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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE SAME OLD CREW.

A favorite contention with the newspapers supporting the Provincial opposition is that the Clark Government is doomed to defeat. Let us assume for the sake of argument that they are correct? With what do they hope to replace the present administration? The opposition party has no leader and no distinctive platform. The party leadership is supposedly vested in a "committee" although Mr. E. S. Carter and Mr. P. J. Veniot seem to have the most to say about it. These gentlemen are asking the electors of Westmorland to support Dr. Smith and promising them that when the opposition party is returned to power there will be a new deal and honest and progressive administration.

It should not be forgotten that these illiberal tongue artists are before the public as advocates of the men who permitted Hon. L. J. Tweedie to borrow a draft, the property of the province, apply it to his own use and retain the proceeds for years before he returned it. Mr. Tweedie has not yet paid the interest on that account.

The men now appealing to the electors of Westmorland for their support permitted Hon. William Pugsley to leave the provincial government while he was indebted to the province for \$4,331, the amount of his overdrawn account. The amount was only paid after Hon. Mr. Hazen was returned to power and Mr. Pugsley saw that discovery and exposure were imminent.

The gentlemen now seeking the support of Westmorland and the funds of the Central Railway to be shamefully diverted and misapplied to such an extent that a commission which, under the Hazen Government, investigated the affairs of that road found that \$134,035 of the public money had disappeared in this manner.

The Telegraph and other opposition newspapers claim that the acts of the old government should not be discussed at this time as they have no bearing on the present situation. The Telegraph is wrong for the men who are now working in the interests of the opposition candidate in Westmorland are members of the old government crew, only lacking a captain, and, if honored with public confidence would abuse it as flagrantly as they did in the past.

The province wants no second dose of the Pugsley-Robinson methods of administration.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

There were two outstanding features in the second war session of the Dominion Parliament which closed last week. The first was the praiseworthy action of the Government in confining their larger proposals to matters arising from the war and in discussing such questions purely from a non-partisan standpoint. For this, the Government is to be highly commended. The second, and deplorable feature, was the determination of the opposition to devote their whole time and effort to the search for political capital, although in their greed to obtain it they lost sight of all the higher and finer principles of statesmanship that should actuate public men in a time of crisis and danger.

Those who have followed the parliamentary debates during the session cannot but have noticed that the Government studiously refrained from introducing important legislation along the lines of their own political party as distinguished from that of their opponents. It was their desire to avoid needless controversy and if the opposition had met them in anything like a reasonable spirit the session could have been considerably shortened without impairing the value of the work done.

But the opposition were not so disposed. While, of necessity, supporting the Government in the large operations for financing Canada's part in the war they at all times sought to make occasion for bitter partisan discussion and to create divisions in the party. Notable instances of this are to be found in the Kite charges—now shown to be substantially untrue, and in the bilingual resolution where a particularly mischievous attempt was made to plunge the country into the depths of a racial controversy. But the campaign did not meet the sub-

port of a united party. In the first case, Dr. Michael Clark felt called upon to administer a stinging rebuke to the Pugsleys and Carvells and Kites, while in the second, and more serious instance, practically all the Western Liberals headed by Hon. Frank Oliver, and a large section of the Liberal press opposed the action of the party leader.

Taken altogether the past session has shown the opposition party in a most unfavorable light. Instead of co-operating with the Government in working for the best interests of a united Canada the Liberals preferred to breed strife and discord. The Canadian people will not forget, but, when the proper time arrives, will know how to reward the "patriotic" efforts of His Majesty's "Loyal" Opposition in the Canadian House of Commons.

WILL THE TELEGRAPH EXPLAIN?

Why Mr. John E. Moore, one of its principal owners, permitted his office to be used as a clearing house for the collections of Mr. W. H. Berry?

Why Mr. William Pugsley was permitted to step out of Provincial affairs owing the Province of New Brunswick \$4,331?

Where that \$134,035 of "loot" from the Central Railway went? Mr. George McAvity, another of the Telegraph's owners, was one of the commissioners of that railway.

