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## Town and Country.

contribution to the discussion so often carried on as to the necessity of increased effort for the promotion of agriculture in Canada. The subject is an old one, but is more important now than ever before. As a basis for the discussion, Senator David asked the Senate to resolve as it did "that in order to provide and the best interest of Canada, every possible asand quoted with particular approval a pamphlet is assessed property of the Province.

That much has been done by all our governments progress has been made will be freely granted. Nevthat Canada is pre-eminently an agricultural country, and that the intelligent and vigorous prosecustone in a foundation for national prosperity. The small increase in our rural population and the constant tendency of the young people to leave the farm and seek employment in the cities and towns are things that must at all times engage the serious attention of thoughtful people. The present moment is a good one for pressing the matter upon public notice, for the prosperity of the farming district as compared with the conditions in the larger cities and towns is well calculated to teach useful lesson; to those who may still face the temptations of city life. The cities and towns have their part to play in the building up of the nation. The city life bring; making its gift in cash. While this aspect of the its burdens as well as its advantages, and when a question has caused some discussion, the graves period of depression occurs the town dweller often finds his condition much less happy than that of from the aversion of the Nova Scotians to such di his friend in the country who refused to yield to rect taxation as Premier Murray is proposing. The urban temptations. The cities and towns will grow Opposition members, fully conscious of the dislike naturally and healthfully if there is a prosperous of the electors to direct taxation, have strongly or country behind them. Senator David in his remarks dwelt upon the importance of colonization-of assistance through colonization societies and other the debt of the Province. Premier Murray and his wise to those who are willing to settle upon new colleagues, while no doubt realizing the reluctance

the young people will be more willing to remain in of a gift to the Empire in the cause of the war, it it, and to afford all possible encouragement to the ought to carry with it the spirit of sacrifice, and incoming immigrants to engage in farming, must be that therefore the people should be willing to bear one of the chief purposes of all who are in authority. Wherever such a good object is found to be obstruct rather than adopt the device of adding the amount ed by existing laws or customs, there should be careful inquiry and revision.

# Canada's Opportunity.

According to Mr. C. W. Barron, head of the Wall Street Journal, Boston News Bureau and Philadel. phia News Bureau, the greatest smmediate asset available to Canada is the bringing here of American business men and tourists. In an interview with a Journal of Commerce representative, Mr. Barron said: "Europe is closed to the American traveller, and the \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 which they formerly spent in Europe will now be spent in their own country and in Canada. If Canadian steamship men, railroad companies and hotel pro-prietors are alive to their opportunities, they will start such an advertising campaign that both American and Canadians will travel from end to end of no one knows, but these small drives which the and invaluable health resorts. Certain sections of Lawrence, are known to a few Americans, but your thon, thereby bringing additional honors to Can and th' dogs had a dip this morning." great land as a whole is a sealed book to the peo- ada. Edouard Fabre, of the Richmond Athletic Club

ing tens of thousands of American tourists to her tion. Last year he lost the race to James Duffyresorts. The average American is a great traveller, another Canadian—by sixty yards. Altogether this and despite the American rairroad slogan of "See is his fifth attempt to win the much coveted honor-America First," much prefers going to a foreign country to travelling at home. You have an oppor- Conclusive evidence that times are improving was tunity to supply that desire."

the views expressed by Mr. Barron. We believe that has ordered thirty million dollars worth of locomo a vigorous, well directed campaign on the part of tives, freight and passenger cars. For several our railroads, steamboat companies and hotels would months the railroads in the United States have no result in an immense impetus to the tourist trade. been buying a dollar's worth of equipment, but with there is no doubt but that thousands of them would of orders have been placed. Another indication that to Canada if the attractions of this country times are improving is the fact that the were properly placed before them. Canada is the States Steel Corporation earnings are increasing, sportsman's and tourist's paradise. Our lakes, riv while the volume of business transacted shows a ers and mountains are unequalled by those of any considerable gain. other country in the world. A little judicious adver tising on the part of our transportation companies. , and bring unlimited prosperity to the country.

