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#### A GOOD PROPOSAL.

The proposal of County Roads Superintendent Bleecker to introduce an adequate patrol system to keep the County roads in repair is an excellent one, and speaks for both efficiency and economy.

The plan that has hitherto been followed of constructing expensive roadbeds, with heavy macadam foundations, proper drainage and well rounded grades, and then to leave those roadbeds without further attention until they the money, But that can't be. Prosperity and factory or industry? are worn out, is about as foolish as to buy a high prices go together—always have and profine touring-car and then run it without tightening of nuts, adjustment of parts or cleaning of bearings, as long as the engine continues to move or the pieces hold together. A good road is like a good machine. Properly supervised and kept in working order, its life is long and its use a continuous satisfaction. But it is palows to jolt the occupants of vehicles and des-embargo. troy the road's foundations. Shallow ruts soon wear down into deeper ruts and the work of destruction is vastly accelerated.

With road troubles as with disease, prevention is better than cure. It may appear to be a waste of money to keep gangs of men passing over roads that have recently been built, and the French, regard the repair gang as more picion. Mr. Le Queux writes: important than the construction gang and a most essential economy in the maintenance of their wonderful road systems.

When one of our county councillors spoke of a piece of highway, constructed only three years/ago, at great expense, being worn out in that short time, the necessity for action along that line will be the better appreciated.

The road-men of Prince Edward county are alive to the economy involved in a proper road-fepair system and spend each year a liberal apportionment to keep their roads at all times in the top notch of efficiency. Prince Edward's roads are now the synonym for highway excellence all over the province.

Time was when Hastings county was known throughout the Dominion as the h of good roads. Our proud pre-eminence in that regard has now been lost to us, and we believe we have indicated the reason.

#### FOOD EMBARGO A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

The Americans like the Canadian are finding all kinds of fault with the high food prices that prevail in that favored land. As a means of relief an embargo on the export of food has been widely discussed. Commenting upon the proposal The Wichita (Kansas) Beacon has this to say,-

The attempt to reduce or at least stop the increase in food prices in this country by agitating for an embargo in foodstuffs, sounds like a and says: very simple solution of the tremendous problem. The trouble about it is that an embargo would be a two-edged sword and playing with two-edged swords is a hazardous business.

If there were an actual food shortage in this country-just barely enough food or less than enough for the population-self-preservation, the first law of nations as well as individuals, would justify an embargo.

But that is not the situation. We produce more food than we consume. The nations at war and some of the neutrals produce less than they consume.

They come to this country with their money to purchase what they need.

Their needs, because of the war, are much greater than in normal times and the price they are willing to pay goes a long way toward establishing the price that the domestic consumer must pay.

It is annoying, but to the extent that the foreign demand affects the price we must ac- Association of Montreal, in a letter issued to the cept the annoyance with the best grace we can. liquor sellers of that city, says:-

The alternative would be an unneutral act against the nations which are able and willing to buy foodstuffs here.

Two years ago we told the world that it was not only our right but our duty to sell munitions of war to any nation that could buy them.

it increases the cost to our own people would of discipline. Here are his own words:not only be unneutral, but unspeakably greedy.

Certainly if we expect to buy and sell with the other nations after the war we must buy and sell with them now.

But there is also another side to it—the effect of an embargo on our own prosperity. We is especially well equipped to turn out artistic and our history. In December, 1807, congress forbade exports until France and Great Britain settled their war. The next year American exis published every Thursday morning at \$1.00 a ports dropped from \$108,000,000 to \$22,000,000. revenue fell from \$16,000,000 to a few thousands, 55,000 sailors were thrown out of work, laws and talked of open session.

repealed the embargo act.

bably always will.

question of trying to regulate food prices than far enough with his argument. merely putting on an embargo.

