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## THE ISSUE IN CANADA

"Until Canada is organized on a basis of war service, until the official attitude towards the war is one of national effort, and not of private enterprise for profit, what prospect is there of enthusing the people to the necessary pitch of sacrifice?"

This question, asked by the Ottawa Citizen, is coupled with the following observations:

"Only the wilfully blind could fail to see that some people of this country are not willing to submit to conscription of life unless at least equal measures of conscription are applied to the material resources and the wealth of Canada. From almost every group of opinion the government has lately been publicly petitioned and urged to include conscription of wealth with conscription of men."

This paragraph describes the situation exactly. It is confirmed by the debate of the present week at Ottawa. The mere conscription of men is not enough, and if that conscription is merely proposed for the purposes of an election campaign, and no definite date is given for putting it into effect, the country will be all the more suspicious of it and the government by which it has been introduced. Sir Robert Borden is not yet out of the woods. The country demands a guarantee of good faith, and there must be more than conscription of men. There must be an end of profiteering and of partisanship if Canada is to throw her whole strength into the war.

## THE FUEL PROBLEM

Would it not be well for the city council or a committee of citizens to give some thought to the question of providing a supply of wood for fuel next winter, in addition to the possible coal supply, which will be very high in price?

Some time ago ex-Mayor Frink suggested that a great deal of wood could be cut on wood-lands owned by the city—and cut at small cost. Against this it is said that the men employed might do more damage by fire than the wood-land would pay for, but there is no ground for any such fear.

It is worth while to consider to what extent wood could be used in a city where coal has so long been the chief fuel, and at what price it could be provided. Consider the case of a man who has a wife and six children, and earns \$12.00 per week. How is he to pay a high price for coal when there are eight mouths to feed on an average of less than \$2 per day, also providing footwear and clothing? There will be many families next winter whose income will be so small in comparison with the cost of food, fuel and clothing that they cannot but suffer. If by any means the cost of their fuel can be reduced it will not be an interference with the regular fuel dealers, as the supply would only be for the benefit of those who simply could not pay high prices. At all events, the question is worthy of serious consideration, and if anything is to be done the arrangements ought to be made as soon as possible. People who can afford to buy coal will buy it as usual, and in their case the less panic there is the lower price they will get in the end.

## THE LEGISLATURE

Premier Foster and his colleagues have come most creditably through their first legislative session. They have put some valuable legislation on the statute books, and when we remember how short a time they had to prepare their work and to acquaint themselves with the affairs of the various departments it is clear that they have made a very excellent beginning. They found the various departments more or less disorganized, and sadly in need of reorganization on a more business-like basis. The report of the public accounts committee suggests many improvements and shows how great is the need of them. Not only will the changes suggested facilitate business but increase the revenue. The new government is pledged to introduce business principles in every department, and it may be hoped that pledge will be kept constantly in mind. Initial difficulties may fairly be charged to the old government, but the new one must now make its own record. The opposition, on the whole behaved itself very well, which is not surprising in view of the facts that have been brought to light since the new government turned the searchlight on the record of the last few years. There is much the opposition would like the people to forget, and there is also the prospect of further revelations of an interesting character. During the current year the government will be able to devote itself to a more thorough study of provincial affairs and prepare further legislation of an important nature. Most of all it should insist that value is received for every dollar of public funds expended in the various departments. The financial position of the province is far from what it should be, and this is due to the recklessness and graft which marked the administration of affairs for the last nine years. Premier Foster has made a good beginning. He stands high in the house as in the province, and being a young man he has before him very great possibilities in public life.

## THAT \$5,000 CHECK

That is a significant paragraph in the report of Price, Waterhouse & Co., which says:

"Copies of orders dated February 16, 1917, for the supply of auto road trucks (10 to cost \$77,195 and 10 to cost \$87,440) were produced for our inspection. On February 2, 1917, a cheque for \$5,000 was issued to the Smith Foundry Company, Fredericton, the local agents of the White Company of Cleveland, Ohio, as a deposit on the orders subsequently given."

