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## CLEARING THE AIR.

Premier Veniot cleared the atmosphere very effectively yesterday in his references to the Musquash development. He declared the people would not be called upon to pay one dollar in taxes for hydro, but that the users would meet all charges, while at the same time getting cheap power. Here is the answer to all adverse criticism—"The Musquash is paying its way. It is now earning sufficient to pay all sinking fund and interest charges, operating and maintenance expenses as well as putting aside a small amount for depreciation."

Referring to whispers that there was something crooked about the Musquash contracts, the Premier was not less emphatic. He challenged anyone to make a definite charge and he would at once ask the Legislature to name a judge of the highest court to make an investigation.

Hon. Mr. Veniot asks and gives no quarter in a political duel, and his reply yesterday to the leader of the Opposition was one of the most effective speeches he has ever delivered in the House.

## GRAND FALLS POWER.

"That the scheme as outlined by your engineers is feasible and practicable up to a limit of dependable capacity which places the Grand Falls site in the category of a commercial water power of the first class."

"From the facts established in the preceding sections of this report as to head flow and topographical, it would be reasonable to conclude that the capital cost per horsepower developed would be low. The estimates prepared by your engineers confirm the deduction very substantially."

"These two statements from the Agers report on Grand Falls are the warrant for the optimistic reference to this development by Premier Veniot yesterday. He said—

"The most careful investigation of the possibilities of Grand Falls has been made and I am gratified to be able to say to this House and country that so favorable have been the reports submitted to the Government by our engineers, checked up and verified by hydro development experts of eminent standing, that the Government has taken the decision to enter as soon as circumstances will permit, upon the development of the water powers at Grand Falls."

"The development cannot be proceeded with at once, as the engineer's report shows that certain preliminaries regarding storage rights have yet to be arranged; but the important facts at most immediate concern to the people are that Grand Falls is a commercial water power of the first class; that power can be developed at low cost; that the policy of public ownership will not be departed from; and that the Government has determined to proceed with the work as soon as circumstances will permit."

## NEW BRUNSWICK FARMS.

The annual report of the Department of Agriculture for the province of New Brunswick is a very interesting book. It does not, however, make a complete comparison between the acreage and yields of last year with those of the year before. The figures were compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and this year it omitted the products of farms of less than fifty acres. This the comparison is between the products of 25,929 farms this year and 26,555 last year. Naturally the figures for 1923 are smaller, but the falling off was not nearly as large as they would indicate. Taking the 25,929 farms, of more than fifty acres, we get the following figures for 1923:

Spring wheat, bushels	300,000
Oats, bushels	7,448,000
Barley, bushels	159,000
Rye, bushels	25,000
Peas, bushels	32,000
Beans, bushels	1,129,000
Buckwheat, bushels	17,000
Mixed grains, bushels	4,144,000

There were also 6,144,000 cwt. of potatoes and 2,232,700 cwt. of turnips. Of hay and clover there was 638,900 tons, and of fodder corn 38,800 tons. The quantity of live stock on the same 25,929 farms was—

Horses	50,644
All cattle	212,901
Sheep	157,808
Swine	66,182
Poultry	617,833

The counties raising more than 10,000 bushels of wheat were—Carleton, 1,000; Kent, 58,000; Westmorland, 88,300; Victoria, 26,917; Madawaska, 20,238; Gloucester, 17,826; Northumberland, 12,517 bushels.

The production by counties in oats was—Carleton, 1,721,500; Kings, 763,000; York, 763,400; Victoria, 713,500; Madawaska, 564,700; Kent, 483,200; Westmorland, 460,000; Gloucester, 441,800; Restigouche, 264,200; Queens, 269,700; Northumberland, 184,400; Charlotte, 142,000; Albert, 128,300; Sunbury, 77,100; St. John, 86,700 bushels.

Carleton County led in potato raising.

## Press Comment

### WHO STARTED IT?

(Milverton Syn.)

From all over the country come descriptions of snowmobiles recently invented, but from the description of them, all are patterned after the one invented by E. H. Groppe of Milverton, about ten years ago, and which has been improved from year to year.

### A LOSS OF FAITH.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

The people of the United States have not lost faith in their government, but it is undeniable that many have lost some measure of their confidence in those sworn to the solemn duty of carrying out the government honestly and in the interest of the governed. And it may truthfully be said that this loss of confidence is not due to popular caprice. It has resulted solely from the too frequent breaches of faith committed by those to whom a sacred duty has been entrusted.

### BRITAIN POINTS THE WAY.

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.)

