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FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 6.

**Racing Must Be Suspended.** Inasmuch as none of the parties engaged in carrying on racing in Canada have suggested any reform therein, it ought to be the duty of both the legislature and parliament to repeal or suspend any and all legislation that allows it, until after the war is over. Racing for profit at best is a poor business, and that is about what it has come to be today.

**Cut Out the Booze Still Further.** Even at the risk of being told to mind their own business, Canadians can at least suggest to the mother country that it would be good for economics and better morals to cut out the booze until after the war is over; to prohibit the conversion of a single pound of grain that can be used as food into beer or whiskey would only be doing what thousands and thousands of the best and most patriotic Britons are calling for, led by The London Spectator, and many clergy, as well as by leading men in politics, by officers, by generals, by admirals.

And certainly Canadians are not afraid to ask the British authorities to cut out the sale of strong drink in the neighborhood of camps in Britain where Canadian soldiers are stationed. Nor will Canada make any mistake if she prohibits anyone in Canadian uniform going into a British bar.

Russia cut out the vodka, and then she adopted democratic institutions—so far the greatest single event in the war; it may mark the turn in the tide towards victory.

The United States will go into the war on substantially prohibition lines in army and navy. In Britain the problem is harder, but it ought to be undertaken at almost any cost—compensation, if necessary, but prohibition until the war is over, in any event.

As to the other question, that of serving rum to the soldiers in the trenches or in the field, whether Canadian or British, we leave that to the absolute judgment of the generals and their medical staffs. Where booze has been cut out in most of the provinces in Canada, nothing but good has resulted. Therefore, the shipment of spirits into Ontario from an adjoining province must be prohibited at the first opportunity.

**Cut Expense or Increase Revenue?** Another of the effective bulletins of the Bureau of Municipal Research has been issued, dealing with the reduction of the tax rate. The frantic efforts of the last few years made by various city administrations to convince themselves and the citizens that they could live without cost, or that inevitable expenses and outlays could be postponed or sidestepped forever, have only resulted in getting the city finances into a deeper bog. When we hewed and slashed to keep the tax rate down to 17 and 18 and 19 mills (not year it was 14), we should have been paying twenty mills right along. The inevitable debt piled up, and now we ought to be paying 28 or 30 mills and attempting to get even, whereas, had we paid properly in earlier years, we could have got along now nicely on 22 or 23 mills.

The uncontrollable expenditure is the monument built up by the cheap kick and imbecile economists of the past. There are still some of them busy in the city hall. We were astonished to hear the Controller Shaw would cut the tax rate, even at the cost of human life. An epidemic would cost the city far more than would be saved by any trumpery economies of the description the tax rate politicians favor.

The bulletin of the Research Bureau advocates the increase of revenue, rather than the impairment of necessary service. At the death rate of 1916, we should have had 1102 more deaths during the past year than we had. No saving of a mill on the dollar would compensate for eleven hundred funerals in Toronto. The undertakers may favor such a policy, but the city council should not.

The Municipal Bureau suggests that the registry office should be made self-supporting, and that there should be more revenue obtainable from the Exhibition Park and its buildings during the ten months in which they are idle. It is also suggested that the civic car lines should pay better, and a rate of three cents, or ten tickets for a quarter, instead of six for ten cents, has been suggested.

Really constructive talent on the board of control would evolve more ideas in the direction, instead of the destructive and inefficient methods of the false economists. We can sympathize with the mayor, struggling with the established traditions of cutting the tax rate, faced by controllers who think less of efficient city government than of the votes of next January, and without the courage to realize that the people will not object to a tax rate of even 23 mills if it be shown to them that it is right and necessary, and the result of previous mistakes in pretending that we could carry on city government and efficient service without paying for it. The commissioner of finance should be followed in his own department, rather than the ward politicians, who have by their false economy loaded the city with debt and swollen the tax rate to its present dimensions.

**Raising an Army.** In conscripting the class of 1917, the lads of twenty, the United States has decided upon the best way of raising an army. The young men of twenty, once trained, have more staying power, more resilience, more pluck and dash than the men of other ages. In addition to this he has fewer entanglements, fewer commitments, fewer responsibilities. His absence causes least dislocation in the social and economic machinery. It is a cold-blooded way of looking at it, but it is the scientific way, and all honor to them, the young men have largely recognized their responsibility and risen to it. The United States does not rely on the undemocratic method of volunteering to raise the new army. The nation cannot afford to rest its safety on any doubtful issue. It regards society as a whole, and it calls for the contribution that will least disorganize its functions and existence. As these youths, which make up the first draft of the 500,000 that are to be raised as a beginning of the new army, are called in, the older classes will be called up in succession.

