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### Wasting Money in Talk.

Miss Agnes McPhail declares that she has been "a complete fool" for accepting only \$2,500 of her \$4,000 sessional indemnity as member for Southeast Grey. It sounds like the voice of bitter experience. Miss McPhail has evidently discovered that the increasingly lengthy sessions of parliament mean added personal expense; and now feels that members are justified in accepting the additional \$1,500 indemnity which adds \$1,404,000 to the country's annual costs.

The needless protraction of parliamentary sessions is an unmitigated evil. It adds to the cost of government without producing results; it breeds carelessness and inefficiency in the handling of public business; it discourages many capable men from becoming candidates for parliament.

Premier King has realized the evil and exposed it with the utmost frankness. On the floor of the house last April he described the meaningless budget debate of twenty-four days as the longest on record and reviewed the facts to show, on the part of Mr. Meighen and his supporters, "a deliberate effort to protract the proceedings of this parliament" in order to block any intention the government might have of holding an election last June.

Again in his announcement of election at Richmond Hill ten days ago the prime minister explained that an important consideration in deciding to hold an election this fall has been the probability of an even longer next session should parliament continue, because of similar delaying tactics on the part of the opposition.

The remedy is obvious. Briefer sessions, less expenditure, the possibility of the increased indemnity which Miss McPhail advocated four years ago, these things can be accomplished only by returning a government with sufficient majority to expedite procedure and discipline with a strong hand attempts at needless delay and obstruction.

There is no possibility of Mr. Meighen leading such a majority even if all Ontario voted Conservative, because he can bring no following from the west. The Progressive group can not supply such a government because it can bring no strength from the east. The only apparent means of creating a strong government is to return the prime minister and the Liberal party, which has already a margin of one seat, with such an increased majority that wasteful delays will be impossible. The Liberal party today is the only party representing both east and west. Miss McPhail has introduced a very sound and practical reason why it should be supported and returned to power with a working majority.

### Judges and Politics.

The Wall Street Journal raises the pertinent question whether the supreme court judges of United States are as unbiased as they should be in their interpretation of law as applied to the cases coming before them. It quotes Prof. Hall of the University of Wisconsin, who has for a period of twenty years analyzed the findings of the supreme court where there has been a division of opinion, and has carefully tabulated the findings of the judges, especially where the cases referred to disputes between employers and their employees.

Prof. Hall found that in every case one member of the court decided on the side of labor, that another member voted for labor every time but one, and that another voted against labor every time.

If such a thing is true of the supreme court of United States, whose members are appointed for life, and are supposed to be free from political influence, what can be said of the judges in the lower courts, where their appointment to office and their continuance in it depends on political influence and party victory?

It is not possible that a judge should vote one way every time. An employer's contention could not possibly be right every time, neither could that of the employee, but according to the decisions of these three judges under review, they had voted with a precision that indicates that they might have made up their mind before hearing the evidence.

United States has always prided herself on the calibre of her supreme court judges, and they represent the highest type of judicial competence in the republic. The inference from Prof. Hall's analysis is that it is not possible to have the whole system steeped in politics, and then at the top have a select few supposedly removed from such an atmosphere, working and living in the pure air of unbiased judgment. The top branches of any tree are very apt to be of the same kind of wood as the roots and the trunk.

### The Ridout Street Bridge.

It is a matter of three months since the Ontario railway and municipal board ordered the closing of the street railway section of the Ridout street bridge because it was unsafe for use. The same board would probably have made the closing order include the entire Ridout street structure had it any authority over the city's section of the bridge.

Today if a solution of the problem is any nearer than it was then, there is small evidence

to indicate it. Those responsible for the continued existence and use of the Ridout street bridge know that if it were unsafe when the engineers condemned it, it is more so today. Street car traffic in the south is suffering, and traffic using the bridge is taking a risk.

There is nothing in the situation that could not be settled by fair negotiation and a desire on both sides to arrive at an equitable decision at once. A new bridge is necessary, and the city and street car company will each have to contribute to the cost of construction. The new bridge should be built large enough to carry the street railway tracks and all other traffic over one structure. Such a building would be larger than one on which there would be no tracks; it would have to be stronger, and would, in consequence, cost more money. The reasonable solution is that the excess cost growing out of having to provide for the street railway tracks should be borne by the company, and the remainder become a charge against the city.

