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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21.

The Federal Franchise Act.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republica concerns itself with Canadian politics long enough to declare as "unfair" the tions made and has much informa provisions of the federal franchise bill. The bill, it says, is designed to aid this is not the time to suppress it. society a very large amount of busithe pro-conscription ists in the coming Conditions cannot be worse than they election, and rather unfairly adds:

It is not the way in a demo-cracy to deny the vote to a mun with whom you disagree.

But the naturalized voters who are temporarily deprived of their franchise under the federal franchise bill are not necessarily opposed to conscription. There is no reason why they should he, because they themselves are exempted from the operations of the act. It is because they are not subject to military service in war time that they are unsuitable electors for a war time election. Would it not be absurd for people but recently arrived from the enemy countries to take part in shaping Canada's policy during the war? Many of these people have sons and brothers fighting in the kaiser's army. They would be less than human if their sympathies were not divided. Perhaps in some cases they really hope to see the Prussians victorious.

A great many people run away with the idea that naturalization confers the right to vote. That is not the case, because many naturalized British subjects living in Canada have never possessed the franchise. There are many male British subjects 21 years of age and upwards born in Canada who, for More than ever is this the case in tice of your readers the critical situation of the wool market. There is only

Robert Borden tried to prevent this by coalition. He offered the Liberals half the government without a contest. It was up to them to prolong until after

responded to every overture of kind- ments. The World has for years been ness ungraciously and made order imadvocating the adoption of some plan only by the amount at our disposal. possible by their clamor. Sir Robert of metropolitan area control, but cer- The demand is unlimited." Borden, like many a school teacher he- tain influences in the city contend fore him, had to bring out the hickory against anything of the sort with all rod, which, if spared too long, spoils their strength. The Ontario Governthe child. New the Liberals are tear- | ment itself has not given the supful and rueful and wish they had acted port to such a movement that it differently. Many a child has refused ping in the end. There is a limit to departments that the education de- of the sea. Two hundred miles north of Toronto and 170 miles west of the patience even of school teachers and premiers.

Great Britain, asks for 10,000,000 tons municipality would desire to see. of food. This is the real crux of the high prices, nor cut down our allow- of education need not find the prob- it, from any Grand Trunk agent. ances, nor eat unfamiliar dishes, but, lem of procuring school-sites so difthe war, which many people still fail ficult if purchases are made as prito realize as the biggest fact in life at present, has created a condition in which we must place restraint upon ourselves, or we may lose the war ing it over us or our children ought to make any sacrifice acceptable.

At the same time the people, he could not interfere with the laws Firth of Forth bridge. of supply and demand has been taken modities that they can persuade the great Canadian west, and consequentpeople to pay. Mayor Church is quite ly brings the City of Quebec on to right and the city council should back the main street of Canadian comhim up in the endeavor to place a merce and transportation. limit to the game of extortion which

ter to deal with at present. There is made good, and the men who last an unlimited market in cheese factor- September were heartbroken may toies, evaporated milk factories, and day feel justifiable pride and exaltacreamery and butter dairies, and the tion. But we have reached the goal farmers are unwilling to forego a in the case of the Quebec bridge thru cent of any profit they feel they can a waste of treasure and sacrifice of extract. Their turn has come. For life. The project was in its inception years they have sold their produce at political, and unsavory so long as the gift prices. War has given new bridge was controlled by a private values to their crops, and they esti- corporation. mate their output in hard cash. They There was a tragic disaster in the refuse to turn their grain and fodder course of construction ten years ago, into milk to sell at a cheaper return and the events of September, 1916, are

not kill, his golden-egg-laying goose. Inational highway. Long may it stand

The public, after all, have some rights, as a monument to the indomitable to continue to live and pay for food sponsible for its success. at the rates which are being estab-

There appears to be no relief to be hoped for from the food controller. Public opinion is turning, therefore, in other directions. The investigation of the cold-storage warehouses promises results, and the evidence does not popularize the warehouse policy. nor justify to the public mind the state of things that obtains in the supply of food. It is natural, therefore, that the heard of control should ask for a more extended inquiry into the whole food situation. It was expected that the food controller would have provided such an inquiry, and no doubt he has had investigation at his disposal. We submit that are, and they will certainly not be

yond repentance. The situation is Fridays.
Will you give me space to make an

School Sites.

education, department that no more three-storey schools are to be built, and that school sites must have an adequate acreage in proportion to the adequate acreage in proportion to the appeal to them in the interests of the appeal to the appeal to them in the interests of the appeal to the a adequate acreage in proportion to the school attendance. This has been laid down as a principle for years in countries where the children of the nation are regarded as the most precious asset the nation possesses.