In Canada we have simply muddled along. Our first army was largely reserve men, splendid fellows who knew the game. No one can say how many of the first contingents are still in the ranks, but they did their duty and played their part and are worthy comrades of the "first hundred thousand." We are now woefully behind in recruiting and in backing up the men at the front, filling the gaps, and keeping the reserves fully supplied. Every possible and impossible expedient has been adopted or suggested by the government, but that which all other governments have employed. When Great Britain adopted conscription it was time for the one we desired to keep an efficient and effective army in the field to follow the example.

Still the government hesitates. The need for men is very great. All the great leaders in Great Britain refer to it, and all kinds of means are being taken to free any who can be spared from other tasks so that they may enter the army. Women and boys are being used wherever possible, even behind the lines in France. Enlistments in England are 100,000 short for the season, and the entry of the United States, whatever anyone may say, is a providential event. Two years more of war is looked for, and being prepared for by the authorities, and only a revolution in Germany like that of Russia, is likely to shorten the term. People in Canada are slow to face the facts, but when the British commander-in-chief states that British enlistments are 100,000 short, and the German armies are 1,000,000 stronger than when the war began, it ought to be enough to make even the Ottawa government get busy, and accept the view of every practical man in the country.

The youths of twenty are the cream of the first class which the Militia Act calls up for service, the unmarried men, 18 to 25. The United States means business, and the method of the Washington army authorities will contrast with our own slackness for a year past. Still the government hesitates. The need for men is very great. All the great leaders in Great Britain refer to it, and all kinds of means are being taken to free any who can be spared from other tasks so that they may enter the army. Women and boys are being used wherever possible, even behind the lines in France. Enlistments in England are 100,000 short for the season, and the entry of the United States, whatever anyone may say, is a providential event. Two years more of war is looked for, and being prepared for by the authorities, and only a revolution in Germany like that of Russia, is likely to shorten the term. People in Canada are slow to face the facts, but when the British commander-in-chief states that British enlistments are 100,000 short, and the German armies are 1,000,000 stronger than when the war began, it ought to be enough to make even the Ottawa government get busy, and accept the view of every practical man in the country.

**Nationalizing or Humanizing?** There is some agitation in Great Britain and elsewhere against allowing any emigration from the mother country except to British colonies. Of course, there can be no compulsion. Emigrants must be permitted to choose their own destination. But we doubt that it is desirable to herd all the Britons into one pasture. They are a good stock and they carry excellent traditions with them. They bear the seed of liberty and free institutions wherever they go. It would be a mistake to shut them out from any lands where their influence could be of value.

In some quarters there appears to be an idea that if all the Britons were hived in British colonies they would swarm to the assistance of the mother land in case of danger, as, indeed, they have done in the worst of times. But the extension, or over-phrasing of this view merely resolves itself into the German idea of Germanizing the world. We do not want to Britonize the world. We desire every race and nation to develop its own individuality, and to be as long as these are compatible with full liberty to others.

After the war there will be no need, if the diplomats do not spoil the soldiers' results, for nations to look around for a new enemy. A decent, free, and humane world, free from the dynastic ambitions of kings and emperors, will have no warlike arms to disturb it, and in commerce and the arts of peace should find plentiful outlet for all its energy. The main circumstances that the better they will understand, and, therefore, like each other. A "peaceful penetration," which would not merely achieve the change of any nationality into some other one, but would be a real, lasting, and friendly sympathy and into closer communication, would surely be nearer bringing about the ideal of the family relation among the races, and the opening of the Parliament of Man.

**Typewriter Was Presented To Capt. Dr. W. E. Struthers.** Captain Dr. W. E. Struthers, chief medical officer of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and medical officer of the 216th Battalion, was yesterday presented with a typewriter as a farewell gift by Samuel Price, chairman of the board, on behalf of the members.

Captain Struthers has been with the Battalion since their inception, and as he is now leaving for overseas the compensation board gave him the machine as a parting remembrance.

