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LABOR AND THE MILITIA.

The assertion of Mr. Macdonell, M.P.,
in the Commons, yesterday, that a feel-
ing of distrust and dislike of the mil-
itia is growing up among the industrial
classes of Canada, is purely an as-
sumption, and it may be questioned
whether the member for South Toronto
is serving any good purpose by making
such a remark. His own city is the
home of several splendid volunteer
regiments, recruited largely from the
industrial classes. It is a reflection
upon the patriotism and intelligence of
the workmen to imply that their
interests are in any way inconsistent
with the existence of a militia force,
whose function is the defense of the
country, and the maintenance of peace
and order when these are threatened.
The workmen of this country are
just as loyal and law-abiding as any
other element in the community. It
would be mischievous to foster the idea
that the militia is a body apart from
the people. The Canadian volunteers
are citizens first of all, and to repre-
sent them as a class in antagonism to
any other class, with separate inter-
ests, is to misrepresent the whole pur-
pose and spirit of the militia system.
The system rests upon the spontaneous
patriotism of all classes, and would be
an impossibility if the workmen
stood aloof. A contemporary says that
Mr. Macdonell's speech carried the con-
viction that it was the result of close
observation. It would be interesting
to know where he finds his evidence.FRANCE'S STATIONARY POPU-
LATION.The results of the quinquennial cen-
sus in France are discouraging to
the French chauvinism. The population of
the country is shown to be 39,337,235,
an increase of only 290,322, or three-
quarters of 1 per cent, between 1901
and 1906. Between 1896 and 1901 the
increase was nearly 445,000, but even
this was a disappointment. Of the in-
crease of 290,000 in the last five years,
more than 222,000 was in cities of over
30,000 inhabitants, proving that in
France, as in other settled countries,
the urban population is growing much
more rapidly than the rural. This is
true even of the older provinces in a
comparatively new country like Canada,
but it is offset by the settlement of the
prairies. A declining birthrate is not a
phenomenon peculiar to France, but it
is more and more pronounced there
than elsewhere. Germany will soon have
20,000,000 more people than France, and
French pride is naturally restive under
the growing relative superiority in ma-
terial power of a neighbor, who is un-
loved and distrusted. Frenchmen must
console themselves with the reflection
that true greatness and national effi-
ciency do not lie in numbers. Every
argument of the rich soil of France is
under cultivation, and the natural re-
sources of the country are not lying un-
developed for want either of popula-
tion or of capital, for France has an
amazing amount of surplus money to
lend in other countries. The in-
dividual Frenchman would be no better
off if there were more Frenchmen to
draw upon the common stock. France
would be able to put a larger army in
the field and build a bigger navy if her
population were greater, but these are
not the things that make a nation live
in history, or that constitute true pro-
gress and civilization. The world is
moving steadily toward universal
and perpetual peace, when the only inter-
national rivalry will be one of moral
forces.

A WASTE OF MONEY.

The Farmers' Advocate enters a pro-
test against the waste of public money
involved in the present methods of
printing and distributing the official
reports of the debates in Parliament.
The other day a minister of the crown
complained that the newspapers did
not devote sufficient space and atten-
tion to the proceedings of Parliament,
but Parliament could mend matters by
consulting the convenience of the
newspapers. The Farmers' Advocate
describes the system of distributing
Hansard:"It comes dilly-dallying along a
fortnight after the oration was de-
livered. Furthermore, they arrive
unbound, uncut, and unsorted,
mixed with 'bills' and 'votes' and
proceedings,' after the similitude of
a dog's dinner, which we submit is
not respectful to the worthy senators
and M. P.'s, and is practically use-
less when The Farmers' Advocate
desires to know promptly what our
agricultural representatives have
been saying on questions affecting the
interests of our readers all overthis great Dominion. The London
Advertiser and other newspapers
have recently made similar com-
plaints against the dilatory and
slovenly way in which the Hansard
is issued. It costs thousands of dol-
lars to publish, and beyond the his-
toric record, this is largely thrown
away. Why not spend a little more
and properly finish the job? The
Canadian Hansard should either be
reformed or ended. In the latter case
the press could probably be trusted to
record what is deserving of pres-
ervation."There is nothing to prevent the re-
vised Hansard reaching every daily
newspaper office in Ontario three days
after the delivery of speeches in the
Commons. If this were done the of-
ficial reports would be highly useful to
the newspapers and to the public who
get their only information through the
press. The money spent is now
almost thrown away, but a small ad-
ditional expenditure would make Han-
sard a valuable institution. Why spoil
the soup for the sake of a little salt?Mayor Judd is the boss political
broker. He is doing more work on com-
mission than any of the other place-
men.With the statement of Mr. Foster that
the interests of the public are higher
than the interests of capital and labor
there should be no dissent. That is
precisely the principle of Mr. Lemieux's
labor bill, which Mr. Foster will prob-
ably vote against.Britons and Boers are going into the
first Transvaal election in a spirit of
harmony that must be a keen disap-
pointment to Canadian Tory organs
like the Mail and Empire, which called
upon Canada to protest against the
new constitution."It goes without saying that the
young man should not be punished
because he is his father's son,"—
Hamilton Spectator.But the local Tory press says it is
an impertinence for Mr. Duncan C.
Ross to run for the Legislature be-
cause his father ran before him."In order to correct a wrong im-
pression which seems to possess some
of our good Liberal friends, we
would say that the reporter of The
London Advertiser was not requested
to leave the hall at Mount Byrnes
at any time during the Conservative
convention there, and that he was
inside during the entire proceedings,
and was welcomed."—Strathroy Dis-
patch.

