest as to large territorial accessions. Two letters from L. Dined on a raw apple and worked all evening at my documents from Kemp & Cabinet.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1918.

Went to Kemp's office for confce which lasted until 12.30. Discussed discharges in G.B. repatriation of dependents, post discharge pay and maintenance of troops in France. All considerations were exhaustively discussed and concluded to embody them in a telegram. In afternoon dealt with correspondence and foreign office despatches and at 4 went to Foreign Office for confce with Lord B. Cecil as to League of nations which we discussed at some length. We agreed it should be brought up and decided in Cabinet. I went then to Hankey with whom I took up the question of greater expedition in dealing with several important questions before L.G. goes to Paris. We arranged that he should put them all down for discussion. Dictated proposed cable to White as to this morning's confce. Dined with Mrs. Walter Long who is an active worker on social questions in Y.M.C.A. Sir H. & Lady Wilson, Ld. Montague, Ld. Alex Scott, Mrs. Astor and other guests. Telegraphed Gen. Currie that we would spend Xmas with him.

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1918.

Dixon of C.S. Monitor came to breakfast and we had interesting confce as to Wilson's program. He gave interesting information. Says W. is greatly oonoerned over Irish question. Then to office and prepared for Cabinet which met at 11.30. Met Botha for first time. A very impressive man but looks ill. Told Cabinet that should sit at 2 and continue until midnight daily until important business disposed of. Shipping Controller gave astonishing information as to abundance of shipping and as to construction. Referred to a committee. G.M.L. Brown came as to proposed honour. Very greatly agitated. Consulted colleagues and told Major Russell of War Office they might consider Brown domiciled here and we would raise no objective. Met colleagues at 4 and explained that Wilson coming to London next week and I could not go to France. They decided not to go. Telegraphed Currie accordingly. Took up various points but differing from Kemp's proposals. Left for further discussions. In evening met Aston and Bailey as to soldiers settlement.

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1918.

Devoted whole day to perusing and considering documents relating to subjects on agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Very important and instructive memoranda from Eastern Committee (Ld. Curzon) on territorial adjustments and spheres of influence and establishment of new States in Turkish Empire including Arabia. Tendency to partition the world into spheres of influence and to divide up territories of backward races clearly discernible. Very interesting paper from Smuts on proposal for League of Nations setting forth wider proposal than any yet put forward. It is virtually for a parliament of the nations through their governments, or rather a continuation and extension of the present executive arrangements between the Allied nations. Worked at the various documents until midnight. Went to reception of Haig at Charing Gross and met him and Byng. Immense crowds and great enthusiasm. Every one of them a professional soldier and no one from Dominions.

Friday, Dec. 20, 1918.

Continued my preparation for Cabinet and went with Foster. Took up conquered German colonies. Broadened into general discussion covering Palestine, Mesopotamia and Armenia. I took ground that there should ,be no territorial aggrandizement exoept such as absolutely necessary for safety of Empire and that other territories should be placed under direction and administration of Mandatory of League of Nations. Much divergence of opinion,

L. George, Milner, Beading and I most nearly in agreement. Eankey to set forth conclusions. Confce in afternoon with Col. J. L. McKinnon as to County Court appointment. Called meeting of Ministers at 4.30 and discussed telegrams from Ottawa. Kemp not ready to take up questions as to discharge. Dealt with much correspondence. Letter from Lady Grey. Weather cooler. Wilson to arrive London 2 P.M. on 26th. Prepared message for Can. Daily Record to troops at front.

Saturday, Dec. 21, 1918.

Fine in morning. Early at office. Several callers. Jones came with draft tlgm as to purchase of 800,000 standards of lumber by British Govt and I approved of sending it to White. Dafoe came with draft tlgm. as to naval matters which I also approved. It gave particulars of my action of behalf of Dominions last summer. Hankey brought for my consideration draft of minutes of last Imp. War Cabinet and I gave him suggestions as to revision. tlgms (several) from White, one of which proposes my return for an early session of Parliament. Sent copies to each Minister. Dafoe suggested that they should postpone session until after the Interallied confce. Worked at documents for Cabinets on Monday and Tuesday, especially Smuts interesting paper on League of Nations. Walked 4 to 5.30. In evening went to Wyndham's Theatre to see "The Law Divine"; very interesting and remarkably well acted.

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1918.

Rose at 7 and worked at my documents. Smuts monograph on League of Nations very ambitious but open to criticism. It is perhaps too ambitious in some parts and not sufficiently in others. He adopts organization of British Empire as model, but does not seem to realize tremendous difficulties in making that organization a success. Went with Christie to Temple Church. Walked there and back. Drizzly day. Worked at documents in P.M. Kemp called to discuss military affairs, but put him off. He thinks proposal for my return is ridiculous. Walked to Whitehall Gardens and back in afternoon. Astor have invited me for Xmas and I accepted, as Currie reports difficulty about spending Christmas with Canadian Corps. Hankey says L. George about played out. Arranged with Davis to breakfast with L.G. on Tuesday. Am to discuss site for Canada Building.

