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## ALL THE PROVINCES MAKE CANADA.

In seeking at Ottawa for men who are able to see the West as well as the East, the Manitoba Free Press, which recently sent an editorial representative to the national capital, pays a strong tribute to Mr. Herbert Marler, one of the Liberal M. P.'s from Montreal, whose course in Parliament has been marked by considerable independence. He sits for the St. Lawrence-St. George division. In introducing Mr. Marler as a parliamentary figure of importance the Free Press writer says that the House of Commons is supposed to be engorged with the problems of Canada, and he asks: "Now what is Canada? Here we have a question that will soon have to be answered, because the viewpoint of a man brings to the study of Canada's problems is really derived from his conception of what Canada is. Is Canada Ontario and Quebec? Is it a national unit; or is it a district, or a county? Is Western Canada, really, Canada, or is Western Canada a damned nuisance of a place that has crazy ideas about the tariff and has bolted the two classic parties?"

Mr. Marler, according to this authority, has never been west of the Great Lakes, and has no personal acquaintance with the problems of the Prairie district, but the Free Press writer says of him:

"The merit in Mr. Marler, essentially an Easterner, eastern in thought, traditions, instincts, is that he is beginning to realize, not formally, not conventionally, not verbally, but in the marrow and essence of the thing, that the West is Canada, that the East is Canada, that Nova Scotia is Canada; that all together, a unit, a unity, they are Canada; and Mr. Marler makes the interesting figure he is because this vital fact is dominating his political thinking. He is a 'Montreal' man no longer; the natural qualities of his mind have carried him to a realization of Canada as a whole, and possibly Mr. Marler is finding this discovery disturbing as well as exhilarating; he may find it is going to lead him a long way."

The Free Press in its praise of Mr. Marler is really, of course, making an appeal for broader thinking among men in Parliament and out of Parliament concerning Canadian problems. In this and in other articles it has been stressing the need for men who see Canada as a whole and who are as quick to recognize the needs and possibilities of the Maritime Provinces as of the Prairies as they are to discover those of the Central district.

Mr. Marler is one of those, judging by some of his recent speeches, who is ready to break some precedents if necessary in order that Parliament may be of real service in promoting Canadian unity and in extending Canadian prosperity.

## WHAT BRITAIN LOANED.

The extent to which Britain financed Allied countries during the critical years of the war was brought out in the British House of Commons recently in the form of a table showing the indebtedness of various European governments to the United Kingdom as at January 1, 1925. The principal amounts follow here:

France	£638,000,000
Italy	576,000,000
Serbia	29,000,000
Roumania	25,000,000
Portugal	22,000,000
Greece	21,000,000

Out of the total of £1,312,000,000, the principal is £901,000,000 and the interest £411,000,000.

The indebtedness of Russia, in addition, is returned at £495,000,000.

The London Express says that, in addition to the foregoing, these other amounts are due by Allied governments for services rendered by British departments.

France	£4,500,000
Italy	1,200,000
Greece	400,000
Czechoslovakia	650,000
Serbia	190,000
Roumania	140,000
Poland	80,000

In regard to Greece and Roumania, the method of settlement is under discussion. Payment has been claimed from Czechoslovakia and Serbia, but no settlement has yet been offered.

## THE G. W. V. A.

In directing attention to the eighth anniversary of the Great War Veterans' Association on April 15 the Ottawa Citizen says that preparations are being made to make the event a memorable one, and that 600 branches of the organization will be asked to commemorate this anniversary simultaneously. The Citizen goes on to pay a tribute to the value of the work done by the G. W. V. A., which it feels is not everywhere appreciated. It says: "It is an excellent idea to devote a day to pleasant celebration on the occasion of the G. W. V. A.'s eighth birthday, but the occasion should also be a reminder to the general public and to the comrades who have drifted away from the premier ex-servicemen's organization of the tremendous service

which the association has been to those it directly ministers to. Tens of thousands of claims for adjustment of pensions, pay and allowances, was service gratuity, treatment of disabilities, land settlement and other matters have been handled by the G. W. V. A., and a good proportion of them successfully. What would ex-soldiers in Canada have done without this service?

