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RUEBURY MORNING, NOV. 28.  
The Military Outlook.  
Our hope is in Russia. The Rou-  
manian situation looked decidedly  
gloomy yesterday, but it has fre-  
quently happened since the war began  
that the darkest hours have been just  
before some of the brightest shining  
on our victorious banners. The Rus-  
sians were unfortunately not ready as  
they had expected, and as it was un-  
derstood they were when Roumanian  
made her declaration. If the allied  
plans had made their proper con-  
nection, the Roumanians would have  
supported the Russian offensive with  
studied strategy. Some hitch in the  
munitions supply, or some failure in  
transport, or some defect of command,  
not to be understood till after the war,  
spoiled the well laid schemes, and in-  
stead of the original brilliant offensive  
Roumania is now on the defensive. We  
trust it is such a defensive as  
France's was, and not as Belgium's. At  
any rate the Russian troops are now  
on the move, and stiffening the Rou-  
manian defence. In all other respects  
the allied plans are going well. Wind  
and weather have been adverse, but  
the great guns rest neither day nor  
night, and the Germans perform fol-  
low their example.

The most discouraging phase of the  
war is the apathy in Canada re-  
garding recruiting. It is true that  
new measures are being prepared, but  
the fact that they are necessary is not  
consoling. The great mass of the  
people recognize the justice of uni-  
versal service, and the reluctance  
of the authorities to deal justly with  
all classes of the community is the chief  
cause of the apathy. Those who would  
volunteer under ordinary circum-  
stances are holding back when they  
observe the effect on the large body  
of eligibles, who refuse to do anything  
towards winning the war and lifting  
the general burden.

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## Cardinal and Kaiser

Written for the Belgian Relief Committee  
By William Henry Taylor, Author of "Canadian Seasons," etc.

The Hebrew Seers in dreams foretold the fall  
Of mighty Babylon and bloated Tyre;  
Wise Daniel read Fate's writing on the wall,  
And keen Ezekiel's prophecies were dire.

Those doomsters' tongues are dumb—but cannons roar,  
A curse is naught, the spectral horrors grow;  
The weeping women still the Cross adore,  
Tho' Mercy flies from Belgium's tragic woe.

Why shudder at the age of bronze and stone,  
Or at the footprints of Attila's steed?  
At Nero's crime of Alva's crimes we groan,  
While now on Poles and Serbs the ogres feed.

When David sinned the prophet Nathan said:  
"Thou art the man!" and Kaiser, so art thou;  
The German Terror crowns thee as its head,  
And Herod's diadem adorns thy brow.

Why should we heap on William's gory hand  
The scientific sins of German hate?  
Why should his victims go to Shadowland  
Cry out from earth the curses of his fate?

Because the annals of our race can show  
No single parallel of cruel spite;  
But all from Cain to Cortez in a row,  
Are blent in him a Curse-Lord composite.

We turn from William to a Man of God,  
Above all creeds, except the Bond of Love;  
To Belgium's shepherd Moses lent his rod,  
Who from the Rock of Ages points above.

When Time shall sift the ashes of this war  
A diamond will be found of purest flame,  
Refined by Anguish in its furnace for  
The halo of immortal Mercier's name.

The Cardinal has dared a martyr's death,  
His soul fears not the Junker Bismarck's sting;  
His flock inhales new courage from his breath,  
To scorn the dogs of the Accursed Thing.

God speed the day when this Red Sea of blood  
Divides its waves to let the Remnant go;  
May Mercier's rod then loose the vengeful flood,  
And Pharaoh's doom o'er William's chariot flow.

—The Toronto World, Nov. 26, 1916.

## PROVINCIAL CONTESTS

## IN LIVE STOCK JUDGING

Department Concludes Arrange-  
ments—Packers to Provide  
Expenses and Trophy.

A province-wide stock judging con-  
test will be held this winter, for the  
first time, according to an announce-  
ment yesterday by C. F. Bailey,  
assistant deputy minister of agricul-  
ture. The provincial packers are pro-  
viding a handsome trophy, and are  
paying the expenses of the contesting  
teams. The space and the animals at  
the Union Stock Yards will be placed  
at the disposal of the department for  
this contest.

For some years past teams made up  
of three short course graduates from  
21 counties in the west, have competed  
at the annual fair at Guelph, while  
practically all the counties in the east  
have entered teams for similar stock  
judging contests at the Ottawa fair.  
Now, it has been arranged that the  
winning teams at these contests shall  
meet in Toronto and decide the pro-  
vincial championship.

While the time has not yet been  
definitely fixed, it is probable that the  
contest will take place in February,  
at the time of the stock breeders' ex-  
position in Toronto. Every effort will  
be made to make the trip of the con-  
testants of as great educational value  
to them as possible.

LESSARD'S ACCEPTANCE  
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Ottawa Understands, However,  
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An Ottawa despatch to The Toronto  
News yesterday, said:  
Neither the premier's office nor the  
militia department has any knowledge  
of the appointment of General Lessard  
as adjutant-general of the overseas  
forces. It is understood that General  
Lessard has been offered an important  
appointment, but his acceptance  
has not yet been made public.

E. I. McCurdy, parliamentary sec-  
retary of military affairs, stated this  
morning that he knew nothing of the  
appointment of General Lessard as  
adjutant-general of overseas forces.  
He added that such appointments  
were in the hands of Sir George  
Perley.

WILLS PROBATED  
Mrs. Mary Barnett and her children,  
Howard, Clarence, Mary and Amy, will  
divide the estate of \$900 left by her  
son, Pte. Allan G. Barnett, who was  
killed in the German offensive Sept.  
28, while attached to the 20th Bat-  
talion.

