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Week-end Were Without Foundation—Still No Clue to Williams' Murderer

Many rumors were in circulation about the city yesterday to the effect that the murderer of Harry L. Williams had been taken into custody, but these were unfounded and the assassin is still at large. The theory that the guilty man as the one who ran into Lancaster avenue has been thrown into the discard or it turned out to be George A. Axt, who conducts a provision and grocery store in Simonds street, returning to his home on Lansdowne avenue. He said he arrived at the corner of Main and Simonds streets about 11:15 o'clock and, being anxious to get home, he ran along the avenue. The reason for not disclosing this fact before was the fact that he did not wish to get mixed up in the case.

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Effort To Delay
Its Enforcement

Quebec Papers Turn to New
Angle on Conscription Issue—
An Appeal to Governor-General

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Having done all in their power to prevent the conscription bill from passing the two houses, and having failed, Quebec papers, almost without exception are now bending their efforts in force until after a general election.

Le Canada on Monday published an appeal to the Duke of Devonshire not to sign the measure until an election shall have been held. Yesterday it followed along the same lines. Its argument that when elections are held either the pro-conscription or anti-conscription forces will win. If the latter the new government would win then to abrogate the conscription law.

Of course, what Quebec wants is a general election. Conservative papers like La Patrie and La Presse did not come out openly against conscription, but they have never ceased to call for an election, and are doing so still. La Presse no later than yesterday insisting that an election is the only thing that will clear the air.

Le Pays is another paper that thinks there will be no delay in putting the measure in force. It says that it is necessary that the measure be taken, not because the men are really needed at the front, because there are no ships to take them there, and all the conscription being used by the States, "but to provoke riots which will serve to show that French-Canadians are not loyal subjects."

Papers throughout the province all take somewhat similar stands. La Tribune of Sherbrooke, says his excellency the governor general will sign the measure as soon as it passes the senate. It winds up an article by saying that for the last six years there has been poisoning the country, needs medical attention.

So far as a careful reader of papers is able to find out there is only one conscription, the enforcement of Quebec. It has been doing its best to point out the need for conscription, but it does not seem to be making converts.

Developments in the west are coming in for their share of attention. Here is what Le Soleil of Quebec has to say about the "Soleil of Winnipeg's" recent activities: "Clifford Sifton at Winnipeg is weaving his web of intrigue. We are all the time of nations, critics of Sifton's heritage is at stake. If we are duped once more by selfish schemes, masked in the guise of patriotism, and fall into the snare of the electorates of the country, then we risk finding ourselves reduced to the condition of slaves under the lash and the profit of certain plutocrats. A country that would allow itself to be led by people who are not only ignorant but who are also very near the abyss!"

So far there has been but little time to discuss Winnipeg's present. Here is what Le Devoir had to say the day before it convened: "Whatever may be about one man more than the Winnipeg congress, one can be assured that it has given birth to a new and permanent reckoning. The new influence seems to be radically unfriendly to Ontario. It is not certain that it is so to Quebec."

Quebec has had no such gradual progress. It finds itself in its old attitude of indifference and isolation, faced with conscription. The cleavage between Quebec and Ontario is appalling.

Now, regarding conscription as a settled question, what is to be done about the future? Are the errors of the past to be repeated again and again, with the danger of violence arising on civil war? Quebec must seek to avoid that, and we must help Quebec. Quebec needs leadership, and its spiritual and intellectual leaders, may do much to bring it into line with whatever is right and reasonable in the thought of other parts of Canada. We must exercise patience, and rely upon persuasion and the power of thought, not upon violence. Progress made in that way will be slow, but it will have enduring results. A united Canada is an aim which deserves to be promoted by every intellectual force that we can command.

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QUEBEC AND A
UNITED CANADA

Lack of Leadership Had Been
The Fault
Plans For The Future

Campaign of Education Slow But
Only Sure Method of Uniting
Peoples in Enduring Manner

(Toronto Star)

We cannot have a united Canada without Quebec, having a territory three times as large as France and with more than a million people. This fact must be kept in mind even by those who denounce Quebec's secession. Assume conscription enacted and enforced. The Quebec problem will still remain. Must we look forward forever to a divided Canada, with one element not only isolated, but hating and hated by the rest? That is a gloomy prospect.

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Some have attributed the attitude of Quebec to bad leadership, political or religious. It would be more exact to say lack of leadership. The leaders who they think the people want them to go. The people do not realize their responsibilities as citizens of the empire, but of the world. They still regard the war in Europe as a local affair, in which this continent is not bound to take part. That also was the attitude of a large body of the people of the United States, and it has been overcome to some extent by education and energetic leadership.

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10 lb. bags Five Roses Flour... 7.00
10 lb. bags Purdy... 6.85
24 lb. bags Five Roses... 1.85
24 lb. bags Purdy... 1.75
10 lb. bags Royal Household... 1.75
10 lb. bags Finest Granulated Sugar... 1.00

10 lb. bags Lantic Sugar... 50c
5 lb. boxes Lantic Sugar... 25c
5 lb. boxes Lemon or Vanilla Flavouring... 25c
2 boxes Shredded Wheat for... 25c
2 pkgs. Raisins for... 25c
2 cans Evaporated Milk for... 25c
2 cans Baking Powder... 25c
Large can Baking Powder... 1.00
10 lbs. Jelly Powder... 1.25
Domestic Shortening, 10 lb. pails... 12.25
5 lb. pails Domestic Shortening... 7.50
1 lb. block or bulk, per lb... 40c
Choice Country Butter, per lb... 40c
Fresh Eggs, per doz... 40c
All Other Goods Equally Cheap.
Lever and Fairville. 8-12

FIVE WERE KILLED

Bowmanville, Ont., Aug. 12.—Five persons were instantly killed and another injured when the International Limited (G. T. R.) struck an automobile evening at what is known as "Wharf Road" about 800 yards east of Bowmanville station. Six persons, five men and one woman, were riding in the automobile, which was driven by Herman Fletcher, of this town.

Kirkpatrick & Cowan
Cash Specials
22 King Square
(Next Imperial Theatre)
PHONE M. 3158

Mayerhofer Condensed Milk... 16c
2 cans Salmon... 25c
2 pkgs. Dates... 14c
2 pkgs. Lipton's Jelly... 25c
Bulk Tea, per lb... 35c
Fresh Eggs, per doz... 40c
3 cans Old Dutch Coffee, per lb... 25c
Jersey Cream Powder... 25c
New Potatoes... 40c. peck
Beans... 22c. peck
1/2 lb. tin Lobster Tails... 25c
1/2 lb. tin Burley or Five Roses... 18.85
Red Cross Baked Beans... 20c. can
Canned Pineapple... 15c. pkge.
Green Beans... 60c. peck
Cucumbers... 4c. each, 2 for 7c.
Oranges... 40c. doz.
West Side Delivery Tuesdays and Fridays
Store Open Friday and Saturday Evenings

GOOD VALUES AT YERKA

Blue Banner Flour... \$13.25 bbl.
Royal Household Flour... \$13.25 bbl.
Clare & Sanborn's Coffee (bulk), lb. 35c.
Capital