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VETERANS AND POSITIONS.

The Standard has not always endered the attitude of the Great Warr Veterans' Association. That organization has at different times adopted resolutions and made requests which this paper could not conscientiously support, largely through the belief that the Veterans, pending the return of all our soldiers, are inclined to ask far more than the civilian population of Canada are prepared at this early stage to willingly grant. In this constitution of the construction of the construction of Canada are prepared at this early stage to willingly grant. In this construction of the construction of Canada are prepared at this early stage to willingly grant. In this connection it is of course possible, and aitogether probable that during the process of demobilization Canadians as a whole will come to appreciate even more strongly than they do at present the magnificent efforts of our nen overseas, and will be inclined to comply more freely with such requests as the soldiers may in fairness mak. The inclination is, of course, to do all possible for the returned men, not merely through gratitude, but as an actual obligation, but compliance with seme of the requests involves considerable change in existing methods or business; a change which cannot be accomplished immediately, but which must be brought about through per sistent advancing. The McQueen report on the patriotic potato transaction, which was presented to the Legislature yesterday, occasions no surprise. It is what it what it what it what it was the abundantly clear by the safe to be, a political pamphlet of some twenty-five thousand words. It was made abundantly clear by the was made abundantly clear by th of Canada are prepared at this early stage to willingly grant. In this con-nection it is of course possible, and

"And whereas more of the Board are returned soldiers.

"And whereas there are at present in this Province a number of returned in this Province a number of returned. The soldiers out of employment capable of filling these positions.

"It is therefore resolved that this branch of the Great War Veterania Association emphatically protest agrainst this ignoring of legitimate in the girls of the House, and when the conclusion of the great which will be made upon the girls of the House, and when the commissioner has a strength of the Provincial Government.

"And further vesolved that the Government in the projection of the provincial Government in the projection of the projection of the provincial Government in the projection of the projection of the provincial Government in the projection of the provincial graph of the provincial Government in the projection of th be entirely ignored in a matter such as this is beyond the bounds of decency and the Veterans are perfectly right in complaining as they are doing and in calling upon the Provincial Government for fair play.

An Ample Margin.

Springfield Republican: "If General Ludendorff is right in thinking that not in a handred years could the German military power of 1914 be restored the peacemakers should enjoy an ample margin of time in

TARIFF TALK.

Thursday of this week has been set apart by members of the Unionist party for consideration of the tariff. It has been thought better to adopt this plan than to permit desultory and incomplete discussion of this important subject at other caucuses which have already been held, and while there is no expectation that a settley line of action will be agreed upon during the present week, still an impression prevails that the diverse interests represented in the Unionist Party have their ideas now sufficiently crystallized to permit their presentation in a concrete form and to enable the party as a whole to reach an early solution of this difficult problem.

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In view of the fact that despite differences of opinion on the subject of the tariiff, these opposing groups are strongly in favor of the continuation of Union Government, it is anticipated that a satisfactory compromise may be reached. Possibly when the matter is talked over it will be found that the distance separating the Western low tariff faction and the high protection. low tariff faction and the high protection Easterners is not so great as at present appears. Doubtless both sides will be willing to make concessions, but whatever the outcome of the caucus may be, it is gradually becoming apparent that the subject of the tariff is the one great issue before the country today. Until it is settled, plans for reconstruction cannot go forward as all desire. Manufacturers, farmers, everyone with capital invested in the country, or employing labor, demand the establishment of conditions which will continue for some years at least, for until there is a certainty as to what our tariff policy will involve there can be no really effective effort towards reconstruction. Yet the tariff in itself is only one of the many lesses in which a declars. low tariff faction and the high protec-

which to get the world's peace strongly fortified."

A BIT OF VERSE

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

Yestidday I met pop down town so he could buy me a new soot. Wich he did, being a kind of a brown soot, and I went home alone in it, thinking, G. Ill go erround and serprize Mary Watkins.

And I went erround, and Mary Watkins was skating up and down in frunt of her house, being pritty good of a skater for a gerl, and she stopped skating and stood still on her skates, saying, My goodniss its cold today, izzent it, Benny?

I thawt it was warm, I was jest going to take off my overcoat, I sed. Wich I was, so she could see my new soot, and she sed, Warm, my goodniss, wy you can see your breth plane as enything. Wich you could, and I kepp my overcoat on for a wile and then I sed, Well, Im warm weather it is or not.

And I took off my overcoat and stood there in my new brown soot, and Mary Watkins dident say enything, and I sed, I was down town today.

Was you's sed Mary Watkins. And she kepp on standing there on

Was you? sed Mary Watkins. And she kepp on standing there on her skates, saying, It serteny is cold today, my goodniss, Im glad I got on this coat.

I dont feel cold, this brown soot is pritty warm, I sed.
Is it? sed Mary Watkins without looking at it, and I sed, Yes, you wouldent think so to look at it, would you?

Wouldn't you? sed Mary Watkins not looking at it. And she stood there a wile longer on her skates and I started to begin to shiver on account of not having eny overcoat on, thinking, G, if she's going to notice it she awt to of noticed by this time.

Wich jest then Mary Watkins sed, Benny Potts, I bin standing heer all this time and you never even noticed by new spring coat. I think youre horrid, so there.

And wat did she do but skate up the street fast and tern erround the corner and stay erround, and I put my overcoat on agen and went home, thinking, G, wat do you think of that?

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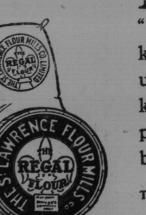
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COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Accept Award of Police Conciliation Board - Increase for City Marshalls - Will Prepare a Bill in Power Company Matter — Other Business.

the advertisement of the paving of parts of Prince William, Duke and Germain streets, under the local im-Germain streets, under the local improvement act; accepted the award of the police conciliation board; ordered the preparation of a bill for presentation to the legislative in the Power Company matter; confirmed the appointment of Kenneth Clawson as district commissioner at \$1,200 per year, and granted city marshols an increase of twenty-five cents on each paper served.

mayor Hayes presided and Commissioners Thornton, Bullock, Jones and