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FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24.

The Senate and the Corporations. That there should be any doubt about a municipality having the right to control its. own streets is one more nail in the coffin of privilege and pre-rodent. The corporations, as we have already said, are arrogating to them-selves all the usurped rights which we are now battling in Europe to de-prive the absolute monarchs of. We

are powerful enough to assert their claims. When a plokpocket robs a man of his furse, or a burglar sets away with a bag of sliver plate, he would have just as much right to plead his vested interests in his plunder as some of the claimants that succeed in the courts. The legal mind has been befogged and blunted on the mort side of these questions, but the time must come when there shall be an end of such casuistry. It is a principle in law that no one an delegate to another powers that he does not possess. Yet it is on the violation of this principle that most

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of the corporation privileges are Some one declares that the Liberal based. If a man steals a horse and leader could raise 40,000 men in ?uesells it, the man who buys it gets no bec in ten days if he were in power, compensation for his loss when it is or else he would enforce conscription. restored to the rightful owner. But If he has this power he would, being this does not satisfy the corporation. a professed patriot, exercise it now, It not only claims to own the horse it and the country would give him the stole, but the right to ruin the real credit. There is no surer path to the owner and to punish him for claiming heart of the people than the accomhis property, besides setting a prece- plishment of right action. It matters dent to legalize the robbery of any not whether in office or out of office horse he may possess in future. the leader who obtains results will

The corporations claim and exercise Sain the confidence of the people. rights that would not be granted to nor recognized for a moment in the tics declare that voluntary enlistment

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the War Measures Act.

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residence the right to choose his own this committee to outline at that time

legal sentiment and corporation pres-sure, has balked at the proposal to restore to the municipalities the rights of which they were unjustly and iniquitously deprived. There is perhaps no more immoral plea in our whole social economy than that of vested interests, purely a legal fiction, and only yielded to the interests that are powerful enough to assert their are powerful enough to assert their cry about injustice to the constituen- the agrarian element to the union gov-

The Price of Bread.

TWO HUNDRED GO WEST

The senate largely governed by discontended, however, that an election is indispensable because 21 didate in each of the outside seats of contracts—all in the interests of a Conlegal sentiment and corporation pres- constituencies are open and a redis- the province. The arrival of the west- servative political clique.

Growers, would unquestionably attach

national government.

The semi-official announcement

THE TORONTO WORLD

Political Situation

Toronto Telegram Despatch. Winnipeg, Aug. 23. - The western political pot has been boiling furiously today, following the convention of South Winnipeg Liberals and the an-

loyalty is rooted in ambition and self-interest — men who are in politics because they are getting something out of it or expect to get something out of .it: spoilsmen, patronage-brokers, job-hunters. The Senate and the Corporations. That there should be any doubt bout a municipality having the right

change of government from one party to the other. Given a Liberal govern-

will follow the call of this duty where ver it may lead them.
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There are to course, elements in the electorate who warmly second the efforts of the political leaders to break up this tendency of the poor poor the political leaders of the other garty with all the attributes of Old Nick him second the fanks of the interest ender and that an undiactore the leaders of the other garty with all the attributes of Old Nick him set. Electors of the good of the states has been to place the voat in the union as they were sort to the statement. Systems quite statements of a account and sources in the union Pacific the fanks of a receiver, whose state is large, notably the Union Pacific the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Feand for the states to get the leaders of the other swords are in bit clears are who are in good of the states they are setting the fact has not have in the Union Pacific the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Feand of the states they are setting the the states been thru this process and have in the Union Pacific the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Feand of the other state to get the states to get to get the second to the states they are setting the the states to get the states to get the set to get the states to get the states to get the set they all the strongest post to the actual the strongest post to the top the set to get to the party with the strongest post to the the strongest post to the states they are set to be top the set to get top the set top the set top the set top they are set top the set top they are set top top the set top the set top they they top the set top they top they

the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe and the Rock Island, have in the United States been thru this process and have emerged from it with capital written down to correspond to the actual values, in a solvent condition and able to perform their duties as public ser-vants. The anly examination so far had into the affairs of the Canadian Northern has resulted in the opinion of two out of three railway experts that the stock proposed to be pur-chased was worth nothing. This means that whatever its nominal value may be, the unsecured debts are more

we are now battling in Europe to de-prive the absolute monarchs of. We shall have the same fight later on to restore to the people their lost rights that the biggins had with the mon-arch, and the people with the barons in later days. The senate, largely governed by

