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A Pause for Consideration.
Premier Asquith's illness recalls the situation in the play, "Dorval," when the manipulator of the Euxine Canal purchase found it convenient to be indisposed for a few days in order to baffle his opponents.
We do not mean to suggest that Premier Asquith's illness was assumed for the occasion, but it has had its effect in settling the situation. Men of all parties have had a space in which to consider and consideration in such circumstances invariably has a moderating influence. Without Asquith the next step would be in the dark, and in such a crisis as now besets the empire no one wants to take a step in the dark.
No one takes seriously the suggestion that Mr. Bonar Law should succeed Mr. Asquith. A coalition with Mr. Lloyd George as part of the command would be the most satisfactory arrangement with existing material, but it is difficult to see how a general election could be avoided should Mr. Asquith retire.
This happily seems unlikely, and Sir Edward Carson's fine speech in explanation of his withdrawal must have the effect, as it appears to have, of strengthening the government. Sir Edward has never shown to better advantage. His assurance of the complete absence of any disturbing influence and of his own perfectly amicable relations with Mr. Asquith invests his withdrawal with patriotic and high-minded interest, and dispels the fear of party or personal aims behind his resignation, which some had entertained.
Events move rapidly in these days, and by the time Mr. Asquith returns to his place the unfolding of circumstances may show that his reputation for having been born lucky has been enhanced by new developments. The pause for consideration, at any rate, has occurred, and it has been a beneficial one.

Early Closing for the Clubs.
Action was to have been taken last evening by the Toronto Club and some others towards entering into an agreement to close down on the sale of all liquors after 8 o'clock at night. This would be in every sense a gentleman's agreement. Nothing has done more to generate opposition to measures taken during the war to curtail some of the more obvious and immediate consequences of indiscriminate drinking than the feeling that there was discrimination against the poor man, who was prevented getting his glass of beer while his richer neighbor in his club could quench his thirst at any time on any kind of beverage he wanted.
It was stated yesterday that the clubs generally would observe the terms of any arrangement which might be mutually agreed upon, and the Toronto Club will set the pace. It is a commendable action on the part of those concerned, and follows the precedent set by the King himself in banishing all kinds of liquors from his household during the war.
It will do much to strengthen the hands of the government in the action taken in the interests of the army, and it will help those of all classes who are affected by the license legislation to feel that they are not being made the bearers of a special burden of which others are relieved. The whole problem is admittedly a difficult one, but the clubs would unquestionably assist materially in simplifying it by observing the same closing hours or other restrictions imposed by the authorities upon the hotels.

Efficiency and Economy.
Commissioner Harris should be supported in his stand against the arrogant ignorance which assails him in the fulfilment of his duties. He has a difficult position at best, but when those who ought to be most intelligent in his support and most enlightened as to the proper policy to be pursued in carrying out the work of his department, act as the aldermen of twenty years ago used to act, it is necessary for him to take a strong stand, as he did yesterday.

We have not the slightest doubt that he will be justified in all that he has done. Only the man who has done

right can take a strong stand and refuse to be browbeaten by those who begin to think about the approach of election time, and feel the necessity of making those fake plays which are so diverting to the experienced, but so fatal to those who most need to understand.

The incident which occasioned Mr. Harris' challenge illustrates the wisdom of the proposal which has been made to lay the budget before the electors as a campaign document. It should be ready by the beginning of December, and not be left over to be the toy of adrovermanic manipulation in the spring. Mr. Harris' estimates were dealt with last spring, and he has, as he stated, observed their limitations.

It is most damaging to the interests of the city that any elected person should be allowed to play the economy card at this time of year without any responsibility whatever, and then, if he obtains a seat in council, be given the opportunity to escape his policy under the cloak of a new deal. The heads of departments must be prepared to stand a lot of badgering while they are in their present anomalous position, bearing all the responsibility, but with no guarantee of authority beyond the desire of the electors who may be moved by their own interests as much as by that of the public.

The public has grown wiser and the council has also improved since the time when the late W. T. Jennings resigned in disgust at the wire-pulling and lobbying of the aldermen of his day. Mr. Harris may be assured of the sympathy of the enlightened public, and he need never fear that his determination to unite efficiency with economy is to be blocked by any selfish tax-reducer.

