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Start on the Second Contingent

Lord Roberts intimated last week that the real hard fighting of the war would begin when the Germans were driven back over their own boundaries. It may not be many weeks before this situation is brought about. The Russians are evidently making progress in the east. In the west the allies are holding their own and more. The Kaiser appears to be rattled, and gives evidence of this by the changes he has been making in his staff. History is full of similar developments, and they have always been portentous.

We may consider, then, that the difficult, exhausting, and implacable stages of the great conflict are drawing near. Every effort is being made in Britain and in the other countries concerned to be prepared in the amplest fashion to grapple with the tremendous problems of life and death which will shortly be presented. Every possible recruit, every item of equipment, every detail of assistance, and every precaution of diplomacy are being brought under contribution.

The preparations being made in Britain for the reception of the first Canadian contingent indicate with what real satisfaction the authorities of the motherland look upon this very present help. No one who considers the circumstances, and understands what this war means to the empire and to humanity, can for a moment regard any other duty or obligation in the Dominion as in any way equal to the necessity for the immediate preparation of a second contingent, equal at least to the first.

First things first. Whatever else may be regarded as right or proper, this above all things is the one thing to which first of all we should put our hands.

Overlooking the Main Point

In the more or less natural desire of certain interests to make partisan capital out of the hydro-electric situation locally, the quite evident fact has been overlooked that the expenditure which the city council was asked to authorize was an expenditure of money which had already been authorized. The \$375,000 is made up of \$398,391 of the Hydro-Electric Commission's own depreciation fund and \$445,000 which is the difference between the price of the \$4,500,000 bonds at par which the commission was to get and the actual proceeds of the sale. The city never gave the Hydro-Electric Commission any money to carry on its business with and it has had to make this shift for itself as best it could.

Those who amuse themselves. Like Controller Church, with violent denunciation of Chairman Ellis and the officials of the Hydro Commission either do not know what they are talking about or prefer to mislead others who do not know. This unfortunate disposition of men like Controller Church, who would destroy the commission and the hydro-electric system to advance a personal quarrel, is the one great obstacle which public ownership always has to contend with. The condition of the hydro-electric business in Toronto is beyond criticism, and if there had been a proper provision made for working capital at the start the present opportunity for misleading the public after the manner of Controller Church would not have occurred.

Had Controller Church been on the hydro-electric commission and had he possessed the business acumen of Chairman Ellis he would have handled the situation in exactly the same way as it has been handled. The debate has not been on the methods followed or the flourishing state of the hydro-electric business, but on the desire of certain individuals to get Chairman Ellis out of office and some one else in. This is not openly expressed, but it sticks out of every sentence, every objection,

every criticism of Controller Church and his "followers."

The comparison of Toronto conditions with those of other towns in Ontario will be more reasonable when it is shown that other towns in Ontario selected for comparison have doubled their population since 1908. The vast amount of new installation which has been necessitated by this rapid expansion in Toronto has not been paralleled anywhere else. It has the Toronto commission busy trying to keep up with the new custom.

On top of this comes the utterly absurd criticism, in the circumstances, that if the rates had been reduced there would have been more business. Controller Church objects that there is not more business and then refuses to vote for the cost of taking care of the business already secured. But we are all accustomed to Controller Church's little silly inconsistencies.

The Eternal Question.

The Ottawa correspondent of The Toronto News revives the question asked so often in the past: "Will the Grand Trunk Pacific operate the National Transcontinental?"

We first heard this question mooted in 1908 when there was said to be some mysterious deal on between the company and the Laurier Government. It has since been charged that the Conservatives in 1908 favored breaking off the line at Cochrane and leasing the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario to the Grand Trunk. Then after the elections of 1911 the statement was freely made that the company considered itself absolved from its contract of lease by the momentum grades and other changes in the character of the road, authorized by the Borden Government. Since then, however, high officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific declared their intention of operating the great line between Moncton and Winnipeg.

The National Transcontinental is now finished and ready for operation. But it has been all along understood that the company would not be asked to open up and operate eighteen hundred miles of railway thru an almost uninhabited country during the winter season. Nevertheless, the correspondent of The News says there is speculation in Ottawa as to whether the Grand Trunk Pacific will "repudiate" its contract. Meanwhile the government is to operate the section between Lewis and Moncton and some unstarred mileage west of Quebec.

Of course the Quebec bridge is not finished, and to that extent the line is not completed; even the car ferry between Quebec and Lewis is not yet installed. It may be that the Grand Trunk Pacific is in a position to claim that the line is not completed and that they are not bound to take it over until it has uninterrupted steel from Winnipeg to Moncton. That of course is a question for the lawyers, upon which, at the moment, we express no opinion.

But why is the question raised at this time by The Toronto News?

