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**THE "NICKEL" POLICY ADOPTED BY
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.**

Dr. Kaiser, the member of the House of Commons for Ontario County, notes in his humorous way the fact that John D. Rockefeller changed from dimes to nickels the gauge of his Easter giving to the multitude. The patriarch's bounty lost nothing of its lustre, though it graded but fifty per cent. of its former exchange value. The glittering nickels were fresh from the mint. It struck Dr. Kaiser that Mr. Rockefeller may have read the "five-cent" speech delivered in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister of Canada who, in the war-time, was employed by the Rockefeller Foundation. Not unnaturally the billionaire might be inclined to scale his giving more nearly in accordance with the ideas of the former economist of the Foundation which bears the Rockefeller name. In fairness to John D., however, it must be said that he did give five-cent pieces in his Easter largess, whereas Mr. King declared that he would not give so much as one of these coins to help any Tory provincial Government to relieve unemployment within its jurisdiction.

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