Monday, Dec. 23, 1918.

Early at office and confce with Kemp as to discharges in

England. After, confuse with Ministers re same and as to my return to Canada for session, trade arrangement with Australia, Fisheries treaty with U.S. and ether matters. Settled and despatched cables on all three subjects. Confce with Dafoe as to return. In evening prepared address for New Year's to people. Various confces with Col. Gow and others during remainder of forenoon. In afternoon attended Imp. War Cabinet when Russian situation was under discussion decided to enter into informal negotiation with alleged repave of Bolshevists and to hear what he had to propose. Decided to send no more troops to Caucasus and to get out of Russia soon as suitable arrangements can be made. Long rambling discussion on all these subjects. Took up briefly report of Hughes committee. Hughes and Long incensed as to Treasury Report. Invitation to Banquet at palace in honour of President. Weather of all varieties. Much eons'n of proposals for league of Nations. Accepted Astors' invitation for Xmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1918.

Breakfast at 10 Downing Street. L.G. and Prof. Adams of Oxford. Discussed President's outlook, his attitude towards Irish question, British institutions, his aims, &c. Then to Imp. War Cabinet at 11 to 1.30. Discussed league of Nations, Smuts proposals, Lord R. Cecil's memo and gave L.G. and Balfour general mandate along those lines. Dixon came to luncheon with L.G. who asked me to remain. Very interesting conversation. Dixon says Ch. Scientists gaining more rapidly than any other belief. Thinks U.S. jealous of Br. Emp. Resumed Cabinet at 3, freedom of seas. Balfour as advocates dlaboli made very witty attack on Admiralty proposals. They passed without much discussion and then took up report of Hughes Com. I objected to their conclusions. They said only purpose was to put in total bill. At six left for Cliveden and had very pleasant evening. Large party. Many American officers.

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1918.

Delightful Xmas morning. Went to service at Hospital and afterwards spoke to men and nurses in recreation room. Went through several wards with Col. Goldsmith and to see Miss Russell, Matron. Then with Mrs. Astor to see Canadians in other wards. She is wonderful in the hold she has on the men who adore her. After luncheon rested and then walked with Brand, discussing social conditions here, deterioration of the physique in working classed for lack of food. Also with J.H. Thomas, who says that labour party will have reins of Govt. within three years and that alone will prevent

revolution. Played various games after tea and Lord Winterton took charge of charades. Fourteen children at tea. Mrs. Astor inimitable in burlesque on modern stage dancing. Very interesting visit to Hospital Ball. Sat up till 12.20 discussing Ireland, India &c with Lionel Curtis, Christie and some American officers.

Thursday, Dec, 26, 1918.

Left Cliveden at 10, bringing Major Astor and Billy. Discussed with him future of Imp. organization. Went to office and dealt with correspondence. Then returned to Hotel. Buskard said no cards arrived for Wilson's visit. Left at 1.45 and found immense crowds in streets. Police told us to go first one way and then another. Finally got out and went through crowd to Police and got through lines at Glaring Cress. Held up at station gates. Made vehement remonstrance and got on to station door where wooden headed official refused to let me pass. Crowds very enthusiastic. Sent for Hankey and told him forcibly my opinion. He was indignant & promised investigation. Afterwards Buskard brought cards up. Had been lying in his portfolio since Xmas morning. Said he never saw them. Worked all evening at address to Canadian people and at correspondence. Weather clear and frosty, delightful day.

Friday, Dec. 27, 1918. Confce of Ministers in morning and discussed additional discharge pay which imposes a burden of over 80 million dollars. At Kemp's request sent tlgm to Council thereon. Discussed also Maolay's request for add'l payment for shipping engaged in transportation of troops. White's tlgm as to purchase of timber and other matters. Appointed Perley and Jones to confer further with timber controller. Tlgm from Meighen and Reid as to my return. Lunohed at Dorchester House with Col. Sir H. and Lady Holford to meet Lady Grey and Lady Sibyl. Consulted Christie and Biggar as to my New Year's address. Dealt with correspondence in afternoon and in evening attended State Banquet, a very impressive function on account of distinction of gathering and its spectacular and stately ceremonial. King read excellent speech prepared by Lord Bryoe. Duke Connaught told me of 'Princess' engagement and I congratulated her. She seems very happy. Had an interesting talk with Am. Ambass'r and Mrs. Davis, whom I had met before. Also with Mrs. Wilson whom I found charming. President made an excellent impression.

Saturday, Dec. 28, 1918.

