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A HALF MEASURE.

The terms of the conscription bill are now before the people of Canada. It was so unsatisfactory to one Conservative member of parliament, Capt. J. H. Burnham, who has seen service at the front that after hearing Sir Robert Borden's speech he wrote out his resignation as Conservative candidate in his constituency at the next elections.

Not only does the bill fail to provide for more than conscription of men, but it is only to be put in force at the will and pleasure of the government. Sir Sam Hughes says he fears the bill is too cumbersome and will not provide quick action.

1.—The bill is not to come into force when passed but only after proclamation by governor-in-council.

2.—Three pages of the bill are taken up with creating legal tribunals to enable a man with money enough to escape being enlisted.

3.—Anyone who can show to any one of these tribunals if he has the money for appealing that it is "in the national interest" he should be exempted, can get off.

4.—Under the legal machinery provided, the county court judge will be kept doing nothing else for over a year but hearing exemption cases.

5.—A man who does not want to go to the front can fight in the courts for a year and a half before he can be taken.

6.—No definition is given as to what "expedient in the national interest" means; any local board can give whatever meaning it pleases.

7.—There is no provision of any kind for registration of available men, and it is an unworkable measure in this respect.

8.—It would take over a year to enroll the 10,000 men. The whole measure is bristling with defects and bears the evidence of its insincerity and lack of good faith on its face.

The noisy demonstration of a section of the Conservative party during Sir Robert's speech gives color to the belief that those members at least were thinking more about a political campaign than about mobilizing an united Canada for war purposes.

All that Sir Robert said about the need of sending more men to the front is granted. All that he says or could say in honor of the men who have gone to the front falls far short of what is in the minds of the people. But has he provided the best solution of the problem? Is this that he has proposed an adequate response to the cry from the trenches?

have heard of horrible treatment given British prisoners, and of the brutal savagery with which the French girls of Noyon were outraged by German soldiers. All Germany willed this war—and not the Kaiser alone. The punishment must fit the crime. We do not parley with the tiger, and this human race of tigers must be rendered incapable of further menace to humanity at large.

Attorney-General Byrne yesterday replied with force to his predecessor's criticism of the budget speech. He was quite right in saying that both Liberals and Conservatives were shocked when they learned how great was the provincial debt and in how had a state were the finances of the province. He did well to remind the province that the gentlemen who are now applauding and attempting to glorify the late government were the same who whitewashed Fleming, and the value of their expressed judgment may fairly be gauged by that act. It was also worth while for the attorney-general to recall the history of the Southampton Railway as but one illustration of the wisdom and good faith of the old government; and to recall the pledges made in 1908 and since, which were continually and in the most brazen manner violated from year to year. Neither the debt nor the interest charge can be talked out of existence.

Let us not burn next winter's coal before the frost comes. A citizen called up the Times this morning to say that he could get a carload of coal delivered here from Montreal at \$10.90 per ton, and he therefore does not propose to pay \$14.75. Whether he is right or whether he is wrong, there should be enough coal to go around, without paying the fabulous prices some alarmists predict. Price boosting is too often the result of the mental state of the consumers rather than of market conditions. Moreover, we are to have a fuel controller in Canada. May he have a burning zeal to keep prices within bounds.

If one trustee officer cannot do the work in St. John, let us have two. The agent of the Children's Aid found last week a girl of ten who had never been in school. She had lived in St. John ever since she was of school age. This is not an isolated instance. However high the percentage of attendance may be of those registered there are far too many who are not registered at all. There is the root of the trouble.

Fredericton Mail: The New York Evening Post says that "in 1911 Borden used Quebec Nationalism, which distorted Laurier's Imperialistic naval policy, to drive Sir Wilfrid from office." This, as the Toronto Globe remarks, is an accurate diagnosis. Bourassa succeeded in his two aims. He defeated Laurier and he shelved the only plan which would have given effective Canadian naval aid in the present war.

Bangor Commercial:—That the hopelessness of the German cause is becoming well understood by the German soldiers is demonstrated by the remarks of some of the officers who were captured last week in the British offensive. The prisoners knew that they were all hope of victory for the Central Empires has departed and that the sooner it is all over the better. Incidentally the Germans were very glad to be taken prisoners, ending their participation in the war.

Dr. Campbell, M.P.P., wants women to remain in "the splendid sphere in which God placed them." Does he mean the sweet shops of the cities? Was it God or man who thrust woman into the torment and danger of the industrial world without the weapon of the ballot with which to defend herself? Let our friend Dr. Campbell think it over.

President Wilson's communication to Russia is another of the notable state documents of the war. He stands with Britain and France for such an outcome of the war "as will tend to secure the future peace of the world and the future welfare and happiness of its people."

The British note to Russia against the new European republic is a stand for the principles of democracy it cannot ignore and the representations of Britain, France and the United States.

"It is easy to sow the wind of clamor," says Sir Robert Borden. Was he thinking of his friends Bourassa and Lavergne—or the St. John Standard and Halifax Herald?

There is no doubt about where Toronto stands in regard to conscription. It wants much more than conscription of men.

With what horror the New Brunswick Tories must read of the suggestion that Mr. F. B. Carvell might be asked to enter the Borden cabinet.

The war is costing the British government \$40,000,000 per day, or nearly twice as much as a year ago. How long must this enormous burden be borne?

