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### THE HEALTH CENTRE.

A Health Centre for St. John is something so greatly needed that the movement to have it established must appeal to every citizen. The story is told in another part of this issue of the Times. Miss Melickjohn, representing the public health department, makes out an unanswerable case. The women of St. John will doubtless be the first to rally to her support, and none should turn a deaf ear to the appeal.

The infant death rate in St. John is 187 per thousand. In Toronto, Dr. Hastings, who was recently in St. John, announced that the rate there for the first six months of this year was 80 per thousand, and it is estimated that if all births were registered it would not be over 68 per thousand or one-half the rate in St. John. In this department of work alone there is great need of more effective efforts.

What would a Health Centre do? The Times has published at regular intervals the reports of the Halifax Health Centre, one of the best conducted in America, and whoever has read these reports knows the answer to the question. In St. John the Health Centre would house the board of health and all the clinics now conducted in different places. It would provide the much needed dental clinic. It would centralize and thereby render more efficient every branch of health work. It would provide for the adequate training of public health nurses, of whom there is a great scarcity now, and for whom there will be an ever growing demand. It would benefit the city and the province, and the city cannot be indifferent to health conditions in other parts of the province, from which there is always some movement of population toward the city. The health conditions as reported from some outside localities are such as to be a menace to the public welfare, and we know that conditions in parts of the city itself are very bad. A Health Centre will make a great change for the better, and make St. John an example for other towns and cities. The public health nurse is the key to the health situation. Properly trained and temperamentally fit she goes into the homes, gains sympathy, radiates good-will and good cheer, gets at the facts, and helps the family to a better understanding of fundamental principles in public health. Through her agency infant mortality is reduced, mothers are saved, lives are prolonged, and the danger of epidemics brought to a minimum. Her value is now only beginning to be realized. Let us have a Health Centre at St. John, and with the least possible delay.

### THE FARMERS' WIN.

The Farmers have won in Manitoba. They will have a larger representation in the new legislature than the Norris government had in the last. They may even have a clear majority, as there is a prospect that of the eight independents elected several may give their support to the Farmers. The Liberals and Labor lost heavily in the contest; and the Conservatives, who had only seven members in the last house, made no gains, and may even lose a seat. It is a Farmer victory. Manitoba has followed the lead of Ontario and Alberta.

One result of this election is that we shall probably hear no more about weakening the prohibitory law in Manitoba. The Farmers are not favorable to any such downward step.

There appears to be no doubt of the defeat of Mr. George C. Chipman, the New Brunswick man who is editor of the Grain Growers' Guide, and was said to be slated for the premiership. Premier Norris was re-elected, but three members of the government were defeated. The attempt to carry the city of Winnipeg for the Progressives failed, and a Labor candidate headed the poll. Only one Progressive was elected, but he will support the Farmer government.

It is desirable, since the Farmers have the largest group, that they should have a clear majority and freedom to carry out their policies. These will probably not be radical, but whether they are or not the new government should not be exposed to the constant danger of defeat by a combination of forces having no sympathy with each other except a desire to defeat the administration. It will doubtless be found that the Farmers can depend on a measure of support from the Liberals, despite the previous disclaimers of some of the leaders of the latter party.

It has been predicted that in this Manitoba contest the Farmer movement in the west would reach the peak, and thereafter begin to disintegrate. This does not by any means follow as a matter of course. The old parties are in eclipse, and predictions as to future alignments are not profitable.

### CAMPS AND MOTORISTS.

Reference was made in the Times a few days ago to the growing popularity among motorists of the camping habit. Occasionally a car comes this way with a trailer carrying the camping outfit, and in Ontario so many camping parties are out that in no less than twenty-six municipalities or districts provision is made either officially or unofficially for their accommodation. The Toronto Globe says: "Of these, sixteen have provided definite sites for the motorists, and in the majority of these cases every facility is extended in catering to the comfort and convenience of the transient visitor. A further sixteen municipalities report the matter under consideration by Municipal Councils, and it is almost certain that the consideration will result favorably in the establishment of permanent sites where the motorist will be invited to pitch his tent."

Many other localities are also considering action in the matter. Delegates to the recent good roads congress in Vancouver brought back reports of the growing interest in camping on the other side of the Rockies, while in the United States it is now a popular summer recreation. In some Ontario towns space is provided in parks, with facilities for cooking, good water supply, tables and seats and electric light. A Toronto alderman who visited a number of places in the United States where such camps are located is keen for action along similar lines in Toronto. The Globe tells of a touring party of forty students in seven cars with camping outfit who would have gone right through the city but that President Doolittle of the Canadian Automobile Association was able to get them a camping site in the Exhibition grounds. The Globe says several sites will probably be selected within the next week or two and set apart for camping motorists.