Great Britain's first Labor government has prepared a budget which amounts to \$200,000,000 less than last year's estimates. The estimates for all governmental departments except the army and the navy are cut nearly \$160,000,000. This action is encouraging. Usually a Socialist government jacks the payroll, in order to maintain the support of the host of government employees. The contrary action by the MacDonald cabinet is a pleasant surprise. Incidentally, it might serve as an example for France and Germany.

### A TRIBUTE TO DRURY.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Dr. Bruce Taylor, speaking to members of the Ottawa Kiwanis Club, paid a fine tribute to ex-Premier Drury of Ontario. "He was one of the very fine figures in Canadian life," he said. And in this most impartial observers will agree. Mr. Drury, as Premier, was, above all, a man who was guided solely by his honest opinion. The present Government has tried to discredit his regime, through the canard about a huge deficit, but it will fall because Mr. Drury was before the people of Ontario a moral giant, in order to maintain the support of the host of government employees. The contrary action by the MacDonald cabinet is a pleasant surprise. Incidentally, it might serve as an example for France and Germany.

### SOCIALISM AND WORK.

(Yorkshire Post.)

The impression has become general among the less successful manual workers that no man, no woman, has any moral right to wealth; that fortunes are made by what is called "economic robbery," and that money should be taken from the rich by force of law and given to the poor. Consequently, laziness is on the increase, and all too many unskilled workers are content to qualify for the State dole, or to adopt a mode of indirect begging from door to door, bitterly complaining the while of the absence of such a redistribution of the nation's wealth as might secure ease and comfort for them, without the necessity of regular labor.

### A THRUST AT UNCLE SAM.

(Boston American.)

Extremely foolish legislation now part of the law will cut the ratio for immigrants down to two per cent. This means that the United States at a time when it could receive from Europe its greatest wealth, intelligent, ambitious men and women, will refuse to admit more than 169,000 immigrants in any one year. While we shut out the kind of people that have built up this nation in the past and that it needs for future growth, our neighbors in Canada actually pay the expenses of incoming immigrants, offer them land and all possible inducements. Canada knows what human beings are worth. It is strange to see a country that used gladly to pay a thousand dollars for a black map stolen from his village in Africa refusing to accept and welcome intelligent, willing, hard-working white men and women that would come here of their own accord, at their own expense, and enrich this nation.

### A CAUSTIC CRITIC.

(J. S. Woodworth, M. P., in The Progressive, Saskatoon.)

We are a queer people. The men who work the hardest and longest often receive the least remuneration. We skimp and save in order that at the theatre, or elsewhere, we may enjoy the second hand splendour of others. We build up institutions whose chief function is to legalize the practices of our exploiters. Truly it seems as if Sam was right in that often repeated saying, "The public like to be gulled."

All of which reflections come on the evening after the opening of Parliament. Perhaps if I were important enough to be at the State dinner I wouldn't be having any reflections! But enough is as good as a feast! Listen to the local papers. "A new canopy of gold and maroon lent added color to the Senate Chamber, already gorgeous in its red and gold, its brilliant military and official uniforms, its display of dresses and the sharp contrasting red and ermine of Judges of the Supreme Court."

The Senate that we are all pledged to abolish—that body of superannuated politicians—the "Jim" Caiders and "Bols" Rogers. How we delight to bedeck their quarters!

### THE NEW SENATOR.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Hon. Andrew Haydon, the new senator, is a native of Pakenham, but for many years a resident of the Capital, and member of the law firm of McGivern, Haydon and Ebbes, the senior member being H. B. McGivern, M. P. Senator Haydon has long been prominent in the affairs of the Liberal party. He was active in the Ottawa Reform Association, and years ago developed a genius for party organization. In the arrangements for the 1919 convention of the Liberals he had a great deal to do and subsequently became the general organizer of the party in the Dominion. He has been the confidant of the Prime Minister and on his behalf has conducted many confidential missions and negotiations. The appointment causes some surprise inasmuch as he replaces a western Ontario man but, on the other hand, there are no senatorial divisions in this province's representation in the upper house. Senator Haydon has had a long and

## THE HEAVY HOURS

(Clinton Scollard in New York Herald)

How tortoise-footed are the heavy hours! Would I had magic to bid them speed Like some swift runner of the courtesing breed Toward violet evenings that the rose embowers! There is a winding vale where Ten Mile towers, And singing seaward by fair grove and mead While Water goes; my eager fancies lead My footsteps thither though the dark sky lowers.

Wing swiftly, Time! Love will await me there As the soft dusk descends the mountain side And with its beauty the bright love-star dowers The deepening twilight. I see her twilight hair, Her tender eyes, her lips that lift to mine How tortoise-footed are the heavy hours!