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LIGHTER VEIN. Judging by the Quality. "I don't believe the editor of the Puck Magazine ever reads the manuscripts he rejects, do you?" "I don't think he even reads the manuscripts he accepts."

A Careless Man.

He—Wrinkles don't worry me. She—Of course not. A man who is as careless about his clothes as you are naturally doesn't mind whether his skin fits him or not.

What Hobby Said.

Counsel—You admit you overheard the quarrel between the defendant and his wife? Witness—Yes, sir, I do! Counsel—Tell the court, if you can, what he seemed to be doing. Witness—He seemed to be doing the listening.

Doing Her Bit.

"Miss Sweetthing has done a great deal to encourage enlistments." "In what way?" "Why, she has promised to marry fifteen or twenty of her young friends provided they would distinguish themselves on the field of glory."

BUFFALO BILL SHOW SOLD

Friend of Jess Willard Boys Circus, Employing the Champion. Hartford, Conn., June 12.—Archer Banker of Salina, Kan., a life-long friend of Champion Jess Willard, has closed a deal by which he buys from the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show and Arlington Circus their amusement attraction which is playing in this city. The price was \$105,000. The same name and staff will be maintained. The show will continue Willard as the stellar attraction.

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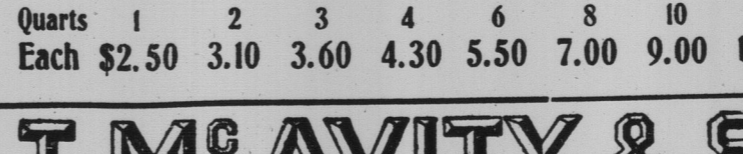
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THE FINANCES OF THE PROVINCE

(Fredericton Mail) If further proof was wanting of the wisdom displayed by the people of this province in voting for a change of rulers on February 24th, it is furnished by information supplied to the legislature yesterday by Hon. Mr. Robinson in the course of his budget speech.

spend the people's money. They had a revenue much larger than that ever enjoyed by any previous administration, yet they starved the public service and squandered the people's money in the most reckless fashion. Rascally contractors and middlemen were permitted to plunder the public treasury and a subservient majority in the legislature said amen to the nefarious work.

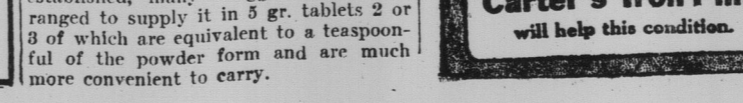
AN EXCELLENT RESPONSE. Moncton Transcript.—Two days of the Y. M. C. A. canvassing campaign is over and from all reports it is believed that the \$5,000 mark will be reached. Thursday's canvass showed that \$2,200 had been promised and it is believed tonight that \$4,000 will have been subscribed to the fund.

RULES OF HEALTH FOR DYSPEPTICS

DIETING UNNECESSARY There are two ways by which people who suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia, sour stomach, flatulence, etc., can overcome the trouble. First, as practically all cases of the above are directly or indirectly traceable to acidity and fermentation, they can eliminate from their diet all foods which ferment and form acid, such as all starches and sugar and foods containing them, thus prohibiting bread, potatoes, fruits and most meats.

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RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. H. Patterson. Many friends will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Eva Patterson, wife of H. Patterson, of The Daily Telegraph linotype staff, which occurred last evening. Mrs. Patterson had borne a long and trying illness with a sweet and patient resignation. She was but twenty-nine years of age and leaves her sorrowing husband and two bright boys, besides relatives in Nova Scotia and New London (Conn.) Much sympathy will be expressed with the family in their sad bereavement. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

CLERGYMAN Has Recovered

Was Unable to Fill Appointments and Greatly Discouraged by Continued Ill-Health

Gananoque, Ont., June 9.—The many friends of Rev. George Alton are pleased to learn of his recovery after a long period of ill-health from biliousness, stomach troubles and severe headaches. Mr. Alton had become very much discouraged over his inability to obtain relief, and thought he would have to quit the ministry, when fortunately he read about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and began their use. He tells the particulars of his case in this interesting letter:

Rev. George Alton, Gananoque, Ont., writes: "I had been suffering from bilious attacks for four years. I was very weak, had headaches, and my stomach was so bad that I could hardly eat anything without being troubled by it. I had tried many cures, herbs, pills and salts, and was under the doctor's care for some time, but instead of getting better I seemed to get weaker. I was unable to fulfill my appointments on Sabbath and had to secure help. I used to take dirty spells and could not walk across the floor straight. I had almost given up all hope, and my wife said that if I did not get better she would have to quit the work of the ministry. However, in looking over the 'British Whig,' the well-known Kingston paper, I saw Dr. Chase's advertisement. I bought a box of his Kidney-Liver Pills and had helped other who were troubled as I was. I resolved to give these Pills a trial, and I must say that in a short time I obtained relief. I continued taking them for some time, and now I am able to resume my work again. From the benefit I have obtained from these pills, I would recommend them to all who suffer as I did."

Rev. C. Cunningham, 124 First Avenue Toronto: "This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with George Alton of Gananoque, and his statement with reference to Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to be true and correct."

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ENGLISH FOOD CRISIS PAST

London, June 12.—Captain Charl Bathurst, parliamentary secretary to the Food Control Department, speaking Guiford, said the immediate danger of national starvation had been removed thanks to the prompt and generous assistance of the United States.

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