We are strongly in favor of doing everything possible to keep prices down by breaking up food corners and prosecuting to the limit tent to the most casual observer that slight de- those responsible for them. But there is no repressions in highways soon become deep hol- lation whatever between these things and an

#### THE GERMAN SPY SYSTEM.

The celebrated author William Le Queux, writing in the Edinburgh Scotsman, discusses "the German Spy System," and shows how little doing nothing more than to fill up an occasional ramifications. There were always weak mindat the outset the general public realized its little mud-hole. But the most experienced and ed politicians in England as in Canada, ready practical road-builders in the world, the British to vouch for German spies, as being beyond sus-

A few months later Mr. Tennant, the Under-Secretary for War, rose in the House of Commons and informed us that "every enemy alien is known, and is under constant police supervision." Such a statement did not improve the growing feeling of insecurity. and even if it was intended to place the enemy off his guard, it was but a clumsy ruse for there were at that moment thousands of the enemy in our midst allowed to roam at pleasure, and plot against us-persons who were unregistered and unknown. So far, indeed from that statement being the truth, Sir R. Cooper, M.P., stood up in the House and boldly declared that there were aliens in every department of our public services, and that these persons were daily transmitting reports of our movements to Germany. Not a soul rose to contradict him. Why? Because the secrets of our Budget had been known and published in Frankfort before they were known in the House of Commons! And again, a later and more glaring instance of the leakage of information to our enemies was when the news of Lord Kitchener's tragic death was published in Berlin half-an-hour after it following suggestive quatrain,had reached London. Who was the traitor?

It is a fair inference from the above that even Lord Kitchener's intended departure was known to the German authorities.

Mr. Le Queux, however goes still further

nal, destroy our communications, our water til it gets the coin. works, our power stations, our shipping, and commit serious outrages in our arsenals and enemy's camp, the authorities held informacunning without our gates within the coun- politicians, editors and others. try whose hospitality he accepted—and over whose suspicion he bleated so pathetically in that famous interview in 1906.

The president of the License Victuallers propaganda in industrial centres."

any kind at any time be refused to all men wearing King's uniform from now on till the end of the war."

pline through the sale of strong liquor to sol- one-half a watt per candle power." diers. Restrictions as to hours have already been established by the authorities, and I feel for the maintenance of the strictest dis-

losing \$20,000,000 pay; ship earnings of \$12,- thing should be permitted to interfere with the plicity in living standards. 500,000 were wiped out, workingmen on land efficiency of our national service. The argument lost \$36,000,000 through unemployment, thou- is a sound one. We congratulate the president sands of business houses failed, the jails of the liquor sellers upon the fact but will he throughout the country were full of men im-tell us why logically we should permit in the more cigarettes were made than in the previous last April, has been awarded the Disprisoned for debt, whole rows of stores closed country the existence of a business and the sale year and a million more cigars. There was a dein northern cities, cotton growers in the south of this poisonous drug to interfere with the crease of 1,174,586 barrels of fermented liquors, day's dispatches. He was formerly were sustained by the state, grass grew in New efficiency of national service at all other times largely beer, and there was a decrease of forty on the mechanical staff of the Jour-York streets, and discontent spread so rapidly than the war? If it is as he states a national in the number of breweries as compared with nal as a printer, and was familiarly that New England states passed nullification menace to interfere with the training of men the previous fiscal year. There was an increase known among his associates as "Dad" s and talked of open session.

Who have to face peril in the trenches during the of 112,627,170 gallons in the production of disease, war, why should he and his fellow-craftsmen be tilled spirits in the United States, or almost been wounded in action at the front. permitted at any time to pursue a business and eighty per cent. over the production of the pre- and was admitted to the Military It would be fine if we could eat our cake to sell goods which will interfere with the ef-vious year. The four States having the largest Hospital at Boulogne on September and have it too if we could enjoy all of the ficiency of men and women who have to face the production of distilled spirits were Illinois, In- 27th, suffering from gun-shot wounds wonderful prosperity that is ours and save all perils of multiplied machinery in the modern diana, Kentucky and Louisiana. The large in-

ward and commendable step which he has taken tured and for export to European countries. So you see there's a whole lot more to this but venture to point out that he has not gone

#### POLITICAL CRISIS PREDICTED.

The Toronto World, the well known Conservative organ of Toronto, is positive a political upheaval is about to take place in Canada similar to that which has just occurred in England. The World says:-

The World, if it is to judge by the signs, believes that a great political crisis is impending in Canada; that it may break before New Year's Day. What is happening in England will happen here.