It is time we gave some attention to this matter in New Brunswick, and let the motorists pouring into Maine know that they can get accommodation here. The Bangor Commercial says there are many delightful camps in that state. Maine is this year said to be enjoying a record-breaking tourist traffic, as the result of an intensive advertising campaign. The Maine Publicity Bureau in Portland is making a record of passing cars, and of Thursday last it reports: "Yesterday's record showed that there were 770 out-of-state or foreign cars, carrying 1,762 people. This, added to the Maine cars, showed that over 5,000 automobiles passed the station between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m., while 214 people called at the Bureau seeking information on various subjects. They came from all parts of the country as the register shows. Besides many from Philadelphia, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey cities there are others from Cleveland, Ohio; Phoenix, Arizona; Beatrice, Nebraska; Chicago, Ill.; Ft. Morgan, Colorado; San Francisco, Cal.; Omaha, Neb.; Bay City, Michigan; Birmingham, Ala.; Lyons, Iowa; Dallas, Texas; Indianapolis, Ind., and Wichita, Kan."

It has been estimated that it would not be difficult to get \$100,000,000 a year in Canada from American tourist traffic. There is no part of the country so delightful in summer as the maritime provinces. To get the tourists we need good roads, good hotels, camping sites and publicity. We now have very good roads, which are rapidly being made better. We need the hotels and the publicity. The governments of the three provinces should unite their efforts to tap this great, easy and perennial source of wealth.

Halifax Chronicle:—"The Retail Merchants' Association of British Columbia denounces government control of liquor. It knows, as The Toronto Globe remarks, that more money spent on wet goods means less spent on dry goods. So do the wives and children of the drinkers."

The minister of public works has been given information regarding port facilities and the need of improvements at St. John, and has himself inspected the harbors, east and west. He has made no definite pledges, but has familiarized himself with the facts. There, for the present, the matter rests.

Mr. Walter H. Trueman, K. C., formerly of St. John, was a Liberal candidate in Winnipeg. He received only a small vote, being fifth in the list of the ten Liberal candidates. While the leading Liberal got 3,429 votes, and the Labor leader 7,394, Mr. Trueman got only 687.

President Harding is taking a firm stand in regard to the coal strike and will use the whole force of the government to pressure order. Conditions will be much better or much worse very soon.

### FROM WINE TO CEREALS.

A representative in Capetown of the London Daily Mail writes his newspaper that it is purposed to invite "Pussyfoot" Johnson to South Africa in the interest of Prohibition. Stress is laid on the fact that during the recent strike, Prohibition was enforced on the Rand with pleasing success.

It is understood the government is not

### THE COUNCIL OF FOUR.

(By Blanche E. Holt Murison in The Veteran)  
They sat at a table bare,  
In a room full of ghosts.  
A room full of ghosts.  
There were four of them there,  
And Michael and Gabriel,  
And Michael and Gabriel's hosts.  
Four men who had fought,  
Because they thought  
To fight for a cause that had no soul.  
To play in a game that had no goal.  
All they knew was  
There was fighting to do.  
A bloody ball  
To pass—and pass.  
In classic lore  
They call it War.  
With sweat of blood,  
And sweat of brain  
With sweat of soul,  
And sweat of pain—  
So they fought . . .  
So they played  
While Pilate dreamed of a Man betrayed,  
And Christ on Calvary prayed—and prayed.

O, brave and blind,  
What did ye hope in Hell to find?  
I wonder—and wonder!  
Ye wondered too,  
And wondered—and wondered—  
And never knew.  
Was it Caesar—or Nero led?  
Was it Herod—or Jesus bled?

Far—far—the nearest star.  
Unfronted the shore.  
Uncharted the sea.  
The ultimate touch of eternity.  
How shall be measured the gain and loss  
Of Humanity's pitiful pitch and toss?

A shadow falls . . . It is only a  
Cross!

That reaches yearning arms  
Above the white of that table bare,  
Where four men sit—  
Just four of them there.  
The lung of one are bleached with gas,  
But what does it matter?  
He caught the ball—  
It did not pass—  
So the game went on—  
That was all!

And one holds his neck as though in a  
Mould.

It was broken . . . and mended,  
That story of a hand—  
And one has a half of a hand—  
No leg.

Just a couple of wooden pegs.  
It happened the Car of Juggernaut  
Needed a pair of broken wheels,  
And flesh and blood  
Are as good as steel.  
And one—  
The last of the grim quartette—  
He came back,  
So the world thinks—whole.

What does it matter,  
A shell-shocked soul?

So they sit in session,  
And the thousands roar,  
"We're rather like dogs  
That snarl for a bone!"  
We're only four . . .  
God's the great God!

Who only ask for a chance to live,  
For warmth and food—  
A little good  
Of all we were promised the world would  
give.

