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Not "Big Business."

From many sources one hears the remark that this government or that "is catering to big business," or that it is a "big business" government.

When the Canadian ratepayer looks conditions straight in the face -when he realizes that this young nation is up against problems that are so serious as to cause deep concern to men who are well-informed -he will wish heartily that this country had a government that was capable of carrying it on as a "big business" concern.

Now, don't run away with the idea that "big business" means grafting on the public, plotting behind closed doors, or lobbying and bribing for things that could not be done out in the open.

The "big business" concerns of today are conspicuous for their efficiency, for their efforts to reward merit in their service, to promote their men according to their worth, to buy in the cheapest and best markets, to eliminate waste, to introduce the newest and most satisfactory methods of production. Competition with the rest of the world makes all these things necessary. In short, any business that aims to grow and develop in a big way must follow these cardinal which they can be avoided or not be better when streets are

odged. Why, then, should not the same methods be applied to Ottawa? If there is any good reason, apart com vote-catching, then we would ike to hear of it.

One department of the Canadian overnment that should be organzed and operated along purely usiness and commercial lines is hat of trade and commerce.

empanies have the mistaken idea have at various times sent men posed in all its menacing hideouswith the request, "Now, where shall the roadway the spring rains do broad to call on the foreign offices e get orders?"

The department of trade and comièrce should be free from political nenorage, but it is not.

The Advertiser believes there den regime at Ottawa when Lloyd a deer and shot. Harris of Brantford would have It seems absolutely useless to as it stands today. been willing to take over the dethe distinct under- score, partment on standing that he be given a free conduct of that department. hunting, taking a grand assortment inted as proof that there were how to do it. ving that he would be hampered

from the start. The present administration at Ot- the bottoms of lakes and rivers tawa is not a "big business" affair in the matter of organization, nor in the calibre of the men in the cabinet.

The cabinet as it stands today rumpus on just now, and it is not has not the confidence of the busi- easy to say just when or how it will nessmen of the Dominion-it has end. not the confidence of the farming community—it has not the confidence of the labor man—it has not of hair-cuts from 35 to 25 cents, out of top places in our schools. The the confidence of the returned sol- and in the case of children he was the confidence of the returned sol- and in the case of children he was foreigner is quick to see the ad- ter. It has nothing to do with the dier, nor has it the confidence of prepared to go one better, and crop vantages of Canada, while natives the average citizen who cares to the wool off the wee things for 20 study its formation or inquire into cents. Having thus decided, he put its size and strength.

As it stands today, the Meighen War Prices." cabinet is decidedly of the "Small Business" sort. There is nothing big -not for a minute. So another shop about it.

The Steel Market.

Steel merchants in Canada re- 5 cents. port a slight increase in the tonnage they are handling. There are this is that the residents of the new orders coming in, but the good place can't lay in a stock of haireffect of these is somewhat offset cuts and shaves to last them through by the curtailed buying of former the winter months, and some day large users. In a broad way, though, folks will see these barbers walking the steel trade believes there is down street arm-in-arm, and there-

after they will pay regular rates for more confidence in the market. United States steel plants, cor- their sealskin hair-cuts and chinporation and independents alike, as scraping. well as Canadian mills, can hardly boast much over 40 per cent capacity yet. The whole business is operating in a difficult period.

The one thing that can bring down steel prices is business Meighen cabinet, one would just down steel prices is business Meighen cabinet, one would just enough to drive the mills at lawyered too much in this country.

Hocken, as follows: "I do not wish ning individual. (And remember that to unduly influence the convention, the difference between caution and current to unduly influence the convention, which is the difference between caution and current to unduly influence the convention, which is the difference between caution and current to unduly influence the convention, which is the difference between caution and current to unduly influence the convention, which is the difference between caution and current to unduly influence the convention. capacity, and that one thing is still lawyered too much in this country.

position, a high-cost undertaking, husband's safety razor won't peel could have brought you a letter to and at the same time it has to face them off like the good old-fashioned that effect if I had desired to do so." determined and insistent call from kind used to. onsumers for cheaper steel.

Unpaved Streets.

In view of the shocking condition connection between home brews into which some of our unpayed and home bruise. streets get at certain seasons, one wonders whether the present system, or lack of system, in dealing Yankee jingoes who are hollering

re is a danger of horse, foot and come. le being swallowed up in the mass, is for a few loads of A Princeton professor claims that of the meeting-place.