It should not be difficult for the street railway company and the city's representatives to agree on such a distribution of costs, and they should do so as soon as possible in order to get the work started. The present situation is as intolerable as it is unnecessary.

### An Important Visit.

The visit to London of Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, vice-chairman of the imperial war graves commission, should give this city a good idea of the manner in which that colossal task has been carried out. The graves in France and Belgium, and other sections where the remains of Canadian loved ones rest holds a peculiarly fond interest to our citizens.

Many have felt the call so strong that at the first opportunity they went direct to the cemeteries of the old world to see for themselves what provision had been made for caring for the last resting-place of son, brother, father or husband. It was with a feeling of relief that they turned toward home, knowing that a kindly motherland had done the work well.

To those to whom the privilege of such a visit is denied the visit of the imperial war graves commissioner, with his views of war cemeteries, will be a matter of deep concern. It will satisfy in many cases a long-felt desire to see evidence that ample provision has been made, and that the hands of others have well performed a service that absence and conditions made it impossible for loved ones here to render.

### This Time It's the Fats.

Now comes an insurance official with a warning that it is more dangerous to be fat than to travel on an ocean liner, ride on a train or fly in an aeroplane. According to his idea a stout person is just a walking target for all sorts of ailments. Fat is depopulating the continent—fat is causing crime—fat is the reason for inefficiency.

Why is it that every now and then some person called an expert has to start and churn things up? This time it's the fats who feel the thrust of the harpoon; next time it may be the leans, the hollow-chested, or those with protruding eyeballs or sunken arches.

Leave us alone. We've got an election coming on, a silo to top off, and the summer kitchen must be banked before the cold weather sets in.

### The Kind That Counts.

Walter Wants, of Harwich township, suffered a severe loss when his barn was burned, containing his year's crops. The farmers of the district have since then paid him a visit, and each visitor brought along hay, oats, etc., in goodly quantities.

An incident like that speaks well for the man who suffered the loss and also for the men who expressed their desires to help him out in such a tangible way. The kind of sympathy that costs something is the variety that really counts.

### Note and Comment.

The man who blows his own horn seldom spends much for new music.

The weather man seems to have conceived the idea that Western Fair is some sort of a fall regatta.

No need of sleeping with the old musket leaning on the washstand with so many patriots now running around ready to save the country.

A seat on New York cotton exchange sold for \$25,000, which suggests to tourists going down that way that it is much better to take along a camp stool.

The president of the Massey-Harris Company probably knows more about the agricultural implement business than the blue ruin Conservative orators.

After a London man completed a shopping trip with his wife he went home and put that record on the gramophone that sings "Sweet Buy and Buy."

A fire in a farmhouse near Sarnia was put out by using milk when the water supply ran out. That's what stockmen mean when they refer to the dual-purpose cow.

A motor truck wrecked a train in Ohio. The censor should head off publication of that sort of news because some person's sure to be spurred on to trying the same thing with a flivver.

Between the federal authorities and those of the forty-eight states in the American republic, they have written no fewer than 5,500,000 statutes. The most confirmed crook in the country could not break them all in a lifetime; neither could any saint observe them.

## Gumdrops and Liver

Why should we not recall the days when life was happy for a man, when we got liver for the cat and gumdrops on the coal-oil can.

Some folks they flay the chap who talks about the good old days that was, and say that for such vaporin' he has no good and truthful cause. Why we are living right today in times that blank the days of yore, we're seeing sights and hearing things like what they never had before.

And so they bade him hold his tongue who sings about the days that were, they name him a fossil gent and boot him as a flea-bit cur.

But why forsooth should we begin to slam the times that used to be, and bounce upon its advocate a limb carved from a bass-wood tree?

For as I'm lookin' back a spell upon those days what's past and gone, it seemeth how there were some things ten fathoms off from bein' all wrong.

I mind when we was young back there we took the oil can after four, and went to do the shoppin' then, we dealt at Kelly's corner store. The coal oil can it had a spout like all good oil cans ought to do, and there was danger in them days about the oil come spillin' through.

So when old Kelly filled the can, to keep the oil from sloppin' out, he used to take a gumdrop then and stick it on the oil can spout. When we got just outside the store we always ate that gumdrop there, and willingly we took the chance of cartin' home the oil with care.