Just which one of its editors, editorial assistants, or "political fictionists" was most concerned in the Rothery election list frauds?

How the deal was worked whereby Mr. Pugsley gave his friend, Mr. John E. Moore, some "urgent" dredging to do in Westmorland county, in order to raise several thousand dollars which was needed in a hurry, and how, immediately enough dredging had been done to warrant the payment of the needed amount the work was stopped in the middle of the job and a cheque sent from Ottawa, after which Mr. Moore and his friends paid for and took over the dredging?

After the Telegraph has explained these little matters intimately concerning itself, it will be time enough for it to talk to the electors of Westmorland on political decency and public honesty.

THE QUEBEC ELECTION.

The result of the election in the Province of Quebec yesterday was not a surprise. It was not half as difficult for Sir Lomer Gouin and his colleagues to obtain a large majority as it will be for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to explain to Ontario and the West that his bilingual resolution, introduced in the House of Commons a few days before Quebec's nomination day, was not a straight political move in the interest of Premier Gouin and his friends.

Liberal newspapers have insisted that Sir Wilfrid was absolutely single-minded in his advocacy of bilingualism. He was, and yesterday's result shows the trend of his thought.

The Telegraph says "it has not been necessary to 'manufacture' any scandals against this government." No? Then, may we ask, why Mr. Organizer Carter turned over to an "eminent Moncton citizen" a little job of "digging" in Albert county which proved too difficult for the gentleman who promised to attend to it? Mr. Carter tried to manufacture a scandal out of the Fullerton farm matter but he was caught with the goods. He has not been heard from since as regards that particular subject.

Also there was the Rhodes-Curry matter, a plain attempt to "manufacture" scandal against the Government. Mr. Carter saw the falsity of that exposed and has since been silent. Why?

Mr. John Morrissey was used by the Carter-Veniot party until they found he was of no assistance to them. Then he was cast into the discard. His dismissal from an office where he had opportunity to furnish "inside" information to the opposition rendered him valueless for Mr. Carter's purposes.

It is reported that the farmers of Westmorland county are not pleased at the idea of an election coming in the

midst of their busy time. Well, they know who to blame for it. When Hon. F. J. Sweeney was given a portfolio in the former government the opposition permitted an election by acclamation. On this occasion the Carter-Veniot party precipitated a contest when their chance of success was infinitely less than that which greeted the former opposition in Mr. Sweeney's case.

Westmorland is asked to exchange Hon. P. G. Mahoney and a portfolio in an honest and aggressive Government for what? Representation by Dr. Smith as a member of an opposition composed of three members in the Legislature and Messrs. Carter and Veniot on the outside. The people of Westmorland are too sensible to make the exchange.

Thrill in Meat Consumption.

The following figures taken from the Agricultural War Book for 1916, giving the annual consumption of meat per capita in the countries mentioned, were, of course, compiled before the commencement of hostilities in Europe in August, 1914:

Country.	Lbs.
Australia	175
United States	172
Argentina	140
Canada	138.34
United Kingdom	119
Germany	113
France	80
Denmark	76
Norway and Sweden	74
Belgium	70
Austria-Hungary	64
Russia	50
Spain	49

Reduced to ounces the foregoing means that for each man, woman or child in the countries enumerated there are consumed approximately the following quantities of meat on an average each day:

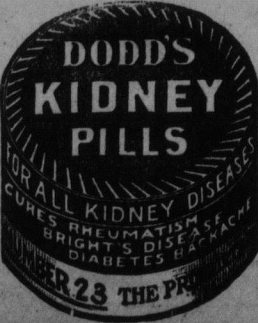
Country.	Oz.
Australia	7-2/3
United States	7-1/2
Argentina	6-1/7
Canada	6-1/8
United Kingdom	5-1/7
Germany	5
France	3-1/2
Denmark	3-1/3
Norway and Sweden	3-1/4
Belgium	3
Austria-Hungary	2-4/5
Russia	2-1/5
Spain	2

The four countries latest to develop, it will be noticed, are the largest meat consumers. There are several reasons for this, one is the freer life the people lead, another is the abundance of the stocks and herds, comparatively speaking, and a third is the largeness of the open country. The next two, Britain and Germany, have leisure classes and ruling castes that the great meat eaters. France is noted for daintiness of food into which other elements than meat enter to some extent. All the remaining countries have large peasant and poorly paid industrial classes, whose circumstances compel to severe measures of economy and thrift. Germany and France possess similar elements, but the dominating military class in the first named country are most indulgent in the consumption of meat and hearty food. In Britain the consumption is more evenly distributed than in any other European country, hence the position of the home country in the table.

