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## THE COST OF LIVING.

J. J. Hill, the railway magnate has a habit of saying trite things and one of his recent remarks was "The high cost of living is the cost of high living."

In many cases that statement is quite true. Certain classes of children these days have all kinds of toys, and trinkets and pleasures and spending money such as their forbears never had. In like manner far too many young married people expect to start keeping house on the scale their parents achieved only after many years of struggle and toil.

When the present Prince of Wales and future King of England was a boy, under instruction, his pocket allowance was 25 cents a week.

In Canada to-day there are many, far too many, parents who think nothing of tossing one of their youngsters a quarter on demand. It is not enough to say, as it can be said in a large number of instances, that they can afford to do so. The evil is the tendency to develop extravagance in the child, an extravagance which it is very hard to overcome in later life.

They seem to do this thing better in the Old Land. There are many vast estates there with large yearly incomes, but the children in most instances are inculcated early in life with a sense of duty and responsibility. This surroundings, of course, are of the nature which wealth usually brings but their spending power is very properly limited.

All this, of course, is the fundamental part of the thing.

The fact is that in mature years the vast majority of mankind, not blessed with inherited means, find it a hard struggle to make ends meet and they are apt to wonder why, with increased wages, they are having just as much of a fight as when they were in receipt of far less.

The trouble is that most of us do not stop to think that a dollar is only worth what it will buy and in these days of high prices a dollar does not begin to purchase as much as formerly.

In addition increased wages all round, means an increased cost of production in connection with all manufactures and general commodities and naturally an advance in prices.

And without doubt on top of that, present day people more generally have a crave for pleasures and what's more are determined to have them.

## THE GALL OF IT

Says the Toronto Globe:—

The voting of the necessary funds to carry on the King's government for two months does not by any means indicate that the Opposition does not intend to compel an appeal to the people if the Government still persists in trying to put the naval bill through by brute force. In any case an election would hardly be possible until June, since considerable time is needed to print voters' lists, etc. Moreover, the Opposition wants to give the Government time to carry out the proposal for the passing of a redistribution bill this session before appealing to the people.

On the Government side the only definite unanimity of opinion, at present seems to be that an election must be avoided if at all possible. Every day strengthens this opinion. —Toronto Globe.

How is that program for consummate neck?

It means in the first place that the minority propose to be the dictators.

That they intend to say to the Government "We will permit you to do this and that if it is to our liking and if it isn't, you can't."

How is that for a preposterous and outrageous proposition?

The attitude and the proper attitude, of Premier Borden and his associates is that they propose to stay with the game to the finish.

They were elected eighteen months ago to do the business of the country and they propose to attend to the task.

In the second place the assertion of the Globe that the Conservatives are afraid of an election is an absolute falsehood.

They say, and rightly say, that there is no need to put the people to the worry and the expense of another general contest, and they also point out with regard to the Navy issue that Mr. Borden before the last appeal, stated most distinctly that if elected he would consult with the British authorities with regard to what Canada could do for battleship needs and he kept his word. He went over to the Old Land. Had long conferences with the First Lord of the Admiralty and Premier Asquith, and as the outcome, was told that an immediate grant would be the more acceptable plan. That isn't any such issue as the Liberal proposal to fasten Reciprocity on Canada in order to make her as Taft, wrote, "an appendage" of the United States, a scheme sprung without even the Liberal members of the House being consulted.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A greater circulation; got to have it, going to get it.

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Winston Churchill in again referring to the navy question in the British House of Commons says:—

"It is clear, that unless further steps are taken by the overseas Dominions or ourselves the margin of strength available for the whole world service wouldn't be sufficient after 1916."

That is sufficient answer as to why the offer of three Dreadnoughts has been so pleasurably accepted.

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Grit papers continue to talk in a learned way in denial of Winston Churchill's statement that there is a Navy emergency. What in thunder do these editors know about it? By a very elaborate system tab is kept upon the other navies of the powers and the intentions of the latter and Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty is kept constantly posted. He knows what he is talking about and doesn't need a lot of Grit scribblers, who don't know a turret from an anchor, to tell him what's what.

