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this decision on the ground that the item of the ghost story was not damaging. Even in this age of bargain days and cheap electricity, it seems that there are sensitive spooks.

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A police officer threw a Winnipeg editor down a flight of stairs recently in order to show that this is a free country. The famous old refrain is heard once more: "It is all very well to dissemble your love, But why did you kick me downstairs?"

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Stratford has made a second effort in the direction of a Canadian Club. A fine, sturdy county like Perth ought to support a good organisation of that kind.

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The first co-operative rural telephone system to be established in that part of Ontario has just been completed near Merivale and will be given connection with the Bell Telephone system of Ottawa.

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Dr. H. M. Tory, associate professor of mathematics at McGill University, has been appointed president of the new Provincial University of Alberta. Dr. Tory is a native of Guysboro, Nova Scotia. No one is the least bit surprised to read that item of biography. The Canadian university president is born in Nova Scotia and has the intellectual preference ever after. Dr. Tory, like President Falconer, is a clergyman, but of the Methodist, not the Presbyterian body. While John Knox is having a show in Ontario, it is only fair that John Wesley should set the university going in Alberta.

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The echoes of applause have not yet died away which followed the announcement that Chief Justice Mulock had refused to enter the Columbian Hotel, Cobourg, while the Stars and Stripes waved above the door. Cobourg sometimes forgets that it is something more than a summer boarding-house for United States tourists.

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At Mr. R. L. Borden's meeting in Manitou, it is said that the Opposition Leader's plea for pure politics struck a responsive chord in the breasts of the people. The Opposition is always doing that sort of thing, no matter what its politics. But the week before election, in some mysterious fashion, the Government begins to strike a more responsive chord which swells into a fortissimo at the mention of a canal.

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In Regina a health by-law was recently adopted by the City Council which has led to an alarming increase in the price of bread and of milk. The latter is to be delivered in cans of specific size, uniformly lettered and painted, while bread also is to be neatly and scientifically delivered. But owing to these new regulations, most of which the "Standard" calls "flummery," a loaf may soar to ten cents and a quart of milk to fifteen.

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The price of beer has gone up in London and other Ontario cities and the W.C.T.U. is correspondingly happy. If cigarettes would also take a rise, the making of good resolutions would suddenly set in.

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Several Sarnia women have been called upon by the customs officers to appear before the Collector to answer to charges of smuggling cloaks and other articles of clothing from Port Huron. The offenders admitted the smuggling and paid duty and costs. Governments have little to do when they interfere with a lady's shopping. The path of "duty" is not always the way to glory.

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The increased price of the necessities of life, such as bread, milk and eggs, is resulting in much distress and sometimes in actual crime. A short time ago a desperate man walked into a jeweller's store in Montreal and tried to make off with a tray of diamonds. After all, he only thought he might sell them and purchase a few bread tickets and milk coupons with the proceeds.

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