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### "The Soldiers and The National Government."

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I wish to congratulate you on the manly and fearless way in which you have handled and exposed the famous Profits Tax Bill, also the bunch of irresponsibles, masquerading as the National Government. Sir, some of the utterances of these gentry would turn a horse from his oats. I have before me the remarks of the Hon. Mr. Hickman, of whom I had a very high regard and of whom I expected better things. He says, that those in the Council who opposed the bill exhibited sham patriotism and that kind of patriotism existed in the British Isles the German flag would be flying from our Colonial Building. Who is this great man, and others that they should sit in judgment and hurl insult after insult at our business men? Such men as Sir Edgar Bowring, Hon. J. Harvey, the Jobs, McPhersons, and a host of others who have displayed more real patriotism than Hickman, Coaker, Morris, Lloyd, Squires and the rest could ever dream of. The soldiers, and I am proud to be one of them, know who is who in this game of patriotism. Praises for Sir Edgar Bowring and others, I want to remind them, are on the lips of every soldier, returned or in training, for their kind and generous dealings with them while in hospitals in the Old Country and their visits to their depots. What they did came out of their own pockets, while Morris's visits to France, etc. were paid out of the public chest. Sham patriotism—forsooth! How many of these men turned a deaf ear to any patriotic fund? How many of them gave freely of their time? Yet we see them hounded to earth for daring to suggest an alteration to this infamous act, and then our local mouth patriots for political reasons, are appealing to sentiment, and trying to bluff us with the cry of the poor soldier, and leaving no stone unturned to place the real patriots in a false light. I only hope that there will be an election very soon; what an eye-opener they would get, if they use the cry against the merchants. I have faith enough in the rank and file of the people of this country to know that they see through the whole game, and are just waiting to pitch the jolly lot to Hong Kong. I hasten to assure them that their kind of patriotic talk is treated with the contempt it deserves by the soldiers and if they could only hear the opinions expressed by the soldiers they would forever close their traps. I, like a good many others, am pre-

paring to go and fight for my King and Country and to keep our homes and dear ones unmolested from the German claw, but we realise this fact, that our own Government, especially this latest combination, are not worth fighting for. Business Profits Tax. If they want money for the soldiers, why not tax all round, lawyers, bankers and professional men as well? Some of them are in a better position to be taxed than a great many business people in this Colony, but they were left out, why?—because the act was drawn up by men who wanted to jump on the merchants and exempt themselves. A few months ago the 'Advocate' was shrieking, "Away with the 'Upper House' the Dumping Ground for Morris. If it was a dump then certainly the climax is reached now, for Coaker himself and the 'Advocate' Editor have been the latest addition to the dump heap. No wonder men like Sir E. R. Bowring, Hon. J. Harvey and others absented themselves; they only did what the community expected of them, and they should resign in a body. How will Coaker explain this latest move, to the fishermen, this National Government. Cod, he may fool some of the people all the time, but he can't fool all of the people all the time. Being a northern man I know something of the northern districts and the change that is rapidly taking place. True, Coaker's shareholders have to stand by him, but what will the rank and file do? If Coaker is not too dense, he already knows the answer to the question. If the Morris clique want to reinstate themselves in the eyes of the soldiers let them see that the returned soldiers get the treatment they expect, for if some of them wished to talk and give publicity to the treatment they have received, St. John's would ring from end to end in condemnation of some of our high strung public gas-bag officials. Let the Government remit the taxes on those two cars recently donated by Mr. G. M. Barr; and lastly if they are not too cowardly, let them introduce a compulsory service bill, and compel the slackers to be conscripts, if they refuse to be volunteers, or to use Sir Edward's own words, "Must one class stand idly by while the other gives its all?"

Thanking you, Sir, for space,  
I remain, yours truly,  
DISGUSTED SOLDIER.

### Everyday Etiquette.

"How should I introduce a young man to my sister whose name is not the same as mine?" asked Mary.  
"The simplest way to make such an introduction is to say, Mr. Brown, this is my sister, Miss White," answered her aunt.

### When Women are Weak

Women who feel weak, languid and depressed—who look pale and dull-eyed, and have lost appetite and fresh looks—need a tonic that will purify the blood, help the organs of digestion, regulate the liver and bowels, and strengthen the system. It long has been known that

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### The Government House Allotments

MR. H. COOK JUDGES THE CROPS.

In connection with the recent movement undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, strengthened by the support of the Agricultural Societies throughout the Colony and of the Foodstuffs Committee of the Patriotic Association, it may be of general interest to publish the results of the experiment made in offering certain allotments for cultivation by residents in St. John's who have not the advantage of possessing cultivable land within reach of their homes in the City.

Fifteen applicants took up allotments in the grounds of Government House and have spent their leisure hours, early and late, generally with the help of their families in the pleasurable labour of cultivating land for their own benefit.

The area was fenced, ploughed and measured off into allotments of 25 yards square, chosen by lot. All the farming work was done by the holders who supplied their own seed and fertilisers and labour. And the result must be a source of pride to the workers, and all can count on good returns for their labour.

Mr. H. Cook, himself a practical and successful farmer, was invited to inspect the allotments and offer his criticism on the work done and his advice for further work next year, as it is understood that all the allotment holders desire to cultivate their own allotments again for another year. Mr. Cook also examined the plots from the point of view of the industry as well as the results, for some trifling awards the competition for which, though of little value, has proved an extra stimulus to the "farmers."