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Did you ever notice how the Grit manipulators always seem to get in wrong with regard to Canadian feeling in connection with great national issues. Here is the list:—

1. Opposed the National Policy.
2. Opposed the building of the C. P. R.
3. Supported Commercial Union, which was framed at Washington for annexation.
4. Tried to bring about Reciprocity which was framed at Washington in order to get Johnny Canuck's goat.
5. Now they are trying to block direct Canadian help to the British navy.

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## THE EVERLASTING MARKET QUESTION.

The market question once more bobbed up at the Board of Trade meeting.

If a cat has seven lives, this thing must have about seventy times seven.

Some excellent citizens still seem to think that the present market square can be moved.

That hallucination is certainly dying very hard.

There is only one condition on which the deed of trust would be altered, and that is by consent of the Ontario Legislature. They would probably give that if they were asked to do so by an overwhelming majority, but where is that majority to come from?

It certainly does not exist at the present time, and in fact each day more and more people are commencing to realize that the thing can't be accomplished.

What more central site could there be anyway, with two street car lines running on two sides of it, with a radial station a few yards away and another one to be established in the vicinity when the Lake Erie and Northern gets through.

The proper thing is to face the straight situation that the square will be used as a market in perpetuity, and to make it fit for buyers and sellers to use.

It isn't that now by about a thousand per cent: in fact is a positive menace to health.

Proper buildings of a practical nature should be erected, and in such event, the rents from stalls and stands would probably meet the interest money on the outlay.

## OBJECTS TO STATEMENT

To the Editor of The Courier:

Sir,—I wish to take up a few lines in your valuable paper to correct a mistake made by the Police Commissioners of late date when they accused Mrs. Messecar of being the one to blame for my being arrested. Instead upon investigation I find it is Thomas Boylan, one of your policemen, who is at fault. Now, under the circumstances, it will not be safe for a farmer or outsider to enter Brantford on a little business, for if he does he is liable to be arrested and put in jail and maligned, without cause, whatsoever, as I was—I know from experience. You seem to have a very lax law when the innocent can be prosecuted and the guilty go free.

Thanking you for your space,
I remain, yours truly,
ROSS LEE.

## *In the City*

**Bodega Tavern.**

To-day.— Geo. Hobbs, Toronto; J. H. Morrice, Toronto; N. R. Perry, Toronto; B. R. Jones, Toronto; C. F. Rutland, city; A. J MacLaren, Toronto; T. G. Pattello, Truro, Nova Scotia; F. G. Mundy, Truro, Nova Scotia; S. D. Smith, Hamilton; T. Hughes, Toronto; A. J. White, Edmonton; A. W. Adams, Toronto; F. G. Savage Toronto; A. E. Ferte, Toronto; C. F Thom, London; R. C. Challis, Toronto J. A. Wagstaff, Toronto; J H. Dodson, Toronto; W. W Ingram, Toronto; G Himors, Toronto; T. Teysler, Toronto; W. Colwell, Toronto; H. Jou, Montreal; Jas. Patterson, Hamilton, H. Bassett, Brantford; A. W. Adams, Toronto.

**At th Kerby House**

H. K. Clark, Toronto; H. G. Childs, Philadelphia; J. J. Buchanan, Toronto; R. R. Hale, Toronto; Mr and Mrs Layton and child, Paris; D. O. Robin, Toronto; G. D. Cumming, Toronto; Ed. H. Rhodes, Bradford, Eng.; Jno, A. Haskness, Toronto; Jas. Patterson, Toronto D. McDonald, London; B. Freedman, Toronto; Geo. E. Gillespie, Toronto; W. Serin, Montreal; A. Ross, Toronto; D. Wylie, Toronto; L. McWhinney, Pike, N.H.; C. G. Korn, Cincinnati; H. S. Fergus, Montreal; W. N. DeFoe, Toronto; R. Hyslop, Toronto; W. H. Page, Toronto; E. J. Hewer, Guelph; W. H. Johnson, Winnipeg; C. M. Hopkin, Cleveland; A. H. Love, Toronto; Chas. Regan, Montreal; H. B. Archer and wife, London; D. M. Johnson, Toronto; C. A. Jones, Montreal; T. A. Stevens, Toronto; Ralph Todd, Toronto; S. J. Levitt, Toronto; H. A. Fosburg, Chicago; E. W. Webb, Toronto; Ralph Edmunds, N.S.; Joe Stone, Philadelphia; R. B. Thomas, Philadelphia; H. W. Tate, Toronto; C. O. Totten, Toronto; A. F. Adams, Toronto; C. W. Barnwell, Pt. Dover; T. M. Somerville, Toronto; A. M Stewart, New York; I. Draper, Toronto; W. B. Tomlinson, Simcoe.