No agreement or obligation to pur chase is produced. In fact, nothing has transpired except verbally, and then between members of the govern-ment not named and persons whose names are not disclosed. In fact what is to be paid, who is to get paid for it, what the cost and the attendant obligations are, no one knows. The smallest transaction in common life could not be concluded in such a way, and any attempt to do it by trustees responsible to a court would unquestionably be a breach of trust, and this is the largest and most onerous undertaking ever contemplate by any Canadian Government, an the most risky. It is safe to say that no road capitalized above its earning

power can ever be a useful public ser-vant, nor can any road bought by a government for more than its worth ever be anything but a continuous drain on the terments

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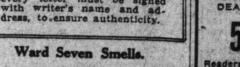
HALF-HOLIDAY ON FARM.

The credit of the country abroad is less than it has ever been. The last January 1." So it will be seen that



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Editor World: It is only fair to presume that Mayor Church gave what he thought was a correct and logical



OTHER PEOPLE'S

OPINIONS

King if he attempted to usurp them. But the corporations rush in where the King dare not tread, and subservient parliaments grant powers they have no authorit to grant and privileges they would refuse to recognize in the Crown. Yet the King and the Crown are nothing but the people, a fact which the lawyers have lost sight of. The King, the Crown, or the state can delegate no powers he necessary troops voluntarily would be is not possessed of, and the King does not possess the right of entry on the people's property without the takes this position.

people's consent. This is 'the point To win the war the soldiers must have their votes, and it is the duty of which the corporations do not face. They cannot dony it. They ignore it and try to confuse the issue. But if are given expression and their votes the King, who is the people, cannot recorded. enter upon the people's property without the people's consent, then the

people who are the King and the Crown cannot delegate to others rights which the King and Crown do not possess. Any legislature which granted the right to a corporation to enter on the streets of a corporation without permission was acting ultra vires. The rights so gained are no better than the vested interests of a ghwayman in a stolen horse, and re is no more title to compensain one case than the other when property is restored to the rightowner

Legal precedents there may be in abundance, but no accumulation of falsity will constitute a truth. No array of precedents can ever justify the alienation of the rights of a baker can make the brown loaf much more appetizing. streets, and the restoration of these Mr. Hanna's plea that the governrights affords no occasion for comment has subsidized the cost of pensation to those who accepted the breadstuffs in Great Britain is not proceeds of a bad act. and who are called upon to restore their ill-gotten is in the hands of others. By governworthy of him. Probably in this he gains

The Toronto Electric Light Co. to the public at cost, thus fulfilling ment methods breadstuffs are supplied could not obtain from the state or the proper function of a government. the Crown rights which the state or Bread in England is six cents a pound. the Crown had no power to grant and In Toronto it is seven and a third did not possess. Consequently the cents. It will shortly be reduced in legislation upon which the Toronto England to four and a half cents, Electric Light Co. and the Toronto when government subsidies may be Power Co. depend was ultra vires, necessary. A ten per cent. reduction and the government very properly here would leave the price at six and proceeded to annul it. That the sen- two-third cents a pound, or two-thirds ate should take the wrong side of the of a cent higher than the present question is perhaps to be expected. English rate. but the matter must be put right be-Mr. Hanna ought to see that the

fore it gets worse. No amount of price of bread here is indefensible. vested interest should make a bad title good.

Government Should Act.

Special to The Toronto World, Brantford, Aug. 23.—According to the local offices of the C.P.R., the G.T.R. and the C.N.R., approximately From coroners' inquests and other evidence daily to hand it is obvious 200 tickets have been sold to men gothat the distribution of liquor to ing to the assistance of the farmers in Canada's great wheat belt, the west, homes and rooms should not be per-Two of the officers report that this mitted. As a war measure we have is a decrease in the usual number cut out the use of liquor as a beverage, from the records of other years, but and the importation should cease. The one company states it is an increase.

is dead and that conscription is now imperative, and quite as imperative as ba. in fact, at their last annual meetan election. We have no doubt that the main issue is to have the army reinforced. If any man could bring about tion is not pleased with his refusal to such a result voluntarily, yet refrains comply. from doing so, he cannot lay claim to much practical patriotism. To object Manitoba Free Press Editorial.

From all parts of Canada comes to compulsion in raising the army and evidence that the people, awakening at the same time to decline to raise the to their country's plight, desire above all things a national government, besuch an inconsistent course that one hind which all the energies of the nation can be organized, as the only must doubt that any one seriously means by which Canada can make a final, effective contribution to the war Equally plain is the determination of the "practical politicians" of both the authorities to see that their views national government. They see in the parties to block the movement for a threatened emancipation of the voters from their party shackles a menace to their positions and occupations.

