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## Courage is More Than Legality at Times

The Journal of Commerce of Montreal, edited by Hon. W. S. Fielding, devotes a leading article one day this week to a discussion of the emergency Dominion note issue and the legislation that it is proposed to put through session to legalize the payment in Dominion notes of twenty-six millions of dollars; ten millions in the way of a loan to the Canadian Northern, six millions to the Grand Trunk Pacific and ten millions used by the government for war expenses, all of these amounts contrary to law.

After a careful survey of the situation we do not see how the government could have acted otherwise. The railway companies needed the money to carry on their works or else Canada would have been threatened with a collapse in these two great undertakings. We believe both the railway companies and their respective banks to make the application for them as the law provides, but the banks, we are informed, declined to do so. There was nothing, then, for the government to do but give out the Dominion notes direct, or bring on what would have been financial disaster to the country generally. As to the use of the notes in paying war expenses to the extent of ten millions the same argument must apply or we would have been delayed in making the provisions we were making to assist the mother country in this great war.

The World believes that while the war lasts and the stringency caused by the war prevails, the government may have to resort to a still further issue of Dominion notes for which there is a substantial gold reserve in the treasury at Ottawa; and we are frank enough to say that we believe the best way to finance the strenuous times is by this method. We can still keep a substantial gold reserve against the notes, so we may have to reduce the gold percentage somewhat for a time, and as experience, since the emergency currency legislation of last August was passed, was of such a character as to show that the banks will not intervene between the borrower and the government, the government may have to take direct power itself to make advances to railways and in other directions in order to save the situation. Courage counts for more than legality at times.

England has had to resort to special measures in connection with the issue of paper money since the war began and so has every country engaged in the war and so has the United States in her day of trial. And it is true that the United States issued so much that the currency was depreciated for a time, but nothing of that kind is likely to happen in Canada; and The World believes that the minister of finance and the government will exercise the greatest precaution. But the supreme thing for them to do is to carry on the government, carry on the war, keep things going in Canada; and they will make out a case, as they are doubtless able to do in the several instances referred to in The Journal of Commerce, we are quite sure that parliament and the people of Canada will endorse their action. The best money Canada has today is the national currency issued by the Dominion; and our regret is that there is not more of it for upholding public credit and keeping business going and carrying on the war. Even Mr. Fielding, when he was minister of finance and without any war, had to issue Dominion notes on occasions and got an Act of Indemnity from parliament later on which is exactly what the Hon. Mr. White is doing today.

## Humor and Charity

In Great Britain Canada is known to possess one humorist. His books are in demand there in even greater numbers than in the Dominion. Ever since the "Geometry of a Boarding House" appeared it was recognized in London that we had a claim to having an original genius. Being in his own country he is not perhaps so widely hailed as a successful author as might be desired by those who have the literary fame of the Dominion at heart, but his reputation has been steadily growing, and his "Sketches of a Sunshine Town" have established him pretty solidly.

Stephen Leacock is academic as well as humorous, and is gifted with



Illustration of a man in a suit and hat, possibly a politician or official, standing next to a large, ornate structure that resembles a train car or a piece of industrial machinery.

## TRADE OF WORLD OPEN TO CANADA

Extension Rather Than Fresh Capital Essential, Says Sir George Foster.

## GERMAN TRADE GONE

Canada in a Position to Supply Big Foreign Demands.

That Canada is to play a large part in the reconstruction of industrial establishments during and after the war was the vibrating note of Sir George E. Foster's remarks at the Empire Club luncheon yesterday. "Not only will Canada share in the normal trade that has been shifted from Germany, but the antagonism she has aroused among the nations, but a way will be open to her, in the reconstruction of large concerns that can be filled in this country," said Sir George.

"Germany at the present time is suffering almost absolutely from the exclusion from the markets of the world. She has lost her hold entirely in the markets of the allies, and to a large extent in the markets of neutrals, and is weakening and depleting her home base, thus rendering her ability to compete after the war is ever, far less than before. By prosecuting the war with such animosity and hatred she has forfeited her place in the good will of the allied countries, and raised a barrier against her trade from sentimental reasons."

"Canada's Opportunity." The ravages of war have not been felt in her own territory, and she occupies an advantageous position from the standpoint of both her natural resources and of her well-based system of industrial production. By these two combinations she should be able to make big gains in the home market, as against former importations from Germany; also to extend her trade with foreign countries, and in respect to many things supplied by Germany before and to take advantage of the arrangement that may be made among the allied nations in respect to favorable mutual trade relations.

## DUTY OF BOARD TO KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN

If Negligent, Commission May Be Appointed, According to Proposal of Hon. Dr. Fyfe.

The bill brought in by Hon. Dr. Fyfe to settle the Ottawa separate school situation provides that it is the duty of the school board to keep the schools open, to see that the children receive a proper education, and to hire competent school teachers with this end in view.

In case the board is understood to be neglecting the department's authority a commission may be appointed to take over the whole matter and to make complete control under the department. The bill takes unto the government all necessary powers for seeing their purposes accomplished, and makes provision for securing harmony in the management of the capital's school affairs.

## PREMIER PROMISES SERIOUS THOUGHT

Tells Radical Enthusiasts That the Matter Will Not Be Shelved.

## BUILDINGS STORMED

Monster Deputation, Headed by Kilty Band and Great Banners.

With kilted bands playing and great banners on their shoulders the monster deputation of hydro radical enthusiasts stormed the parliament buildings yesterday, and laid before the government an appeal for a subsidy of \$500 per mile on construction. The arrival of Sir Adam Beck was hailed with an outburst of applause and the skirt of pipes. Representatives of municipalities "from the St. Lawrence on the east to Lake St. Clair on the west" urged assistance, and declared that the province was crying out for better transportation facilities.

