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**HOUSING PROBLEM**

As before related in these columns, the merchants and the manufacturers of Berlin have got together to try and settle the housing problem for workingmen. The proposal is that the municipality shall guarantee 85 per cent. of said structures, the Council to have a voice in the purchase of the necessary lots. The scheme is to provide residences, well equipped in every essential, at moderate rentals, to men employed in factories, and if they desire to make ultimate purchase, they can do so by an increased cost of rent per month. The plan would seem to be well worth looking into as far as Brantford is concerned.

**ACTION OF THE SENATE**

The Grit majority in the Senate are once more responsible for killing the Highways Bill of the Borden Government. There is not, and cannot be, one word of excuse for the decapitation. This measure, providing for the establishment of a system of better roads throughout Canada, has been heavily endorsed by farmers' organizations and rural associations from Halifax to Vancouver. Under a system of co-operation between the provinces and the Dominion it is proposed to devote an initial expenditure of a million and a half this first year. The bill was thrown out by the Senate last year on the ground that the measure did not contain clauses providing that the expenditure was to be divided amongst the different provinces in proportion to the population. A definite assurance was given last year by the Premier that this plan would be followed, and when the estimates were brought down they contained an exact division by provinces. This year again the supplementary estimates contain a vote of a million and a half, which is apportioned according to population. And yet this is the only reason advanced by the Upper House for killing a measure of the utmost value to the farmers of Canada. The amounts which each province would get under the proportional division and as provided in the estimates are as follows:

Alberta	\$ 78,282
British Columbia	82,005
Manitoba	95,196
New Brunswick	73,524
Nova Scotia	102,870
Ontario	527,201
Prince Edward Island	10,584
Quebec	418,449
Saskatchewan	102,889

**TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR**

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, during the fine speech which he recently made in the Dominion House, thus cogently referred to preparation for war in times of peace: "I think he (Mr. Charlton, member for Norfolk) criticized only one other department, the Department of Militia. I have been accused of making a warlike speech in this House during the present session. I do not wish to be misunderstood; I am a man of peace, but I believe in being ready for war. I believe that every Christian city should be able to get along without police, but I have yet to discover a city in the Dominion of Canada that has been able to disband its police force, and to trust to the honesty, integrity and Christian charity of its citizens to effect and to carry out such laws as are for the best interests of the community. If it is a fact that such a condition is unobtainable in the most Christian city in this or any other country, you cannot get away from the fact that we must have military and naval defence in this country. My hon. friend has criticized the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the Militia Department. I am no sponsor for the Minister of Militia, but he is well able to take care of himself. He is a fighting man. I am not. I do not think \$10,000,000 for the Militia Department is too much, for this reason: We have in the Dominion of Canada to-day less than 100,000 men, nearly all volunteers, who are very poorly paid for the few days they put in per annum, and who, at great personal sacrifice, go week in and week out to the armories and take their drill in the evenings, sacrificing their personal pleasures in order to serve their country. When they go to camp they get about fifty cents a day. Surely no hon. gentleman would complain that that is excessive. These men, who are in the ranks of the militia of Canada, and who are self-sacrificing enough to place their services at the disposal of their country for a mere bagatelle, should be supported in the very best spirit. Hon. gentlemen opposite may say: Oh, they are never going to be required; everything will be peaceable. If you have been reading the papers for the last few days, you will see that they may be wanted very soon."

Mr. Lemieux—Germany. Mr. Cockshutt—I see my hon. friend, who has been to Japan, knows the truth of what I am saying. The United States is full of unrest over the Japanese question. My hon. friend settled that question once off-hand without any force of arms. The next time he is sent on a mission of that kind he may have to take some force with him to back him up. Suppose the United States and Japan were to go to war in the coming year. What would happen? Canada must remain neutral or be drawn into the fight on one side or the other. What does "neutral" mean? It means that the whole of our borders from Vancouver to Halifax must be policed. Who will do that? We have no one on whom we can rely except our militia to police that four thousand miles of boundary. If you allow arms, ammunition and men to cross that boundary to go into the fight for the United States against Japan, you have violated the law of nations; you have become a party to the fight and would be subject to attack. I think it ill becomes my hon. friend Mr. Lemieux, who looks very thrifty and prosperous himself, to find fault with this expenditure on the Militia Department.

**WHAT NEXT?**

Speaking from his seat in the Senate, Sir George Ross, Grit leader of that Chamber, formally pronounced the death warrant of the Naval Bill in the Upper House. That action was quite generally expected, because Sir George, who has always professed Imperialism, is evidently willing, for party purposes, to abase himself at the nod of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In other words, he is not a leader of that term should mean, but simply a sneezing vehicle for Laurier every time the out-of-joint nose of that gentleman happens to itch. Ross has been associated with more than one reprehensible thing during his political career, but nothing more unworthy than his present blindly partisan course. What next? This paper would like to see an elective Senate, but the rumor at Ottawa is that the Borden Government will ask the Asquith Government to have the British North America Act so amended that (as in the Old Country with the Lords) any measure can become operative if passed in two concurring sessions by the Commons. That something will have to be done to keep the Senators within bounds is certain, and the sooner the better.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Sir George Ross is a great stickler for first going to the people on the Navy Bill. He is the same high-minded gentleman who refused to go to the people in one riding for over a year because he knew his man would be licked. Talk about your patriots! Rotten as it will can be. Offensive to each decent sense. Stands Ross's course on the navy, "Shame" it spells without pretence. Without doubt Dean Brady feels much deserved joy over the splendid recognition of his work by his parishioners.