Got the Men and Money, Too.
Sir Leo Chiosso Money is an authority on financial matters among the Liberals of Great Britain and has been a strong supporter of the Asquith government. He has been taking an independent line for some weeks with regard to the conduct of the war, and especially with respect to the need for an energetic recruiting policy. In a recent article in The British Weekly he deals with the plea that as the British have to support a navy and lend money to the allies, they cannot therefore supply more men for the war. He adds his testimony to that of so many others that hundreds of eligible young men are to be met constantly who are obviously neither makers of munitions nor essential producers. They ought to be in the ranks.

There are ten millions of men between 16 and 46 in Britain, and Sir Leo considers it childish to suggest that all these males are in khaki, making munitions, or in the export trade.

Before the war Britain was lending to overseas borrowers two hundred million pounds sterling a year, or roughly, \$1,000,000,000. Now that the war is on Britain is lending about 50 per cent. more than this amount. The navy can be supported and the allies supplied with money, and the necessary soldiers can be raised as well.

Great Britain has not only its own credit to pledge, says Sir Leo. British investors have about \$20,000,000,000 of foreign and colonial securities. Britain can therefore pledge other credits than its own. If this extraordinarily favorable position is put taken advantage of it could only be on account of extraordinary incompetence on the part of responsible ministers.

"Those who urge that we are in financial difficulties," remarks Sir Leo, "had really better think the matter over again; they are talking the worst sort of pessimism. I am glad to know that some of the most eminent financiers in the country fully share the opinion I have expressed here in plain language, but I should not hesitate to express it if I were the only man to hold my view."

The army has been admitted by Premier Asquith to number 2,600,000 men, including the original army, reserves and territorials. Only sixty miles of a line is held in France, and properly to sustain the battle there, we should hold a line of 100 or 120 miles. These men should be raised and trained at once to make up for losses and to supply demands on the other new fronts, as well as for extending our French undertakings.

Big Eyes in New York.
It is supposed in certain quarters in Toronto that any one who looks ahead a few years and prepares for the future is to be classed with idiots and criminals. Fortunately this view only obtains among a few who are not competent authorities on standards of intelligence. Foresight is not confined to Toronto, and the huge cities of the new world, with their rapid growth and unusual problems, present many suggestions that may be of the greatest benefit to Toronto, which is just entering the stage of metropolitan growth.

One of the most recent proposals in New York has been put forward by a Canadian, a civil engineer of the University of Toronto, and a doctor of science of the same institution, honors man should be raised and trained at the highest importance, has developed the faculty known locally as "big eyes," and denounced by the incompetents aforesaid under the head. He has recognized the immense value to the huge city of Manhattan of having further opportunity to expand, and New York, which is so happily situated as Toronto, which is able to extend her limits to the advantage of all concerned whenever the citizens determine public rather than private benefit. He has outlined a plan for adding fifty

FOR WHAT AILS HIM.



CUT DOWN STAFF OF COMMISSIONER

Mayor Church Thinks Purchasing Department is Over-Manned

FINANCING IS TROUBLE

G.T.R. Official to Take Up Bathurst Street Bridge Matter.

Commissioner Harris reported to the board of control yesterday that a G. T. R. official would take the matter of the Bathurst street bridge up with the executive in a day or two. Mayor Church declared that a promise of this kind had been made two years ago, and was for taking the matter out of the hands of Mr. Harris and having the board deal with it direct. The commissioner stated that nothing stood in the way but the financing of the work.

The other controllers thought it advisable to leave the matter in the hands of the commissioner and this was decided upon.

Another Dispute.
There was another dispute between the mayor and Commissioner Harris regarding over-manning in the latter's department. Commissioner Harris was for dismissing the commissioner if it was shown that the department was over-manned. Mayor Church declared that the department was largely over-manned. His worship made special reference to the purchasing department, and he declared that he did not understand that department, and that his statement was absolutely true.

Work Would Suffer.
Commissioner Harris said that if such an order was issued he would go before council and try and convince the aldermen that the work would suffer as a consequence, and when the aldermen told him that there was no work to be done, he would be in a very awkward position. The controller allowed it to go so long as the work was not suffering, and the aldermen finally admitted that he was sure of his statement. The motion carried, however.

