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MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 2.

## Lloyd George as a Leader

Those who wish to study politics in the raw should head the article in The October Century by S. K. Ratcliffe, of The Manchester Guardian, on "Lloyd George—Conservative?" Few ever come to the birth of fame without infinite travail and pangs, and the record of the fifty-three years of the Welsh statesman is no exception to the general rule. But it is not this phase of his career that calls for so much comment as the period after he had learned to breathe and walk in the atmosphere of the famous.

Mr. Ratcliffe is not at all tender towards the former idol of the Liberal party in England. He says "there never was any nonsense about the temper in which Lloyd George followed the pursuit of politics. He was an unabashed careerist." That is to say he had ambitions if not aspirations. There would be no force in this, however, unless he worked solely for Lloyd George, and not at all for the people of England. The small critics, the jealous-eyed, the unconstructive, the bitter partisans, can never see anything in a public man who does not do something which pleases them, but follows his own judgment and does something better.

They accuse him of the dreadful crime of doing what the people want done, for after all, in a democracy it is what the people want that is done, and the man who does it gets their applause. How would it be if he refused to interpret the popular will? Somebody else would do so and he would never be heard of. This is something the partisan politician never can get into his head. Nor does it injure the genuine statesman who truly interprets the popular will to have partisans of any stripe denounce him. Since party government is a British system it follows that sometimes one party is right and sometimes another.

If one party kept on always doing the right thing for the people the other party could only sit still and say "we, too." Politicians stagnate and fossilize accordingly as their brains run to water or wood, and then the other party has a chance. Occasionally there comes a statesman like Lloyd George, whose brains are neither wood nor water, who refuses to stay with a party which declines to go forward. He is not willing to sacrifice his sense of right and duty to a false sense of loyalty or in fear of the shallow taunts of the dandled partisan critics. Nor can he yield to the bitter words of former friends, themselves afraid to part company with outworn shibboleths or ineffective organizations.

Mr. Ratcliffe's accusations are not that Mr. Lloyd George has changed his policy, but that another class of men are willing to support him and to follow him farther than former colleagues would accompany him. The indictment of Lloyd George by Mr. Ratcliffe is really an indictment in many points, of the Liberal party in England. Mr. Ratcliffe thinks that Mr. Lloyd George is insufficiently equipped for the big things that lie ahead of Britain. He "has a meagre equipment of knowledge; he is unacquainted with the world of international affairs." He is said to have lost his hold on the democracy, and that the Liberals are suspicious, alienated; and that the old Tories cannot forget or forgive his origin and his revolutionary past. All this is not to the point.

The man who does things will find his own party, and if Lloyd George has it in him to lead the British democracy, he will be their leader. To say that he has not the knowledge could only be to say that he did not know where to find the knowledge. He can lay his hand on all the knowledge he needs, as he did in the case of the old age pensions, and the national

## A Question of Depreciation.

An indictment of the financial methods of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission by The Financial Post loses much of its force when read thru to the end. It appears that the article has been written for the casual reader, who, not closely analyzing the statements and inferences made, might be alarmed by the apparent verdict. The chief objection raised is that the percentage of depreciation allowed by the commission is not so great as that usual in the United States. The obvious answer is that the plant of the commission has been constructed in such a way that the depreciation allowed is ample for Toronto. It will be observed that in the statement prepared for the article in The Post for the purpose of exhibiting a deficit, the liability for depreciation has been raised from \$700,000 to \$1,233,000, and the only reason for doing so is the experience obtained in the United States. The commissioners have just as good grounds for the policy they have adopted.

The Post admits in respect of the depreciation reserve that "fortunately the present Toronto commission takes a sound view of this important question." They take the view "that the depreciation reserve must be maintained, otherwise it would be necessary for them to apply to the city continually for funds to replace the plant as it wears out." There is really no ground for the adverse criticism with which The Post article opens. Crippled as it is with insufficient capital, the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission can never be accused of extravagance, and in making the most and the best of its resources it sets an example for all commercial undertakings.

## FRENCH SPOKEN IN RUSSIA.

Editor World: My attention was drawn upon the different reports published lately by the papers, and again in today's World, upon the proposal to have the Russian language taught in our schools, and to away with the German language. This would be a worthy reprisal on the doings of the Germans in the past, as in Alsace-Lorraine, by the German culture in 1870, doing away altogether with the French language at school and in the press.