That is to say, a check for \$5,000 was given by the Hon. B. Frank Smith's department to the Smith Foundry before the orders for trucks were placed. This check was issued on Feb. 2, 1917, or just before the elections. This little transaction is to be further investigated. Incidentally it may be observed that the old government ordered some trucks which are wholly unsuited to the roads of this province because of their great weight. They would serve very well on a permanent road, but would by their weight crush the average culvert on the New Brunswick roads. Just what can be done with them it is not easy to say.

## A SEARCHING CRITICISM

The Canadian Courier vigorously dissects from Sir George Foster's assertion that the war has made it impossible for a government to regulate prices. It points out that food is as cheap in London as it is here, after all the cost of haulage, insurance and risk of submarine, and that since Canada produces more foodstuffs than England "a government could, if it wanted to, conscript every crop to feed Canada for a year at less than famine prices." The Courier says further:

"Unless the department of trade and commerce advises such action, it will likely not be taken. The department, we take it, does not approve of a food controller. Canada, the most bountiful producer of all the nations, according to home demand, is not to have her production and distribution of food regulated as it is in England and the United States. We don't quite see Sir George Foster's daylight. If Canada is to go on putting an increased weight into the war on all sides, it is absolutely essential that we take advantage of our own resources to keep the cost of food at least a margin lower than it is in England, France or Germany."

The Toronto Star says: "In this country just now supply gets no square chance to meet demand. Let it be admitted that it would be scarcely do for the government to fix prices capriciously on the prime necessities of life. That is not what is being proposed. It is proposed, however, that, nearly all the world being at war, the government should realize the fact that it is in charge of the business management of a great country with diversified productions, and its export trade unsettled and seriously interrupted. Conditions are so unusual that the business of the country needs some special general management, which the government ought to give, because the government alone can be expected to provide this special management in the public interest. If the government does not furnish special direction in these unusual circumstances, private interests will find a way of doing it and it will be done in their own interests. As is well known, they are doing it now and hugely to their own benefit."

The Murray government claimed a surplus of \$12,077 on Oct. 31, 1916. Price, Waterhouse & Co. show in their report, tabled in the legislature on Thursday, that there was really a deficit of \$706,838, which had accumulated but had not been covered up. Not until the government was defeated and this great firm of auditors given access to the books and accounts were the facts revealed. The new government should see to it that the report of Price, Waterhouse & Co. is distributed throughout the province. It will serve as a constant reminder of what happens when the rule of graft is recognized at Fredericton.

Toronto Star—Hon. Robert Rogers seeks to create the impression that Mr. Justice Galt is hostile to him for party reasons. Mr. Rogers assumes, says the Renfrew Mercury, "that few among the public know that Mr. Justice Galt comes of a conservative stock, that he was appointed to a judgeship by a Conservative government, and that he was, before leaving the bar for the bench, an active Conservative politician."

The conviction grows and spreads that the Borden government is more concerned in carrying the country in the general elections than in throwing Canada's whole weight into the war.

This has been a good growing week, and the farmers have also been enabled to hurry along their belated seeding. There is still a prospect of good crops. Whatever intoxicates a man sets him in the path that leads to the police court. It is quite easy to remain sober, and far more prudent.



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"Who was he?" "Corporal Punishment."

## All Gas

"Yes, auntie, we took the first line trenches, and the very same day the French gained 400 meters from the Germans." "That was splendid, my boy. It ought to put a stop to those dreadful gas attacks we hear so much about."

## All In It

English Rector (to parishoner)—"Good morning, Thompson. I hear you have a son and heir." Parishoner—"Yes, sir, my household now represents the United Kingdom." Rector—"How so?" Parishoner—"Why, you see, I am English, my wife, Irish, the nurse Scottish and the baby Welsh."

## Sorry She Asked

It was at a private entertainment, and a lady had just risen from the piano. "Would you like to be able to play as I do, dear?" she queried of a little five year old miss. "No, ma'am," was the unexpected reply. "And why not?" asked the lady. "Cause," explained the proud little observer, "I wouldn't like to have people say such horrid things about me."

## She Was Not Quite Sure

A youth of the "kunt" species was exhibiting some photographs to a charming girl with whom he was in love. "This one," he said, handing her a picture, "is my photograph with two French poodles. Can you recognize me?" "Why—yes, I think so," replied the young lady, looking intently at the picture, "are you not?" the one with the hat on, are you not?"