CONTRACTORS LIABLE AGREE TO MAKE GOOD.
Neither City Nor Government Will Lose on Harbor Work, Says Hon. Robert Rogers.
"Neither the City of Toronto nor the Dominion Government will lose one dollar as a result of the defective work on the harbor development which was stopped by the government last July," said Hon. Robert Rogers, who was in Toronto yesterday conferring with the officers of the Canadian Pacific Co. "The contractors have agreed to put the work into the condition called for by the specifications, and the government has a guarantee of \$700,000 that he work will be carried out properly," he said. "The work will be started at once, and if there are any more defects they will be made right with the contractors' money."

NEW SCAVENGER WAGON.

Controller Foster yesterday moved that the street cleaning department be asked to consider a new kind of scavenger wagon with greater capacity, and the board adopted the motion.

NEW BANKING PLANS.

Chief Inspector Cowley has a new plan for the school pupils to follow in depositing in the penny banks. On Monday mornings they are to bring their money and passbooks to the schools. The savings will be taken to the penny bank by special messenger. The new plan will interfere less with the school work.

GIVE UP SAKHALIN IN RETURN FOR MUNITIONS

Japan Reported to Have Made Unusual Proposal to Russia.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The Cologne Gazette, a copy of which has been received here, publishes a report which it says is based on the Russian censor, that Japan has undertaken to supply Russia with ammunition in return for an alleged grant of Sakhalin to the Japanese. The report states that the Island of Sakhalin, 570 miles long and from 17 to 30 miles wide, lies between the east coast of Asia and the northern islands of the Japanese Archipelago. Russia owns the northern and Japan the southern end of the island.

KELLY CASE IS POSTPONED.
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—Hearing on the extradition of Thomas Kelly, a Winnipeg contractor, who is charged with the Canadian authorities with complicity in an alleged graft scandal in connection with the erection of new parliament buildings at Winnipeg, was continued today before United States Commissioner Mason, to Nov. 2. The continuance was asked by counsel recently retained by Mr. Kelly, who pleaded unfamiliarity with the case.

CARE OF SOLDIER WHO IS CRIPPLED

Source of Relief Not Cut Off Now When He Returns.

FINANCING DISCUSSED

Ontario Branches of Patriotic Fund at Resumed Conference.

Financial discussions took up most of the time at yesterday's conference of the Ontario branches of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and an announcement was made to the effect that a graded scale had been drawn up showing what the ratio of expenses in connection with the administration of relief should be in the different centres.

Sir Herbert Ames, M.P., honorary secretary, stated that it cost two and two-thirds per cent. to maintain the fund. "The administration expenses have reached \$49,889.57, while the number of families depending on the fund in Ontario and Quebec is 12,000, with a weekly average relief of \$15.19. George Pattullo of Woodstock maintained that if a woman depending on the fund conducted herself respectably she was one of the best recruiting agents it was possible to get.

The provision which cuts off all source of relief directly a soldier returns has been revised, and in the event of a soldier returning crippled or an invalid the fund has been empowered to care for his family if necessary until the government commission, which is now being organized, is ready to take over the charge.

About Advertising.
Sir Herbert urged the league to take more advantage of the goodness of the press in the way of free advertising. In concluding Sir Herbert said: "The newspapers of Toronto had given \$25,000 worth of free advertising in the last ten days. Consideration is being given to the formation of a committee of newspaper representatives at Ottawa to look after the publicity work, and an advertising firm of Montreal who would work out display advertisements for the fund was named. Sir Herbert said: "The Red Cross is doing much better than we are in this respect and we could well take a page out of their book. Publicity is imperative. Considerable interest developed in a discussion which followed regarding the methods employed by the different branches in dealing with illegitimate cases. A suggestion was made by one of the well take a very effective cure for those who sought to obtain money from the fund by fraudulent methods would be the "fourth degree."

The statements made by a large number of delegates proved that excellent results are being accomplished by the fund in the various centres, and that many big difficulties are gradually being overcome.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Effective November 1, 1915, the Canadian Northern Railway will establish through passenger train service between Toronto, Port Arthur, Fort William and Winnipeg, leaving Toronto Union Station at 10:45 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, connecting at Winnipeg Union Station with Canadian Northern trains for Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Brandon and all important points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Pacific Coast. The equipment is thoroughly modern type, specially constructed for this service. Through tickets to all points and berth reservations are obtainable from City Ticket Office, 52 King street east, or write to E. L. Fairbairn, General Passenger Agent, 65 King street east, Toronto, Ont.