In the game of party politics the constant factors have been, in the past, We are still looking for the ten per the known submission of certain percent. reduction in the price of bread centages of the voting population to party control; upon this known foun-dation all political manipulation was which we have several times suggested to Hon. Mr. Hanna as the minibased. mum result of his efforts to control A union government, appealing to food supplies. The prohibition of people of all kinds not by the catchwhite bread could be automatically words and shibboleths of the past, put into practice by compaling the but on the plain, understandable issue put into practice by compelling the of going on with the war to the exproduction of whole wheat flour or tent of our power, would change the brown bread. If Mr. Hanna chooses political landscape and destroy the old

to leave white bread at its present landmarks. Those who scent danger rate there would be no hardship in vation openly as much as they dare, making brown bread ten per cent. and beyond that by methods of secheaper. After a week's use of good crecy and treachery. brown bread made of whole wheat The people must themselves break their bonds. They must recognize flour, at the cheaper rate, no family that their duty to their country in They must recognize

would wish to use white bread. In this hour of peril and crisis far outcost, in health, in economy, the brown weighs party allegiance or personal associations, and resolve that they is superior to the white, and a proper

> The Impulse to Save Comes frequently to everyone. Never was it more important that it should was it more important that it should be acted upon. By saving your money, be acted upon. By saving your money, you not only ensure your future and increase your independence, but you serve your Country as well. After you have started a Deposit Account, you more frequently obey the impulse to

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tween two sets of selfish exploiters' Are they to be denied their demand

that there be an end for the time being of party quarreling and a union of hearts and hands in the furtherance of the common cause with which our very existence as a people is identi-fied? Not if they set determinedly upon the business of enforcing their views by the means at their disposal The most arrogant of bosses becomes humble when he finds that he has to solicit votes instead of merely collecting them. For all his assurance he derives his sole power from the people and they can break him in an instant by the withdrawal of support.

Patriotic Canadian electors, men and women, ought to make it quite clear to their leaders that their vote are not to be counted upon as a matter of course; that they are not at this time party pawns. They need to forget that they are Grits or Turies, and remember only that they are Ca-

nadians, pledged, by the same obligation which has taken young Canadians by the hundred thousands into the trenches, to use thei rpolitical power with a single eye to the good of the country. With an electorate in this mood we

shall escape the horrors and disgrace of a party fight. Our public men will hasten to adjust themselves to the public demand or they will be cast aside for new leaders. Everything de-

pends at this time upon the people. Of the next Dominion administration it will be specially true that the people will have the kind of government that they deserve. Montreal Gazette-The following

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FROM CHOICE

criticism of the policy of the govern-ment in respect of the Canadian Northern Railway is made:

The government bill to authorize the purchase by it of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway is half-way thru the house of commons and will shortly be in the senate. If it becomes law it will impose on Canada, at a time when the country is under an unprecedented strain, a burden of unknown magnitude. One certainly greater than any ever before imposed upon this country, with the exception of the war debt .

The purchase of a defined piece of railway property is one thing. The buying of stock in a company with nascertained assets and unknown liabilities is another. Once the government becomes the principal owner of the common stock, it must provide out of loans or taxes for all the debts

of the railway due or to become due and for all future losses in operating. The estimates of expenditure still necessary to be made run into enormous figures. No one knows what the real extent of its obligations is.

The railway has bonds outstanding and debts unpaid; so have its subsidlaries. There are guarantees given by it to other companies, unpaid bal-ances on contracts and upon accounts, but to what extent is unknown. What its assets are is equally unknown. It operates and is inter-ested in railway companies. | tunned companies. lumber comparies and hotel companies, but no one knows how far it owns them. what their assets or liabilities are, nor to what extent

The semi-official announcement that Sir Robert Borden has definitely decided not to disfranchize the Aus-tro-German electors of the west has unquestionably aroused some very bitter sentiment especially among the returned soldiers and the next of kin organizations all over the west. The ba. in fact, at their last annual meet-ing this spring, adopted a resolution calling upon Sir Robert to disfran-chise this element, and the organiza-

Trenton, Aug. 23.—About forty of the male population of the Village of Stirling spent the half-holiday ye helping farmers in the vi-took up their cut grain, and terday in helping farmers in the cinity to stook up their cut grain report a splendid afternoon's which they thoroly enjoyed.

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