## Danger to Imitate

"My little girl is very clever," said a lady to her guests. "She can imitate almost anyone." "She can, indeed," echoed the husband proudly. "Come, my dear, show us what you can do. Pretend to be the housemaid." The little girl then demonstrated her cleverness by giving a most realistic impersonation, greatly to the amusement of the guests. "Oh, on my dear," chuckled the proud father. Backing away from her father, she exclaimed, in a terrified tone: "Sil, let me go! Don't let me go! I'm a housemaid! Give you a kiss, indeed! Suppose missus was to hear you?" Then the clever darling was suddenly bundled out of the room.

Pickaninny—I want some 'lasses, Aunt Dinah (reprovingly)—"Yo' outh be gwine to get some 'lasses, Pickaninny—How's I gwine to get yo' 'lasses when I ain't had none a-tall yet!"

It was in a churchyard. The morning sun shone brightly and the dew was still on the grass. Ah, this is the weather that makes things spring up! remarked a passer-by casually to an old gentleman seated on a bench. "Hush!" replied the gentleman. "I've got three wives buried here."

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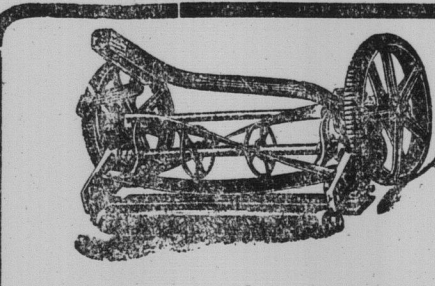
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## FORM A NEW PARTY OF TAMMANY'S FOES

The City Democracy, Martin W. Littleton Chairman, Announces its Programme

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(New York Times.)

The organization of the City Democracy, to oppose Tammany Hall, designed to be the most aggressive anti-Tammany organization since the days of the County Democracy, was announced yesterday by Martin W. Littleton, its temporary chairman. The headquarters of the organization will be opened to the public at 80 East Forty-second street, in the rooms used by the National Democratic Committee in the last campaign.

Among several hundred organizers of the new party there appear the names of Frank L. Polk, counselor to the department of state at Washington; Gordon Auchincloss, son-in-law of Colonel House, personal friend of President Wilson; Cleveland H. Dodge, Francis Lynde Stetson, Frederick R. Covert, and Robert E. Simon, who is related to ex-Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, who was the chairman of the Wilson Finance Committee during the campaign last fall. Joseph B. Truesdale, the temporary secretary of the City Democracy, was the chairman of the Wilson College Men's League in the same campaign.

None of the organizers of the new party holds office under the city administration. The City Democracy is the re-election of Mayor Mitchell, although no announcement regarding candidates has yet been made. It has been decided, however, to wage a contest in the primaries on Sept. 19. The question of candidates and other plans will be discussed, it was said, at the first mass meeting to take place within ten days.

It is intended, it is said, to continue the City Democracy as a permanent party in municipal affairs, with organizations in every aldermanic district in each of the boroughs. The organization has been in process of formation since Feb. 14.

## Party's Purpose Defined.

A prepared statement regarding the new City Democracy and its organizers, made public by Chairman Littleton, was in part as follows:

The character and standing of these new City Democracy is not a surprise to machine politicians and a source of much gratification to the great army of Democrats in this city who wish the city's democracy to measure up to a Democracy which is making history. On this general committee are proportionate representatives of Democrats from all the five boroughs of the city.

The plans of the organization have been forming since February 14, when a number of Democrats prominent in national, state and city affairs met and drafted a programme upon which the City Democracy is based. Every detail meeting have been held. Every detail for an effective and a permanent organization has been gone over by Democrats of standing both in the rank and in the file of the party.

"The City Democracy has been formed as a permanent medium for political action by the body of Democrats in New York city who cannot and will not follow the dictation of Tammany Hall."

"We are all Democrats loyal to Democracy, Principals and to the splendid leadership of Woodrow Wilson, but we feel that our party in this city never can exercise its proper influence or enjoy the respect of Democrats through the country so long as it is dominated locally by the selfish coterie now in control. This is the first thing any true Democrat will tell you."