To this Premier Hearst replied that the matter of serious consideration would be given. The subject would not be shelved and the government had sympathy for the road needs of the people. Immediate assistance, and they did not ask it, was a little out of the question because of financial conditions, and the necessity for seeking new revenue sources. The bigger the success achieved the larger the government's liability would be. He, like Sir James Whitney, had no intention of subsidizing the construction of railways and raised the point of acting to please all the people concerned.

Mayor Church of Toronto, in introducing the visitors, proclaimed that the day of radicals had arrived, and the people were to be back to the land. Her own railway to feed the commerce of the lakes. The subsidy sought would enrich no man's pocket, and the hydro commission would never break faith.

Secretary Thos. Hanigan of Guelph read the memorial of the association in full. It set forth the particular benefits which would accrue from the Hydro Commission for the work already done, and stated that farmers would go back to the land. Present high power transmission lines could not be utilized for commercial use. Eastern Ontario could not be served unless the radial system was introduced, and these would give power direct access to the farmer's home.

The commission had granted the feasibility of radials if the government subsidy was realized. They were more vital to farmers than good roads. The province was really being asked to loan its credit for its own development. In conclusion he stated that the subsidy would not be required for some time and that it could be spread over a period of years. The premier acquiesced if they had a plan, and the first letter was written on August 5, the day after war was announced. It was to the effect that the government might not have to take action as the matter was undecided. The next came on Sept. 25, proving conclusively that their stand was taken after hostilities had begun.

Need Railway Feeder. The extreme poverty of the province were represented in the persons of ex-Mayor Clay of Windsor and ex-Mayor Hanson of Prescott. The former declared that Windsor was the best lighted city in America, and that the whole western district needed railway feeders to open it up. Mr. Hanson stated that the east had needs as great as the west, and were prepared to look for their remedy. They had water powers and other facilities and were beginning to appreciate the hydro system. Radials would mean much to them.

F. S. Spencer and Lionel Clarke of Toronto, Mayor Watson of Hamilton, M. F. Burns of Collingwood, and J. Owens of Campbellford were among the more prominent advocates. Sir Adam Beck greeted the speakers, stated plainly that the errand was not one of pleasure. The premier, if he chose to act on the recommendation, could make his name as the one encouraging the radial era as Sir James Whitney had done with the power commission. It meant comfort, prosperity and even luxury for the working man.

Should Be Glad. He stated that Ontario had given over nine millions in subsidies to private corporations and Quebec sixteen millions. They merely wanted the balance made up for the people. Surely the people would be asked to bear the burden alone. The government should be glad to aid them.

All wildcat schemes had been omitted from hydro management in the past and would not figure in the future. He assured the premier that the commission would find the system for the first year or two alone.

## SCHEME INADEQUATE SO WAS STRUCK OUT

Second Attempt of Toronto at Establishment of Fund for Firemen Failed.

Toronto's second attempt to get legislation allowing the establishment of a pension fund for firemen, received a setback yesterday when the committee of the legislature yesterday, on this occasion it appeared in a bill passed by the legislature, that a rate-payers' vote be not necessary. The objection urged was that no adequate scheme was prepared and it went out, two.

## Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:--

"I should have told you the other day, when I was speaking of 'Eddy's' Washboards, that it is just as necessary to have an indurated Fibreware Tub to hold your clothes if you want to make a success of washday."

## Mrs. Newlywed Says:--

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## DIRECTORS' CLAIMS BEFORE WAR BEGAN

Hon. Thomas McGarry Proposes Reading of Statements and Holds Ground.

## WILL MEET NEW TAX

Railways With Pullmans Will Pay, But Small Phone Companies Relieved.

Hon. Thos. McGarry stands by his original ground that the insurance companies which refused to pay their taxes were well worthy of the castigation he gave them. To back up his position he took occasion yesterday on moving the resolution in that connection to prevent loss to the province should the case go to the privy council to read the statements of several directors, who had claimed their position taken before war started.

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One clause in the act will relieve all telephone companies of less than \$20,000 capital of provincial taxes, railways with pullmans running thru Ontario will have to meet a new tax, and gas and light companies hitherto exempted from the tax will have bills to foot in future.

Liberals Whip. Bowman introduced an Audit Act amendment to place the preparation of the public accounts under the auditor and not the treasury board.

## Change in Policy for Employers

By a Staff Report

OTTAWA, Mar. 26.—The committee on the contracts for military uniforms, inspector of contracts, has announced a change in policy. The committee has decided to award contracts to the lowest bidder, instead of to the bidder who offers the best quality of work.

## CANADIAN DOCTORS GOING TO SERBIA

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, March 26.—A cable to an appeal made by the Serbian government for British and Canadian medical men to help in the war effort. The appeal was made by the Serbian government, through the London agent, and the Canadian government has agreed to send a team of doctors to Serbia.

## U. OF T. BA NEEDS

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There is another opportunity of con-

sideration if a definite proposal is

made.

Toronto and York County have be-

lieved their little difficulty about the

taxation of the prison farms in the

county. Corporation Council Garry

announced an arrangement struck by

which the city pays \$400 to Markham

Township, and \$100 to Vaughan for

1915.

The clause requiring building wreck-

ers to use a spray to lay the dust was

passed without comment.

The third appearance of the Mc-

Pherson bill, allowing strikes in the

maintenance and repairs on a local im-

provement basis where the cities un-

derstand the contract, was thrown over-

board on a vote of the committee.

There was a close decision but Chair-

man, W. J. Hanna cast the deciding

ballot.

Mr. McPherson moved an amend-

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those cities over 200,000 in population,

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