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SOMEBODY MUST PAY.

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### IRELAND'S COMING ELECTION. | the greater part; a cut in rates with

The election for the next Dail out a corresponding decrease in wages would add very considerably to the Ericann will take place on Friday, but the process of counting the votes under the system of proportional representation employed is so elaborate that announcement of the results is not expected before the following Monday. In a general way the outcome may be a foregone conclusion because of the agreement reached between the Free State leaders and the Republicans to avoid contests that Republicans to avoid contests that would split the Sinn Feinn vote, yet in at least 20 constituencies contests

rather lays the blame for the present condition of affairs at the door of public operation of railways. He says:

"It was during the period of Federal control in the United States that the famous McAdoo award was made. Associated with that award were the so-called 'national agreements' which had the affect of faktening the wages by allowances for all sorts of reasons. No one who is familiar with all the facts of the matter could for a moment doubt that both the award and the agreement were in the nature of political expedients. The Labor Board was another political move, and the serious matter in connection with both is that they affect Canadian roads just as automatically as if there were no international boundary to protect them.

"In the light of happenings since 1918, we must all see that private ownership is semewhat of a myth. At all events, it is more a label than a fact. Full and unqualified corporate ownership would carry with it control over rates and wages, yet ne railway in either Canada or the United States, has a word to say about either. Both are in the hands of State tribunals. The only advantage attaching to private ownership is the right to determine administrative policy; but that is of vast importance. It makes the difference between efficiency and inefficiency—between profit and loss."

The Labor Board at Chicago has already ordered cuts in some departare expected.

De Valera's seat is believed to be secure, four independent candidates in his constituency of Clare having withdrawn in the national interest, but in Cork there will be a contest in every division and even Michael Collins will have to fight for his seat. Under the proportional system a majority is not needed for the election of a candidate; if he gets a quota, which in a five-member constituency would be a sixth of the votes, he is elected, and the ballots give the voter's second and third choice to which the votes are candidates has been elected.

The combination of so elaborate a system with a coalition like that of the Sinn Feinn factions, is a nevelty in politics, and at some points the outme is uncertain. No radical change ed, because De Valera declares that if himself and Michael Collins is reject himself and Michael Collins is rejected. England would say that Ireland's present representatives did not represent the country truly, Therefore, it is necessary to re-elect these who, durates as was done when wages went up ing the last four or five years, had brought the Irish people along the straight road toward freedom and pro-Canadian roads will fellow suit.

lic toward the treaty. Under the Cellins-DeValera agreement public meet ings and canvassing for panel candi dications in many quarters are tha the panel arrangement is disapproved and that the people would prefer giv ing a direct vote for or against the treaty. Nevertheless, this cannot be taken as suggesting that the panel where for 18 seats there are 29 candi endent, of whom seven stand for the

uthern Ireland was to postpone this taken under more favorable conditions chief reasons for the distrust with which the agreement was regarded in London, but the Britsh Government ns to have been persuaded that a ceful vote co the present time without such a truce. If civil war can be averted and the machinery of democratic government got to working, the problem of the status of Ireland may be settled in due

## FREIGHT RATES.

New Brunswick, or which did obtain here down to very recent titnes, if not now, it is due to these conditions that more than the red own to very recent titnes, if not now, it is due to these conditions that the fact remains that in some respects at any rate, Canada is after all merely an adjunct to the United States." Whether we like it or not, rallway control, so far as freight rates are concerned, centres in the National Railway Labor Board at Chicago. It is true that the Inter State Commerce Commission at Washington has the fixing of rallway rates over the border, just as the Canadian Railway Commission does in this country; but in view of the fact that wages of railway employees are the chief factor in costs of operation, no reduction in freight rates is possible until there has been passed upon by the Labor Board of wages prevails are reduction in wages, and there can be no reduction in these latter until the matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed upon by the Labor Board. Owing to the intermitted matter has been passed which as it is, is not sufficient to cover ordinary expenditures. The only remainded and most of the unions, whatever scale of wages prevails across the border is usually equally applicable on Canadian roads; hence it follows that the Canadian Railway Commission cannot order any cut in transportation charges until the Labor Board at Chicago has dealt with the wage question.

It is clear enough that there can be no cut in freight rates without a corresponding cut in operating costs, of which, as we have said, wages form

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Labor Board at Chicago ha

Vain Talk About Equality

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(London Daily Telegraph.)
The foundation of our ordered society rests en discipline, the discipline of civil life—of the factory, workshop, and office—which is as necessary as the discipline of the fighting forces by sea and land, and now of the air. It is said that the equality of men must be recognized in word and act. There is no such thing as equality under the sun, either in the animal or vegetable world. The progress of every nation depends qui wise leadership, under the restraint of responsibility, just as does victory by sea or land when war sounds its too sim. The undisciplined people, as Trotsky and Lenin are now preachin, are the defeated people; they must confront all the terrors which flow from a condition of chaos, and in millions of instances this means starvation.

