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## Pepper and Salt.

¶ The eyes of the world have turned from Mexico to Ulster.

¶ That March lamb we've been expecting has only a few days left to keep the old bluff good enough to live.

¶ There is room in Ontario for all in Ireland who are opposed to Home Rule. Come along and join us.

¶ Premier Whitney has recovered sufficiently to feel like getting back into the fight, and everyone, without regard to politics, hopes that he will.

¶ Great Britain won't be nearly so great in the eyes of many a loyal subject if she sends her soldiers into Ulster to shoot down her most loyal subjects.

¶ Major Sam Hughes, Minister of Minister, knew the member for East Middlesex all right, but Mr. McFarlan failed to recognize the Minister on sight. So score one for John.

¶ It would seem to be true that the British army is honeycombed with followers of the Prince of Orange. At any rate, the leading men of the army won't fight against the men of Ulster.

¶ If troubled Ulster could be dropped into Canada there would be a warm welcome for it, as for five months of the year we in Canada need ulsters much more than Ireland requires a parliament.

¶ Anyone who hoped that the men of Ulster were merely bluffing know now that they are in deadly earnest. It would seem that Premier Asquith cannot help admiring their determination to resist, as he has some determination himself, or says he has.

¶ The frenzied effort of some to do away with capital punishment might indicate that they are afraid of something like that overtaking them. Those who have no skeletons to keep closeted don't need to be much concerned whether it is straight life for a life or imprisonment for life.

¶ It was the kindness of the weather, not the thoughtful work of the gentlemen who we vote for, that prevented Doty creek from bathing us and everything else on the Nudger premises this spring. So we extend our thanks to the weather, though, to be sure, we would prefer to extend them to the gentlemen aforesaid.

¶ If a scheme had been concocted to make Orangemen stronger it couldn't have succeeded nearly so well as the present attempt to force home rule upon the unwilling people of Ulster. Orangemen are being made at a rapid rate, and the statement that has been made so often, that there is no necessity for the Orange Order's existence, will no doubt now be called in.

¶ The loosening of the ties of loyalty seems too great a price to pay because a party made a promise in order to get into and keep itself in power. If the promise is kept, whatever else happens the chickens will surely come home to roost. It is, therefore, a very dangerous thing to weaken the loyalty of loyal Ulster, because the thing will spread, and one cannot help wondering if England's states-

men realize the far-reaching seriousness of the thing they purpose doing, or don't they care?

¶ To be safe, the public man of to-day must be a public ownership man.

¶ A Board of Control can control a thousand a year at any rate, which is something.

¶ The dust will soon be flying if the automobile has anything to do with it, and more than likely it will.

¶ One thing is plain, the McCormick Mnf. Co., of London, won't need to exaggerate the size of their building when illustrating it.

¶ Hydro electric light, power and radials, all under public ownership, and government owned telephones on the way. Of course we are glad that we didn't die a dozen years ago.

¶ It has been asserted that a Board of Control is not a drawing card for a municipality. But London ratepayers are beginning to realize that it is only that. So there's another statement refuted.

¶ London asked for a Board of Control, and got what it asked for at one thousand dollars per annum per plank. Now the people of London are getting ready to say that they don't want a Board of Control. So the controllers thought it wise to fix the term at two years.

¶ The earthly career of Sir George Ross is ended. From school teacher to premier he enjoyed the good will of his fellow-citizens to a very marked degree. He blundered like other statesmen, but he will be remembered by Canadians for the good he accomplished during his long and useful career.

¶ Public owned telephones Beckons Ontario along the Utopian way. Ontario is moving quickly, but none too quickly, as the private interests in some instances have to be fought out before the people can step into their own. And why ever wait until the field is occupied and the enemies of public ownership have entrenched themselves?

¶ Home Rule may or may not be carried by the Asquith Government, but the Ulster covenanters have succeeded in setting the Government back and winning admiration for themselves. The Government looks small and the covenanters loom up large. They neatly drew the hand of the Government.

## One Success Brings Another.

Referring to the announcement that the next step in public ownership is that of telephones, the London Free Press says:

"Beck policies seem to follow one upon another with a regularity that is amazing. It might have been thought that to have given to his province the hydro-electric power policy would have exhausted the zeal and the strength of one man. With Mr. Beck it has not been so. Hard upon the heels of the power policy has come the radial railway policy, winning the approval of the people without regard to party politics or district. But hardly is the radial policy fully launched when Mr. Beck comes along with another proposal, namely, the public ownership and control of rural telephones. The rural telephone system in use to-day is not satisfactory. It is operated under several hundred different companies. These companies are formed, in many cases, of public spirited citizens who are, however, largely in the hands of the Bell Telephone Company. The rural services have no connection one with the other except through the Bell concern. Often the service they give is inconvenient and inadequate. A score of farmers may sometimes be found on one party line. Mr. Beck proposes that these lines shall be placed under the control of the Hydro-Electric Commission. He would carry power and telephone wires on the same poles, dividing a large item of the expense between the two public services, the telephone and power and light. He would give regularity to the system. Properly supervised, there is no reason why the rural telephone should not be at least as efficient as the urban phone controlled by the Bell Company. Who can foretell what the adoption of the Beck phone policy may lead to. If rural telephones under public ownership are found to be successful, why not urban telephones also? The Bell Company is pocketing enormous profits. These profits may in the future find their way into the public purse. The telephone is to-day regarded as a public necessity. It has entered into the cost of living. The cheaper the phone the less the fixed charge against the household. For these reasons the people will be prepared to wish Godspeed to yet another Beck policy."

The death of Annie Louisa, beloved wife of Richard Fitzgerald, reeve of Nissouri, will be greatly regretted. Her death was a great surprise to many of her nearest friends and relations, who had not heard that she was ill. Anemia was the cause of death. Deceased had many friends. She was active in the work of the Crumlin Presbyterian Church. The sympathy of the entire Township will go out to the Reeve in his sore bereavement.

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