Who Won the War?



heavy?

has mercifully covered up, is ex-

The Hunting Season.

ming season is the sign for divers

Those Listowel Barbers.

Up Listowel way there's quite a

Now, you see, it all happened like

a sign in his window, "Back to Pre-

You can't stump a barber, though

Days," and he is whacking off hair

for a dime and mowing whiskers for

After looking over the new

We didn't think of this one first,

but even with this great handicap

it's pretty fair-there's quite a close

It's a safe bet that some of those

'TISERS

LITTLE

merely wash them in.

The man who guesses he did.

knows he did. -London Opinion

gravel to be dumped into the yawn, his children, aged 10 and 16, should ing chasm, the surface of which is have an allowance of \$42,000 to fill afterwards evened off by a more or their expected station in life. The local U. F. A. of Grande Prairie, and less decrepit employee of the mu- assessor hereabouts must be a low brow, as he writes them off at \$200 nicipality armed with a shovel. This is essentially a make-shift per head in the tax-exemption

method, if method it can be called, claims. and while affording temporary re-Ottawa Citizen: Dog derby will lief it does no permanent good. It is to a large extent a sheer waste be run in Manitoba from The Pas way must follow these cardinal of time and material. Would it to Flin Flon and back. Stakes are chronically in a dilapidated state, to will run next December in Manipave them outright and have done toba, too, for higher stakes; but the with it, especially on streets on going to Flim Flam and back will which the traffic is comparatively be much harder than in the Reciprocity derby of 1911. One of the great drawbacks of

unpaved streets, of which London The Border City Star says: "The has far too many, is that they canmelancholy days are come. A counnot be kept clean, and are a continual menace to public health. This try paper announces that it is now dustrial people. So successful have you the health and in ready to receive advice on the heat been that President Wood, on a visit is especially so in the fall and in ready to receive advice on the best It is not our saggestion that this the spring when the sun, still warm, means of running the furnace withepartment should go out and take casts its rays on the impurities out burning any coal." Let's see. orders, and otherwise function as a which have soaked into the rough Perhaps the Toronto Globe could and spongy roadway. This danger dig back in its files and find the Canadian concern. Some Canadian is particularly acute in the spring way to run a furnace on a mixture when the garbage, which the snow of ashes, salt, rainwater and faith.

The frequency of bank robberies ness. Owing to the roughness of should be some change in the construction of these places, or that people in this great north land. the cages might be inclosed in a bullet-proof glass. It has surely The hunting season in Maine was Canada in recent months that a yole several times during the Bor- chened by a man being mistaken for daring man or body of them can

warn the bush hounds on this At a Conservative rally in To-Every year sees men who know ronto Sam McBride said: "If the berta Farmers' Association. hand in the matter of organization little or nothing of the bush or of Conservatives of Toronto want a The fact that he never undertook of weapons and endangering the Conservative government at Ottawa ident in Calgary, an othe next year rework under the auspices of the lives of all the other old-time and a Conservative government in believes of being chairman of all the important orden administration can be ac hunters who know what to do and Queen's Park, they should also have gatherings we held, which led to the a Conservative city council." Why, amalgamation of the Alberta Farmers' sure, Sam, and Conservative milk. rings and conditions that Mr. The hunting season has its casu sure, Sam, and Conservative milk- and my good old friend, Mr. Owens, Harris did not care to comply with, alty season just as sure as the swim-men, Conservative bakers, bankers, then president of the preachers school to start pulling dead people from and everything else. We surely don't favor half-hearted measures.

Census in Detroit shows that foreign-born children are better nourished than American, Figures in Toronto show that foreign-born children are reading more books than the Canadians, and it is also a fact that many foreign-born chilof this country are satisfied to take things as they are and wonder why they are not better.

one pointical party has a monopoly of the loyalty of Canada. The one political party has a monopoly against the shifty eye.

of the loyalty of Canada. The a sign, "Back to the Good Old recent war gave opportunity for a sented in the conflict." Young man, haven't you been at any of these The only drawback to a case like sented in the conflict. roung man, haven't you been at any of these good blue-blood Tory meetings? If is the simplest thing in the world. and come away with the impression that there's a speck of levalty in any other quarter—well, say, you've of guilty conscience, it is true. But he got wax in your ears, that's sure.