# A Question of Direct Taxation.

but a considerable litem for cost of collection. Nevertheless, there are but few people who would seriously prefer to have the more direct method adopted. To pay from time to time in small sums, in a roundabout way, suits the mind of most people. It was not direct, permit themselves to believe that they do not pay anything. At all events, a proposal in any quarter of authority to come straight at us with a demand for so much of hard cash for a public service products on much of discussion, and sometimes even of rean amount of discussion amount of discussion of the indications of a man feels "mean" the influence of the but a considerable item for cost of collection. Nevertheless, there are but few people who would for the maintenance of Provincial institutions, and dence in the stability of the Republic. much to do with Nova Scotia's opposition to the history of a China able to stand alone, and possess financial terms of union. The readjustment of the ing a degree of material prosperity which shall inscheme of Provincial subsidies severa; years ago sure a very large addition to the wealth of the world. ade the work of the Provincial Chancellors of the -New York Journal of Commerce. Exchequer somewhat less uncomfortable, but, as it ow appears, it did not put them on Easy Street. Hitherto the much dreaded direct taxation has been avoided in Nova Scotia, excepting as to death du ers holding contracts for making half a million ties, which fall upon a comparatively small number of people. Now a circumstance has arisen which The soldiers were them in dry weather ten days. In the Premier of the Province thinks calls for at least wet weather in two days the boot soles simply melta temporary measure of direct taxation. General ed away from the top parts. A dozen other wealthy close of the session at Ottawa, made an interesting

break of the war, without waiting for Parliamentary authority gave one hundred thousand coilars to the British Government, to be applied in such manne larger markets for our industries and remunerative as they might deem best to the relieving of distress be made for repayment of the money, which was sistance should be given in order to secure the de. borrowed temporarily from the London bankers o! found because the Government made its gift in for the encouragement of agriculture and that good money and not in goods produced in the Province. In is claimed, however, that at the time the gift wa ertheless, it is well to constantly emphasize the fact made, money was the most convenient and useful form of help. With the natural desire that the gif tion of the farming industry must be the broadest Government first proposed to give the Imperial au thorities a supply of coal. But while the coal of the Province is excellent for some purposes, the Nova.

Scotians had to be gently reminded that, as a stean

If proof were needed that talk is cheap, here it is. coal for the use of warships, where the highes! speed was required, it could not be regarded as equa to the coal of the mother country, and as the very best fuel was deemed necessary for the ships of th Atlantic fleet, the Nova Scotia offer was respect fully declined, and large quantities of Scotch an Welsh coal were sent out to the Halifax naval yard Under these circumstances, the Nova Scotia Gov ernment decided to close the transaction quickly by objection to the Governments' proposed action arise; posed the Government's measure. Their alternative is that the one hundred thousand dollars be added to of the people to pay direct taxes, are taking the To make the farm life more attractive, so that ground that as this appropriation is in the nature the tax for the immediate payment of the amount, to the public debt and thus leaving it as a burden to those who are to come after them. Under ordinary circumstances, it is pretty certain that the Nova Scotians would not be willing to adopt a scheme of direct taxation for Provincial purposes; but there is no Province in the Dominion which more heartily responds to the various calls arising from the great war, and it is hardly probable that the Government will suffer for adopting, as a temporary measure, a

> clares that the correct pronunciation of Przemys! is "Percy Mitchell." Now if they could change it to "Peter Mitchell," those of us who are familiar with brands of "Scotch" would have no trouble.

What will take place when the "big drive" starts

of this city, came first in the annual Marathon run "Canada can reap an immediate harvest by bring under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Associa

shown by the big equipment order ptaced by the The Journal of Commerce thoroughly agrees that Pennsylvania Railroad. This big American line e generous spenders of money, and in the past few weeks many inquiries and a number

would make Canada the world's great playground, excessive drink bill, and the loss of time sustained by the workers. It is undoubtedly true that there is cause for complaint, but on the other hand statistics show that there is considerably less drinking in Great Britain that there was a few years ago. In 1893 the per capita expenditure for drink in Great The reluctance of people to pay a direct tax is an Britain was \$20.75, while twenty years later, or in nteresting study in phsycology. -Very few men who 1912 it was but \$16.20. In Canada there has been give any thought to the subject are unaware that in-direct taxation is a costly method of raising rev-enue. Very few of these fail to see that if a hun-dred dollars are needed for public purposes and you proceed to get the money by an indirect method the citizen must pay not only the hundred dollars. In 1912 it was but \$16.20. In Canada there has been an increase in the consumption of drink during re-cent years, despite the spread of the temperance movement. In 1909 we consumed 0.86 gallons of spirits, 5.71 gallons of beer; and 0.09 gallons of wine. In 1913 these figures had increased to 1.11, 7.00 and 0.13 respectively. THE BANK OF CHINA.