When we came back.  
If we came back?  
Is there no prophet—  
Nor priest—  
Nor king—  
To bless the head of this Shameful  
Thing?

This naked Spectre,  
Whose blatant bones,  
Rattle and rattle over the stones.  
How shall the weak become the strong?  
Who will right us the bitter wrong?  
Is there no music left—  
No song?

Silent—his comrades listen.  
What can they say?  
They're there to try and find a way  
To solve the problem of workless men—  
Whom Disability has not lent  
The blessed relief of  
Pity . . .  
One hundred per cent!

These have paid for the price of meat:  
But what of the men who have nothing  
to eat?

Nerves that are blasted to agony,  
That is something men cannot see—  
A matter of mere psychology.  
Rather a nuisance on the whole;  
What does it matter—  
A shell-shocked soul?

A million ghosts go marching by,  
So many men Gait and  
And some from Mons and Courcette,  
And some from places I forget.  
Some from the Marne and the Meuse;  
And one that looks like Wellington.  
And one that looks like Lafayette.  
And one has come from Marathon—  
And ONE has come from Olivet.

So many ghosts  
Such valiant hosts!  
So silent—yet  
They all salute  
That strange quartette.

Is that the smoke of a cigarette  
That curls and vapors through all the  
rooms?

Is that an altar standing there,  
Or only a table white and bare?  
Just for a moment,  
I know not whence—  
I breathe the fragrance of frankincense.  
The air was divinely lavendered—  
Misted and myrrh—  
With something for which I have no  
word.

I have no word.  
If I had—who would heed?  
Stupidity sits in the councils of Greed.  
And a soldier's service—  
What is it worth?  
When balanced in votes,  
Or paid in toll?

What is it worth—  
A shell-shocked soul?  
Out in the street the hucksters cry,  
Junk to sell—  
And junk to buy!  
And one small room  
Holds a Council of Four,  
With a grisly wrath—  
And the Shades of Sleepers  
Who cannot die!

"It—ye—break—faith—  
It—ye—break—faith—  
With—us—who—die!"

The challenge still rings from Calvary!  
The Ark of the Covenant  
Comes again  
To Shiloh's plain.  
And the Sleepers muster upon the hills  
Of the Sword—  
And the Cross—  
And the Daffodils.

averse to Prohibition, and will placate  
wine growers by offering compensation  
in case they change from wine production  
to the production of cereals. Ac-  
ceptance would be facilitated by the fact  
that there has been an over-production of  
wine and large quantities of raw wine  
are said to have been destroyed.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Adam Heard It.

The teacher was exasperated at the  
inattention of her class. The lesson had  
been on machines, and Edison's inven-  
tion had been mentioned.  
"Non, then," asked the teacher, im-  
patiently, "from what was the first talk-  
ing machine made?"  
After a lengthy silence a voice from  
the back exclaimed: "Please miss, from a  
rib!"

### Diplomacy.

Mrs. Blackstone—How in the world  
do you manage to get your husband  
to take you to dances so often?  
Mrs. Webster—By using diplomacy,  
my dear. Since I told him that only the  
young men could dance these modern  
steps he is eager to prove to me that he  
isn't getting old.

### There's Always A Way

Mabel (to brother, who has got the  
best of the cherries)—You really are a  
pig, John.  
Mother—It's not very nice to call any-  
one a pig darling.  
Mabel—All right, I won't. But the  
next time I see a pig I shall call it  
"John."

### The Art of the Epigram.

"He was a man of infinite talent with-  
in certain limits."—Provincial Paper.  
"Immediately afterwards the Papal Bull  
of appointment was read, after which  
the choir chanted the Te Deum Laudamus."  
—Scots Paper.  
Which, we trust, had a soothing effect  
on the Bull.—Punch.

### Not A Lay Success.

A young country minister, noted for  
his jollity, was dining at a farmhouse  
one Sunday and when his plate of roast  
chicken was passed to him he remark-  
ed facetiously: "Well, here's where the  
chicken enters the ministry."  
"Hope it does better there than it did  
in lay work," replied the bright boy of  
the family.—Boston Transcript.

### Poor Kitty.

Four-year-old Bobby was stroking his  
cat before the fireplace in perfect con-  
tent. The cat, also happy, began to purr  
loudly. Bobby gazed at her askance for  
a while, then suddenly seized her by the  
tail and dragged her roughly away from  
the hearth. His mother interposed.  
"You must not hurt your kitty,  
Bobby!"  
"Not," said Bobby, protestingly.  
"But I've got to get her away from the  
fire. She's beginning to boil."

### ALCOHOL-DRUG PATIENTS FEWER.

According to official announcement of  
the Ohio State Bd. of Health, there  
has been a marked decrease in the num-  
ber of alcohol and drug patients received  
in hospitals for the insane in Ohio under  
Prohibition. A decrease in the per-  
centage of such cases is noted in every  
institution.