More than ever is this the case in the presence of our war mortality, the presence of our war mortality, the presence of our war mortality, the presence of the in the interests of the pendous and sensational photoplay to be seen at the Strand Theatre for the whole of next week, points with unerring finger. In the United States and in Canada, there is food in plenty. But "The Public Be Damned" shows that in the former country the food trust is grinding the common people in its demand for exthis, that or the other province.

Then, after all, our Liberal friends should remember that we only have a should remember that we should remembe the should remember that we should remember that we should remember that we should remembe the should remem war time elections act because we are we should not do to conserve the able yarn on the market is dyed in forced to hold a wardtime election. Sir health and intelligence of the children rainbow tints and knitted up into

that normally come to us. Land is plentiful here compared wear it obviously cannot be used for with Great Britain, but we have never the caps, wristlets and socks required taken the broad gauge methods employed there. The rule there is one-storey schools, and there is always

Objections on the score of cost in In short, the Liberal members of parliament acted rather like a lot of spoiled children, bent upon defying a good-natured. easy-going teacher.

Objections on the score of cost in Toronto need never be raised if common sense methods had been adopted in the first instance, methods which should be in use now in procuring should be in use now in procuring should be in use now in procuring school sites in advance of requireschool sites in advance of require- tion to the needy French hospitals? should, and it is an indication of the lack of co-operation in government altitude of 2,000 feet above the level partment should be recommending a Ottawa. step which would have been render- charming hotel, affords most comforted easy had the other department re- able accommodation at reasonable The Food Situation.

Lord Rhondda, food controller for city planning which any level-headed red by the Grand Trunk Railway and creat Britain, asks for 10,000,000 tons municipality would desire to the passing of lates. It is neated by steam, and grate fires add cheer to indoor pleasures. The "Highland Inn" is operated by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and controller for city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any level-headed by the Grand Trunk Railway and city planning which any city planning which any city planning which any city planning which any city planning which an tood control problem on this side of for the stand he has taken in this days. Handsomely illustrated dethe Atlantic. We may not like to pay instance, at any rate, and the board scriptive literature telling you all about

vate parties would make them. The Quebec Bridge.

The Quebec bridge is now an acand others will constrain us. The the disaster of a year ago, that the complished fact. Some thought, after imperious St. Lawrence would remain Percy LeGier, Nelson unbridled below Montreal. But there Robert Gorley, were each fined \$25 or is now in place, near the ancient one month in jail. At the same time these people, those who are buying at high prices and consuming minimum quantities, oned among the wonders of the world. have a right to be protected. The From pier to pier the Quebec bridge food controller's recent dictum that is longer than any span of the famous

The bridge becomes an integral part counter-claim of Mr. Miller for \$350 for by the profiteers to imply that they of the great national railway system breach of contract, \$25 for garden procan charge any price for their com-

A year ago, when the last span of producers and distributors are en- the great bridge being hoisted into gaged in. Some of them cannot help place fell into the river below, we themselves, perhaps, but the govern- ventured to say that the event would ment should do a little for the citi- be a black eye to Canada unless the zens in the presence of the war stress. disaster was promptly retrieved. Now Milk is undoubtedly a difficult mat- Canadian brains and enterprise have

than they would get for the raw still fresh in memory. However, the project is now owned by the nation. On the other hand, the farmer must and it has become part of our great

and one of these elementary rights is character of our people and to the the right to live. A very large por- courage and ability of the great contion of the population will be unable struction companies and engineers re-

OTHER PEOPLE'S **OPINIONS**

The Toronto World invites correspondence on subjects of current interest. Letters must be short and to the point—not more than 200 words at the outside. The editor reserves the right to cut any letters to make them conform to space requirements. Names will not be published if the writers wish them withheld, but every letter must be signed with writer's name and address, to ensure authenticity.

Red Cross Workers, and Wool.

Editor World: The opening of a new year of Red Cross work always brings to the Canadian headquarters of the found it necessary to enlarge the work made worse by stating plain facts. of our emergency department, which The people, rightly or wrongly, have meets under the superintendency of the impression, growing stronger Miss Frances Campbell at 65 Church daily, that much is being concealed, street, where rooms have been placed that profiteers are being shielded, and at the disposal of the society by the the facts that have come to light have corporation of St. James' Cathedral. done nothing to remove the impres- The work of this department is the preparation of samples and to meet If the government thinks that the such emergencies and sudden calls as proper attitude to take is to do as may come to the nead office. It is little as sossible and not interfere the desire of the superintendent to except under pressure of a revolu- open the rooms every morning in the tionary nature, then the government week except Saturdays and to work is making an error which may be be- for the entire day on Tuesdays and

very grave, and it should so be taken in hand.