CAN'T ACCUSTOM HERSELF TO IT

[Chicago Record.]
"Mrs. Mims is one of the queerest
women I have ever known," said
"Why, never noticed anything strange
about her."
"She has been married for seven years,
and still cries every time she finds out that
her husband has lied to her."

THE KNIGHT AND THE MAID.

[Sam Kiser.]
"Twice at a crossing that we met,
Her eyes like priceless jewels glowed;
In fancy I can see her yet,
Half hesitating in the road."A surly teamster drove ahead.
Unmindful of her presence there;
"Stop! Let the lady pass," I said;
He merely sneered and did not care.The maiden, with a little cry,
Rushed forward as I raised my arm
And caught a rein, prepared to die
In bravely shielding her from harm.

AN \$8,000 COW.

[Boston Dispatch to New York Herald.]
Eight thousand dollars, recently paid by
Daniel W. Field, a Brockton shoe manu-
facturer and farmer, for a milk-cow, pale-
faced, but industrious cow, makes
this acquisition to Mr. Field's herd of full-
blooded stock the highest-priced bovine in
the United States.
And Pontiac Rag Apple, this euphon-
ically dubbed Holstein-Friesian, although
she has been in the hands of her present
owner only a month, has already returned
\$4,000, or one-half of the price paid for
her, a sum agreed for her next calf, which
has already been sold to a New York
breeder of fancy stock.In addition to having immediately halved
her cost, this wonderful animal holds the
second highest record for the amount of
milk and butter produced by any cow in
the world.It is expected by her present owner that
she will reach the champion producing
mark during the next year. She is at
present less than five years old.

THE COMING REDISTRIBUTION.

[Toronto Globe.]
The attention of George F. Graham,
leader of the Opposition, was called yester-
day to a Toronto dispatch in a Hamilton
paper, purporting to give some of the de-
tails of the Government's redistribution
bill to be introduced at the next session
of the Legislature. One portion of thestory was to the effect that Monck, Mr.
Harcourt's constituency, is to be wiped
out of existence, and that Mr. Graham's
own constituency is to be considerably
curtailed."The story of the proposed redistribution
was given to me by a member of the Al-
bany Club about a month ago," said Mr.
Graham. "So far as my own constituency
is concerned, he outlined the proposed new
constituencies, the names of the municipali-
ties which would form it, and also told
me that a committee had the matter in
charge."

GERMAN REPRESENTATION.

[Toronto Mail.]
It appears that in Germany they know a
few things about the gerrymander. For
instance, with 1,575,000 votes, the ruling
party can elect 150 members, whereas the
Socialists poll 1,000,000, and elect only 79.
Hooh der Kaiser!

FOR THE SAME REASON.

[Illustrated Bites.]
Mrs. Finehealth (at hotel entrance)—No,
I have no money to spare for you. I
don't see why an able-bodied man like you
should go about begging.""Lazy Tramp—I s'pose, mum, it's fer about
the same reason that a healthy woman
like you boards at a hotel, instead of
keepin' house."

THEY KEEP COOL.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Out west they may be touchy about their
climate, but they don't get hot about it.

THE PORTER'S TIP.