Mr. Cook has divided the 1st and 2nd Prizes between Mr. P. Power (Plot No. 1) and Mr. J. Malone (plot No. 3) and has awarded the 3rd prize to Mr. Thomas (plot No. 13); and has recommended the work done by Mr. C. Foley (plot No. 2), Mr. J. Ryan (plot No. 6), Mr. J. Doyle (plot No. 7), Mrs. Pawley (a widow woman who has taken up half of plot No. 8), Mr. Morgan (plot No. 9), Mr. Coleman (plot No. 10), Mr. L. Power (plot No. 11), and Mr. Bugden (plot No. 12).

The general criticism applying to the most of the plots is that the cabbages and turnips are planted too close, and that the turnips especially should have been thinned out. The potato crops have been very successful, but the early planting of turnips and cabbage suffered from the deprivations of slugs, a calamity which they shared with all the other neighboring farmers.

### The Gas Range!

The Gas Range means comfort for the housewife; shorter kitchen hours for her, and a cleaner kitchen. It is a great mistake to think that cooking with gas is expensive.

Whenever a woman becomes used to gas for cooking, thoughts of a coal or wood stove fill her with gloom. A Gas Range is so much easier to operate, so efficient for all kinds of cooking, and so much cleaner, that the idea of going back to the old style methods is decidedly unpleasant. Yet in winter many housewives think they must use a coal or wood stove, because there is no other way of heating the kitchen. THERE IS ANOTHER WAY AND IT IS FAR BETTER THAN THE OLD. THE CLOW GAS STEAM RADIATOR WAY. MAY 23, 17

### Canada and America.

Boston Transcript: The offence of Lord Atholstan, whose house near Montreal was blown up early yesterday morning in an attempt to kill him and his family, was that, as owner of the Montreal Star, he was doing the best he could to win the war. This dastardly attempt is clearly a result of the propaganda against the conscription, and against loyalty to the Dominion Government, which has been going on for some time. Such a propaganda, in Canada or the United States, is straight work for the Germans, whether it is intended to be or not. It is dangerous and most disloyal work; and so far as it can be shown that the abominable attempt against Lord Atholstan was plotted in the United States or operated from here, it is in order that our authorities shall do their utmost to help the Canadians to run down the gang that have done the thing. The United States and Canada stand shoulder to shoulder in this war. There is a common purpose, a common hope. In the scandal and horror of such a proceeding as this at Montreal, done for the Germans the Canadian people have the keenest sympathy of all loyal Americans, as they will also have our assistance in discouraging and stamping out the disloyal sentiment that prompts every form of resistance to the war and every plot to thwart or hinder its prosecution.

A washable cotton rug is a comfort in the up-to-date kitchen.  
Clean white enameled woodwork with whitening on a moist cloth.

### The Common Things.

The sunshine and the gentle rain,  
The clear bird song that hails the morn,  
The meadowland with flower stain,  
The swaying banners of the corn,  
The grass that whispers to the breeze  
What common things are these?

The broad, blue mirror of the lake  
That smiles back at the sleeping sky,  
The billows, too, that leap and break  
And fly their foamy jewels high;  
The silver clouds that one by one  
Toss back the lances of the sun.

The stars that blaze as jewels blaze,  
Across unfathom'd seas of space,  
On paths that we but dimly trace—  
Go speeding through eternity  
Across unfathom'd seas of space,  
On paths that we but dimly trace—

All these are common—brook and bird,  
And rose of red, and meadow green;  
So common that they seem unheard,  
So common that they seem unseen,  
And yet there is no day or night  
But borrows all of their delight.

No common thing is held apart  
For us, or pent with lock and key,  
But in the goodness of his heart  
They all are made for you and me.  
It always seems God loves the best  
The Things he makes the commonest.

### VANISHED BOOKS.

I lend my friend a silver buck, a bone that's fair to see, and when he's had a change of luck, he brings it back to me. I lend my friend my hunting pup, on rabbit trails to roam, and when he finds his time is up, he brings my bow-wow home. I lend a man my eight-day clock, to cheer his lonely shack; through hall and refuge he will walk, to bring my timepiece back. But when I lend my neighbour books, I say to them, "Good by! These volumes nevermore, gadooks, will greet my loving eye!" The cherished works of Bertha Clay, Nick Carter's precious tome, no more will gladden night and day, in this my humble home. I hold it strange that men so square they would not swipe a dime, will pinch my volumes, rich and rare my books of prose and rhyme. I know a man who'd walk from dawn to darkness to return a nickel he'd in error drawn, a cent he didn't own. He always walks in virtue's track, he is the soil of truth, and yet he does not bring me back my volumes by Old Slout!

AT THE CRESCENT.  
The Crescent Picture Palace presents a Black Cat feature to-day, entitled "Among Those Present," featuring Richard C. Travers and Gertrude Glover and Helen Gibson in "A Race with Death," an exciting episode of the "Hazards of Helen," railroad series. Harry Mestayer and Alto Filson features in a thrilling Selig drama "Badgered," and Burns and Skill as Pokes and Jabbs in a lively vim comedy "This Way Out." Madame Timmons sings "The Rosary of Spring." The usual high class musical program.

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