Will you give me space to make appeal to those who have not yet taken up any definite work for the winter or who may be working in small groups which might be transferred as a group to this department? We need steady There may be objection taken in workers and should like those who some quarters to the decision of the have leisure to give each morning if

> brightly colored sweaters for home for the men at the front.

the war the lifetime of parliament. But nothing would do the Liberals but to have an election in war time, and now they would be only too glad to recall the past three months and be able to the past three months and be able to arrange for an extension of the par-Objections on the score of cost in and that patriotism demands that roronto need never be raised if com-

Speaking of supplies from Canada, he Adelaide E. Plumptre.

SEPTEMBER IN ALGONQUIN PARK.

Honorary secretary.

"Highland Inn," sponsible assisted the passing of rates. It is heated by steam, and will close for the season on Septem-Hon. Dr. Pyne is to be commended ber 30th, so make your reservations

STOLE MOTOR CAR.

George Crowhurst and George Mc Clymont, the two boys who were found the property of A. W. Peene of Ham. ilton, were sentenced to three months each in jail by Judge Coatsworth yesterday, and the three other lads.

CLAIMS DISMISSED.

The action of Wallace McLean, who was string C. B. Miller for \$40, being rent of a cottage at 592 Lake Shore road, Centre Island, was dismissed yes terday by Judge Coatsworth. duce and \$5.36 for a gas bill was also

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"Public Be Damned" Reveals System by Which Public is Starved and Robbed.

A food campaign has recently been naugurated by the food controller, its object being the conservation, by means of substitution and in other ways, of the food supply of the country. Nobody of right principle would willingly say a single word to hamper or hinder this campaign in any way. Its object is entirely right and necessary. But there are other meacommon people in its demand for ex-orbitant and extortionate profits. Who shall say that Canadians are not suffering similarly at the hands of food monopolists in this country? As a fact, rightly or wrongly-and

those who see "The Public Be Damned" will swear by all their gods that it is rightly—the majority of the people are convinced that they are the victims of the pro-

cents a pound, sirloin roast, rolled and boneless, for twenty and a half cents a pound. Five pound hags of sugar are sold in Chicago for thirty-eight cents each. Rib roasts of young and tender beef are sixteen and a half cents a pound. Why, in Toronto we pay more—and vastly more—for Hamburg steak than they need do in the cents and the Catskill Mountains, is about as ideal a jaunt as one than they need do in the cents and the cents are the ce roasts.

public does not get a square deal in Chicago, and if prices in Chicago are miles below the prices in Toronto, what sort of deal are the people in Toronto getting? A pretty raw

CANADA WELL COVERED BY NEWSPAPERS. Despite War, Canada's Reading Public Well Served.

Canada continues to be unusually well served by the press. This is ought out in the current issue of the Canadian Newspaper Directory compiled by A. McKim Limited, Advertising Agency, of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and London, Eng.

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proportion to population.
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T. EATON CO. WOULD BUY CITY PROPERTY

Section Desired for Warehouse on Coxwell Avenue Has Three Hundred Feet Frontage.

In a communication to the board of control yesterday, Assessment Com-missioner Forman announced that representatives of the T. Eaton Company had been negotiating with his department for the purchase of a section of city property on the east side of Coxwell avenue for the purpose of erecting a warehouse at a cost of \$65,000. The property desired has a frontage of 400 feet and a depth of 242 feet and the price offered is \$30,000.

This offer was considered satisfactory by the commissioner and Con-

tory by the commissioner and Con-troller O'Neill, and they favored ac-ceptance, but Mayor Church thought hat it would be unwise for the city o sell for \$30,000, which is at the rate of about \$75 a foot. The property, he declared, should bring more than there by the provincial authorities in-The board of control will view the

property and make a recommendation to the city council, which meets Mon-The land from which the Eaton ing statement: Company wants to obtain a section is about five acres in extent, has a frontage of 975 feet on the east side of Coxwell avenue, and was pur-

chased by the city in connection with the Coxwell avenue subway for \$41,-103. It is part of the township lot of the 1st concession from the bay, between Gerrard street and the south limit of the Grand Trunk right of way. If the offer is accepted the com-pany will commence building opera-tions almost immediately.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Government Moves to Protect Workers and Employers From Extortion.

A new set of regulations have just been issued by the trades and labor branch of the department of public works that will affect the private embond of \$200 in addition to paying any municipal license fee that may be with charged.

new rules is that one that states that not more than \$1 fee is to be charged for securing employment for any person or any employer a larger fee that \$1. Further, an employment agency must not charge for transportation an amount greater than the actual cost involved. Many lumbering interests have been held up for \$3 for every man that has been sent them, and in addi-tion to this some agencies have even charged as much as \$25 a week for the men's board, whereas the actual cost has been much less.

GOVERNMENT BRINGING IN FRESH-WATER FISH

First Shipment Expected to Reach Toronto Market Next Thursday.