Out West

Quite representative, we take it, of the western farmer are The Grain Growers' Guide, published in Winnipeg, and The Prairie Farmer and Home, published in Regina. They unite in their loyal support of the empire in the present gigantic conflict and discuss in a moderate and fair-minded manner the economic problems the war has thrust upon us. Some of the grain growers feel that their position has been misunderstood or misinterpreted. As a matter of fact they have freely given their sons to the armies of the empire, are quite willing to assume the burden of direct taxation, if necessary, and are contributing liberally to the patriotic fund. The Prairie Farmer and Home, however, is inclined to deprecate the ready credence given to every tale of German atrocity and reprints an interesting article upon the subject recently contributed to The London Daily News and Leader by Jerome K. Jerome.

The Grain Growers' Guide is a low tariff paper, almost a free trader, and in the past has more than once crossed swords with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Now, however, it commends the C. M. A. for its patriotic effort to keep the factories running and cordially endorses its propaganda for goods made in Canada. If every Canadian manufacturer, says The Guide, will buy goods made in Canada, our factories will be kept running full time and much of the present depression and unemployment will cease.

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to exist. The Guide, none the less, stands by its tariff principles, contending that the manufacturers themselves would be much better off under a policy approximating free trade. It observes a falling off in government revenues and believes that the government will be forced to levy taxes on land values and incomes. This it would not consider to be an undirect tax, preferring direct to indirect taxation.

Both papers lay great stress upon the demand in the west for apples, potatoes and oats. Ontario apples are being imported by the Grain Growers' Association in large quantities and the prices quoted to the consumer are low. At his own station, so that the association takes all risks, including that of being frozen in transit. Potatoes are being cornered by the speculators in Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the crops are light, but the association is preparing to break the corner by importations from British Columbia, Ontario and New Brunswick. Western farmers are advised not to ship any oats to Fort William for export. In western Saskatchewan and southern Alberta the crop has been a failure, and there has been a great demand for feed and seed oats from western grain growers, and all the oats for sale in the prairie provinces can be disposed of at home.

Yes, the prairie farmer is loyal, courageous and prudent. He is working out some problems of conservation and distribution in a way which might well be emulated. If he has any complaint, it is against those financiers who are willing to assist him only with advice. The farmer is getting weary of instruction and his sentiment is probably well expressed by The Guide when it says:

Many intelligent men think we need a Kitchener of finance to make money available for food production, more than a Kitchener of agriculture to teach better farming. Heaven knows we have enough people in Canada now who presume to teach farmers how to farm.

Premier Hearst's Program

Premier Hearst's address to the people of the province cannot be read otherwise than with satisfaction by the

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members of the Conservative party. The program he outlines, and the determination he avows to accomplish it, are all that can be asked for or expected by any one. It would require a much weaker man than Mr. Hearst quickly to fall away from the fine traditions which Sir James Whitney gave the best of his life to establish. He must realize that the fate of his party, as well as his own, depends upon absolute loyalty to that tradition. "Above all," he says, "we will maintain unshaken and unimpaired the high standard of clean, honest administration of public affairs set by him." He also asserts:

"It will be the aim, object and determination of the new government to carry out the splendid traditions of government Sir James has bequeathed to us, to maintain unimpaired the many great works he has accomplished, and to carry to completion the works inaugurated and the plans devised by him for the benefit of the people of the province and the development of its resources."

Premier Hearst's assurances on the hydro-electric policy are ample and emphatic, and the much-needed stimulation of agriculture in the province is satisfactorily considered. Another point, upon which The World has frequently touched, is the statement that a provincial stocktaking is already in progress with the question of revenue production in view. Nothing is said definitely of tax reform, but in a general way this may be regarded as implied in the estimation of the value of provincial resources.

Altogether the new premier may be congratulated on a statement which carries with it a progressive note and arouses anticipation of a vigorous and public-spirited administration.

Is the Kaiser's shake-up in his staff preliminary to the break up?

WOMEN ASSIST IN WORK.

KEENE, Ont., Oct. 6.—The women of this district are taking up patriotic work in a noteworthy way. The Preveaux Women's Patriotic League has been organized. Two large bales of comforts for the soldiers have been dispatched and the work is still going forward. Thru this society the employees of the Ontario Rock Company contributed \$53, which was sent to the Red Cross Society, Quebec, for the purchase of medical supplies for the field hospitals.

SENT TO THE JURY.

Charged with stealing an auto belonging to J. W. Hennessy, 457 Parliament street, Frank Kelley, John Ridley, Fred Connell and Wm. Cullen were sent up for trial by jury yesterday. Detective Michael Mulholland located the car on the road between Whitby and Oshawa.

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OUT OF BANKING FIRM.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The banking firm of Speyer and Company, which was originally founded in Frankfurt, Germany, and still maintains German connections, notified the stock exchange today that in view of the proclamation of King George forbidding British subjects to give aid to Germany, financial or otherwise, Sir Edgar Speyer, their London partner, has temporarily severed his connection with the firm. Sir Edgar is a British subject.

DAMAGES ALLOWED IN CASE AGAINST RAILWAY

Wife of Albert Sinclair Wins Her Suit Against Canadian Pacific Railway.