Likewise when at the butcher store we purchased cuts from near the hoof, and also kept suggestin' then of other stock beneath our roof. There was a cat, likewise a dog, and so the butcher man would throw a bone to feed the dog upon, some liver for the cat also.

So of those days now let us sing and pitch our verse in happy key, and let's make merry as we think about these things what used to be.—ARK.

## 25 Years Ago Today

The death occurred in Watford of Hamilton Park O'Connor, for several sessions member of the Ontario legislature for South Bruce. He was born in London and educated for the legal profession. In 1880 and 1881 he was mayor of Walkerton, and next year went to the legislature, being returned in 1886 and 1890.

Canadians being invalided home from South Africa, include Pte. H. Donohue, 36th Middlesex Infantry; Pte. A. W. Woodward, 26th Middlesex; Pte. A. H. Anderson, 25th Elgin Battalion, St. Thomas.

At the meeting of Western Fair directors Col. Gantshore stressed the need of keeping the exhibition a purely agricultural affair. Addresses were given by W. J. Reid, Ald. Wray and Mr. George Taylor.

Frank Hobbs of London was elected on the executive of the Ontario Rugby Union at the meeting in Toronto.

Lord Roberts sends the following message from South Africa: "Kruger has fled to Lorenzo Marquez, and Botha has been obliged to give over the command of the Boer army temporarily to Viljoen on account of ill-health."

In the horse races at Western Fair the team event resulted: 1. Charley B. and Bobby Hal, owned by Dr. Routledge, Lambeth; 2. Asac and Eric R., owned by Eorton & Hill, Sheddin; 3. Bonnie Pacer and Fred Wilkes, owned by Wm. Collins, London. The winners lowered the track record by doing the mile in 2:15½.

## Editorial Opinion

THE MURDER OF "JACK" WADDELL.  
(From the Hamilton Spectator)

DEPACHES from London, Ont., today tell of the callous murder of a young motorcycle officer by a still younger thief whose arrest the policeman was attempting to effect. The youth who fired the fatal shot has succeeded in eluding the police, but it is incredible that he can for long escape apprehension, and when he is caught and brought to trial it will not be on a charge of chicken-stealing, the original offence for which he was wanted, but one of murder. And the last chapter, there is reason to believe, will be written on the gallows.

Hariton, the hunted man, perusal of his record reveals, has been an incorrigible since boyhood, a "cheap crook," with a long list of petty thefts chalked up against him. The public will breathe easier when this vicious prey upon society is again behind prison bars, and when he faces trial for the murder of the motorcycle officer there must be no attempt to glorify him and none of the mawkish sentiment that our American cousins are wont to indulge in.

The young man who was so wantonly shot down was a useful member of society, a splendid type of citizen. The bereaved members of his family are the ones upon whom sympathy should be bestowed—for his slayer nothing short of swift, summary justice will suffice. It is said that Hariton had an aversion for work; that he preferred instead, a life of crime. The experience of others was before him as a warning that he was playing a losing game and now his own experience is added to the list as a warning to boys everywhere. How many of them will heed it?

### HARD WORK.

(Kitchen Record)  
"WRITING is just hard work," modestly says Corra Harris, who writes very well indeed. Of course, it is more than that. Most people cannot write well, just as they cannot draw or sing well, no matter how hard they work. But also, no one, however talented, can write well without hard work. Language easy to read is necessarily hard to write. And the knowledge, the thought, the feeling, the imagination, the observation and experience of life, without which there is nothing to write about—these come only after exceedingly hard work. Writing is a talent, a trade, an art and a life. Only the intensest concentration of all these can produce anything greatly worth while.

### PROVED IT TO TEACHER.

Teacher—"Now, Billy, will five go into one?"  
Billy—"Yes, sir."  
Teacher—"How do you mean, you stupid boy?"  
Billy—"Well, I put five toes into one stocking every morning."

## LEAGUE OPPOSES ENFORCED LABOR

British Delegation Leads in Opposition To Peonage and Slavery.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Geneva, Sept. 15.—The elimination of the peonage system, as it is known in some of the Latin-American countries, will be the outstanding object of one of the six committees of the assembly of the League of Nations during the present session.