Now, concerning the Russian language, may I be permitted, as a linguist, now 27 years in Toronto, to inform your readers that I have been for over 20 years in close business and literary intercourse with some relations in Moscow (Russia). Having at different times enquired about learning the Russian language, I was informed that the Russian language was useless for a gentleman or a lady, in business, as well as in society. The language in use in Russia is French; it does not matter whether it is for general intercourse, commercial correspondence, or bookkeeping. Moreover, my correspondent in Moscow asserted that Russian was only spoken generally to servants, coachmen, policemen and other common people.

Now, a Russian would not admire any stranger speaking, or rather trying to speak, Russian. It would simply appear to him that the speaker originated from some lower human strata, like the poor Moujik.

French is the language that ought to benefit by the doing away of German. It would also appear to the Russians far more patriotic and complimentary if the Canadians in acquaintance with the French language—the adopted tongue of all educated and well-brought-up Russians, France and Russia are the closest friends, and for all that, the French do not learn Russian. The Russians are well aware of the tremendous difficulties for a stranger to learn their language, and they do not expect any other nation to learn their language.

Trusting that this statement may bring more light on the subject so important for our schools.

James Cusin,  
Principal Meisterschaft School of Languages.

## A HUN MOUNTAIN IN LABOR



## Political Intelligence

The Ottawa Citizen, an independent newspaper which frankly criticizes party leaders on both sides, pays a tribute to the good work done by Sir Thomas White as minister of finance and says that he will receive an ovation if he visits England. The British Chancellor of the Exchequer has already eulogized his congratulations upon the wonderful success that attended the floating of the second debt memento war loan in Canada. In passing, The Citizen wonders why Sir Thomas was not designated acting premier in the absence of Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Foster from the capital.

The Liberals may be preparing for an election. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has already held a big meeting in Quebec, and on the 11th instant will deliver something like a keynote speech at London, Ont. Alex. Smith, the old-time Liberal organizer, is inclined to question the wisdom of an early dissolution of parliament, but in conversation the other day said the Liberals would be ready, no matter when the government went to the country.

The Calgary News-Telegram deprecates newspaper criticism of the judges, but believes that something must be done to keep the bench out of politics. Just now it says that the partisan press in Saskatchewan is hounding the chief justice of that province and one of his associates for a report brought in by them as royal commissioners reflecting upon the Scott government, while in Manitoba a judge has sent four newspaper men to jail because they criticized his accepting extra pay for services as a royal commissioner. The News-Telegram suggests that a new court be instituted whose exclusive duty it shall be to probe political scandals, and that the judges composing it shall receive a stated salary, while other judges attend to their usual judicial duties and receive no extra pay by serving on royal commissions.

The Montreal Gazette, in a eulogistic editorial upon H.E.H. the Duke of Connaught, regrets that it was not practicable to extend his term of service as Governor-General of Canada. The Gazette, however, does not explain why such an extension was impracticable.

Hon. William Pugsley and Senator Watson, both Liberals, intend to stay on the job as members of the parliamentary committee assisting Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, in the construction of the new parliament buildings. Messrs. Pugsley and Watson resigned some time ago from the committee, presumably at the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The committee is therefore no longer bi-partisan in the sense of equality between the parties in its membership and the Liberals will be likely to make capital out of any possible scandal that may arise during the progress of the work.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

## Niagara Falls Illuminated.

Travelers passing thru Niagara Falls now have an excellent opportunity of viewing the above feature. During the evening a battery of electric lights having a combined candle power of 50,000,000 play on the American Falls and rapids, the effect produced being startling in its beauty and revealing the splendors of the falls as they have never been revealed heretofore.

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Passengers leaving Toronto via Grand Trunk Railway at 4.30 p.m. arrive at Niagara Falls, Ont., 7.25 p.m. Suspension Bridge, N.Y., 7.35 p.m., and a very convenient stop-over can be arranged, allowing time to view this feature and return to Niagara Falls, Ont., in time to take the train leaving Toronto 7.05 p.m. due Niagara Falls, Ont., 9.20 p.m., Suspension Bridge, N.Y., 9.30 p.m.

Both seasons mentioned carry New York sleepers and all tickets are good for stop-over.

For particulars re rates, etc., from any Grand Trunk agent, or C. E. Hornung, D.P.A., Toronto.

