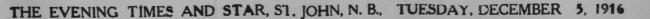
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ever the citizens of St. John make up or go on grumbling and paying. The St. John board of trade practical-iy blames it all on the war. That is an it be it with the city they can do it, and surely the it is an i easy way out of the difficulty. The task should appeal to all who have any

war did not, however, have this effect regard for their own children, for the in Australia. Mr. P. E. Quinn, govern- latter cannot fail to be influenced to some with my ment commissioner for New South extent by their surroundings, and upon Wales, points out that in Australia food them in later life will fall the burden of

prices are controlled by the government. caring for the vicious, the feeble-minded Every Monday morning the prevailing | and the generally unfit of their own genprices for staples are announced by the eration. Among the sasrifices the citigovernment. If the announced price for zens of St. John should regard as necesbutter is thirty-six cents, the housewife sary on their part while their sons are

pays that and no more. In Sydney the fighting the battles of righteousness in best eggs are sold for twenty-five cents Europe is the sacrifice of a little time a dozen. The Australian bakers sell a and energy and money to make St. John two-pound loaf of bread for seven cents. a better city, and Canada a country

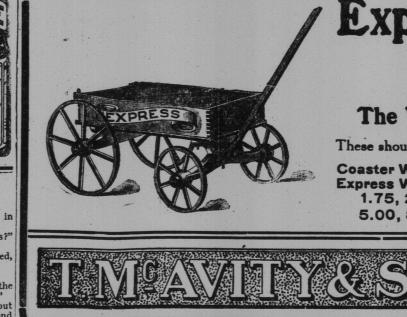
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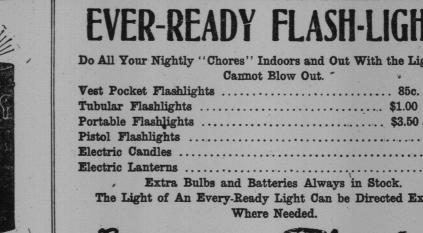
What we need in Canada is government action, prompt and effective. The war is still far from an end. Only yestenday the Manchester Guardian sound-tenday the Manchester Guardian sounded this pessimistic note-

THE WAR AND PROMOTIONS

sion of bitter experiences have at last Toronto Star makes the following very 'Putnam's Corn Extractor today, brought home to the minds of most men proper observations: "Something more like a just system to the fact that we are not winning the her conviction that, the fighting man at the front prevails

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## **Recruits Wanted**



with the riesent methods of waging the now than that which was followed war, we shall never win it." throughout nearly the first two years of

The Guardian is, of course, arguing the war. Nothing could have been more in favor of government reconstruction, unfair than the former practice under and is not really afraid that we will which a lieutenant might spend a year on never win the war: but that we are not active service in the thick of the war and going to win it soon is perfectly obvious remain a lieutenant, while another subaland therefore the living conditions are tern who spent the same year here at certain to become more unsatisfactory home could become a captain and then for the great mass of the people. Doubtless it is well for the board of much the senior of the war-trained offi-

trade to counsel the people to bear with cer who had spent a year in hard fightpatience whatever sacrifice the war en- ing. This system was all wrong, and tails, and to exercise a prudent economy, The Star protested against it repeatedly and eliminate all needless waste; but while it was in operation. Schools of why not also counsel the government instruction and training camps are very to take such measures as will guarantee good, but after all the greatest of all that these same people will not have to military training schools is the front of carry on their backs the speculators and the war itself, for there the officers and profiteers who are taking advantage of men get a training all of which is prac the war conditions to enrich themselves? tical to the last degree, so practical that Why was flour ninety cents per barrel an error costs a man a limb or his life higher a few weeks ago than it is today? War is a grim school, where officers and How much did that boost in price take men learn, not the theories of warfare in out of the pockets of the people of Can- general, but the absolute realities and ada without a particle of real justifica- necessities of this war in particular. And tion? The same question may be asked it is skill in fighting in this war in particular. And in relation to other price fluctuations ticular that is needed just now. Quite such as would not be tolerated in Aus- a few majors and captains have reverted such as would not be tolerated in Aus-tralia or England. It is the duty of to the rank of lieutenants after reaching Give Yourselfthe government to protect the consumer. If the war is to be prolonged and con-More of them should do so. Most of ditions grow worse, there is the more them were lieutenants not long ago, and while they have been getting promotions Much ado has been made about the at home other lieutenants serving on the

Much ado has been made about the price of milk—why not about the price of flour, potatoes, canned goods and other food products? The cost of living has increased in all departments, and the cause is deep-seated and far-reach-ing. Only government action can give relief, and that only in some directions. It is no easy task, and radical changes need not be expected. Natural causes are responsible for a great portion of the increased cost, and only by increasing ncreased cost, and only by increasing tional qualities. Not only so, but in seproduction can these be removed. But curing the best material from which to there are also artificial causes, such as produce the necessary supply of lieutenariffs and unrestricted speculation and ants, the ranks at the front should be the operation of combines. These can drawn upon and promotions given to be removed by government action. The those non-coms. and privates who have problem is nation-wide, and in a sense shown that they are the stuff out of world-wide. No local treatment will do which officers can be made."

more than give a temporary local relief in some directions. The best statesman-

ship of the country should be applied to the bigger task of making changes vice will be interested to know of the that will beneficially affect the whole discovery of a Scottish Kipling. R. W

Campbell, who has already won his laur**country. The plea for economy and cutting off needless waste is always timely and campben, who has already won his fact** els by his books "Private Spud Tamson" and "The Kangaroo Marines," and has never more so than at present. If, for now given the world of letters a set of example, everybody in St. John resolved poems entitled "The Making of Micky tomorrow to use no more ice-cream, an McGhee" and other stories in verse. enormous quantity of milk would be These verses breathe of romance, the available for general distribution, and it humor, and the glory of the great adavailable for general distribution, and it might cause a reduction in price. In a thousand ways habits of extravagance and luxury have increased the cost of living, and as the war is prolonged it will become necessary in Canada as it has in England, for people of small in-come to scrutinize more carefully every item of expenditure. But when they are urged to do this, should not the govern-ment see to it that they are not called upon to contribute to the enrichment of speculators and profiteers who care for nothing but the dollars they can squeeze out of the necessities of war-time? MORAL CONDITIONS It is not creditable to the city of St. John that so many unsavory cases in volving not only the morality of the community but the welfare of little chi-tor should be the set to be the state of the same sparkling fun that has immortalized "Spud Tamson." There are many beautiful illustrations. Those who de-sire a literary treasure should secure a copy. The book is entitled "The Makmight cause a reduction in price. In a venture. And to Canadians these poems

community but the welfare of little chil-dren should have to be brought before the police court, but bad as the showing is it would be much worse if the police force were large enough to deal with don.

conditions as it should be done. Public indifference is at the bottom of the trouble. There is such a lack of com- of the City of London,

