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### LOYD GEORGE MAKES READY

(Toronto Globe.)

The return to parliament of Mr. Asquith may make for a reconciliation between the Liberals who follow him and the less radical elements in the Labor party. Such a combination would be a serious threat against the coalition. Lloyd George, who is a great political strategist, may be planning against the possibility of an offensive of that nature. The falling off in the vote for the coalition in many of the by-elections will not be lost sight of by a campaigner of his calibre.

Here are a few illuminating comparisons between the coalition votes in the general elections of December, 1918, and subsequent by-elections:

	1918.	By-elections.
Ashton-under-Lyne	10,260	8,864
Bromley, Kent	15,840	11,148
Kingston-upon-Hull	15,805	7,089
Sutton, Plymouth	17,091	14,495
Widnes	11,515	10,417
Spun Valley	10,664	8,134
Aberdeen and Kincardine	6,546	4,764
West Leyton	10,956	5,185
South Croydon	17,813	11,777
Totals	115,480	82,463

A drop of nearly 33,000 in the coalition vote in these contests shows a trend that Lloyd George is not likely to view with equanimity. Another general election in Britain does not appear to be far distant.

### GET MORE FARMERS BY RURAL CREDITS

Hon. Mr. Doherty Outlines Scheme at Stratford Meeting.

Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, addressed a meeting of the agricultural section of the Chamber of Commerce in Stratford, Ont., last week. Mr. Doherty spoke on rural problems and told how he proposed to try and improve conditions in the country and keep the people there. One plan, he stated, he intended to try was a system of rural credits by which it would be possible for farmers' sons or farm laborers to get a start for themselves. He said that in his opinion, with better educational facilities, a better chance for community life would make life more attractive and keep the young people on the farm and increase production, which was the only real remedy for the high cost of living.

Pointing out that there are now 50,000 fewer farmers in Ontario than in 1872, and that the production of people living in the country and in towns and cities had exactly reversed themselves in thirty years, Mr. Doherty said that it was quite necessary that there must be more production if the cost of living is to decrease. Thirty per cent cannot go on feeding themselves and the other 70 per cent, and provide for export for an indefinite period. Mr. Doherty expressed himself as heartily in accord with the plan of having an agricultural section of the Board of Trade and urged the farmers to join.

He's Here! George Durand

### PRICES CLIMB

Another marked increase in prices of the necessities of life in Canada during February is noted in the Labor Gazette for March. Practically every one of the essentials of domestic life, including

building materials, metals, fuel and rent shows a movement in price "steeply upward," says The Gazette.

The family food budget in some sixty cities averaged \$15.70 at the middle of January, \$18.41 in February a year ago, and \$17.52 in February, 1914.

Wholesale prices are also on the increase, as compared with \$15.20 in February, the index number in the Gazette rising to 848.5 for February, as compared with 836.4 for January, 279.8 for February a year ago, and 186.5 for February, 1914.

A meeting of the City Employees' Union, No. 12678, was held last evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, with the president J. McCarthy, in the chair. Reports of the New Brunswick Federation of Labor were read over and adopted by the meeting and other matters of routine business were transacted.

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