

Some Canadian Political Topics

Toronto Mail on Report of Premier Borden's Retirement—Public Debt and Economy—What the Liberals Dread

Premier Borden.

As we have said, it is with concern that the people note the credibility of the rumor. The vast majority of our people recognize, no matter how loath some of them may be to admit it openly, that Sir Robert Borden is a great Canadian, that he above all other men is the leader in whom they put their trust. No other man could have dispelled disabling differences among Canadians in the war time as he did; no other man could have established and carried on a strong Government giving full effect to the national will to overcome the enemy. Liberals and Conservatives and party neutrals came together under his guidance and co-operated with the heartiest accord in support of our fighting men. There never was a touch of narrowness or pettiness of any kind in Sir Robert Borden's politics. He is honored and beloved by men of all shades of opinion because of his fidelity to high principle whether as a Canadian, an Imperialist, or a friend of his kind. The people of Canada know his merit and his services. After the proofs they have had of his wise statesmanship and his devotion to the public welfare, they cannot but regard him as a tower of strength to Canada in the trying period of reconstruction through which the Dominion is passing. If there is unrest in Canada there would have been very much more under a leader who had less of the national confidence than Sir Robert Borden. He has always been a tranquilizing personality in the public life of the country. The people are proud of his part in the Peace-Conference. He made his way by right of ability to a place in the small circle of the greatest men in that Conference. There, too, his harmonizing personality was appreciated. His dominating powers likewise won him the respect of his peers. He placed the stamp of his individuality upon the Labor Convention embodied in the League of Nations Covenant. In the Imperial Cabinet he successfully maintained the right of the Dominions to the status of separate nations within the Empire, and in the Peace Conference he prevailed against strong opposition, especially from representatives of the United States, in obtaining international recognition for the Dominions as independent States, entitled to their separate representation in the League of Nations.

The Public Debt and Economy.
(Ottawa Journal.)

Noting a statement in these columns that the great need of the day in Canada is public and private economy, a western newspaper asks what reason there is for being alarmed about a people who can put up \$700,000,000 at one fell swoop after four years of war. Our contemporary forgets what a great many others appear to forget, namely, that borrowed money has to be repaid, and that, moreover, every Victory Loan adds to the National Debt and to the annual burden which that debt entails.

The public debt of Canada at the present moment is a very formidable thing. It already stands at \$2,000,000,000. So that by adding Federal, Provincial and Municipal debts we arrive at a total liability of nearly three billion dollars; which means about \$375 for every man, woman and child in the country and roughly \$1.875 for the head of every family.

These are not figures to scoff at. They are figures which challenge serious attention, and, beyond question, either public or private expenditure that takes no regard of them is bound to have evil result.

What Liberals Dread.

(L'Evenement.)

"The Liberal party of the province of Quebec, notwithstanding the fact that it appears to be all-powerful within the limits of its own domain, is betraying a dread, bordering on folly, of the organization of French-Canadian farmers into a political party. It is to be hoped this fear indicates the beginning of administrative wisdom, and the dawn of an era of justice for all classes of society. We have already pointed out that the Government at Quebec has ignored the principle of proportional representation in the Legislation Council in a manner which is absolutely autocratic. There is not one farmer who is a member of this body, yet there are at least a dozen plutocratic aspirants who have made fortunes by speculation. It is deplorable, unjust, and above all, impolitic. And what we have said regarding the lack of fair representation for the agricultural classes, could have been said until recently in relation to the working classes; but lately we know that by skilful extortion a presumptuous personage, who, however, does not represent the better element of the working class, has forced Sir Lomer Gouin to give the commencement of an amendment for another flagrant injustice. If the Premier, or who ever will replace him in the near future, wants to prevent the organization of different classes into political parties in the province, he has the means to conciliate the disposition of the farmers and workers. He must treat them, as regards their representation in the Legislative Council, with better regard and more equity. To foresee and prevent is the true art of government."

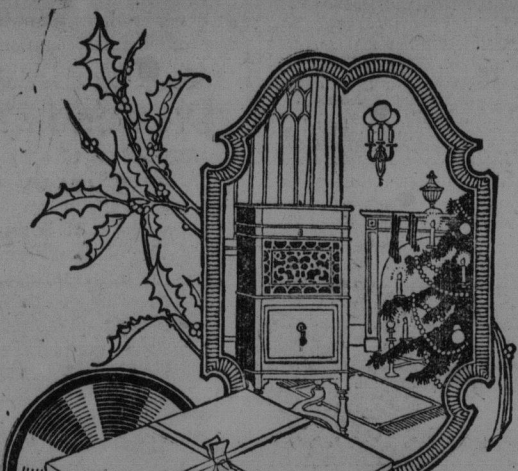
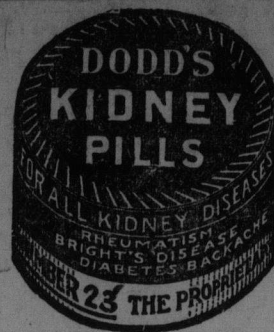
Milltown

Mrs. Joseph Glass and her grandson, left last week for the Southern States, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Glass' daughter. Mr. John E. Potts of Rosindale, was a recent visitor in town. Miss Ellen Osborn, R. N., left on Monday evening last for Toronto, called there by illness in the family of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Baker. Harold Casey has returned from a visit with friends in Meadham. Mrs. Robert Mackay (nee Miss Ida Jackson) and her daughter Bertha, are guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson. Mr. Mackay expects to sail soon for Edinburgh, Scotland, to visit his mother.