**What the Other Fellow Thinks.**

**Lots for Sale.** Ottawa. Free Press: Nearly four solid pages of the Saskatchewan for Norfolk) criticized only one other department, the Department of Militia. I have been accused of making a warlike speech in this House during the present session. I do not wish to be misunderstood; I am a man of peace, but I believe in being ready for war. I believe that every Christian city should be able to get along without police, but I have yet to discover a city in the Dominion of Canada that has been able to disband its police force, and to trust to the honesty, integrity and Christian charity of its citizens to effect and to carry out such laws as are for the best interests of the community. If it is a fact that such a condition is unobtainable in the most Christian city in this or any other country, you cannot get away from the fact that we must have military and naval defence in this country. My hon. friend has criticized the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the Militia Department. I am no sponsor for the Minister of Militia, but he is well able to take care of himself. He is a fighting man. I am not. I do not think \$10,000,000 for the Militia Department is too much, for this reason: We have in the Dominion of Canada to-day less than 100,000 men, nearly all volunteers, who are very poorly paid for the few days they put in per annum, and who, at great personal sacrifice, go week in and week out to the armories and take their drill in the evenings, sacrificing their personal pleasures in order to serve their country. When they go to camp they get about fifty cents a day. Surely no hon. gentleman would complain that that is excessive. These men, who are in the ranks of the militia of Canada, and who are self-sacrificing enough to place their services at the disposal of their country for a mere bagatelle, should be supported in the very best spirit. Hon. gentlemen opposite may say: Oh, they are never going to be required; everything will be peaceable. If you have been reading the papers for the last few days, you will see that they may be wanted very soon."

**Canada as a Prize-Winner**

British American, Chicago: Saskatchewan farmers have just been banqueting one of their number—J. C. Hill, of Lloydminster, in honor of his winning the \$1,500 trophy for the best grade of oats at the Colorado State Fair. This is the second time, it should be noted, that Mr. Hill, who spent a few years ago with a party of English settlers known as the Barr colonists, has captured this prize. In replying to the deluge of congratulations at the feast referred to, Mr. Hill admitted that in the first year or two of his sojourn in Canada West, he had experienced some obstacles necessitating trial and struggle on the road to success. But the Canadian soil and climate had "won out."

**Prince Albert's Visit.**

Montreal Star: We are pleased to note that Prince Albert has restored himself in the good graces of Halifax by dancing with some of its pretty

girls. It seemed impossible a few days ago that Halifax could ever forgive him for some frightful affront which he inflicted on a native son of the Prince, who is a boy of fifteen, and not, as one would have imagined a hoary centurion, diplomatist and statesman, will now breathe more freely. We hope to see the prince here. There is always a halo of romance around a siffor prince, and there will be as long as Britons love the sea. The authorities want him to be treated as a simple sailor, but this is asking a little too much. If we did not treat him as a prince, in a princely way, we should be unhappy. We need not make him too uncomfortable, but we can show him that we look to him to uphold great traditions. We shall not worry very much if the boy in him occasionally breaks through the prince. In fact, this democratic country will like him all the better for it.

**Verville, the Would-Be Martyr.**

St Thomas Times: There has been a lot of silly stuff in the Liberal press about Alphonse Verville, the member for the Maisonneuve division of Montreal, defying the Government, and daring them to enforce the closure rule against him. The facts of the case are very simple. Verville boasted some little time ago that he would not be bound by the rules as amended, but when on Friday evening last week, during the closing scenes in the committee stage of the Naval Bill, the time came for the bombastic Verville to show fight, he crawled under the barn. The chairman, Mr. Blondin, after Verville's allotted twenty minutes were up, called his attention to the fact. Premier Borden suggested that as Mr. Verville had not finished his address—which by the way had nothing to do with the clause of the bill before the committee—he might be allowed to continue. And Mr. Verville, with the consent of the House, continued for another ten minutes. And yet the Globe, and other hide-bound Liberal organs, taunt the Premier with being afraid to stop Verville. The truth of the matter is the Globe and newspapers of that ilk cannot understand common everyday courtesy. Mr. Verville did not defy the Government. On the contrary he went meekly on with his speech, and his former boasts of nuttiness disappeared like snow in May.

**About the Same.**

Buffalo News: Czar Nicholas went to the wedding at Berlin in an armored train and some comment has arisen on that account. But after all we have to consider that the situation of the Czar is only a little worse than that of any another ruler. No monarch in Europe travels by rail, except under the most careful guard, with every precaution applied that shall avoid injury to him or his company. The greatest care is taken to keep such authorities guarded all the time and everywhere, day and night. It used to be regarded as the misfortune of the royal head that he could have no freedom after the manner of the American President, but we have to abandon that idea now, for our own President has to be guarded almost as carefully as the crowned head in foreign country. We have actually a blacker record of the murder of the head of the nation than any other country in the last 50 years. We have, therefore, no occasion for the superior smile over the precaution taken by the Czar when he has a train built and armored for his protection.

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