**At the Belmont.**

Late arrivals yesterday—J. Clarke, Buffalo; J. H. Nelson, Toronto; J. S. Shannon, London; R. J. Hutchinson, London; J. T. Eddie, Montreal; T. G. Dockstader, London; D. W. McClennan, Buffalo; H. Hesse, H. A. Eckhardt, T. B. Nix, Toronto; C. F. Rogers, London; A. Snider, Toronto; J. S. Zimmerman, Hamliton; D. G. Munro, Glenmorris; W. Bickle, H. D. Crone, Toronto; A. E. Gordon, Toronto; R. M. Moneer, Hamliton; E. J. Wright, Strathroy; Theodore Schelling, Rochester, N.Y.; D. F. Aiken, Jarvis; T. B. Cuhen, Jarvis; Roy Crispell, Carson City, Mich. Arrivals to-day—G. Gilber, I. F. Birchard, Toronto; B. A. Bowyer, Simcoe; C. P. Upton Hamilton; T. E. Allardt, Buffalo; H. Fletcher, Hamilton.


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# *His Hand Offended Him and He Cut It Off at the Wrist*

## *Strange Case of Ignorance Reported at Haliburton Young Man's Rash Act*

HALIBURTON, Ont., April 3.—Raymond le Boutellier, the young farmer who, while suffering from religious mania, amputated his left hand with a knife a few days ago, is rapidly recovering from his injuries. A staff reporter of the Mail and Empire had a talk with him Tuesday night. Le Boutellier is the son of a farmer living about six miles south of Haliburton, on the shore of Lake Cushog, one of the chain of lakes extending in a southerly direction from Haliburton. The farm is on a side road in a lonely district, practically cut off from civilization, and the existence which the family leads during a large part of the year can easily be imagined; it is that of utter loneliness, with no interests outside those which they themselves create.

The family, despite its name, is of Old Country origin, having come originally from the Channel Islands. On arriving in this country they took up a farm near Montreal, but some years ago moved to the district of Haliburton. Until about a year ago they were members of the Methodist Church, but last year they became members of the Church of England. The son Raymond, who works on the farm with his father, is 29 years of age, though in appearance he looks much younger. He is of slight build, with a very peculiarly shaped head; his forehead is low and slopes back, and the face is much too short for its width, while the ears protrude very markedly. His coloring is that of a blonde—though the face, from exposure to the wind, is of a light red—with almost imperceptible eyebrows and eyelashes, and his hair also is of a light color and scanty. His large blue eyes are set too wide apart, and his whole appearance gives evidence of a certain lack of mental equilibrium, on infant that in some way has grown old. Apart from this suggestion of feebleness of intellect, he is normal and converses sanely, while one of the most remarkable features of the remarkable case is that he is apparently unaware at the present time that his fearful injury is self-inflicted.

**Read Bible Constantly**

For some months past the young man has been greatly concerned over religious questions and has been constantly reading the bible, many of the verses of which he found difficulty in interpreting, and latterly he has frequently asked his father as to the meaning of certain passages

It seems probable too that some "Millennial Dawn" literature has found its way into his hands, for a good deal of this and similar crank religious matter is circulating in the backwoods of Ontario.