The launching yesterday in Winnipeg of the platform of a new progressive party by the farmers of Canada; the series of meetings started last night by Premier Borden to be followed by others by Sir Wilfrid Laurier; the organization of the women from one side of the Dominion to the other because of the war; the rumor that a prominent citizen is going into public life on a platform of conscription; the news that the Ontario Government have discovered that it would be dangerous to open any seat either in York or Toronto to fill the cabinet vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Duff; the widespread dissent over nickel; the fact that the mother country is torn asunder over the influence of Germany still in British business—even in war policy, and that that dissent is spreading here; the demand for prohibition in Britain and the promise of it in the Province of Quebec; the demand for a coalition government Within my heart will live the vib ture of political attacks—these and a hundred things indicate a great ferment working in the minds of the people, much more actively than in the minds of the politicians. Some kind of a break might occur at any moment.

#### Menaught or menothing?

A reader of The Ontario has handed us the Once he was McNaught, A very watchful man: Now he is McNothing. So, put him in the can.

Germany intended to spring some big sur- loss was discovered more than a year ago and prises upon us, and one of those big surprises the whole force has been working ever since was the sudden rising of an army of military to find it without avail. That cent seems to have desperadoes, who were to act at a given sig- disappeared and the bank will not be happy un- "Not in the prize, though lovely and alluring,

The generous words of praise by Mr. J. W. munition works. But by the secret knowledge Johnson last night at the Canadian Club in apacquired before the war, acquired only by preciation of Mr. Rowell's splendid speech the patient inquiry, continual watchfulness, and night before at the recruiting mass-meeting at often by undertaking long journeys into the Griffin's Opera House were expressive of a spirit that is too often absent from the public utter- Out of one heart a weed to have uprooted, tion which enabled them to strangle the ser- ances and actions of public men. Such amenipent which the Kaiser had placed with such ties of life are worthy of greater cultivation by

British Cabinet Ministers have arranged to Have shed about us ever the aroma give a series of addresses throughout the United Kingdom for the purpose of "gaining the sup-ARGUMENT DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. port of the public for a more vigorous prosecu- Enough! and yet the distant beacons beckon, tion of the war and thus to combat the anti-war

That such steps are considered necessary would seem to indicate that there is an anti-"I would suggest that strong drinks of war party in Britain of considerable strength.

**M**. A new item states that "an electric light which produces the white light of daylight has But upon what argument does he base this brightened up many of the dark spots in the appeal to his fellow-craftsmen? Upon the argu-daily factory life of the bigger cities. The day-who knows?—after the toil and pa-It is equally our right and our duty to sell ment that the military authorities are worried light color of the lamp is caused by the special foodstuffs and to refuse to do it simply because over the question of the encouragement of lack glass used. This artificial light is only 8 per cent. less in strength than actual daylight. The There yet may come to us life's crowning glory thigh some time ago, has arrived in "The military authorities seem to be wor- lamps are made in all sizes, from 100 to 1,000

ried more and more with the danger to disci- watts, and the current consumption is about

So great is the demand for female labor in understand the anxiety and the desire they Germany that wages have risen to 10c per hour. The greatest demand for unskilled female labor Former Belleville Boy of 51st cipline in the ranks of their battalions are has come from the leather and metal trades that justified. Nothing should be permitted that already employ thousands if not hundreds of could interfere with the efficiency of our nathousands of men whose presence in the army is tional service nor with the daily training of more and more desired. Corresponding to the nesday, Nov. 29th contained the story those who will in a few days face the enemy increased demand for women in the trades, of the winning of the D.C.M. by Pte Note in the above the expression that no-domestic servants, indicating an increasing simthere has been a falling off of the demand for Charles J. Stevens, a former Belle