"H'm! If you'd once get the key you wouldn't have to break in." replied the dismal one.

One Safe Bet

Weather Expert—When I say it's woll and now.

Colleague—Stick to local showers old man; there must be some local with the sound in the term of the progress of every nation depends qui wise leadership, under the restraint of responsibility, just as does victory by sea or land when war sounds its too sim. The undisciplined people, as Trotsky and Lenin are now preachin, are the defeated people; they must confront all the terrors which flow from a condition of chaos, and in millions of instances this means starvation.

Promotion

When one of Canada's leading daily newspapers is guilty of such an absurd blunder as to remark about a certain public improvement; "It will not cost the tax payers ene cent because bonds will be issued to pay for it," there is no need to seek further for evidence that the whole system of public finance is very much of a mystery to the average man.

It is this same unbounded faith in bonds as a magic wand to give us railways, roads, canals and power ditches practically free that is responsible for so much bad government financing, What public officials, legislators and a large part of the general public fail to realize is that we cannot have anything without paying for it. Some day we must pay back every cent we have borrowed and in the meantime we will have to pay interest on the amount unpaid. All of which will show in the tax rates, as years go en.

One reason that it has been so easy to get the "O.K." of legislatures and the voting public on schemes to spend money is that we have not felt the cost because we have not felt the cost of many of our public works to any serious degree as yet, We have not felt the cost because we have not been paying back what we borrowed to build these works.

It may come as a shock to many business men to learn that while they are required to pay back money they borrow Canadian provinces do not consider it necessary to finance in this way. When students of finance condemn our present borrowing policies it is "Killing the Geose That Laid."
(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)
The sure way to keep the tourist out of Germany enjoying the comforts of home is to add to the annoyance of travei already mountain-high, The traveller is beset by fees, taxes and superfluous documents behind and before. He used to have a gauntlet to run when he left a hotel; how officialdom on every hand must observed by the sure way and the disgruntified one grouped of travei already mountain-high, The traveller is beset by fees, taxes and superfluous documents behind and before. He used to have a gauntlet to run when he left a hotel; how officialdom on every hand must observe the sure way and have a gauntlet to run when he left a hotel; how officialdom on every hand must observe the sure way and have a wife to share your left for better or for worse?"

Speeding Up Production

Altice—Why do you go shopping when you haven't any money?" inces do not consider it necessary to finance in this way. When students of finance condemn our present borrowing policies it is time to do some sound thinking, it cannot go on forever like that. The foregoing is from The Financial Post, and it is a preity accurate pertrayal of conditions which ebtain in New Brunswick, or which did obtain here down to very recent times, if not now, it is due to these conditions that this province is so heavily in debt. Every once in a while over-expenditures on current revenue would reach

# Benny's Note Book

I came in?

I think you put it in the parier, I sed, and pop sed, Help, ald, sucker, Ive got to go out and Ive got to have that hat, but I wouldent go in that parier after it for a kings ransim.

Do you wunt me to get it for you, pop? I sed, and pop sed. Wat a comfort it is to have childern. Meening he wunted me to, and I tried the parier door and it was still locked, and a lady inside opened it a crack, saying. Wat is it, wat do you wunt, dont you know this is a strickly secret meeting?

Is a mans hat in there? I sed.

I havent noticed eny, the lady sed. And she locked the door agen and pop sed. Yee gods, Im late now, its a fine state of affairs wen a man cant get his own hat in his own house, if things get eny werse Im going to move out of the intire country.

Well III go erround to the back windo and see if I can see ma, I sed, and pop sed, Well abake a leg. Wich I did, going out in the yard and nocking on the back parler windo and saying, Hay, hay ma, ma. Wich all of a suddin ma quick opened the windo saying, Go away, wat kind of carryings on is this? and I sed, Is there a hat in there, mar and she sed, How dare you bother me about your hat at such a time? And she banged the windo down and I sed, Its pops hat. Ony she dident heer me on account of me saying it toe late, and jest then I remembered something I went back in the hall agen and pop was wawking up and down like somebody in a fearse hurry, me saying, Hay pop, G, I remember now, you dident put it in the parler, you put it up in the setting room.

Wat a hed, in ivory there is strength, pop sed. And ne ran up stairs and got his hat himself and quick went out.

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"Yes, I'm continually breaking into song," said the cheerful one.
"H'm! If you'd ones get the key you wouldn't have to break in," replied the dismai one.

One Safe Bet

Weather Export—When I say it's going to be fine, it's wet; and when I say wet, it's fine! They'll sack me next!

Colleague—Stick to local showers old man; there must be some local showers somewhere.

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when you haven't any money?"
Virginia—Oh, I get through so much quicker.

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