"The Public Be Damned" exemplifies conditions in the large cities in the United States. But, in good truth, one may well ask whether conditions in any of those cities are any worse than they are in this fair City of Toronto. In Chicago, at all events, they do not seem, in many respects, they do not seem, in many respects, to be as bad. There is one particular brand of bacon which is a great favorite among those people in Toronto who are wealthy enough to afford it, and that bacon commonly sells at fifty cents a pound. The same bacon was being sold by the Adolph Market Company in Chicago last week, for twenty-eight and a half cents. The same company was also selling beef tenderloins for twenty-one and a half cents a pound.

It is announced that by Thursday in ext, Toronto will have a supply of fresh water fish direct from Lake Nipigon, controlled by the Ontario Government, with the profits of the sale of the fish going into the provincial coffers. By this new plan it is expected that the present cost of fresh water fish will be cut down about 5 to 8 cents a pound.

The Hon. Finlay G. Macdairmid, minister of public works, told a reporter for The World yesterday that on Tuesday the first shipment of trought the prisoner passes from the control of the department to the control of the city officials, and whatever desame company was also selling beef tenderloins for twenty-one and a half cents. The same company was also selling beef tenderloins for twenty-one and a half cents a pound. It is announced that by Thursday

Hamburg steak than they need do in can make. It is exceedingly popular Chicago for the very best sirioin and the hotels are well filled. Daily What is the reason of all this? "The most lovely scenery with the soft autumn haze suffusing the landscape." motoring is over perfect roads amid than hints—that the reason is to be Some members of a last year's party found in the fact that the public in the United States is not getting a was it. For particulars enquire Mr. square deal from those engaged in the distribution of food. Yet if the Grand Trunk Railway System, N.W. corner King and Yonge streets, To-

> Gabriel Clane was sentenced to five days in Jail for stealing electric cur-rent from the Toronto Electric Light came Co., by Judge Coatsworth in the sessions yesterday.

REPLIES TO CRITICS OF JAIL SYSTEM

Hon. W. D. McPherson Issues Statement Regarding Present Inmates.

SOME NECESSARY WORK

Claims That Any Delay in Transfer is Up to City Officials.

In answer to a report to the effect that there were 100 men at present in the Toronto jail who were being kept stead of being sent to the jail farm. where they would be of more use, the Hon. W. D. McPherson, provincial socretary, has made the follow-

The provincial secretary's depart-ment receives a daily statement from the head turnkey of the Toronto juli of the male and female population at the jail each cay. Yesterday there set male prisoners and 23 female. whose cases had not been disposed of by the court consequently no transfer could be made from the jail to the municipal farm of any of ther as they are required to be in attent ance at the court on such day their cases have been remanded lighteen of the wemen were in MUST PAY LICENSE FEE same position. This leaves a total of mer, whose cases had been disposed of, of 34, and five women. Under the arrangement between the provincial secretary's department and Property Commissioner Chisholm, 14 male prisoners are at all times required to be

kept at the jail for the performance of necessary duties which, if not per-formed by prischers, would require to be performed by guid labor.

Twenty Just Sentenced.

Deducting this 14 would leave yes terday, 20 men who had been sentenced and of these two were for sentences of five days each, two were for sentences of ten days each, two were required to be held for the federal authorities for transfer to King-ston Punitentury. One is a man 93 years of age, too infirm to be of any value at the municipal farm. One requires to be held at the jail as a witess in a pending case, and wa had been issued earlier in the day by the inspector of prisons, as is his daily custom, to the sheriff of the City of Torento, for removal to the municipal farm of those prisoners who should go there, and to the privincial bailiff for the prisoners who should go to the provincial institution at Burwash, according to the length of their various sentences.

Of the five women whose cases had been disposed of and who were sentenced, three, I regret to say, were suffering from disease which unfitted them for life at the women's industences were for five days each.

Daily Statement.
As soon as the inspector of prisons receives the daily statement from the

CAPT. E. L. JOHNSTON ILL IN BASE HOSPITAL

Quartermaster of York Rangers Battalion Returned Because of III-Health.

Capt. E. Lavergne Johnston, quartermaster of the 127th Battalion, York Rangers, now a unit of the Canadian railway troops in Belgium, has been returned to Canada because of ill-health. He is now seriously ill in the Base Hospital, East Gerrard

Between the hours of three to six p.m., each day, is the time specified for the distribution of active service for the distribution of active service badges to the returned soldiers who came back on the S. S. Metagama and Araguaya. Men entitled to the same are instructed to call at the

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office of G. A. Riddell, 1 Queen's Courts for tether tennis, volley ball, handball, squash racquets and other games are being arranged for crippled soldiers at Hart House.

Sergt. P. A. Davis was admitted to
the base hospital yesterday to undergo an operation for shrapnel wounds. Owing to the illness and subsequent death of his wife recently. he operation was postponed. Returned men who take up motor car driving are to be exempt from the government fee of \$2, according to the Hon. Finlay Macdairmid.

HEARING ADJOURNED.