so much of hard cash for a public service products an amount of discussion, and sometimes even of resistance, that is not commonly found when the sistance, that is not commonly found when the same amount and more is taken by the more round-same amount amount amount amou same amount and more is taken by the more round about way. This disinclination to pay in the direct way has manifested itself in the Lower Provinces way has manifested itself in the Lower Provinces to the Bank of China last year is said the business done by the Bank of China last year is said this tissues. He has to become adjusted to this alterway has manifested itself in the Lower Frontiers of the same of China has often beginning of Confederation. The fear of direct taxation has often been held before the fear of direct taxation has often been held before the control of the control o people of these Provinces as one of the things that might result from union. The feeling that the Confederation scheme made an inadequate provision for that direct taxation would become necessary, had infallibly to the ultimate emergence on the stage of

## NOT IN CANADA.

"It was found that a number of boot manufacturpairs of boots had finished them with paper soles, weight of atmosphere. Unfortunately, the health and influential manufacturers were arrested."

Don't get excited, gentle reader, says the Ottawa Citizen, in reproducing the above. These arrests The Provincial Government, soon after the out-took place in Budapest, the benighted capital of that barbarous nation, Hungary-Regina Leader.

## "LAND OF MY FATHERS."

Wales to celebrate the end of the South African war very few knew 'God Save the King,' but 'Land of My very few knew 'God Save the King,' but 'Land of My recesses of a big chair, stretched himself, yawned though not always discerned. Darkness and violence the company of the same still the enemies.—Chicago Tribune. posal a keen debate has taken place. Some fault in Fathers' was rendered with immense enthusiasm."-

## "A LITTLE NONSENSE NOW AND THEN"

only \$480 a year.-Cleveland Leader.

Nashville Tennessean.

his hand a china egg.

"That's the egg the hen measures by!"

-A minister, spending a holiday in the North of Ireland, was out walking, and, feeling very thirsty, Ireland, was out walking, and, feeling very thirsty, Ireland, was out walking. called at a farmhouse for a drink of milk. The far-traffic and fatten upon the short haul in the crowded ly, but still using them up fast, it follows that the pigs were very strange in their manner, so he said: aggravation.-Calgary Albertan, "My good lady, why are the pigs so excited?" The "My good Rany, why are the pair it's no wonder they farmer's wife replied: "Sure, it's no wonder they drinking out of ! '

A civil engineer, who was building a railway in Mexico, was trying to show a native how much the new railway would benefit the country.

"How long does it take you to carry your produce to market at present?" he asked. "With a mule it takes three days," was the reply

"There you are!"

were opened by one of the leading men of the neighborhood. Of the proudest there was Sandy, who two hobbies—dog breeding and swimming. Just prior special interests and were dying of dry rot. The sinyour country and spend the money which was for.

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Some day the Garmana will. merly left in Europe. Canada is practically an unserving life in Europe. Canada is practically an unserving left in Europe. Canada is practically an unserving firm foothold the councillor tried to laugh the matter mon Quaker, and tell the nobility, the plutocracy Of close-knit squadrons riding hard and home. the country, such as Muskoka and the Lower St. A Canadian runner has won the Boston Mara-said. "Deed ye hadna," responded Sandy calmly. "Me the English people. He was spurned by the classes,

# THE ILLUSION OF WAR.

I abhor. And yet how sweet The sound along the marching street Of drum and fife, and I forget Wet eyes of widows, and forget Broken old mothers, and the whole Dark butchery without a soul.

Without a soul, save this bright drink Of heady music, sweet as hell; And even my peace-abiding feet Go marching with the marching street-For yonder, yonder goes the fife And what care I for human life!

The tears fill my astonished eyes, And my full heart is like to break: And yet 'tis all embannered lies, A dream those little drummers make,

O, it is wickedness to clothe You hideous grinning thing that stalks, Hidden in music, like a queen That in a garden of glory walks, Till good men love the thing they loathe.

Art, thou has many infam But not an infamy like this-O, snap the fife, and still the drum, And show the monster as she is

-Richard Le Gallienne.

WHY ONE FEELS "OUT OF SORTS."

This, of course, has to do only with general causes

They point and not with the "local conditions" which follow a night out and the atmospheric pressure of too much tango or too many highballs. Nor does it quite explain why "that tired feeling" was more prevalent yesterday, with a barometric reading of 30.12, than on the day before, when the barometer stood at 30.05. But meteorology, like sociology, must not be taken too precisely. The point is that we now know, on good government authority that we feel seedy a such times because we are not carrying a sufficient service stops there, saying that "there is no remedy

What is government for if not to prescribe remedies for objectionable conditions?-From the New York World.