Taking all the hospitals as a group, of  
the total admission in 1911, 11.8 per cent.  
were attributed to alcohol and drugs. In  
1921, the percentage from the same cause  
was 2.7. At the Columbus state hos-  
pital, admissions attributed to alcohol-  
ism in 1911 were 11.5 per cent, but in  
1921 the per cent, was reduced to 2.6.  
This showing is an ample reply to the  
contention of the wets that Prohibition  
would bring about an increase in habitual  
drug uses.

### THE AUTOMOBILE HOBBES.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Toronto ought to provide free camping  
grounds for the automobile tourists. We  
are getting a lot of Americans here, bent  
on roaming around Canada for a change,  
and this city is the pivot of their opera-  
tions. In the United States, nearly all  
cities and towns give special accommo-  
dation to road tourists, and make it a  
point to attract them. In California,  
where auto "hobbes" and "hikers" of  
both sexes abound, state regulations re-  
quire that each car on a camping site  
have a space of twenty-five by fifty  
feet, and every member of a party must  
register. The community furnishes  
water, electric light, fuel, rest rooms,  
mail service and protection.

We in Canada should not be back-  
ward in this respect. "Hobbing" by  
motor around the country is becoming  
popular. Motor trips for long distances  
are common. It is said that in the United  
States three thousand persons make the  
coast-to-coast tour each summer. It is a  
common sight to see a whole family,  
from grandmother to the babies, packed  
in a flivver, and bent on covering thou-  
sands of miles. To remain on the road  
for weeks and months is possible only  
when the overnight charges are low. If  
these families had to stay at hotels, they  
would never start out. Why should not  
Canada encourage the sightseeing pro-  
pensity by going to the small expense of  
furnishing the meagre accommodation  
required? This city, for instance, has  
plenty of idle spaces at each end of the  
city, very suitable for the purpose. The  
parks commissioner should look into it.

### Doom of Dancing Partner.

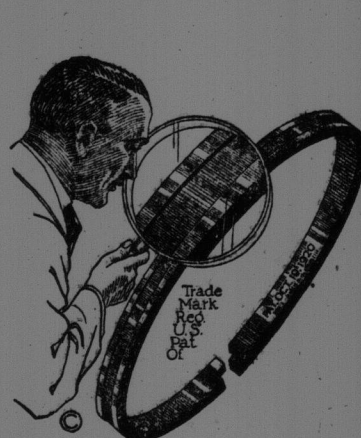
Just as the fashions in dances have al-  
tered in the last twenty years, says a  
London despatch, so has the fashion in  
dancing partners. In the days when the  
valse, the polka and the lancers were  
universally danced, it was considered a  
breach of good manners to dance more  
than three times with the same man in  
any one evening. Then with the advent  
of the one-step and fox trot, the pen-  
dulum swung to the other extreme, and  
there came the "regular" dancing part-  
ner, with whom a girl would dance  
throughout the entire evening, refusing  
to be partnered by anyone else.

Today the pendulum is beginning to  
swing back once more, for the dancing  
partner is becoming a rarity on the  
average floor. Soon the type will be-  
come extinct, and a girl will bring a  
partner to a dance merely as an escort,  
not to stay by her side the whole even-  
ing.

It has been said that change in fash-  
ion is without reason, but that cannot  
apply in this case. There are very sound  
and definite reasons for banning the  
whole-time dancing partner.

In the first place modern dances have  
become standardized. No longer do we  
see the extravagant variations of steps  
so popular two years ago. The result  
is that nearly all men dance alike, and  
the need for the special partner has  
gone.

But there is an even more powerful  
reason. People are beginning to realize  
that a dance, to be successful, must be  
a social affair, that the one-partner sys-  
tem is merely selfish, and adds nothing  
to the gaiety of the rest of the party.  
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only does it increase the enjoyment of  
others, but she finds that she enjoys her-  
self far more than when she was a de-  
voted of the single dancing partner  
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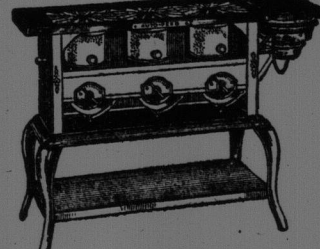
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(Liverpool Weekly Post.)  
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"best belovedest" after his return,  
but it does seem to me that this is real-  
ly the phrase by which he can be  
spoken of by the empire at large. The  
phenomenon is remarkable that in the  
most democratic decade ever known, the  
British throne should be more idolized than anybody  
since Charles II. was welcomed on his  
restoration. There was veneration and  
enthusiasm for Queen Victoria at her  
two jubilees. Intense devotion was  
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