WILL SEND CHRISTMAS BOXES.

Special Soldiers' Committee Disbands to Co-operate with Government Officials.
After three meetings the special committee of council appointed to welcome and care for returned soldiers decided yesterday to disband and co-operate with the commission appointed by the government to do this work. They will, however, recommend to council that a Christmas fund be sent by the city to all Toronto soldiers who have gone overseas, the present fund in the form of a box of biscuits, valued at 50c, and a 30-cent box of chocolates, both to be sent in a suitable container.

DISCUSS HYDRO AWARD.

The Toronto Hydro-Electric Commissioners met the employees yesterday afternoon and discussed the award of the arbitrators, but no decision was arrived at. The board voted \$2500 to the British Red Cross Fund.

NEW CUSTOM HOUSE.

Works Commissioner Harris has been asked by the board of control to confer with Hon. J. D. Reid regarding the plans for the proposed new customs house to be erected on Front street between Bay and Yonge streets. At one point the building will encroach on the street 14 feet and the board is against this. An effort will be made to have the building so planned that it will not encroach.

MONEY FOR LUMBER JUDGMENT GIVEN

Mrs. Flora Silverman Gets Three Hundred Dollars in Action Over Claim.

DISPUTE OVER MORTGAGE, IN WHICH EXERCISE OF MORATORIUM IS ASKED.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday Mr. Justice Britton awarded Mrs. Flora Silverman of Kenora \$300 damages and costs in an action against William White, George Thurber and Frank W. Moore for the recovery of damages to the extent of \$5000.
Plaintiff was the owner of a mining claim, "The Triumph," near Kenora, which had not been worked for some time, and alleged that White, who owned a claim nearby, tore down the buildings on her property, and appropriated the lumber together with all the machinery to develop his own claim. In the meantime, thru her sons, Mrs. Silverman entered into negotiations with the defendants, and obtained a bill of sale of the property, the plaintiff did not interfere with the defendants, who were removing material from the claim, until Nov. 2, when notice was given them and a claim made for \$5000.

His lordship found that when the claim was made upon them the defendants returned all the material, with the exception of the lumber, in perfect condition and held that the plaintiff was only entitled to the value of the lumber, which was \$300.

A writ was issued yesterday by William James Higgins against the International Railway Company of Niagara Falls for \$4000 for the death of his daughter, Reta Higgins. The late Miss Higgins died as the result of injuries sustained in the accident on July 5 at Queenston, when one of the company's radial cars left the tracks. The plaintiff alleges negligence on the part of the company's servants.

Prevent Foreclosure.
An order to stay the proceedings regarding the security given by Gertrude Pike of Pickering to Harry Winberg on a loan of \$1500, A. R. Hassard is applying to prevent foreclosure of a third mortgage. The security was made up of a mortgage for \$1800 on two Toronto properties, on Henry street and Elizabeth street. Subsequently the property on Henry street was exchanged for a farm, which was later made part of the mortgage.

The claim is made by Mrs. Pike that some of the interest on the first mortgage has been paid and on the first of Henry street and Elizabeth street, the overdues mortgage until threatening is over. That a great deal of their property was destroyed by a fire in July is another of her claims. It is maintained by the defendants that no interest is due for some time yet on the third mortgage. In his application Mr. Hassard is also asking that the mortgage come under the moratorium, and by the consent of both parties the hearing of the motion has been adjourned.

The appeal of the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Northern Railway was allowed to stand over until the arbitrators' reasons for the award of \$10,500 to Robert J. Hannah of Cambridge Township have been given. The board allowed Mr. Hannah \$10,500 for a gravel pit.

Before Justice Middleton in chambers, E. E. Wallace, counsel for John Slater, applied for an injunction restraining Gertrude Slater from "spending, disposing of or dealing with" the money of the plaintiff, amounting to \$1906, in her possession. He alleges that she obtained the money on a mortgage which fell due while he was away.

The second appellate court list for today is: Holmsted v. County of Huron, Cordingley v. Williamson, Morrison v. The Real Estate Company (two cases), Dovercourt Land Company v. Wishart (two cases).

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