On Easter morning the young man being unable to go into Haliburton to church on account of the impassable state of the roads, spent the morning reading over his bible. He appears to have been dwelling upon the Gospel narrative of the "Sermon on the Mount," when Christ in figurative language warns the disciples and those others to whom he was speaking of the danger of harboring any form of sin, in the words, "It is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

After the noon-day dinner, Mr Boutellier remained sitting in the living room, while his son Raymond went out into the woodshed. A short time later the father heard himself called, and going out into the shed, heard his son say, "I've cut my hand."

**Severed at Wrist**

To his horror Mr Boutellier saw his son with his left arm resting upon a flat board which he had placed up in a corner of the shed, while his right held an ordinary penknife with which he had completely severed the left hand at the wrist, disjointing it as perfectly as a skilful carver disjoints a fowl. The father at once rendered first aid, and the bleeding was not serious. Later in the day the artery and veins were tied up by the local doctor at Haliburton, and the stump was properly amputated two days later by Dr Pogue of Minden.

As far as the father could learn from the young man at the time, he felt he had been forced to do this to save his life, and there seems no doubt he was suffering under the delusion that he must obey literally the command, "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off." It seems that the young man was lefthanded and it is presumed that on this account he removed his left hand.

**His Mind a Blank**

Shortly after the accident he appeared totally unconscious of how it had occurred, and the members of the family, fearing a return of the mania, have carefully avoided questioning him in regard to it. When seen Tuesday night he was getting along well, and showed the customary pride most people feel in an operation as he discussed the relative merits of the doctors, and explained the wound is progressing. Apart from a slight suggestion of feeble-mindedness the young man talked rationally on other topics. His parents are people of considerable intelligence and live in a fairly comfortable farm house, apparently sufficiently well off. Another son is married and lives close by. There does not appear to have been any insanity in the family before.

## *Three Years*

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"I deliberately broke the law, not hysterically and not emotionally, but for a set and serious purpose, because I honestly believe it is the only way.

"This movement will go on whether I live or die. These women will go on until women have obtained the common rights of citizenship, as they shall have over the civilized world before this movement is over."

**Justice Speaks.**

Justice Lush said:

"I must pass a severe sentence on you. If you would only realize the wrong you are doing and use your influence in the right direction, I should be the first to use my best endeavors to secure a mitigation of your sentence. I cannot and I will not regard your crime as trivial. It is a most serious one."

Immediately the sentence of three years fell from the judge's lips the women in the court-room broke out in a chorus of "Shame!" and "Outrage!" With Mrs. Pankhurst's defiance to the judge of "I'll fight, fight, fight!" still ringing in their ears the women's suffrage sympathizers went wild.

Standing on the seats, they shrieked and shouted anathemas at the court. For two or three minutes they held full sway in the court-room, which resounded with such cries as "Keep the flag flying," and "We will arise."

The police were powerless, their efforts to quell the tumult being ineffective. The judge's warning that he would commit the entire party of women to prison for contempt of court fell upon deaf ears. The women glared defiantly at the judge and laughed at his threats, and when they got ready they left the court singing as they went, "March on! March on!" Such a scene never before has been witnessed at the Old Bailey.

Outside the door of the court-room the militant women tramped jauntily through the halls, singing at the top of their voices their revolutionary "Marseillaise."

"Arrest us! Take us to jail! What do we care!" they shouted defiantly at the police. The pandemonium was continued until the street was reached. The crowd outside the court house greeted the suffragettes with a mingled chorus of groans, hisses and boos.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst in the meantime had been smuggled out of the court house through a side door, and the mob gradually dispersed.

There is no possibility of Mrs. Pankhurst serving her sentence of three years. The suffragette leader will be released as soon as she has starved herself for a few days, under Home Secretary McKenna's new bill permitting ticket of leave, which the suffragettes have christened "the cat and mouse bill."

**Welcome for Winston**

PLYMOUTH, Eng, April 3—Militant suffragettes made active preparations this morning to welcome Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, who later arrived here on board the Admiralty yacht.

The women painted their greetings in big letters on Smeaton lighthouse and at othr points of vantage on The Hoe, facing the sea. One of them read:

"To Winston Spencer Churchill. No security until you give women the vote, no matter how big the navy."

Another said: "To save the state from shipwreck, give women the vote."

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