"After eight years, the organization is still active and vigorous. But there have been many who for no particular reason have allowed membership to lapse. It would be a good thing for all concerned if the coming birthday celebration was made the occasion of a return to the ranks of the G. W. V. A. Much as the association has done in the past, a good deal still remains to be done in the future, not only in connection with yet unmet claims of war victims, but with the building up of Canadian citizenship on constructive lines. In this field perhaps the greatest achievements of the G. W. V. A. are yet to be recorded."

## THE TARIFF BOARD.

The announcement by Hon. J. A. Robb in his budget speech that a tariff board is to be appointed and that its members will inquire into customs and other taxation has been misunderstood in some quarters. The announcement is not to be accepted as meaning in any sense that the making of the tariff is to be taken out of the hands of the House of Commons. The board will be advisory, and it will carry on detailed investigations which it would be difficult to make completely enough with the machinery at the command of the Minister of Finance at present. In noting that the new board will in no way interfere with the control of the tariff over taxation, the Toronto Globe gives general approval of the plan and offers this comment upon it:

"The tariff has never been left open to parliament to be considered and decided upon by them. It is framed by the minister of finance, and submitted as a whole. Now it is clear that the minister does not again obtain information and advice from various sources—farmers, manufacturers, and other producers and merchants, whose business may be affected by the customs duties."

"There is nothing new, therefore, in the minister of finance making use of information and advice. What is new is the provision for continuous and systematic investigation, as distinguished from the haphazard methods and occasional inquiries of the past. From now on it will be open to members of Parliament to disagree with the board on matters of opinion, and to vote according to their own opinions. But the general tendency will be to concentrate attention on the practical working and results of the tariff, rather than on protection and free trade theory. What needs to be constantly kept in view in this country is that the tariff policy must be in the widest sense national, and must have regard to the vast extent of Canada and the varied conditions and economic interests of all its provinces."

The Government of the day must always accept full responsibility for the tariff. It is for the Government to lead the way in such matters, and to give Parliament all the information required. The House of Commons must remain the final tariff court. So long as the Government has a sufficient majority in the popular chamber it can pitch the tariff tune. The Government will secure through the tariff board any information not otherwise available, but the Government, not the board, will settle the principles underlying Government tariff policies.

A second appeal on behalf of the Cape Breton miners issued by Archbishop Worrell tells of grave need for immediate and greater help. Bishop Coadjutor Hackenley, who visited the mining district and made a personal investigation of conditions, found "at least 2,000 souls mutely crying for food and clothing," and the Archbishop says "the straits in which these people find themselves are as desperate as those of shipwrecked men on a desert island."

In connection with the head of King street site desired for the War Memorial, it may be assumed that both members of the Common Council and of the Memorial committee read a letter from Mrs. Hope Thomson, president of the Saint John Branch of the W. C. T. U., published in The Times-Star a few days ago. Mrs. Thomson said that the present memorial fountain was erected by the Saint John W. C. T. U. through the generosity of the late Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, then president of the Saint John branch and also of the provincial W. C. T. U. Mrs. Thomson added: "Therefore the permission to remove the fountain comes from the local branch of the W. C. T. U. This permission was given when the drive for the Soldiers' Memorial was first started. Any further permission regarding this matter can really be had from the Saint John branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union."

There is no reason to suppose the provincial W. C. T. U. would make objection to the removal of the fountain to make way for the War Memorial. Its executive understood the facts. Its members will doubtless feel that the best possible site is the one that should be given to the memorial in honor of the soldier dead.

## Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

## Keeping Up

(Toronto Star.)

"A man came to our town to accept a responsible position. He succeeded a good man, and has an ambition to do equally good work. So he pays a lot of attention to his job. He is young and has a young and good-looking wife. They are invited everywhere, but the husband won't go much; he knows he needs his night for getting ready for next day's annoyances."

"I am glad to add that his wife stands by him."—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

This is not an unusual case. This, in fact, refers to a problem that confronts thousands of young married people in Toronto and everywhere else. Shall they keep up with the Joneses or drop out of the running? Being young they desire a certain amount of social entertainment. If they accept invitations they must entertain in turn. If they go out they may soon be on the go all the time. If they stay at home they feel they will rust.