## LIGHTER VEIN

No Fences Needed Indian Guide—"This desert is God's own country." Tourist—"Well, I'll say he certainly does his best to discourage trespassers."

## Preparedness

He—"My dear, it's no use for you to look at those hats; I haven't more than a dollar in my pocket." She—"You might have known when we came out that I'd want to buy a few things." He—"I did."

## Tavern Regulations

The museum of the City of New York has an old-time tavern sign on which is printed the following: "Four pence a night for Bed. Six pence with Supper. No Boots to be worn in bed. Organ Grinders to sleep in the Wash house. No dogs allowed up-stairs. No beer allowed in the Kitchen. No Razor Grinders or Tinkers taken in."

## THE BOY SCOUTS.

(Ottawa Citizen.) In Canada, the boy scout movement has made splendid progress in recent years, chiefly due to the keenness of its leaders and the practical sympathy of its admirers, including His Excellency Lord Byng. At a time when the problem of the boy is causing so much searching thought, the boy scout movement should receive the whole-hearted support of the Canadian people. A boy scout is a potential good citizen. The ethical and practical training he is given assures the right kind of foundation for upright living in later years. The more boys there are in the ranks of the scouts, the smaller becomes the problem of juvenile delinquency. It is a movement whose value the general public has not yet fully recognized.

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"People who are rich, people who give great dinners, who are extravagant, ostentatiously vulgar people, who have the sense of doing things—these are the powerful people in modern times which we are so rashly inclined to boast of."

When four and a half million people vote, as they did in the last general election, for Labor, under such leadership as Ramsay MacDonald is giving, it is surely evidence that the learning process is going on apace in Britain.

In the Canadian parliament, when members like Mr. J. S. Woodworth, who have been in common with Ramsay MacDonald, rise to address the House, there is a general exodus of old party members from both sides of the chamber. They prefer the soothing syrup of nicotine, or the inspiration of poker, to the disturbing experience of having to think. But there is no protection for parliament against the spread of ideas. Even Tibet has been penetrated and the Caliph has been elected from Turkey. The old order is changing. In the march towards better times the Canadian people will not remain content to stagnate in the rear.

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## AUTOS GAINING IN RAILROAD FAVOR

Electric and Gasoline Vehicles Competing for Popularity on Branch Lines.

Thomas Edison recently estimated that railroads of the United States might save as much as \$60,000,000 a year through the use of gasoline or electric-propelled cars on branch lines. While only 40 railroads were listed last year as operating motor rail coaches, a compilation made on January 1 shows a total of 157, or an apparent increase of about 400 per cent. These figures indicate that the carriers are not only using the motor coach in an experimental way, but many of them have already found that it is practical and economical.

## Tests Made.

Among the latter may be numbered the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. It began a test of the motor rail coach about two years ago. Three motor rail coaches, each accommodating 30 persons and providing space for 1,000 pounds of baggage, were placed in the service. As a result of the success of this venture, a larger type of gasoline propelled vehicle, providing accommodations for 60 passengers and 2,000 pounds of baggage, was also placed in service. This is propelled by a 120-horse-power 6-cylinder motor. This larger unit has so proved its

worth that the New Haven road has recently ordered 10 new units of the same type. These will be placed in service as soon as they are delivered and, under existing plans, will operate between Plymouth and Middleboro; State Line, Great Barrington and Pittsfield; Framingham, Marlboro and Mansfield; New Bedford, Mansfield and Haverhill; Providence and Hopewell; Fitchburg and Poughkeepsie; Franklin and Valley Falls; Wickford Landing and Wickford Junction; Hingham and Branchville, and between Suffield and Windsor Locks.

## Busses Roomy.

A significant experiment with another high powered motor coach was begun recently by the Canadian National Railways. This new rail motor coach is driven by a 225-horse-power gasoline engine, seats 55 passengers and has a baggage compartment 10 feet, 2 inches long. It has a steel body differing from most rail motor coaches, which generally have bodies built on a standard motor bus style. The car weighs between 40,000 and 45,000 pounds.

Another development, at Omaha, in the use of gasoline motor equipment by the railroads is a gasoline-driven tractor. This is built to stand rough usage in service to which such a machine is generally subjected in handling freight on warehouse freight station and depot platforms.

## WILL REMEDY CONDITIONS.

William Fox appeared before Magistrate Allingham in Fairville yesterday to answer to a charge laid by the sub-district Board of Health in connection with the alleged unsanitary conditions in his house in Main street, Fairville. Mr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., appeared for the Board of Health. The charge was withdrawn on Mr. Fox undertaking to have the conditions remedied and the improvements completed by Monday.

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