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CAUTION FOR A FEW YEARS.

It must be quite evident to all who understand the city's financial condition and who know what the demands are for public works of one kind and another, that there is not money enough available to go all around. The situation is somewhat similar to that of a parent who has three children all demanding food and clothes, and yet only has enough money to fully supply the needs of two. What would suggest itself to the parent and should commend itself to public bodies would be an equitable distribution of monies so that all urgent needs would be given some consideration. For the next four or five years the city, while financially sound, is going through a period when caution and moderation should be exercised. As pointed out in the budget address the amount of debentures maturing in the next seven years is very heavy. When those issues are paid

ont the borrowing capacity of the city will expand tremendously, but till that time comes prudence would suggest that too many heavy demands be not made. The Journal has the utmost confidence in St. Catharines and in its stability, but it advises careful financial administration for five or six years.

EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW

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been a snowfall of eight or ten inches. In fact there was more snow than St. Catharines had had all winter long a curious record of the general order of things. But the sun soon came out warm and the snow disappeared as if by magic. Since then I have been busy visiting all over the country in Leicestershire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Surrey, Gloucestershire, etc. I found the city and west end full of troops—Canadians, Australians, Americans and Imperials, all healthy looking and happy and patronizing the theatres, music halls, not to mention the bars, etc.

Coming out of the Coliseum one evening at about 11.15 in the immense crowd round Trafalgar Square, famous for the Nelson monument and the lions, up marched at a rapid pace a contingent of soldiers just arrived from France. Their enthusiasm was intense, and shout after shout rent the air: "We are home, hurrah, hurrah."

At Hindhead and Bramshott, in Surrey, I met numbers of Canadians and all were anxious to get started for their beloved Canada. Several promised to look me up in St. Kitts. There is a large camp of German prisoners located at Hindhead and they are engaged for the Government cutting down some of the fir woods there for making coal mine props. They looked stout fellows and were hale and hearty. They say that they prefer it here to Germany, and do not want to be sent back.

They are well fed, get about a dollar a day and Saturday afternoons and Sundays off. This is a strange contrast to what our poor prisoners in Germany endured, but such is the attitude of our benevolent Government.

A GERMAN TANK.
In St. James Park, back of the

Horse Guards in Whitehall, I saw a tank which had been captured from the Germans, and the boys were clambering over it and getting inside. Close to this was a huge cannon captured at Bagdad.

I left a number of copies of The Journal with the Secretary at the Royal Colonial Institute, and he is having them put on file in the Canadian section of the reading room.

On the way to the Institute, from the High Commissioner's office, I ran into Westminster Abbey, as I always find it an inspiration and breathe in there the glories of traditions of the British race.

On Sunday afternoon I am due to go to Kew Gardens, on Monday to Oxford to go round the colleges, etc., and meet a brother there, on Tuesday I expect to wind up business and calls round London, and on Wednesday I am due to start back to Canada on the Metagama. This will be the first boat, or amongst the first, to come up the St. Lawrence this season, and this route is always a treat.

Yours truly,
C. HUBERT NASH.

EFFECT OF FOOD CONTROL

Dr. Harry E. Barnard, Dairy and Food Commissioner of the State of Indiana in "Effect of Food Control on the Food Supply", says:
"As I look back over nearly 20 years of active control work I find but few

laws that have checked the development of food industries, or tended to increase food prices. Among these few one law in particular stands out as a striking example of vicious legislation, deliberately enacted and enforced against one legitimate industry for the purpose of stimulating another. That law is the oleomargarine law.

"The argument advanced by the dairy interests that their products needs protection, is, of course, as silly as it is unfounded, any product that is constantly advancing in price needs no protection from competition. The demand for butter from every consumer who can afford to pay the price for flavor, food value and universal adaptability in the kitchen will take care of competition. Butter well made from good raw material needs no protection. Oleomargarine as equally good food, should have free access to the table of every one who wants it."

We suggest careful consideration of these remarks by Dr. Barnard by our readers. Isn't it time that Canada adopted a more lenient attitude toward oleomargarine?

WON SILVER MEDAL

Miss Dorothy Frizelle Awarded First Prize in W.C.T.U. Eloquency Contest.

The annual eloquency contest for the W.C.T.U. silver medal took



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