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FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 30

The Real Question.

Reduced to its last analysis, the real question which the prime minister is called upon to decide may thus be stated:

Shall we have a general election

All agree that if the election is to be held this year it may as well be held in June as in September or October. A short campaign is preferable to a long one. And if the election is before the expiry of the present par-

liament, say in June or September. The suggestion that we might extend the lifetime of the present parliament is no doubt meritorious, but

it is not within the realm of practical politics. It can only be carried out with the unanimous consent of both political parties and both houses of parliament.

Let us then see where we will be, in June, 1916. Let us concede that by that time hostilities will have ceased and peace negotiations be well under way. The prime minister and his colleagues will be in the capital of the empire undertaking to speak for Canada in affairs of the greatest moment. They will be taking part in the most momentous conference in which the nations of the empire have ever engaged.



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in June, 1915, or in June, 1916?

he speak with any authority knowing that a general election is to be held immediately? He will be the leader of a dying government. He will come with no mandate from his people. Under such circumstances he might as well stay at home, unless he takes Sir Wilfrid Laurier with him.

A year from today at the latest our prime minister must go to the imperial conference. In the meantime he must hold a session of parliament. which under all the circumstances should be summoned not later than next October. He must either get his mandate from the people almost immediately, or postpone the election until after his return from London in the summer of 1916.

The year 1916 rather than 1915 bids fair to be the historic, momentous and decisive year in the history of the British Empire. It is therefore desirable in every way that the prime minister go to London next April clothed with authority to speak for the government and the people of the Dominion. What will be his position if his term of office is about to expire? Do we want him to hurry away from the conference to run an election?

The question we have asked should be considered and decided upon not only from the national standpoint but from the imperial standpoint as well.

Defeated on Fouls.

When the Germans took to poisonous gases in order to win against the allies it was the most humiliating confession of defeat they could have made. They are not equal to their foes, and all their brag about their superiority and greater strength turns out to be nothing more than the ridi culous conceit of a nation that suffers from overswollen head. Had Germany been so tremendously the superiors of the rest of Europe, the kaiser's troops would have had no difficulty in overrunning France and holding off Russia. without even having recourse to the brutality of ruining Belgium. But Germany was not so great nor so strong as she boasted herself, and she

began to admit it to herself when she violated the neutrality of Luxemburg and of Belgium, and she confesses it in language which all the world understands when she has resort to the extremity of poisoning by noxious vapors the soldiers she dared not face on equal terms.

Germany signed a convention at The Hague undertaking not to use such gases as she tried to defeat the allies with at Ypres. But promises and conventions and signatures mean nothing to the Germans. The kaiser regards a treaty as a piece of strategy by which to circumvent an enemy The only great nation which declined to sign The Hague Convention against voisonous gases was the United States Admiral Mahan objected to doing so and gave various reasons, among which were he facts that no such de-

Many good Britishers are inclined to | end. feel that no quarter should be given the German troops, and there are any number who would pull the rope to hang the kaiser, or hand him over to the French to have him guilletined in Paris. But we must not forget that

bring sorrow to many a home in the land on the other side of the great there are bigger things than revenue and greater things owing to ourselves than to the German roughnecks, However degrading the ruffianism they exhibit, it must be our place to maintain the traditions of gentlemen and the honor of the race of Cuculain and Sidney and Gordon. We shall beat their foul means by our fair means, and unborn generations of Germans will learn that we conquered because we had the right to conquer, and that their fathers lost because it was best

for the world and best for them that they should be defeated.

Canada has made many sacrifices in this war. She has given without stint of her means and her men. Now that Beginning at the Wrong End The stirring tragedy of the front so she has been called upon to make her rivets our attention that domestic greatest sacrifice of men, she will bear with becoming fortitude. Indeed problems appear for the time unimthe prevailing sentiment expressed portant. Yet in a discussion which there since the news of the loss of so has been going on of late there is a many of her sons came has been one confusion of thought which should be of complete willingness to give more of them, if necessary, to the upholding noted. Some hard things are said of the empire, of which she is proud about party politics and politicians, to form a part. and party feeling has been held re

sponsible for blinding the people. Prejudice of any kind is to be de-

plored, but the danger that threatens your readers know, thru, your columns, a free country most seriously is not what is being done in the Nerlich case; difference of opinion or the free exmoney counts? pression of divergent views. The people are inclined to take too little rather than too much interest in the government of the country. The two-party system among our neighbors to the south rapidly developed into a bi-party system, under which it made little dif-

ference what the mass of the people said or thought or how they voted. The abuses of bi-partyism have been o'clock. May 4to some extent corrected by the "primary" system of nominating party can-ANNOUNCEMENT didates and by "direct legislation." The party leaders in a legislature may be in accord, but any bill they succeed in getting thru the two houses



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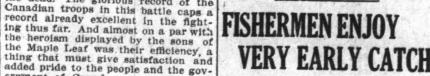
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Canada Should Be Proud. first appellate court in the appeal of the Maple City Oil Company from the Rochester, N.Y., Union and Adverdecision of Mr. Justice Lennox re-straining them from selling gas from tiser: While naturally the reports from the scene of the recent severe struggles three farms in Kent County, on which on the western battle front in Europe they possess leases.

application for the injunction The lakes, it cannot fail to bring a feeling pany. of pride to every Canadian. It is imwas made by the Tilbury Gas Com-

possible for us not to sympathize with the grief that prevails in the hearts of The first appellate court list for today is: Tilbury Gas Co. v. Maple City our neighbors, but we may also avail to assuage that grief by voicing our hearty recognition of the heroism of Canada's sons, the living as well as Oil; Trusts and Guarantee v. Smith Blackhall v. Roesel; Bell v. Smith Vansickle v. James: re Schooley v Lake Erie and N Railway Company. the dead. The glorious record of the



Monthly Reports to Department Coming in Too Slowly

Returns to the fish and game department of the province show that fisher-men on Lake Erie are enjoying un-usually deavy catches for the season

of the year. The new regulations pro-THE NERLICH CASE. viding for the submission of monthly reports to the department are being Editor World: Would you kindly let neglected, however, and circulars are now being sent out to remind licenseolders of their duty. is this going to be a Thaw flasco, where

By a new regulation, tabulations o monthly catches must be submitted, as the government claims a royalty on amounts exceeding fixed limits. In the case of gillnet men this toll i taken on all over 80 tons gathered in the season, and on all in excess of 16 tons for the pondnetters.