[Brantford Expositor.]
An estimate is made that Pullman car
porters in America alone receive annually
by way of tips no less a sum than \$2,000,000.
A handsome sum of money, which really
goes into the plethora pocket of the
company, which pays its employees salaries
based on the probable amount of "pick-
ings." Everybody complains of the abuse,
but there are few travelers indeed who
have nerve to withstand the customary
quarter.

THE PROPER PLACE.

[Harper's Weekly.]
An elderly gentleman was riding on a
street car the other day. A boy began to
laugh, and laughed so he couldn't stop.
The old gentleman told his mother that
the boy needed a spanking, and she re-
plied that she didn't believe in spanking
on an empty stomach, whereupon the
man said: "Neither do I, turn him over."

A WORK FOR LIBERALS.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
There is one good service the Whitney
Government is doing, however, by its ef-
forts to enable its hungry followers to
make a living at the country's expense. It
is showing the need for a thorough and
progressive measure of civil service reform.
It is preparing the way for the Liberals
to take up this work in earnest. It is a
work that belongs properly to the Liberal
party, and the party, no doubt, when the
proper time comes, will be glad to under-
take it.

WHITNEY'S FLOP.

[Hamilton Times.]
Under Whitney's rural school trustee
action act of last year, the minimum
salary for teachers was \$350 to \$500, ac-
cording to the assessment of the particu-
lar section. Whitney boasted much of his
determination to compel the rural trustees
to "do as he would be done by," and under
the new act the minimum salary
will drop to \$300. On a \$400 salary the
Government will pay \$40. What gave the
Premier "cold feet"? Was it fear of the
rural trustees whom he has been using to
make it appear that he is the generous
friend of the teachers? It is a great com-
munity, at any rate.

CRUELTY TO MANITOBA.

[Montreal Gazette.]
The Ontario Government's idea of the
distribution of the unallotted territory of
Keewatin is that Ontario should get all
south of the Churchill River, between Hud-
son Bay and the present eastern boundary
of Manitoba, continued northward. This
proposition would take Ontario's territory
up to the 54th parallel of latitude, and give
the Province the greater part of the west-
ern shore of the bay. Manitoba would get
perhaps a hundred miles of coast. Mr.
Whitney is almost as cruel to the postage
stamp province as is Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE LORD HIGH EXECUTIONER.

[Toronto News.]
Mayor Judd, of London, has been ap-
pointed to investigate another civil ser-
vant. As Lord High Executioner for the
Government he has learned to swing the
axe so well that he will be made an hon-
orary member of the Woodmen of the
World.

AT THE PLAY.

[Wellsville Reporter.]
I used to sit behind a hat—
But it is different now.
I dodged and twisted and all that—
But it is different now.
Tonight I twist my neck once more—
But it is different now.
Tonight I dodge a pompadour—
That is the difference now."

SHAKESPEARE'S FAMILY STILL

VIGOROUS.

[London Daily Mail.]
Mr. George Shakespeare Hart, an en-
gineer of High Wycombe, who was buried
there yesterday, was a lineal descendant of
William Shakespeare's sister, and the fam-
ily is still represented in the town by Mr.
Hart's sons, who carry on his engineering
business.Shakespeare's younger sister Joan mar-
ried William Hart, a hatter, of Stratford,
from the second child of whose eldest son
Mr. Hart was descended. A John Hart,
sixth generation from the poet's sister,
migrated to High Wycombe toward the
end of the eighteenth century, and was
the great-grandfather of the repre-
sentatives of the family now living.
These facts are attested by a pedigree
which dates from 1468, commencing with
one John Shakespeare, "who was rewarded
by Henry VII. for services rendered with
lands and tenements in Warwickshire."

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ladies' black coats of heavy chiffon broadcloth, lined through-
out, trimmed with silk embroidery and cloth applique; full
back and sleeve, three-quarter length; worth regular
\$18 to \$28; choice while they last \$1510 only, Ladies' Fancy Tweed Coats, stylishly-made and
trimmed, three-quarter length, worth regular \$15
and \$16; price for this sale \$8.50Ladies' Handsome Fur-Lined Coats, in colors fawn, blue,
green and castor, cloth shell, squirrel lining, large fur collar
and reverses; regular price \$50; your choice in this
sale for \$25One table Misses' Fancy Tweed Coats, 38, 40, 42 inches
long, very prettily made and trimmed; regular
prices \$6, \$7, \$8; your choice for, only \$3.85