## Red Cross Contributions

Brigadier-General James Mason, honorary-treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, reports that since the last public acknowledgment the following contributions to the fund of the society have been received, amounting to \$87,797.07:

Anderson and Perth branch, C.R.S.	50.00
Burns Church, Ont., Red Cross Society	40.00
Bienheim, Ont., Guide's B. League	8.00
Mrs. A. P. Baird, Kewaskong, Ont.	27.35
Mrs. A. Code, Springfield, Ont.	50.00
Edmonton, Alta., Red Cross Society	40.00
Cobalt, Ont., Penn. Canadian Pat. Society	400.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Craig, Kewaskong, Ont.	50.00
Mrs. D. Ancy, Cayton, P.E.I.	75.00
Don't, Ont.	50.00
S. S. S.	50.00
Mr. T. R. Dunkin, Embro, Ont.	2.00
Edmonton, Alta., Red Cross Society	9.25
Ethel, Ont., Friendly Girls' Class	15.30
Methodist S. S. Church, C.M.C.	75.00
Fort Frances, Ont., branch C.R.S.	75.00
Geo. A. Fraser, Kewaskong, Ont.	200.00
Mrs. L. S. Hargy, P.E.I.	300.00
proceeds of booth at Fenwick Fall Fair, 1914	94.84
Port Williams, Ont., Women's Patriotic League	10.00
Guelph, Ont., Helpmeet Club	5.00
Guelph, Ont., branch C.R.S.	25.00
Golden, B.C., branch C.R.S.	50.00
Miss Emily and Mr. Harry Gault, Montreal, Que.	350.00
I. O. D. E.—East Kootenay Chap.	35.00
Beacon Lake, B.C., General Conv.	4.00
I. O. D. E.—King George Chap.	3.00
St. John's, Que.	3.00
I. O. D. E.—Pium Creek Chap.	4.00
I. O. D. E.—Hastings, Ont.	2.00
I. O. D. E.—Laurentian Chapter, I. O. D. E.	612.00
St. Thomas, Ont.	50.00
I. O. D. E.—Saugen Chapter, Hanover, Ont.	150.00
I. O. D. E.—Oshawa Chapter, Edmonton, Alta.	8.00
Kenmore, Ont., branch C.R.S.	150.00
Purple of King branch C.R.S.	3.85
Milton, Ont., Halton County Patriotic Fund	900.00
Miss L. Murray, Niagara Falls, Ont.	5.00
Miss E. J. Williams, Niagara Falls, Ont.	2.00
James Holden McCurdy, North Vancouver, B.C., branch C.R.S.	50.00
Newcastle, N.E., branch C.R.S.	100.00
South, Ont.	100.00
Oakville, Ont., Red Cross Auxiliary	100.00
Port Hope, Ont., Red Cross Society	2.00
A. Friend, Plainville, Ont.	100.00
Legion Society, Parry Sound, Ont.	15.00
Peachland, B.C., Ontario	10.00
General League, Limited	4.00
Boothby, N.E., branch C.R.S.	200.00
Girt Guiton, N.E., branch C.R.S.	150.00
Sussex, N.B., branch C.R.S.	100.00
St. John's, N.S., branch C.R.S.	300.00
Mr. Frank Stanton, Port Stanton, Ont.	12.25
Sudbury, Ont., Patriotic Working Club	300.00
Trenton, Ont., Patriotic Working Club	50.00
Peranceville, Ont.	77.85
Thirleton, Ont., branch C.R.S.	100.00
Victoria city and district branch C.R.S.	77.00
Women's Relief	50.00
Win. Alta.	350.00
Whitton, Ont., Women's Patriotic League	50.00
Woodstock, N.B., branch C.R.S.	50.00
Waterbury, N.E., branch C.R.S.	15.00
Mrs. J. A. Williams, Cleveland, Ohio	250.00
Women's Institute, Oxdrift, Ont.	100.00
Women's Institute, Crowland, Ont.	25.00
Fort Robinson, Ont.	25.00
Women's Institute, Elmwood, branch, Co. Grey, Elmwood, Ont.	12.40
Material, advertising, assigned pay, etc.	610.30

## Octogenarian Celebrates

## By Plowing All Day

Special to The Toronto World.  
Kitchener, Oct. 1.—The Rev. Jacob Woolner celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Monday last by spending the day plowing on the farm of his son on Natchez road, near here. The old gentleman without assistance managed both plow and horses. He is hale and hearty, walks without a stick and is in full possession of all his faculties. He was born in England and came to Canada in 1832. For many years he was pastor at the east end Mennonite church.

## NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER

Petrograd, Oct. 1, via London.—Under an imperial ukase published today, Alexandre Khvostoff is succeeded as minister of the interior by M. Protopopoff. The ukase appoints M. Protopopoff marshal of nobility of the province of Simbirsk and vice-president of the duma.

## SERGT. ALBERT JARVIS

## TO BE BURIED TUESDAY

## Hospital for Consumptives.

Sgt. Albert J. Jarvis of the 95th Battalion, who died on Sept. 20, at the Weston Hospital for Consumptives, will be buried tomorrow morning in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, with full military honors. The late Sgt. Jarvis, who lived at 29 Soudan avenue, became ill shortly before his battalion left for overseas, and was taken to the sanatorium where he died last Saturday. He had a long military career, and was for several years a member of the 13th Royal Lancers of the imperial army. He served with the regiment in India for a number of years, returning to Canada six years ago. Shortly after war broke out he joined the 9th Mississauga Horse and when the 95th was organized enlisted in it for overseas service. He was a music instructor at Exhibition Camp last winter.

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning from McGill Undertaking Parlors, 346 West Bloor street.

## CONSTRUCT ATHLETIC CLUB.

## Proposed to Include Swimming Pool and Gymnastic Appearments.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Kitchener, Oct. 1.—T. H. Rieder of this city is preparing plans for the erection of a centrally located building to be equipped with a modern swimming pool and gymnastic appointments. Kitchener is without a Y.M.C.A. or athletic club and the erection of such a building will be welcomed.

## University Results

## The following students have passed in first year French and in second year English, French and physics:

Miss G. G. Barnett; Miss M. A. Brown; Miss E. M. Harris; Miss A. I. Mather.  
The following have passed in second year English, French and physics: Miss M. Howitt; Miss A. M. Jenner; Miss M. H. Poirier; Miss J. L. Scott; Miss M. I. Weir.  
The following have passed in second year English and physics: Miss F. G. Curry; E. W. Dalton; Miss E. Marthia; Miss O. E. Parker; Miss M. Strathdee; E. Tolmie.  
The following have passed in second year French and physics: Miss M. E. Hewitt; A. S. McKinley; Miss I. Pamphilon; Miss A. O. Sutherland; Miss M. D. Vardon.  
The following have passed in second year physics: Miss Y. E. Baraby; Miss Y. C. McDonald; W. L. C. Richardson, passed in second year English.

## PRISONER OF WAR.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Kitchener, Oct. 1.—George O. Phillip has received word from his brother, Corporal Fred F. Phillip, formerly of Toronto, but now a prisoner in Germany, stating that he is working out in the country and is well cared for. He also states that all parcels addressed to him from the I.O.D.E. of Kitchener, who have adopted him as a charge, have reached him safely.

The government grant towards manual training in 1914, was \$5,189.38, in 1915 the grant was raised to \$7,937.

## BRANTFORD ASSESSMENT

## SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

## In Spite of Heavy Enlistments

## Population Jumps Twelve Hundred.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Brantford, Oct. 1.—In spite of exceptionally heavy enlistment from Brantford the population this year, 38,601, is the largest in its history. It is an increase of 1181. The young men who have enlisted are not counted unless their parents are residents here. The total assessment is \$21,941,850, increase in taxable assessment \$338,685, and increase in general assessment \$383,035. The increase in assessable property is remarkable when the little building done is taken into consideration.  
Ten years ago the assessment was less than seven million dollars, and in that time not one foot of land has been added to city territory. City officials believe that this is the biggest increase in Canada, where there was no increase in the area of land within the city boundaries. In their last round-up of the city, a great deal of work was done. Many families are now doubling up, and enquiries are repeatedly received from men who are working here and who are desirous of bringing families here, but are unable to find suitable houses.

## POPULATION INCREASE.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Galt, Oct. 1.—The complete assessment returns for the city will show an increase in population, despite the fact that over 3000 men have gone overseas. Complete returns for wards four and five show that in these sections there has been a growth of population of 141.

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Cases of 2 Doz. Quarts O'Keefe's Special Porter at .....	\$2.50
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