In the fiscal year 1916 more than a billion boy who left with the 51st battalion crease is said to have been due to the demand honors as follows:-We congratulate the president upon the for- for alcohol and high proof spirits to be dena-

#### THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

Written for The Ontario by Miss Lilian Leveridge, Toronto.

The summer sun lay golden on the mountain, And soft about us blew The elfin winds, the wild, free winds that morn-

ing I wandered there with you.

As up and up to higher levels tending We slowly passed along, Upon the slippery steeps I did not waver-

Our kindred souls were filled.

Your hand was firm and strong We gained the heights. The all-encircling vast-

Our quickening pulses thrilled. ith all the glory, all the wordless wonder,

Above us and around us stretched the heavens, And far and far away. misty, opalescent shadows melting, The dim horizon lay.

from the town, to mellow music softened, There rose a murmurous din. As o'er the waves, wind-kissed and sunbeam silvered.

We watched the boats come in.

But longer than the fair and pleasant picture, In sunlight round us spread, Of gracious words you said:

We may not reach the goal of our endeavor Before the sun goes down: Yet you and I will upward press, and ever Be worthy of our crown.

'No toil is lost, no energy is wasted, Our striving is not vain.

No proud, far heights attain.

"They are not dead, the seeds of hope we scat- ing" was followed by and oppropriate tered

Along the barren years, The Bank of England has lost one cent. The Though yet there springs no blossom of re- gone to heaven, and, thank God, no joicing, No golden fruit appears.

> Our best reward must be. Is not the strength that comes alone from strug-Enough for you and me?

"Enough to have uplifted by our message One life for one brief hour; And planted there a flower:

"Enough if we a helping hand have given, Have strengthened faltering feet, Of kindness rare and sweet."

The shining steeps allure. We long to breathe—the impulse is of Heaven-Those airs serene and pure:

To stand beside the noble souls who conquered, Who would not be downcast, Who, after all the heartache and the failures, Have won success at last.

tience, The conflict long and tense,

## HOW C. STEVENS WON THE D.C.M

Battalion, Mentioned For Distinguished Conduct.

ville boy, and employee of The Daily Ontario office and a son-in-law of Mrs C. F. Payne, Burnham street. The article is as follows:

"Charles J. Stevens, an Edmonton to the achievement that won him his

"'(No. 437,613) C. J. Stevens, although twice wounded, remained at his post and carried messages to battalion headquarters under heavy fire. He captured two unwounded pris-

### MOIRA CHAPTER

The officers of Moira Chapter have been reelected for the new year as follows: Ex. Comp. J. O. R. McCurdy, 1st

Prin. Z. Ex. Comp. H. C. Carr-P.Z. Comp. C. B. Scantlebury, 2nd Prin

Comp. F. H. Chesher, 3rd Prin. J. R. Ex. Comp. Dr. J. J. Farley, Treas Comp. L. C. Yeomans, S. E. Comp. Wm. Cook, S. N.

Comp. John McIntosh, P. S. Comp. W. E. Griffith, S. S. Comp. H. Thompson, M. 4th Veil Comp. E. T. Cherry, M. 3rd Veil Comp. W. Thomas, M. 2nd Veil Comp. E. Dickens, M. 1st Veil Ex. Comp. Frank Elvins, D. of C. Comp. F. E. O'Flynn, Organist Comp. H. Deyman and Comp. W. nith, Stewards Comp. E. T. Cherry and Comp.