\$4.50 Walking Skirts, Tomorrow and Saturday, \$2.85

One table of Ladies' Stylish Tweed Walking Skirts, made
in pleated style, full flare cut, bound seams, worth
regular \$4.50, to be cleared at \$2.85Let Us Fit You Out With
"Chapman's Clothes"
At About Half-Price25 only, Men's Heavy Tweed Overcoats, dark color, best
tailoring and linings, silk velvet collar; regular
\$10, to be cleared at this two-day sale for only \$6.5015 Men's Black Cheviot Overcoats, well made and lined,
cut in very full sizes, with broad shoulders, worth
\$8.50; special sale price only \$5.95Men's Suits of Fine Wool Tweeds, in light, medium and
dark colors, very neat patterns, sizes 36 to 44, well tailored;
splendid trimmings throughout; worth \$6.50; sale
price \$3.9550 pairs Men's Heavy Cheviot and Tweed Pants, very
strongly made; worth \$1.50; on sale tomorrow and
Saturday \$1.1517 only, Boys' Overcoats of fine wool tweed, nicely made
and finished with velvet collar; sizes for boys 8 to
16 years of age; worth \$3.95; sale price \$2.0020 only, Boys' Norfolk Suits of fine wool tweeds, well
made and trimmed, sizes for boys 6 to 12 years;
worth \$4; on sale at only \$2.95Men's Fur Lined Overcoats, shell of extra quality black
beaver, marmot lining, outer collar; worth \$60;
price for this two-day's sale, only \$45Buying Standard Carpets
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close out discontinued patterns. Judge the offerings of this
two-days' Clearance Sale by the items below:150 ends Tapestry Carpet, measuring from 4 1/2 to 36 yards
to the piece. Regular prices 65c, 75c and 90c per yard;
sale price only 43cSix rolls Union Carpet, extra heavy quality, reversible,
red, green and fawn grounds, full yard wide; worth
45c; sale price, per yard 29cRemnants of "Nairns" Scotch Cork Linoleums, 2 yards
wide, lengths measure 4 1/2 to 21 square yards; regular
prices 45c, 50c, 60c; sale price only 32c

Stationery Department

Writing Pads, in large letter size;
usual price 20c; on sale, at, 10c
only 10cSquare and Oblong Envelopes, at
per package, only 5cLadies' Purses and Hand-
Bags at QUARTER OFF
Tomorrow and Saturday

35c BUSTER BROWN COLLARS, 15c

40 only, Children's White Linen Buster
Brown Collars, trimmed with em-
broidery, "slightly soiled"; worth
35c; to clear at, each 15cAbout 50 ends Veiling, in assorted
styles and colorings; to be
cleared at, per end, from 5c to 60cChildren's Picture Handker-
chiefs; sale price, 2 for 5cLadies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs,
with hemstitched border, at 5c
each 5cAll our regular 60c and 65c Cashmere
Gloves, suede finish, to be cleared
at, per pair, only 50cChiffon Veils, worth 75c to \$1.25;
to be cleared at, only 50c

Bargains For Men and Boys

Men's Union and Fleece-Lined Shirts
and Drawers, all sizes, worth \$1
per suit; sale price 75cMen's Heavy Ribbed Shirts and Draw-
ers, all wool; worth 75c per garment;
sale price, per suit \$1.00Men's Fine Wool Shirts and Drawers,
"Penman's make"; regular \$1
per garment; on sale at, per suit \$1.50Men's red and white, and blue and
white Handkerchiefs, large size, on
sale, at, 3 for 25c25 dozen Boys' Extra Heavy Ribbed
Wool Hose, long tops, seamless feet;
worth 35c per pair; price for this
sale only 25c7 dozen Boys' Heavy Wool Mitts;
regular 30c pair; sale price 19c43 only, Boys' Imitation Lamb Caps, in
gray and black; worth 65c and 70c;
sale price 49cMen's Fine Wool Socks, with ribbed
top and seamless feet; worth 20c
pair; now 2 pairs for 25c20 dozen Men's Fine Cambric Shirts,
pleated fronts, nice patterns, sizes 14 to
17; worth 75c to \$1; sale price,
each, only 44cMen's Four-in-Hand Ties, big assort-
ment of patterns and colorings; 25c
worth 50c; sale price, each, only 25c5 dozen only Men's Night Shirts, fine
quality, stripe flannelette; sale
price only 50c

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tinued tomorrow and Saturday. If you want to save onSHEETINGS READY-MADE PILLOW SLIPS CAMBRICS
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