## Assails Tammany Leadership.

"No Democrat who wants to see the interests of his party advanced in the state and in the nation or who is desirous of having the right kind of administration in our city can follow Tammany leadership without apology."

"Tammany Hall administrations in New York have done more injury to the Democratic party in the nation and in the state than any other single cause. They

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have worked lasting injury to the good reputation of our city. Because of this record Democrats have never had any respect for Tammany Hall, and in consequence the Democratic party in New York city has had absolutely no weight in national party councils. Every Democrat in and out of Tammany Hall knows the bitter truth of this fact.

"In local city administrations every mayor who has followed Tammany's commands has been executed for bad government by the people on election day and every mayor who has stood on his own feet and tried to give the city good government has been thrown overboard by Tammany Hall."

"It is time to put an end to the reign of such an organization, and fortunately the prospect for doing so was never so promising as just now. Tammany's stock in trade is its claim to regularity, yet it never has hesitated to sacrifice Democratic candidates when it suited its purposes to do so."

"It is notorious that it failed to give proper support to President Wilson and to Judge Seabury last fall, and the brutal manner in which the Brooklyn wing of Tammy openly knifed the regular Democratic candidate for district attorney in that county shows in a perfectly clear way the lengths to which the present so-called Democratic organization will go when any Democratic candidate dares to oppose it in the primary election."

"James T. O'Neill was nominated by the voters at the primaries of 1916 for district attorney in Kings County against the candidate put forward by the party organization, which thereupon expended its chief energy in punishing O'Neill for having appealed directly to the voters of his party."

"In a single election district, which contained 218 enrolled Democrats and thirty-seven enrolled Republicans, O'Neill received only twenty-one votes. Every one knows that a result of this kind can only be achieved by the deliberate work of the party organization to knife its own candidate."

"Lastly, in spite of the great progress made throughout our country in securing better city government through non-partisan administration, Tammany Hall and the present leaders of the Democratic party of New York city have set themselves stupidly and inexorably in opposition."

"So far as they are concerned we are still living in the days when the public affairs and administration of the greatest city in the country are considered only in the light of political power."

"We therefore invite all Democratic voters who believe in the ideals of the party to join with us in sustaining good government by defeating Tammany Hall in the forthcoming municipal election. It is a duty to the City of New York and a duty to true democracy."

"It was said yesterday that the names of the members of the city committee would be announced soon. Whether or not a fusion of Democrats and Republicans will be sought is a question that has not yet been considered, it was said."

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## HUN COMMANDER AS WHITE SLAYER

Three indictments charging violations of the Mann White Slave Law, conspiracy to violate the United States customs laws and smuggling have been returned against Captain Max Thierichens, who was commander of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, long interned at the League Island navy yards.

Captain Thierichens is at present a prisoner of war, interned with the crew of his vessel at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. The indictments were the first government action taken against him as a consequence of the smuggling plot discovered by federal authorities some months ago.

One of the indictments is a blanket bill directed against Adalbert Koerting Fischer, president of the Schutte & Koerting Company; Mrs. Helene, his wife, and Henry Rohner, president of the Henry Rohner Company, as well as Captain Thierichens. It charges them with conspiracy in the smuggling of champagne and importing and receiving merchandise contrary to law.

The indictments against Captain Thierichens came as a surprise. When Fischer, who is a former German army officer, his wife and Rohner were arrested, two youths, Bert Fischells and Floyd Williams, were also taken into custody. At that time, the two German sea raiders, the Kron Prinz Wilhelm and the Prinz Eitel Friedrich were interned at the League Island navy yard.

The indictments on the charge of violations of the Mann White Slave Act contain three counts. Two charge the German commander with indulging in "unnatural practices" and the other charges the unlawful transportation for immoral purposes from Ithaca, N.Y., to this city of one Marie Funk.

Government officials declared that it would be possible upon conviction to sentence Thierichens to prison for nine years and impose a fine of \$15,000.

Fischer, his wife and Rohner, upon conviction face possibilities of a maximum sentence of four years' imprisonment each and an individual fine of \$10,000.

Thierichens and his men had been taken from their ships and first interned and then made prisoners of war in two Southern forts. Their ships have been rechristened and are now in the service of the United States government.

Adalbert Koerting Fischer, who was indicted, is a German reserve army officer.

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