Turning to ourselves the question, in the first place, is do we not eat too much meat, and do we ever consider that if we ate less there would be more for export, that more money would come into the country and that we should be practising that highest form of economy—national thrift? In the second place, the problem that presents itself, is how much of the six ounces credited to each individual per day is actually consumed and how much wasted? In other words how much fat, bone gristle and skin are thrown into the fire or garbage barrel that could be used perhaps for food and if not for fertilization, or for some manufacturing purpose. It has been stated that fully ten per cent. of the food in the principal hotels and restaurants is thrown away, possibly absolutely to the dogs, but more likely as valueless and altogether useless. The government in its encouragement of the saving habit and discouragement of wastefulness, has called upon the people to preserve paper and rags. In the eating of less meat and the saving of the country refuse are surely other ways in which Canadians can practise both those eminent qualities—economy and thrift.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Victoria.
A W. Abraham, J. L. Chisholm, Halifax; E. W. Seeley, Moncton; Mrs. G. A. Fairweather, Miss Fairweather, Miss G. L. Fairweather, Boston; L. T. Lister, McAdam; F. Bodley, Montreal; F. S. Munde, Fredericton; A. S. Galey, McAdam; A. E. Griggs, N. E. Gutelius, Brownville; J. S. Nickerson, Moncton; O. A. Batson, Campbell; H. J. Humphrey, E. J. Worth, Montreal; S. Koppel, J. R. McInerney, F. L. Archibald, Partridge Island; E. S. Brodie,



Little Benny's Note Book

I went to sleep last night and after a while I was woken up by a noise, and I went into the front room and looked out the window, and who was it but pop sitting on the parlor window sill talking to a peccaman, pop saying, I tell you you had no right to pull me out of my own parlor window by the legs in that manner. I tell you you pretty near break my neck and I tell you I live here, only I live lost my key.

And I tell you you'll have to prove it, said the peccaman, I don't propose to wawk along my beet and see legs disappearing throo parlor windows without doing anything about it at 2 o'clock in the morning.

But blast it up and down, didn't I tell you I live here, wat more do you want, sed pop.

Ring the bell and get somebody to identify you, sed the peccaman.

Now be reezbilly, wood you want your wife to no it if you came in at this hour in the morning, sed pop.

Are you going to have yourself identified or wood you rather be locked up, sed the peccaman.

You have such a brutal way of putting things, sed pop. And he jumped down off of the window sill and was going to ring the door bell, and I called down, Hello, pop.

Is this your father, the peccaman called up.

Sure, aint you, pop, I sed.

Absoootly, sed pop. And he climbed in the window, and the peccaman went away, and this morning while me and pop and ma was eating breakfast I was jest starting to talk about it, saying, Say pop, and pop quick sed, I no, you want many for reves. And he took my hand and put a dime in it, saying, Well, heer it is, perviding you dont utter another wurd on eny subject under the sun.

Wich I didnt.

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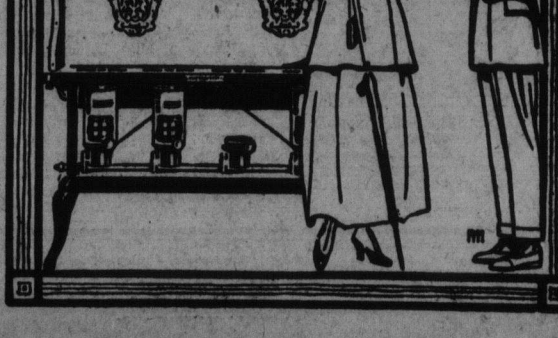
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