The Coal of Poland.

Next to the textiles, mining is the principal industry in Poland, especially that of coal, which was considerable in the years before the war.

The quality of coal mined in Austrian Poland is better than in the German portion. Before the war Russia started to open some mines in Poland, but the work was never completed.



Give Edison RE-CREATIONS

EDISON RE-CREATIONS are original music, not reproduced music. They are made by an exclusive process, invented by Thomas A. Edison and used by him exclusively.

Every RE-CREATION, before it is issued, must sustain the test of comparison with the art of the original artist. That

is why it gives you all the ear can give you of the art of an artist.

Select from this list of RE-CREATIONS. It includes the most beautiful of the Christmas songs:

- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| No. 82171—Price \$3.50 | O Holy Night—Christmas Song, (Adam) .. Soprano, Frieda Hempel |
| No. 80507—Price \$2.60 | Silent Night, (Gruber) Soprano..... Frieda Hempel |
| No. 80503—Price \$2.60 | By the Babbling Brook, (Ring-Hager) |
| No. 80292 | Sibyl Sanderson Fagan and Lewis James, Whistling and Singing |
| No. 80507—Price \$2.60 | Memories of You in Dear Hawaii, (MacMeekin) Lyric Male Quartette |
| No. 80591—Price \$1.80 | Christmas Bells are Ringing, (Solly) .. Metropolitan Quartette |
| No. 80292 | Song of Ages, Christmas Song, (Meredith) .. Metropolitan Quartette |
| No. 80508—Price \$2.60 | Hallelujah Chorus, (Messiah) .. Oratorio Chorus |
| No. 80591—Price \$1.80 | Gloria, (Twelfth Mass), In Latin .. Gregorian Chorus |
| No. 80508—Price \$2.60 | Good-Bye, (Toeti), Tenor .. Albert Lindquest |
| No. 80591—Price \$1.80 | Macushla, (MacMeekin) Tenor .. Albert Lindquest |
| No. 80591—Price \$1.80 | Celestial Chimes, (M. Greene), Celesta .. Robert Gaylor |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Christmas Bells, Celesta .. Robert Gaylor |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Taxi—One-Stop, (Kaufman), For Dancing |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Lazenberg's Riverside Orchestra |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Western Land—Fox Trot, (Gay), For Dancing |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Saxophone Xylophone and Piano—All Star Trio |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Carolina Sunshine, (Schmidt), .. Vernon Dalhart |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Tenor and Mixed Voices |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Dreamy Alabama, (M. Earl) .. Lewis James |
| No. 80593—Price \$1.80 | Tenor and Mixed Chorus |

We are glad to play any of these RE-CREATIONS for you. Come in. You will enjoy the Christmas music and you will discover something different in phonograph music,—your feelings will respond to the RE-CREATIONS as they do to the art of living artists.

Phonograph Department—Second Floor.

W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd.

Stores open till 10 p. m. from now until Christmas eve.

McMILLAN'S

CHRISTMAS NEW

We have secured from the leading Art Publishers of the world a superb stock of

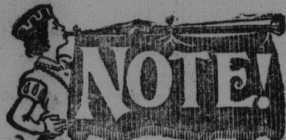
CHRISTMAS CARDS NEW YEAR CARDS AND ART CALENDARS

The choicest of Art Productions are embodied in our stock in numberless designs in

COLOUR GRAVURE COLOUR ETCHINGS COLOUR "FAC-SIMS," &c

As we are all now able to breathe more freely, these time-honored missives will be more than ever welcome and no doubt there will be the greatest exchange in this peace year that the world has ever seen.

Everything on the First Floor and the McMILLAN WAY of displaying the goods!



Among the special features are THE ROYAL CHRISTMAS CARDS for this year—Prepared by special permission—A very beautiful series, and to be procured in this City only at our store.

ART CALENDARS

Welcomed in all cultured homes. We have a number of exquisite designs—novel and beautiful—Some marvellous reproductions of Oil Paintings—Suitable for framing when calendar pad is used—Immense assortment—All prices.

FINE NOTE PAPER AND ENVELOPES

In dainty and artistic GIFT BOXES—A very large range to select from. Absolutely the best procurable and this of course includes the pick of CRANE'S PAPERS—All prices.

FOUNTAIN PENS

The very best on the market from the leading makers in the world. "Enough said"—Expert service—All prices.

DIE STAMPING

Crests or Monograms done to order.

REAL LEATHER GOODS

We were fortunate in securing from one of the leading manufacturers in the Old Country a choice assortment of Writing Portfolios, Ladies' Purses, Letter Cases, Coin Purses, Bill Folds, etc.

REAL LEATHER REMEMBER—There are lots of substitutes on the market. We have also a special assortment of domestic manufacture.

LETTERING FREE—if goods purchased at our store.



MECHANICAL TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, ETC.

As usual we have placed in our retail store some special bargains in remainders from our wholesale department. An early call is advised to secure best assortment as these goods will be rapidly snapped up.



MAIL ORDERS HAVE OUR PROMPT ATTENTION.

J. & A. McMILLAN

McMILLAN'S

98 and 100
Prince Wm. Street,
St. John, N. B.