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First Things First.

Nobody doubts that the farmers are
having a hard time under the Military
Service Act and the recent orders in
council. But who is not having a hard
time? We are about two years behind
with the war and have a lot of leeway
to catch up. The farmers have been
favored for a long time, more even than
some other classes.

The Battle in Britain.

Today's events in the British House
of Commons may be as important as
determining the fate of the war as an
action at the front. It is inconceivable
that British statesmen and British
army officers would lead an attack on
the government if they had not confidence
that the situation at the front was well
in hand. Yet only the reverse of this
could justify such an attack as the
strength of General Maurice's letter.

Other People's Opinions.

The Attacks on Sir Joseph
Flavelle and the Davies
Company.
Editor World: The unanimous way
in which the president of the Wm.
Davies Co. Sir Joseph Flavelle, has
been, in my opinion, subjected to
abuse and misrepresentation unjustly
by the Canadian press at large is
much to be regretted. It must be
quite apparent to anyone capable of
taking an impartial business view of
the Davies Company's operations that
the directors have conducted the
affairs of their company fairly and
conservatively. Owing, of course, to
the high credit enjoyed by the firm, it
was in a position to make an enormous
turnover upon a comparatively small
capital. The net profits on the sales
exhibited are very moderate, indeed,
barely sufficient to ensure safety. No interest has
been overcharged, much less
defrauded, therefore this
savage outcry is altogether devoid of
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On Parliament Hill

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Ottawa, May 8.—Col. J. A. Currie,
Unionist member for North Simcoe,
discussed many subjects of national
importance in his speech in the
debate today. He criticized the
budget as a free trade budget, condemned
direct taxation, and advocated a
horizontal increase in the tariff by 10 per
cent. He also discussed the railway
problem, the financial situation, and
the growing tendency to govern by
order-in-council. His speech was one
of constructive criticism, and he
succeeded in winning some applause
from both sides of the house.

Col. Currie lamented the ever-growing
balance of trade in favor of the
United States. That balance should
have been redressed by the United
States Government placing orders for
munitions in Canada. The United
States had placed orders in Britain
to the value of one billion three
hundred million dollars. Why was
Canada not doing the same as the
other allies? To this Sir Sam
Hughes replied that the United States
had been prevented from placing
munitions orders in Canada by the
inaction of the Canadian manufacturer
board that had thereby been
compelled to remove their plants from
Canada to the United States. Col.
Currie agreed that the munitions
driven away from Canada by the
munitions board, but had another
version of the difficulty. He said he
was informed by a munitions
manufacturer of Montreal that the
imperial munitions board collected a
tax or commission of 7 1/2 per cent. upon
all American orders from the
munitions manufacturer of Canada.
This tax the collector declared to be
illegal, and took occasion to say that
no authority could levy taxation except
the parliament of Canada. He
declared that the tax could be done
by the food controller or even by the
governor-in-council.

The budget was declared by the
member for North Simcoe to be a
free trade budget; nearly every custom
duty was paralleled by an excise tax,
and care was taken to afford no
additional protection to the
manufacturers of Canada. This, in his
opinion, was a wrong policy. He
would not discuss free trade and
protection because free trade existed
in any nation. Every country in the
world was busy putting embargoes
upon imports and exports. Old fiscal
theories had been scrapped like old
fashioned theories. He declared that
he thought a government could not
issue a paper dollar unless it had a
gold dollar ready to redeem it. When
W. F. Massey, M.P. for South York,
suggested that the credit of the
nation would support and issue a
national currency with only a small
specie reserve, he was looked upon
as a greenbacker, but his views were
adopted by the British government
before the war was two weeks old.
The government since then adopted
the gold standard in Washington. The
world today was on a paper money
basis.

Col. Currie thought Canada should
have a larger reserve, and this could
only be obtained by increasing the
customs duties. We should follow the
example of the United States and try
to pay off our debt as quickly as
possible. Tariff duties, and indirect
taxation, were not burdensome to

LE DEVOIR COMPLAINS
ABOUT TRANSLATIONS.

Montreal, May 8.—Referring to the
translation of Dr. Locke, librarian,
that Le Devoir is filed in the
Toronto Public Library, so that
translations can be checked while
Le Devoir, Quebec, is not needed for
this purpose. "G. P." says in Le
Devoir: "Naturally loyal Toronto is apt
to make a crime out of it, and
protects himself as best he can. If
all those who speak of the pro-
Germanism of Le Devoir in the English
press knew French and could
verify in our newspaper the supposed
translations from Le Devoir they
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Changed in Strength Only

THOUGH THE Government's regulations have compelled us
to make lighter beers, the quality, taste and purity of
O'Keefe's brews remain unchanged. The same model brew-
ery produces them—the same sanitary conditions are observed
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neither of us referred to the subject
again.
"Lecheon is served," Robert an-
nounced.
"Always at a Crucial Time.
Why is it, I wonder, that butlers
and maids always interrupt a conver-
sation at a crucial time? Robert's
simple announcement brought us
back to our own affairs without em-
barrassment, and we gaily followed
him to the breakfast room where the
table was daintily set for two.
I felt so deliciously wicked. It
was just like the things of which
I read. This luncheon a deux, in the
studio of a popular artist! But
there all similarity ended. Merton
was the dignified and solicitous host
—nothing more. And in all the
stories I had read, the artist made
love to the lady before the luncheon
was finished.
We had a delightful lunch. Robert
had really outdone himself. And
we lingered over it, laughing and
talking for over an hour. Then, as
Celeste had also finished her meal
(served in the daintily clean
kitchen), we started home.
"Would you care to come when I
told him I had luncheon with Merton
Gray? I had no slightest intention
of hiding it from him. He had
taken Julia Collins into his confidence
I had a right to remain with Merton.
So I reasoned, never even
thinking that since the beginning of
time there had been one code for a
man, another for a woman.
I heard Celeste bragging to Mary
about Robert's wonderful cooking.
And Merton's sarcastic reply, followed
by the remark:
"I suppose you'll be after settin'
your cap for him, now that you are
eatin' his cookin'?"
"Perhaps!" Celeste replied with all
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