made in free and open conventionsimply the untrammeled will of the people, etc., etc. It works out like from your own gaze are rather indica-this: H. C. Hocken, member for two of plain fright. The shifting of west Toronto, spake of H. C. hocken, member for narrowed eyes denotes a nervous

The Ottawa Journal says: "We are told by certain persons that soand-so has been decided upon as candidate for this party or that. Who in blazes told them so? The delegates will attend to that." This childlike faith is a beautiful thing to behold, but the Ottawa Journal knows politics too well to believe the children, D, E. F. C has property of children, D, E. F. C has property of children, D, E. F. C died, leaving her ith these thoroughfares is the for war with Japan won't be the lifts own writings. The average her own. A died. C died, leaving her set. The usual procedure, when first to hoist a musket on their political convention has a pretty property to D. E. F. D died. Do A's

off their boots in the front porch

AMERICAN PRESS CLAIMS STRIKE IS LAW DEFIANCE [Philadelphia Bulletin.] [New York Times.]

[Philadelphia Bulletin.]

The strike, if it comes, will be on the single and naked issue of refusing to submit to a decision of the Railroa. Labor Board. A year ago, in its decision No. 2, it ordered a substantial increases in the wages of the employees. The railroals submitted, though their labor costs had been increased 115 per cent at the same time that the higher rates granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission pushed up their gross revenues by only 54 per cent. But it was the law, and the railroads did not challenge it. This year the labor board, considering the same element that entered into the question of wages in 1920, and reasoning in exactly the same way as when it came to the conclusion that the men were entitled to higher pay, decided that they ought to accept a reduction averaging 12 per cent. It pointed out that conditions had markedly changed in the twelve months. From a period of inflation and high prices the country had passed into a time of services as the public may thus be coerced into the final blockade, so far as its principal means of transportation, either of freight or passenger, is concerned.

Such a program comes very near paralleling an act of war. It is a violation of the country shall be in a state of immediately a breach of the peace. It is a conspiracy which denies the rights of the proper and period of inflation and high prices the country had passed into a time of services the proper and the institutions of persons, wholly without responsibility as to the alleged grievances out direct power to remedy them, save as the public may thus be coerced into the first the institution of my to see that place would be given him to geotate, and decree that consuming the same attention. In our provincial matters I am sure that the first the country shall be ordered and so of the recessities of back and so of the recessities of the institutions of the country shall be ordered that the province of the country shall be ordered the country shall be ordered the country shall be in a state of

period of inflation and high prices the country had passed into a time of severe liquidation.

This, then, is the decision which the out direct power to remedy them, save as the public may thus be coerced into a father, "I always ate the crusts of political action, and deprives them of the what has been determined by law to be "Did you like them?" asked Johnny, railway unions have voted that they will a necessary public service.

not obey, even at the hazard of a general strike with its resultant immense of the whole people to deny the right of

loss and injury to the public. They are, therefore, resisting the law of the land strike has long been a matter of distributional strike has long been a matter of discussion. Given concrete application general must submit, but the privileged in a form which shall be felt by the naclass of railway workers are free to place themselves above the law. This room left for doubt or even argument. The right of the commonwealth must be maintained.

work of organization a true and faith-

ful service, and I still think that there

U. F. A. OFFICER DIFFERS SHARPLY WITH WOODS

ter of Joshua Fletcher, president of the of the two organizations, and called the United Farmers of Alberta into exlocal U. F. A. of Grande Prairie, and istence. Following this I had the disone of the leaders of the Farmers' tinctive honor of presiding over the movement, in which he tenders his first convention of the United Farmers resignation as a result of H. W. Wood's of Alberta, I refused the offer of redictation in the field of federal politics:

Grande Pradric, Oct. 1, 1821.

