

mainly flow. Canadian manufacturing should develop in just relationship with Canadian agricultural industry. This is a proposition incontrovertible from any point of view from which private advantage and profit do not appear more important than the national welfare and progress.

The taxation which the existing fiscal system imposes upon farm implements is only a part of the burden laid upon agricultural industry by that system for the profit of the manufacturers. There is also the heavy taxation of boots and shoes, woolen goods, and other necessities of himself and his family. Only by organization and co-operation and the use of their political power can the farmers work towards securing equal rights for all and special privilege for none. Their interests are the same as the interests of all in Canada who labor for a living.

For justice and for the common good there should be more organization and co-operation. There is need of increased membership of the Grain Growers' Associations, and of more local associations, and of increased activity in them all for the furtherance of enlightened citizenship and of justice-seeking political action.

### British General Elections

In the general elections in Great Britain next month, for the creation of a new House of Commons in place of the House elected in December 1910, there will come into operation many radical changes in the franchise altering the character and the extent of the electorate, which have been made since the last general elections, which were historic as marking the successful ending of the fight led by Lloyd George to do away with power of the House of Lords over the House of Commons.

The history of the British people, which has been so outstandingly a record of a steady growth in the broadening of popular self-government will next month

enter upon what will be a veritably new era of democracy in action. The Representation of the People Act, which has been placed on the British statute book since the last general elections, enfranchises women, to the number of some 6,000,000 and gives the vote to various classes of male citizens that were previously not included, to the extent, it is estimated, of more than 2,000,000. Women, too, have been made eligible for the Commons.

The total number of votes cast in the general election in December, 1910, was 6,189,369 in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The plural vote has been done away with, so that for the first time the principle of one man, one vote, will come into operation. Another notable change, involving the abolition of a survival several centuries old, which marked the last general elections, is that the elections next month will be held all on the one day throughout the United Kingdom.

The results will be awaited with greater interest in Canada than awaited even the results of the voting in Great Britain ten years ago.

### The Food Situation

The close of the war brings the food situation before us in a new form. Our wheat crop is still largely in Canada, and according to Dr. Magill, it cannot be shipped out before spring. Under the circumstances, we should know whether it is necessary, still to conserve our wheat.

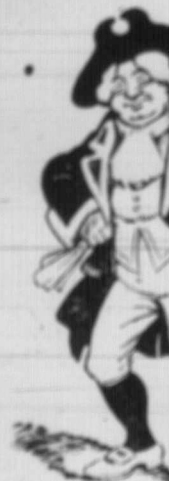
It was announced from Ottawa last Friday that all orders and rulings requiring the sale, purchase, use, or consumption, of substitutes for wheat flour, whether in trade or in private homes, are repealed. This refers only to substitution for wheat, the present milling extraction of standard flour, the dispatch from Ottawa states, will be retained.

The Canada Food Board should be busy with the cables immediately and find out the situation in regard to wheat everywhere, and give the public an official statement within the next few days. The wheat situation is one of the most important from every standpoint to our national welfare. Full information regarding it can be secured by cable and telegraph, and without sending any commissions to foreign countries. We shall expect to hear from the Canada Food Board shortly.

### The Navy League's Appeal

The Manitoba division of the Navy League has undertaken to collect money in Manitoba for the widows and orphans of the brave sailors who perished doing their duty in the war. There may be, later on, some government provision for these widows and orphans; but they are in need at this moment. The campaign in Ontario in September for this purpose resulted in more than \$1,000,000 being subscribed. The amount asked from Manitoba is \$150,000. The difficulties in the way of organizing a canvassing campaign make it necessary for the Navy League to request earnestly that subscriptions be given without canvassing. This appeal is a worthy one and deserves a generous response. The Guide will be glad to receive donations and to forward them to the Navy League and make acknowledgment of them in its columns.

Some of those people who are criticizing the rural districts for not having made a better showing in the Victory Loan are forgetting some of the facts. Owing to epidemic of influenza, the country districts are suffering far worse than the cities. There is greater dearth of medical attendance and nurses, and upwards of 100 towns have been isolated by quarantine. We feel certain the country would not be behind the city under normal circumstances.