Foremost in the work to eliminate the system is Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, head of the British delegation, who has taken the stand that the regulations the league commissions now propose do not go far enough toward reducing forced labor by natives in colonies and mandated territories. Lord Cecil yesterday disapproved a Portuguese suggestion for drafting "charters for forced labor," saying it was a matter for the international labor bureau. He laid stress on his belief that forced labor for public improvements always should be adequately paid for and that it never should be allowed to degenerate into slavery. Also he said forced labor should be resorted to only when all means of recruiting volunteer labor had been exhausted.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.  
New York, Sept. 15.—Olympic, Cherbourg; Cedric, Liverpool.  
Queensdown, Sept. 14.—Jan, Newcastle, N. B.  
Naples, Sept. 15.—Conte Verde, New York.  
Rotterdam, Sept. 15.—Nieuw Amsterdam, New York.  
Southampton, Sept. 15.—Orbita, New York.  
Hong Kong, Sept. 14.—President Hayes, San Francisco.

## WOMEN BORN 1873 TO 1881

Praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

"A Blessing To Suffering Women," Writes Mrs. McPeak

Louisville, Illinois.—"I certainly thank you for the great benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I first learned about it from my step-mother who got so much help from it. Several years ago I took it for inward weakness, and since then I have taken it during the Change of Life and it has been a great help to me. It certainly is a blessing to suffering women and I take pleasure in recommending it. My health has been better this summer than it has been for five years. I am now able to do all my work and have canned 340 quarts of fruit and vegetables this summer."—Mrs. KATE McPEAK, Louisville, Illinois.

### Wants Letter Used As Proof

Frankford, Pa.—"I am sure if women who suffer through the Change of Life as I have, with hot flashes, nervousness, and other weaknesses, would give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial they would be benefited as I was. My nerves were so bad that every little noise made me jump, but now I am not bothered that way at all. My husband says he really hated to look at me I looked so miserable. I hope you will use this letter as proof of the help the Vegetable Compound is giving me."—Mrs. ABBIE HARVEY, 5701 Leonard St., Frankford, Phila., Pa.

### Forced To Remain In Bed

Carlyle, Illinois.—"During the Change of Life I suffered with severe nervousness and with disturbances of the entire system. These continued probably two years before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I could do none of my work and was not always able to be up. For ten days at a time I was forced to remain in bed with my hips propped higher than my head and the pains were terrible. The doctor helped me some, but each time I was forced to go over the same suffering. I had taken the Vegetable Compound in 1910 after my twins were born and it had helped me so I decided to try it again. I became better and gained in strength. I have taken it for about three years now, but not steadily. I am able to do my housework, but I avoid all heavy lifting, and washing and ironing, as I know I am not strong enough yet. I give the Vegetable Compound to my daughters and recommend it to my friends."—Mrs. LOUISA B. BRAND, 450 Fairfax Street, Carlyle, Illinois.

In a recent country-wide canvass of purchasers of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, over 220,000 replies were received and 98 out of every 100 reported they had been benefited by its use.

## CUNARD ANCHOR

Passenger Sailings

FROM MONTREAL.  
Sept. 18—Aurania to Liverpool.  
Sept. 18—Antonia to Ply. Cher., London.  
Sept. 25—Lettitia to Glasgow.  
Sept. 26—Aurania to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Oct. 2—Aurania to Glasgow.  
Oct. 2—Aurania to Ply. Cher., London.  
Oct. 10—Aurania to Ply. Cher., London.  
Oct. 16—Aurania to Liverpool.  
Oct. 17—Antonia to Ply. Cher., London.  
Oct. 24—Aurania to Ply. Cher., London.

FROM NEW YORK.  
Sept. 13—California to Lderry, Glasgow.  
Sept. 13—California to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Sept. 23—Mauretania to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Sept. 26—Franklin to Q'town, Liverpool.  
Sept. 26—Lancasteria to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Sept. 26—Transylvania to Lderry, Gt. W.  
Sept. 26—Aquatoria to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Oct. 2—Caronia to Ply. Cher., London.  
Oct. 2—Tucania to Lderry, Glasgow.  
Oct. 2—Berkshire to Ply. Cher., Southam.  
Oct. 10—Campania to Lderry, Glasgow.  
Oct. 13—Aurania to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Oct. 14—Mauretania to Ply. Cher., Lond.  
Oct. 17—Campania to Q'town, Liverpool.

FROM BOSTON.  
Sept. 15—Saratoga to Q'town, Liverpool.  
Oct. 4—Saratoga to Q'town, Liverpool.

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