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**SEMI-CENTENNIAL.** Sir William Hearst, Hon. Dr. Pyne, Hon. I. B. Lucas, N. W. Rowell and H. H. Dewar, on motion of Sir William were yesterday appointed a select committee of the house to consider commemoration of the 50th year of confederation, and to co-operate with the Dominion committee appointed for a similar purpose.

**NO LIBERALS PRESENT.** The public accounts committee met to dispense yesterday morning. In the absence of any Liberal motion congratulating Chairman McCrae on his generous treatment of the opposition was passed with enthusiasm.

IN SELF-DEFENCE



TRUST MUST PAY MILLION AND HALF

Legislature Passes New Mining Act and Will Collect Back Taxes.

The nickel trust will have to pay its fair share of taxation hereafter, the Ontario Legislature has decided. The long campaign against the International Nickel Company and its methods came to a fairly successful close yesterday afternoon when the Ontario Legislature by unanimous vote passed the new mining tax act. Hartley Dewar, who has been prominent in the fight, moved an amendment, making the law apply to all the years of the company's existence, and the method of the Washington army authorities will contrast with our own slackness for a year past.

Mr. Ferguson, in moving the bill into committee, said the measure had been drafted because he realized that as first presented to the house it was almost unintelligible. The feature of the bill was an increase in the rate of mining taxation, with special relation to nickel companies. The tax provided for was five per cent. on the first five million of net profits, six per cent. on profits from five to ten millions, seven per cent. on profits from ten to fifteen million, and so on increasing one per cent. with each additional five million.

Sam Carter, of Guelph, asked whether the taxes were to be levied upon the net profits of the nickel company, and was answered in the affirmative. Mr. Carter—"Then as the International Nickel Company's net profits for 1915 were \$1,000,000, would you pay for that year \$50,000 in taxes?" Mr. Ferguson—"I think its profits for 1915 were \$1,000,000, and assuming that to be true, the tax for that year would be \$50,000. For 1916 the tax under this act would amount to \$90,000."

**Big Difference in Taxes.** Mr. Rowell—"Instead of \$40,000 a year." (Applause.) Mr. Rowell said as he understood the act, the company would be allowed no deductions for profit on the smelting and refining operations.

To this the minister assented. Mr. Dewar then argued that the law as it now stood did not differ materially from the mining act of 1907, except as to the rate of taxation. The mining assessor had not properly performed his duties in the past, and the government should, therefore, collect back taxes for all the years covered by the Hearst-Neubitt agreement, that is for 1912, '13, '14, as well as for 1915 and '16.

Sir William Hearst said that the company's profits for 1914 had been \$5,000,000. That was before the war.

**SAVING MONEY** The wisdom of saving money must be apparent to every person who gives the subject any thought. A little money saved enables you to take advantage of opportunities for making more money, but that, to make the first payment on a home, to start in business for yourself. The opportunities come to the man with capital, saving the small sums is the creation of capital.

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BILL PREVENTS POWER STEALING

Energy Developed in Excess of Charter Rights Goes to People.

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Tonight at sundown Toronto Jewry, as well as the Jews over the whole world, will begin the celebration of their Passover, or Pesach, as it is known, which will last to eight days. This festival, which is yearly celebrated, is one of the most important in the Jewish ecclesiastical year, and commemorates the deliverance of Israel thru the tenth and last plague, when God destroyed the first-born of Egypt. The Jews also associate the Passover with their exodus from Egypt. The historical association of the celebration is emphasized upon them by preparing an elaborate service on the eve of Passover, known as the Seder. The chief features of this service are the recalling of the exodus, the preparation of dishes, symbolizing the affliction and hardships of the people of Egypt, and the uttering of thanks and praises for the miraculous deliverance. For eight days unleavened bread, known as matzohs, is eaten, and no food prepared of leaven must be used. Never in modern history will be the Passover so celebrated as it will be this year, for it marks the liberation of their brethren in Russia.

BILINGUAL ARGUMENT TAMER THAN EXPECTED

The French members went over their position on bilingualism, but did not go to the lengths anticipated in some quarters on the passage of the Ottawa Separate Schools bill. The government would certainly take action to stop the companies developing power from the water constantly running over the Niagara. Still action would benefit no one in this time of shortage.

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