JURY OUT FOUR HOURS.

A verdict of "not guilty" was brought against Charles Cuiverhouse, in the jury assize court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Lennox. Culvernouse was charged with a serious of fence. After the jury had been out four hours, the judge called them into the court room and instructed them to avoid a disagreement if possible They returned to the juryroom and found a verdict in a few moments.

Grand Trunk Campaigns to Bring Am-erican Tourists to Canada. The Grand Trunk System, by giv-ing the widest possible circulation to its illustrated folders descriptive of the heavilies of Conada and by its the beauties of Canada, and by its general advertising, is inviting the thousands of United States tourists who ordinarily seek vacation pleasure in Europe, to visit Canada this year. "The most charming summer resorts n America," is the claim put forward by the railway for these Canadian beauty spots. Among the literature which is being used in this campaign is a handsome illustrated booklet 64 pages, entitled "Playgrounds Canada." It deals with practically all the Dominion's summer resorts and gives visitors full information as to ga ne and fishing laws, customs reguations, etc. It is an admirable guide for Canadians who are planning vacaons as well as for their cousins to the south, and it can be obtained on re-quest from C. E. Horning, district passenger agent, Union Station, Toronto,

just as many men as the mother country. Traced the Ideals. Mr. Rowell in his address traced the respective ideals of militarism in Germany and democracy in Great

Britain, and showed how they entered leeping cars and first-class coaches. The above service is the finest in into the causes of the war. The conevery respect and affords the traveling public an excellent opportunity of reaching Montreal in a most seasonable clusion of his remarks was the signal for long and hearty applause.

Mr. Justice Riddell moved a vote time, either in the morning or evening. Berth reservations and full informaof thanks, seconded by Sir John Willison, who after complimenting Mr Rowell on his fine address, said: "There is this to be added in so far lon at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets, Phon as I agree that Canada as yet has not Main 4209.

done its full duty I believe there is a complete understanding between Canada and the Imperial Government that we are ready and we have always been ready to send as many men as the mother country wants. We will

double the contingents tomorrow, and we will double the Canadian army tomorrow if the war office needs it, and df organiaztion will permit of that additional support.

The club passed a unanimous reso lution of sympathy with the relatives of those killed at the front, and or-

Conference is being held for the dis-cussion of the year's program. Papers on various subjects of inter-est are given daily by officials and dered a cablegram of sympathy and congratulation sent to General Aldervisitors. GORDON NOT GUILTY.

BAILIFF BEING SUED.

Mr. Justice Lennox, in the jury as-sizes, took from the jury and dis-Frank H. Woods, bailiff, is being missed the action brought by Angus Gordon yesterday against Medland sucd in the non-jury court by Nathan Gottesman for non-payment of a pro-Gordon yesterday Bros., Limited, for \$1000 damages for missory note of \$1500 dated January alleged malicious prosecution. 1914.

Leave Toronto 9.00 a.m., arrive Montreal 5.45 p.m. daily. Pullman ob-servation, library and compartment Daw One thousand six hundred and sixty one dollars was left by Christopher H. Turner, who died at Stoke, Lin-coln. England, November 19. A son drawing-room car, parlor, library and dining cars and first-class coac Leave Toronto 8.30 p.m., arrive Montreal 7.01 a.m. daily. Electriclighted Pullman sleeping cars and

HOLDING A CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting of Directors of Wo men's Institutes is Under Way.

The annual meeting of the directors

of the Women's Institutes is under way at the parliament buildings.

Supt. George A. Putnam of the gov-ernment branch is in charge, and a

Christopher Turner is the sole bene-ficiary, and resides in Stoke, England coaches on this train. Leave Toronto 11.00 p.m., arrive Montreal 7.30 a.m. daily. Club com-partment car. electric-lighted Pullman A bank deposit pf. \$336 in Toronto was part of the estate. Miss Catherine Murray, who died April 15, left an estate of \$314.

SCARCITY OF WATER

TIES UP LOG DRIVES

Unless Rain Comes, Timber Will Not Be Moved This Year

Unless some heavy rainfalls occur in blockade of the lumber industry Logs brought down during the winter are now lying in the original dumps be-cause of the lowness of the water. Aubrey White, deputy minister o lands and forests, received word yes terday that an immense quantity of timber was tied up in the Sudbury re-gion, and that conditions there were typical of those thruout the north. unless more water is gained the loss will lie in the driveways until next

spring.

RAN INTO SOLDIER.

Judgment was reserved until next Wednesday by Judge Coatsworth yes-terday in the criminal court in the case of Orlando Brown Brown driving an automobile two weeks inday, when he ran into a soldier who was on parade.



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Traitors should be treated as traitors, whether wealthy or not. H. R. Warnecroft. SAMARITAN CLUB.

The officers and members of the Samaritan Club, will hold the third annual meeting of the club in the lecture room of the Gage Institute, correr Ross and College streets, at 10:30

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ernment of Canada.