A day of functions. Went at 11.50 to Guild Hall where I had a very flattering reception from audience. Wilson made excellent speech and was cheered enthusiastically. Then to Mansion House luncheon where I sat next to Botha, B. Law on either side of me told of tremendous sweep for coalition. Says they have too large a majority. I had interesting talk with Botha by whom I am greatly impressed. A fine noble sincere figure. He asked whether I would support him in urging L. George to establish rule that Governors may be appointed from residents in Dominions. I told him I would heartily support it. We agreed in our view on all subjects discussed. There was a great gathering and it went off well. In evening at P.M.'s dinner was next to him with Haig on other side who is very much down on French and has higher opinion of the Germans. Had a short talk with Wilson as to League of Nations. He says people of U.S. are strongly in favour. Dr. Doughty brought parcel from Laura.

Sunday, Dec. 29, 1918.

Worked at documents during forenoon and discussed New Year's message with Dafoe. In afternoon sent for Col. Boyle who gave most vivid and interesting account of his work in Russia during last year and a half and of conditions in that country. He says triumph of Bolshevism in Russia means that it will overrun Germany and that Germany and Russia will overrun the world or reduce organized society to anarchy. He insists that it must be put down or worse will come and declares that an army of a million men can do it. He says that it will be a fraud and a sham if Peace Conference concludes its labours without terminating; the war and that cannot be done until anarchy is ended in Russia. Then discussed New Year's message with Ministers when Canada's status at Peace Conference was gone into and difficulties of direct and absolute representation considered. Very wearying day which should have been restful.

Monday, Dec. 30, 1918.

Usual conference of Ministers, Perley present. Discussed chiefly Canadian representation at Peace Conference. Told Ministers of strong attitude I proposed to take and they agreed. Foster dubitative. Doherty gave us a long argument as to his views re representation of nations in League of Nations. Told him I did not agree. H.R. Tremain with representations as to poor arrangements for transportation. Draper in afternoon as to labour conditions. Cabinet all p.m. when L. George gave us report of his conversations with Wilson. On the whole I thought the situation was quite as good as could have been anticipated, and said so, deprecating very strongly any spirit of antagonism to U.S. Hughes took up at least one third of time of Cabinet in indulging in violent invective against Wilson on account of his

reported opposition to Australia's claims to German colonies. Dealt with preference in governmental orders and abolition of restriction on trade intercourse under war regulations.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1918.

Weather overcast with cold rain. Usual meeting of Ministers when I reported as to yesterday's Cabinet. Went to Cabinet 11 to 8 and had first interesting discussion on Wilson's attitude. L.G. agreed with me as to our attitude towards Russia. Then went into question of representation on which I spoke strongly saying we must have same representation as smaller allied powers, and Prime Ministers must also be on panel. Told them it would never do for all representatives at Plenary Conference to be from British Islands. Cook and Hughes supported me and L. George agreed. They are to put this forward. I told them Canada was intensely interested in this question, she had no territorial ambitions and if her aspirations were not satisfied it might lead to consequences that I would not care to suggest or even to contemplate. Kemp came in afternoon and discussed inter alia excited telegram from White as to treatment of men on transports. Conference with Lord Bryce as to peace negotiations. He agreed as to my attitude towards U.S. and Dominions representation. Worked all evening at documents and dictation. So ends this day and this most eventful year which has brought cessation of war effort but not peace.

Wednesday, January 1, 1919.

Frosty in morning, rain in afternoon. At meeting of Ministers explained my proposal as to representation and they all approved. Dispatched 8 cables to White on various subjects and asked him to send administrative matters to assigned Ministers. Took up with Lloyd Harris purchases by French Govt of agricultural machinery and telegraphed White thereon. Wrote to Governor General and to Laura. Conference with Duff as to representation and arranged to have him write article on War Commission of Cabinet. Went over Foreign Office despatches. Clemenceau's need of rest makes it impossible to begin conferences in Paris before middle of January. Letter from Held expresses hope they will get through Session successfully but not absolute confidence. Christie has prepared excellent memorandum of bestowal of honours. List announced this morning. We have only two privy councillorships outside of military honours. Disturbing accounts of lack of discipline in one of our brigades in France.

Thursday, January 2, 1919.

Prof. McLennan and Dafoe at breakfast when MoL. gave a very vivid and interesting account of the great work he has done in fighting the submarine. Confce of Ministers at 10.30 and afterwards dealt with correspondence including tlgrams to White as to conditions of transportation. In afternoon discussed with Kemp post discharge pay to men taking discharge in England and return of dependents at public expense. Col. Nelson Spencer called to give his views as to this. At 12.30 went to Skinners Hall where Botha and I were admitted as Honorary Freeman. We spoke at ceremony and afterwards at luncheon. Milner and Speaker Lowther also present; latter rather heavy. Very interesting Guild. Charter 1327 but Guild dates from 1265. Present charter Henry VI (1472) to the Master and Wardens of the Body of Christ of the Skinners of London. Then back to office and 5.30 went to open Canadian Catholic Army Hut on Westminster Bridge Road. Very commodious and comfortable. Kerwin of Toronto told of Union of all creeds in Patriotic effort. In evening dined with Cora, of Royal Automobile (?) Club. Took in Duchess of Norfolk. Very crowded. Soup spilt over my back. Lady Sibyl Grey on other side. About 1000 attended reception.