Dr. Arthur Smith has applied for  
probate of the will of his father, James  
Smith, a printer who died intestate in  
Toronto, Oct. 29, leaving an estate val-  
ued at \$4,021.

Mrs. Esther Medley, who died Oct.  
28, left an estate valued at \$5,883. Be-  
quests of \$200 are given to her bro-  
thers, Alexander and W. M. Skelton,  
and a niece, Mrs. Martha Morrison.  
William W. Lundy, a nephew, is given  
\$400. Ethel F. Edwards, an adopted  
daughter, is bequeathed an annual in-  
come of \$300, and William Cole, a  
grand-nephew, is bequeathed a watch.  
Deborah Rowley has applied for  
power to administer the estate valued  
at \$1,378 left by Stephen Elliott, a  
blacksmith who died in Woodbridge,  
Nov. 27. The estate was bequeathed  
one-half of the estate and the other  
half will be divided among the chil-  
dren of Levi Elliott.

William F. Meade, a clerk in Eaton's  
store, who died Oct. 21, left an estate  
valued at \$1,313 which will be divided  
among the members of the family, con-  
sisting of Mr. and Mrs. John Meade,  
his parents, and the following brothers  
and sisters: John, Melville, Madeline,  
Reginald and Vincent.

GOES TO A JURY.  
On a charge of forgery, E. S. Free-  
man was arraigned in the police court  
yesterday, and committed for trial.  
Freeman is alleged to have raised a  
cheque on the Dominion Bridge Com-  
pany from \$1.00 to \$3.10.

## SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

## IN JUDGING CONTESTS

Five Counties Were Selected by  
the Department to Increase  
Sheep Production.

The names of the winners of the  
sheep judging contest, recently held  
by the provincial department of agri-  
culture, were announced yesterday.  
They are, for Peel, H. McCaughy; for  
Grenville, W. K. Whitley; for Dun-  
das, Leroy Berry; for Glengarry, John  
Currie, and for Waterloo, Clayton Mil-  
ler.

These five counties were recently  
selected by the department as those  
most suitable for an experiment to  
increase the sheep production in the  
province. It was arranged that by  
contesting in each of "these" counties,  
farmers' sons under 21 years of age  
who had taken short courses under  
district representatives of the depart-  
ment, should be provided with six  
weeks' cash to be paid back in sheep  
within four years on condition  
that they should be careful for record-  
ing to the requirements of the de-  
partment and that records should be  
kept of the profit or loss resulting  
from their keep. It is anticipated that  
the system may be extended to these  
experimental cases prove to be suc-  
cessful.

FINED TWO HUNDRED.  
John Connor was arrested Saturday  
night in a vacant house on Duchess  
street with a bottle of whiskey in his  
pocket. Yesterday he appeared in the  
police court on a charge of having  
liquor in his possession, and was fined  
\$200 and costs.

The board yesterday granted \$2000  
to the Queen's Own Rifles Regiment  
for recruiting purposes.

After a private meeting yesterday,  
the board of control sent on to the  
works committee the proposal to build  
a new double-deck bridge over the  
Rosedale ravine at Summerhill ave-  
nue. Controllers O'Neill and Foster  
are opposed to it. The city's share of  
the cost is estimated at \$200,000.

The board of control yesterday de-  
cided to ask that legislation be en-  
acted allowing cities of 200,000 popu-  
lation or more, to have all the powers  
of the general boards of health trans-  
ferred to the board of control. Mayor  
reported approval of the motion that  
the board of health of the medical in-  
spection department of the board of  
education was also carried.

HELP TUBERCULAR SOLDIERS.  
Thru the efforts of some children,  
the nice sum of \$108.52 has been  
raised, which will be used to pro-  
vide, thru the Red Cross, comfort  
for tubercular soldiers in Muskoka.  
The young patriots are Marjorie  
Watson, Gwendolen Elfr., Marion  
Savage and Charles Pollett and  
Ruth Rogers, at whose home the sale  
was held.

FOR SOLDIERS' CLUB.  
The Teachers' Association have  
promised \$1000 toward the Soldiers'  
Club for which subscriptions will be  
taken up at Massey Hall on "Tribute  
Night." The \$500 made by the girls  
of Jarvis Collegiate by their bazaar  
on Saturday will go to the same good  
cause.

GIVE HIM A  
Gift of Cigars  
Cigarettes, a Pipe or  
Tobacco. Buy from  
CIGAR DEPARTMENT  
Michie & Co., Ltd.  
7 King St. West.

## BLAMES GOVERNMENT

## FOR HIGH FOOD COST

Mayor Martin of Montreal Says  
Situation is "Simply  
Frightful."

Montreal, Nov. 27.—The federal au-  
thorities were "criminally respon-  
sible" for the present cost of staple  
food commodities, contended Mayor  
Mederic Martin at a meeting of the  
board of control this morning, at  
which the commissioners discussed  
steadily mounting prices. The mayor  
said the food situation was "simply  
frightful."

Former Alderman Dan Gallery  
produced figures to show that in the  
first ten months of 1916, 588,577 gal-  
lons of milk were sent to the United  
States from Huntington, Que., at a  
price about four and a half cents  
lower than what Canadian distributors  
were paying.

LEGISLATION AS CURE.  
Governor Whitman on Trail of Food  
Combines.

New York, Nov. 27.—Legislation in-  
tended to reduce the cost of living  
is under consideration by Gov. Whit-  
man, he said at his hotel here to-  
day, after conferring with men in-  
terested in the campaign to effect  
lower food prices. The governor de-  
clined to make public the identity of  
the men, but it was understood they  
represented prominent financial in-  
terests.