When the husband and wife have similar likes and inclinations in the matter there is soon shown either a growing inclination to stay at home, or a more constant habit of being abroad. Where a couple is divided, one desiring to be on the go and the other longing to sit by the fire, there is likely to be a lifetime of, at least, mild argument.

The necessity of which E. W. Howe speaks in the case of the young man mentioned—see note that he should rest in the evening in preparation for the annoyances of his next day—is not the only consideration, although it is an important one. A man to be successful must come to his work fine and fit. But in order to do that it may not always be well that he should have but two rooms—his office and his bedroom. It may sometimes be well for a man to have a third room, a study, a place where he can get away from the office, and where he can rest and refresh himself. This is a sensible middle course, and young married people should seek it.

## GIVE WARNING ON MISUSE OF MILK BOTTLES

Health Officials Decry Use For Other Than Milk

## LOSS OF LICENSES THREAT OF BOARD

Good Report on Health in City in March Submitted.

At the monthly meeting of the Sub-district Board of Health yesterday it was decided to issue a warning to milk dealers and storekeepers concerning the use of milk bottles as containers for other liquids than milk. Several milk producers in Kings county are to be threatened with permanently suspended licenses if their cattle and barns are not cleaned up.

The month of March showed only one-third of the number of notifiable diseases compared with March last year. New child welfare visitation has been a success already and suburban sanitary inspectors gave the country roundabout practically a clean bill of health.

Secretary Burns, in reporting 69 deaths for March, disclosed the following encouraging table of notifiable diseases:

	1925	1924
Diphtheria	4	7
Scarlet fever	7	22
Mumps	3	10
Measles	2	25
Whooping cough	4	16
Tuberculosis	9	18
Chicken pox	1	1
	81	81

## INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

In discussing the report of Dairy Inspector J. P. Tilley, the following paragraphs were taken up:

"I have had complaints of dirty bottles, practically all of them having originated from one plant. This source of trouble is very much aggravated by the fact that the grocery stores, garages and other places use milk bottles for the use and delivery of molasses, vinegar, oils, etc., and it is not an uncommon sight to see junk dealers with bags filled with dirty bottles trying to sell them to the plants or small dealers."

"This practice should be stopped and fines imposed for anyone using a milk bottle for any other purpose than milk."

"milk." The life of a milk bottle is only about eight trips, and this makes the cost of milk dearer.

It was decided to notify all milk dealers, particularly storekeepers, that a continuance of this abuse will effect cancellation of their permits.

## CHILD WELFARE.

Miss Alice P. Hegan, reporting for the nursing staff of the Saint John Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis said there were no deaths among their patients during March, that 10 were receiving free milk, 12 were getting medicine and 28 X-rayed. There had been 801 visits and 14 contacts had been examined. The roster of this department includes 207 persons, 168 of whom are children.

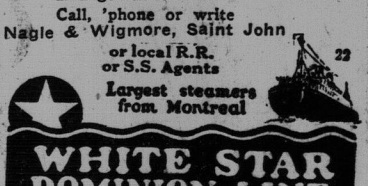
In the new and reorganized infant welfare home visiting department by the Victorian Order of Nurses 321 individual babies had been visited and a total of 555 visits made during the last month. This first report on public baby welfare was received with much satisfaction.

Sanitary Inspector R. J. Walsh submitted a report of 25 domiciles not yet furnished with modern plumbing. In 14 years 1,609 old-fashioned equipments have been removed and modern sanitary arrangements installed, the total of which is now 5,638.

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## Letters to The Editor

MR. SHORT WRITES AGAIN

To The Editor of The Times-Star: Sir—In continuation of my letter of March 25, may I ask you to print the enclosed cutting from the Toronto Telegram?

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The tentacles of the octopus of the American Federation of Labor, which grips so many of our Canadian organizations, including even the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators, should be cut off at the boundary line. Canadians are quite capable of forming and controlling their own organizations.

Yours truly,  
F. T. SHORT.  
Saint John, April 6, 1925.

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