### MADE MEN.

Thomas L. Shevlin, one-time noted Yale football player, and son of Thomas H. Shevlin, the lumberman as they might deem best to the relieving of distress traffic to our transportation lines, to increase our population and to promote the progress, the wealth that the Legislature is in session, provision has to be made for repayment of the money, which was the money, which was the money having been composed in 795. "After many hundred ers and other prominent citizens. Mr. Shevlin was and the best interest of Canada, every possible assistance should be given in order to secure the development of our agricultural resources." The Senator, in support of his motion, referred to what has
been done in other countries to assist the farmer,

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"Yes, Tom, we self-made men deserve a lot of

Then he thrust out his chest and walked from the

room. Shevlin and the others laughed heartily.-Wall Street Journal

## THE ARMY BISCUIT.

A New York man who speaks seven languages earns Germans, had evidently not realized the possibilities of an army biscuit. Its ingredients are meal, salt and water, kneaded by machinery into a thick paste There are some things a man never can know, and and baked-hard. But though it requires "some" ne of them is how it feels to itch under the corset.— teeth to tackle it, yet it has good points. It is highly nutritious: a pound of bread is equal to but threequarters of biscuit. It does not easily turn bad, or "See what I've got!" cried Johnnie, a Cockney boy, get stale. And it can be packed into the knapsack, he came running from a chicken-coop holding in mixing on equal terms with the heterogeneous col-s hand a china egg.

| mixing on equal terms with the heterogeneous col-lection of articles that always contains and it emer-of the stock market.— London Chronicle. lection of articles that always contains, and it emer-'Oh, go and put it back!" cried his six-year-old ges triumphantly as a biscuit, and not a heap of crumbs.-London Chronicle.

mer's wife gave him a large bowl of milk, and while districts. The jitney is a fair weather bird, and entry of fresh British armies on the scene and the he was quenching his thirst a number of pigs got keeps under cover in the bad weather. The jitney continued outpouring of fresh Russian arm The minister noticed that the is not a solution of the traffic question. It is an decide the war against the Kaiser.—New York Com

# The Day's Best Editorial

## **\$** PATRIOT AND STATESMAN.

John Bright was one of the greatest Englishmen who ever lived, and as long as British institutions exist, Anglo-Saxon people will owe a debt of gratiexclaimed the engineer. "When tude to this great and patriotic statesman. It is true the new rallway is in operation you will be able to the new rallway is in operation you will be able to take your produce to market and return home the missing the monument to be seen alongside 405,000: 1912, \$807,766.650. In the latter year exsame day!"
"Very good, senor," was the placid reply, "but what shall I do with the other two days?"—Youth's who had faith in human nature, and what was greater than all, had the courage to be honest. For forty years he fought the fight of the common peo-At considerable expense a certain Scottish town ple in the British, House of Commons, and had the council had erected public swimming baths, and they great Joy of seeing many of the reforms for which he contended enacted into legislation. When he en had been appointed bath superintendent. Sandy had the Tory parties were completely in the hands of the to the opening ceremony one of the local councillors cere and impassioned oratory of Bright, buttressed "Anyhow, I have had the first swim," he and the aristocracy the truth about England and reviled by the privileged controlled press and mob- For him no trumpets called with jubilant blast, bed by the henchmen of the plutocracy, but he was loved by the common people, and in their behalf he Alone into the solitude he passed, fought one of the noblest fights ever recorded in history. He did more to educate the people of England in the Democracy than any other man who lived

For joyfully the long line of his peers, and head a line of his peers, and head line of head line of head line of his peers, and head line of head line o in the nineteenth century. He never sought a pub-lic office, and never by his bitterest enemies was he ever accused of any dishonorable act. The British race has produced no greater man than John Bright, and it is due to the noble and self-sacrificing efforts of such as he that Democracy still forges ahead in the Old Country. Canada to-day needs a few John Brights.-Grain Growers' Guide. 

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## FIFTY YEARS AGO AND NOW.

One of the most costly things in the world is fanaticism. Half a century ago a man who had become the victim of intemperate devotion to a cause and allowed his mind to slip into the whirling darkness of passionate and unseeing partisanship, slew as an enemy that friend of his cause who best could serve

Booth, the would-be patriot and champion of the outh, gave it the deadliest blow it could have received after Lee had failed.