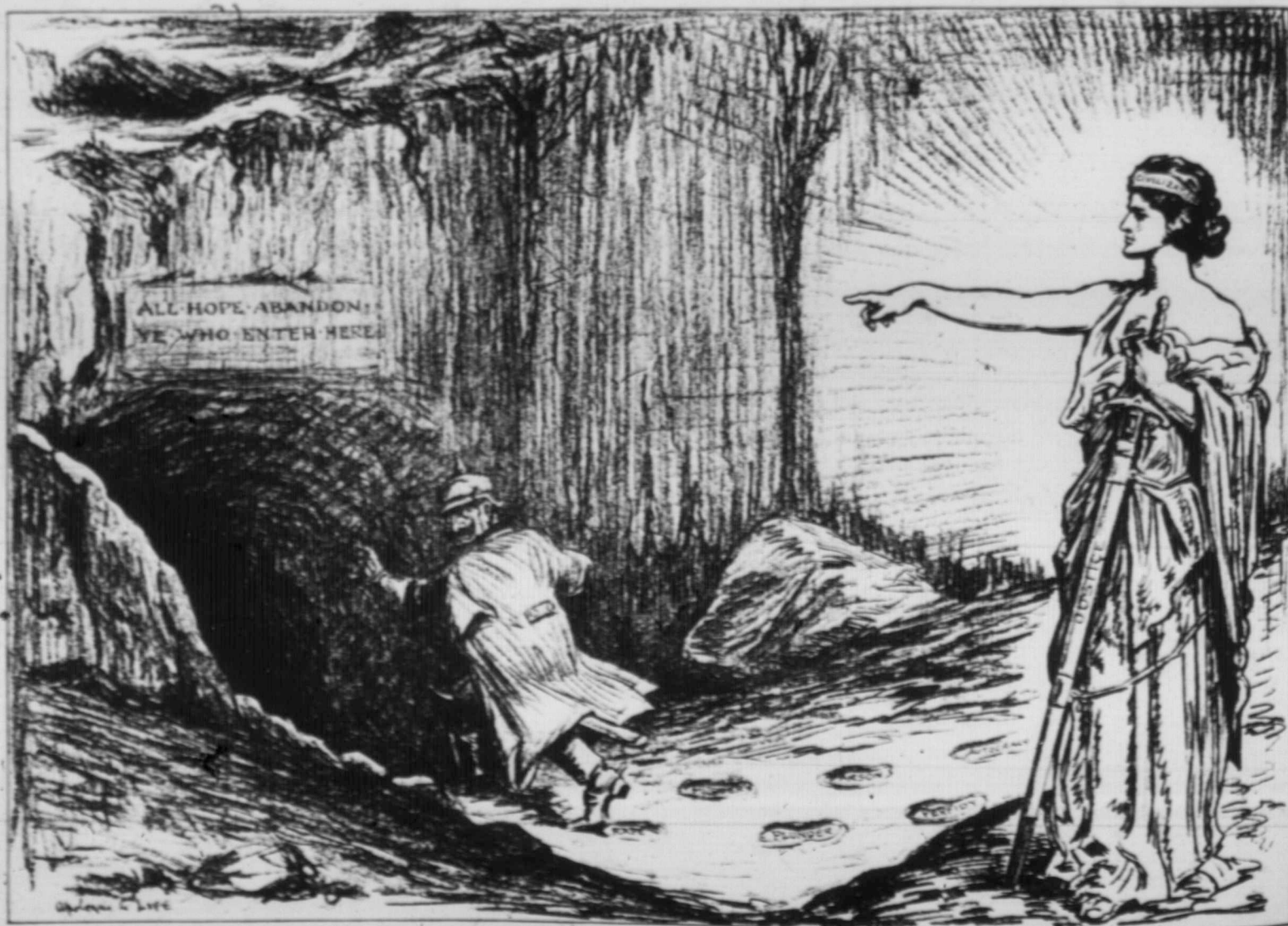


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