. W. Rathman and F. S. Deacon. Ex. Comp. Walter Alford, Trustee Comp. C. A. Hulley, Janitor

MEMORIAL SERVICE A large congregation attended the memorial service held in St. Thomas church last evening for Privates Sherwood M. Wood and James Meloy who have recently been reported as killed in action. The service was conducted by the Rector, the en. Archdeacon Beamish and consisted of the first part of evening prayer with special sentences, psalms, lessons and hymns Then the people standing the names were read of the ten members of St. Thomas' congregation who had made the "Supreme Sacrifice." (These names have been framed and hung up at the entrace to the church.) Then followed the "burial office," and E'en though we win no shining wreath of laurel, Lord" was sung by Miss Strethel Walton in a sweet and most sympathetic voice. "On the Resurrection Mornsermon by the Archdeacon on the comforting and cheering Gospel for the hereafter." "No one has ever yet one has ver yet gone to hell, and no one has ever yet been finallyjudged. In that blessed spirit life, that waiting life between death and judgment, who can doubt but that God has made ample provision to meet all oubts and objections concerning his nevolent purposes for all the children of men. Here will be given opportunity for those, like the heather who had no opportunity given them here, which imparts a reaso to the Gospel of Salvation. The Gospel of the hereafter brings comfort to those who realize the communion of Saints in the church on earth and in Paradise. It is one Church of Christ whether expectant in Paradise or militant here on earth.

The members of St. Thomas' Church who have made the "Supreme Sacrifice" are:

1. Capt. Bertram Kerr Allen

2. Lieut. John H. Roquette 3. Sergt. Harry Abland

4. Corp. Leslie Evans. Corp. William Diamond

6. Pte. John Coburn

7. Pte. John McMichael

8. Pte. Chas. T. Eves. 9. Pte. Sherwood M. Wood.

0. Pte. James Meloy.

170 have enlisted from St. Thomas ongregation of which ten have fallen

CAPT. HARPER IN ENGLAND.

England.

# HIGH PRI

Business on Slow Today

The outer man this morning ow weather, but the quite large. N took place. Eggs and 50c for the n riety. Butter re cents. Poultry to \$1.50 per pair \$1 each for duck geese. But while changed, the te weaker, as in the turning to beef, shown the effect advance. Hogs liveweight

Potatoes are wholesale and \$ market. Apples a Hay was a mi Wholesale prices for baled. Loose to \$10 per ton. Spring lamb owards per pour Hides are now

per pound. Grains are und

Moira Cheese nual Meeting ternoon—\$6

The annual me Cheese Manufactu held yesterday aft a very large atten and satisfied patro A feature of caus d general ex was the resignation Herity as cheeser began work as ch factory in 1876 or has since continuo tion. It is doubtf other record in the it. Through all the ing methods to 1 mands, Mr. Herity of the times and edged goods before retirement, owing er duties, is a disti pany and the chee Mr. S. Harris with Mr. Herity i and for the past excellent record

tory in Sidney, wa erity's successo yond all precedent factory in the hist The sverage price p was 18.07 cents. dend was \$44.91 special dividend for enormous total of milk received duri 1,674,406. From factured a total of of cheese, which 795.04: Average 1b. cheese-11.38. Mr. Walker Saye general satisfaction as president and s

elected to those por L. O. L. 2519

The election of of 2519 took place at as follows: Dr. Kinnear-W.

J. S. Henderson-Dr. M. Day-Rec. Fred Andrews-F G. A. Morton-Tr Rev. Dr. Blagrave A. W. McLeod-D M. J. Chek-Lec,

PTE. G. HEARN SO Mr. Geo. Hender

Thurlow Township received word that I the 80th battalion h action on Nov. 18t had made it his ho derson for some tim ment.

GLAD TO BE DO

Pte. Walter Soal, Soal of The Ontario written Nov. 15th. cold now in France comfortably clothed not mind the cold so goes on to say,-"D me, I am fine. Was am glad to be over h for the great cause. sick, and have no l home until our enem utterly crushed, Everything will commaybe before we ex