I then stated, that it was not advisable Grande Prairie Discrict Associa
Grande Prairie Discrict Associa
I then stated, that it was not account for any set of men to hold office too long. Better make room for promo-

tion, U. F. A.: Dear Sirs.—Conditions which render it advisable that I should not any longer continue chief executive I hereby offer you my resignation as president of our Grande Prairie District Association. I thank you for your hearty co-operation and president of our grande Prairie District Association. I thank you for your hearty co-operation and phatic protest against the administra-\$2,500. Messrs. Rogers and Meighen officer of our district association, and hearty co-operation and support given to a good cause, during the four years I have occupied this office. I thank the members of our local unions, who have been the real life of our association for the sacrifices they have made to bring about better things and improve the conditions of the great mass of our into our Grande Prairie convention, declared that he was astonished that results here were on a par with the very best in the province

While this is all practically true, I very much regret that during the past year or more there has appeared an element of deception, Intrigue falsehood. This has come to us from a long distance. It has slipped across the Athabasca River, life a thief by night, leads to the suggestion that there and entered this Grande Prairie and Peace River land districts, and now

I should tell you that I deal with this matter as an all-Canadian Indeed, I could not do otherwise, for I was born been demonstrated enough times in in the province of Quebec, spent my school days in Ontario, and lived for more than a dozen years in our fair quite readily rob the average bank friends and relatives now reside.

as it stands today. City of vancouver, where the property of the propert

to Ellerslie Alta., in 1903. The following year we followed the suit of our two sister provinces, and started the Al-

At the end of the term of our first me and saw me elected chairman of that memorable joint convention

Read Your Character

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 13-EVASIVE EYES. There's another classification of the eye for the purpose of reading characshape, color or dimensions of that or-

You often hear the remark, "I don't like that man. He has a shifty eye." And the implication is that the man is dishonest. But you should be very The Stratford Beacon says: "No careful about making rash judgment

dishonest persons have this habit of practical test of patriotism, and all little trait is only secondarily connected political parties were well repre- with their dishonesty, and does not by

you can't sit through one of them and come away with the impression prevent the reading of thought. And there may be dozens of reasons for it,

or she may also be timid through mere Of course, all good Conservative be a matter of nerves or nervous temnominations are supposed to be perament as well as, or instead of, a consciousness of knowledge desired to be kept secret. Nervous glances of wide eyes away

West Toronto, spoke of H. C. limidity of a naturally cautious or cun-A steel mill operating around 49
to 50 per cent is an expensive pro
A steel mill operating around 49
to 50 per cent is an expensive prowhich is a placid rather than a hysterical emotion, or a conscious and self-controlled desire to "go slow."

Tomorrow—The Roman Nose. (Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.)

LEGAL QUERIES

some of the unpaved streets, round shoulders if trouble does good idea of the lay of the lard and B's children come in for a share re is a danger of horse, foot and come.

Some of the unpaved streets, round shoulders if trouble does good idea of the lay of the lard and B's children come in for a share before the delegates begin to scrape of D's property? Would you kindly off their boots in the front porch

tion of President H. W. Wood, and against the policy which he dictates.

At one time I was disposed to tender this resignation in the early summer, but preferred to see the provincial elections over, and later to see Mr. D. M. Kennedy safely elected. I have the utmost confidence in the personal qualities of Mr. Kennedy, so I also wished ities of Mr. Kennedy, so I also wished to see that place would be given him in Edmonton, before others taking the

ness, that's what it is.'

Mrs. Brown-I hear the vicar thinks your daughter has a real genius for

cheerfully.
"Yes," replied his father. f "You may have these, then," said a Johnny, pushing his plate across the table.

IT NEEDED REST.

"What did the doctor say?" asked her "Not much. He asked me to put out ny tongue."

"And he said, 'Overworked.' " "Ah! Then you'll have to give it a est, my dear. The doctor knows his

A LITTLE DIFFERENCE.

Tourist—My deah young lady, I lon't like to remark, but I object to your bathing suit.

Lady Bather—Oh! How you talk! They wouldn't allow me to bathe with-

ROMANTICISM VS. REALISM. She (wistfully)—I think this is the nost beautiful month in the year. I vish it would last forever. He-So do I. I have a note which For several years I have given this falls due on the first.

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tion of President H. W. Wood, and a nice young tutor I might learn the reciting, Mrs. Smith.
Mrs. Smith-Yes. All she wants, he

THE SPORT'S LOGIC.

THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.

the sport.

just to finish 'er off, like. "I tihnk it's cruel to race the horse that way this hot weather," said the Smoke tender-hearted woman on the race "Race 'em what way, mum?" aske "Making them go so fast."
"Why, mum, the faster they go the quicker they get through. It's kind-

says to me, is a course of electrocution

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