Justice Lennox, at Osgoode Hall yesterday issued a judgment for \$4400 against the C. P. R. and in favor of Mrs. Albert Sinclair. E. E. Cattanaach, the official guardian, consented to the judgment. Albert Sinclair was a fireman for the railway and, along with his engineer, was killed at Cherrywood, Ont.

In the supreme court of Ontario, appellate division, first divisional, the following cases will be heard today: Jackson v. Hawley, C.C. Norfolk (Con.); Wintermutter v. Roberts, C.C. Wentworth; Steers v. Howard, Lennox, J.; British Whig v. Harpell, Sutherland, J.; Miller v. Beaverham, C.C. York; Phipps v. Whitechurch, C.C. York; re Monarch Bank, Middleton, J.

CAPE BRETON'S NEW INDUSTRY.

(Special Correspondence.)

CAPE BRETON, N.S., Oct. 6.—An enterprising Halifax concern with a fine eye for industrial opportunities has recognized the possibilities in the immense quantity of blueberries growing yearly at Blueberry Mountain, and has erected a canning factory at New Campbellton. During the past three weeks some four hundred Indians from various parts of Cape Breton have been quartered on the immense plantation, and some idea of the enormous yield of this particular luscious fruit may be gained from the fact that each Indian picker gathers in the vicinity of four gallons of blueberries a day. Early in the season blueberries were sold here at 70 cents a gallon, but when the berry pickers began to assemble the price dropped to 50 cents a gallon, which is the prevailing figure here at present. However, the Indians can afford to sell cheaper to the new factory at Campbellton, where they readily accept 25 cents per gallon, and make good wages at that price. It is rumored that next year another canning factory will be opened in northern Victoria County, where an immense blueberry barren yearly yields thousands of gallons. In the past only a small portion of these berries were picked, the rest being allowed to go to waste on account of the difficulties experienced in sending them here or some other market. Should the factory be established in northern Victoria County it will no doubt prove a profitable investment, besides being a boon to the people of the locality during the blueberry season.

P-P-P, Z-Z-Z AND R-M-Y-S-L.

Where'er I go there haunts me
A word of stranger sound;
It mokes at me and taunts me
And chases me around.
When I am getting sleepy
About the morning bell,
The sapphire sing to me, "P-P-P."
R-M-Y-S-L.

In early dawn,
Across the lawn,
The crickets shrilly swell
That P-P-P
And Z-Z-Z
And R-M-Y-S-L.

When spurs of trooper rowel
Their horses in attack,
That town without a vowel
Gets up and slams 'em back.
When other hamlets skimp
Such consonants rebel,
I dearly love to hymn P-P-P
R-M-Y-S-L.

Ah, me! the music verbal
That lies within the word!
Its consonated burble
Beats anything I've heard.
When guests are getting knell
By bidding them, "Now, say P-P-P."
R-M-Y-S-L!

It brings the buzz
Of bees, it does—
This P-P-P
And Z-Z-Z
And R-M-Y-S-L!

—John O'Keefe, in New York World.

MOOSE SEASON EXTENDED.

COBALT, Oct. 6.—An order in council will be passed extending the moose season an additional 30 days this year, to enable settlers to kill in cold weather and keep the meat for winter use. The season will close Dec. 15.

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TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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Called Again to Meet Today—Military Men Ask Board of Control for Grants.

Toronto's finances are in most satisfactory condition, according to statements of Mayor Hocken before council. The city has all the money needed to fulfil its 1914 program; in fact, the local improvement program has been enlarged by some millions of dollars, and offers to loan several millions have been made by financial men.

But unless Toronto is to again enlarge its plans this money is not needed. All outside work is to be continued until weather prohibits. At the same time the mayor wanted council to understand Toronto was not rolling in wealth. But her finances were ample for the demands upon them. Improvements employing many men would be given preference over improvements whose expenditures would be largely for acquiring property.

Committee Fell Down.

Ald. Wickert's transportation committee of council, to which he addressed his recent message on transportation, failed to meet for want of a quorum yesterday afternoon. The absentees have another chance. The meeting is called again this afternoon. Representative officers of the Q.O.R.

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MONTREAL JUDGES ILL.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—An epidemic of sickness seems to prevail among judges and magistrates these days. In addition to the serious illness of Mr. Justice Gervais, Judges Bazin, Lacombe and Leet, are unable to attend to their duties.

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"JOHN BULL" RETURNS TO BEER.

"What is the cause of the revival in popularity of Beer and Ale as table beverages?" asks the London "Pall Mall Gazette."

That there is a return of their ancient vogue in the restaurants of London is noted by Charles Pond, restaurateur-owner. "Beer has been coming into fashion again for some time," he says, and the tendency is becoming more marked. I was dining in a West End restaurant last night and was surprised to notice how many men were drinking beer. People have found out, I suppose, that beer is one of the best and purest of foods, and realize its value as they have not before.

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