Psycopaths may classify the assassin of Lincoln as they will. There was enough of the normal man in Wilkes Booth to set us all to thinking how much of slovenly and impatient thinking, how little of justice and self-control there are still in human-kind. Prejudice and passion and half-baked thought do not often destroy as those of Booth destroyed. But the havoc they work in the affairs of men is still vast. they are still the enemies.—Chicago Tribune

## LONDON FIRST STOCK EXCHANGE.

The London Stock Exchange, which re-opened recently, began its career in a coffee house on Cornhill in the early years of the eighteenth century. number of those who jobbed in Government consols and other shares used to meet at "Old Jonathan's on Cornhill, and in 1773, after their resort had been burnt down and rebuilt, resolved to call the place "The Stock Exchange," and forthwith induced the bers paid a small subscription, and drew up rules though daily admisison could be obtained by outsiders at sixpence a time. In 1802, when the member ship had grown to 500, the exchange erected a new home for itself in Capel court, at a cost of £20,000

To the Allies, as a whole, the situation may not be unsatisfactory. Provided Germany is using up

# A CHANGED WORLD.

When the war is over many things will be changed. ot only in the nations' views of their responsibility to humanity, but in the ways of life of ordinary peo ple. For this war is affecting every country embroiled in it, and those, too, who have managed to keep out of it, and it will be a changed world that will "sit down i' the green o' the day" and sing p

United Kingdom's liquor bill for 1914 was above penditures on defence were: army, \$138,245,000; navy

The total amount of property not subjected to taxation in New York City is \$1,873.895,243

# "NO SURRENDER OATES."

(Frank Taylor in the Spectator.)

"It was blowing a blizzard. Oates said: 'I am go

The swift, earth-shaking tumult, and

Only the ice-wind's everlasting moun; Yet not alone.

Most joyfully those staunch old bands and true. Which rode at Balaclava in far years. And Waterloo.

Warburg, and Paardeberg, and Dettingen Watched him go out into the deadly wild,-Ay, many valiant souls of mighty men. Saw that, and smiled.

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Conservative Opinion Ho Property is Va One

U. S. STEEL WA York Exchange Was Active

Amalgamated Copper was Stron 753/4. usive Leased Wire to The Jon New York, April 20.—There was docks at the opening and many been among the most active sellers round to the buying side, appa

of covering shorts. The belief prevailed that the re weak holdings had improved eal position.

The trading was active, and, wi changes were on the side of ad Rock Island was the weak feat les from 32 to 31, compared with day. In the first few minu sclive at prices between the two fi The debenture5s. were weal illing to rally from Monday's rathe n S Steel opened 1/2 up, at 57%. Reading g next transaction. ret sale at 154%, while Lehigh Val at 145, but dropped back to 144 on s Tending in stocks from 10 to 1

New York, April 20.-Trading was the first half hour and althou may volume of selling pressure of nite tendency to improve.

34. compared with 741/2 at the ope ock was helped by announcemen e strike in the Stewart Mine and an Smelters have found it n ges from other concerns in order nd for refined copper. While traders predicted that Ro find it difficult to provide for its f

its the stock seemed to meet the at \$2, and buying could hardly be att ess of the public to obtain particip New York, April 20.- Very strong

own by the market to the news of fra receiver for Rock Island, but p ring to the fact that the street dou ion would be granted.

lt may have been only a coincidennevertheless commented upon, t ors of Rock Island, nearly all my for vacation trips, so that none express opinions on the application Strength in stocks of western rath the heaviness of the grain mar tuate the favorable reports rega m of winter wheat, and the indica is of large acreage to corn and spri boro, Met. issues showed conside udit was predicted that at the meeting

distribution of 6 per cent. on ald be ordered. Bethlehem Steel common sold at 14:

rom to-day's low ICAGO WHEAT BARELY STEAD

OATS OFF WITH OTH hicago, Ill., April 20.-Wheat was ht early trading to-day. There wa ion house selling. There was less wer the possibility of a drought in the , and other complaints over the crop onfined to but a small portion of the afternoon the decline was checked on buying of futures at the low levels

ts of fair export business in both crop wheat was barely steady on the decli and selling by elevator interests at U e were reports of export buying or prices steadies

Oats were off with other grains at t eport of large farm offerings. The ady at the decline. Export business

Open. High. Low. Las .. 1371/2 1271/2 79 % 57% 56 % 565% 561/2

CALGARY ASSESSMENTS WILL BE algary, Alta., April 20.— The Calgar ent will be reduced half a million result of judgments handed down in ent appeal cases. Judge Carpenter in a s in every case except one, said: sment appeals this year, I an rinced that there should be a co ugh revision of the whole city assess

AMERICAN CLEARINGS. New York clearings \$427,584,029, increa

clearings \$26,363,046, decr clearings, \$25,797,608; decrease

A Cornwall Manufacturer

writing to the "Journal of Commerce" said: "Thank you for

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