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OUR WAR MINISTER

Canada's war minister must have made a profound impression upon the people of France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland last summer. His bill for automobiles amounted to almost \$7,000. Not only was the war minister accompanied by seasoned warriors, including Mr. H. P. McLeod, M.P. of New Brunswick, but in his own immediate entourage there was a private secretary at \$1,200, an assistant secretary at \$800, and an orderly from the Army Service Corps. One can imagine the French or Belgian peasant raising his head from his toil in the fields and gazing with an awe unknown since the days of the Franco-Prussian war, when the German legions marched on Paris, as Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, war minister of Canada, and his brilliant retinue swept along the highways to the scene of the army manoeuvres. Seven automobiles were required each day, and not perhaps since the days of the great Napoleon had so great a master of military strategy appeared upon the scene. It is a great thing for a country like Canada to have a war minister like Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes. He impresses the nations wherever his sword and spurs appear. Of course it costs the country something, but what suburbanite of St. John or other citizen of Canada would hesitate for one moment to contribute something toward the expenses of a war minister who sheds such lustre on his country's fame? Who would reduce his retinue by one colonel or one assistant secretary, or one automobile? Will not the historians of Europe, in chronicling the great events of 1913, include as one of the most notable of them the visit of Canada's war minister to the scene of the summer manoeuvres in France, Germany and Switzerland—just as the historian of the year in Canada will set down as one of the great events the \$30,000 tour of the war minister accompanied by Sir Ian Hamilton from coast to coast, arousing the martial spirit of the people, and making them wish that an enemy would somewhere poke his nose into view, affording them an opportunity to rush forth and conquer or die a hero's death. The exploits of the war minister lift the souls of the people above the mere sordid transactions of the market place, and if he should spend \$10,000 of the hire of automobiles while impressing upon the people of France and Germany the fact that Canada can "lick all creation," where is the craven wretch who would reduce the appropriation by the fraction of a single cent? Echo answers, where?

WHERE THE TORIES FAILED

The fine spirit of the fairness which characterizes the Borden government is very well illustrated by the fact that he has sent broadcast a partisan summary of the report of the Gutelius commission on the Transcontinental Railway, but has not yet submitted the report itself to parliament. Mr. Borden, when asked about it, said he thought the report must still be in the hands of the printer. Meanwhile the partisan summary has gone out, and the Tory press throughout the country is asserting that the greatest public scandal in the history of Canada has been uncovered. Even the summary itself does not justify any such assertion. It does not make any definite charge against any man connected with the construction of the Transcontinental Railway; and its whole contention is that if Canada had been content to have a railway with steeper grades, sharper curves, wooden trestles, less double tracking, fewer and poorer station houses and cheaper construction generally, the whole work could have been done for many millions less than it has actually cost. Nobody will dispute this statement, but Canada did not want a road of steep grades, sharp curves and poor construction. Parliament decided to make the new Transcontinental Railway, so far as facilities for hauling trains were concerned, the best on the continent.

The attempts of the Borden government by partisan commissions to discover wrong doing on the part of the Laurier administration have proved sadly disappointing to them and their supporters. It was gleefully asserted as soon as the Laurier government was defeated that revelations would be made which would shock the country. The Hon. William Pugsley was one special subject of attack, but the most eager search by vindictive political enemies could discover no wrong doing in the conduct of affairs of his department. The Transcontinental Railway appeared to offer an especially inviting field, because of the magnitude of the work involved, and the Gutelius-Stanton commission was set at work. Mr. Gutelius has done his best for his guttles, but he has failed to discover that which was so earnestly sought. It goes without saying that in a work of this construction so enormous mistakes would be made, perhaps some of them costly; but there has been an utter failure to bring home to the Laurier government

any definite charges of graft or political corruption. In the meantime, wherever there is a by-election, that prince of political reformers the Hon. Robert Rogers uses the machinery of the public works department in the boldest and most reckless manner, for the benefit of the tory candidate, whoever he may be. This country made a poor exchange when it replaced the Laurier government with the Tory-Nationalist aggression in which Mr. Rogers is the dominant force.

The old-fashioned winter seems to like its former haunts. It is making a long stay in these parts.

Great interest centres in several by-elections to be held in England this week.

There is evidently a sharp difference of opinion in St. John whether there should be a Scott Act contest or a general campaign for provincial prohibition.

The fact that there has recently been a steady rise in the value of all Irish securities is an indication that the threat of civil war in Ulster is not taken seriously in financial circles.

The death of a child in Newcastle from eating medicine tablets left within his reach should be a warning to all parents to be especially careful to put medicines of every kind in a safe place.

The nomination of a candidate for the city council by the trades and labor council will add further interest to the coming civic elections, as there is talk of some four or five other candidates aspiring to civic honors.

The Halifax Herald tells of great trouble for steamships in Halifax harbor during the storm of Saturday, and of an Allan liner which decided not to put to sea until morning, although she was ready to sail the evening before.

Now if this had happened in St. John.

The report of Commissioner Schofield on the harbor revenues shows that the citizens should make every effort to get the Empire's steamships back to this port next winter. There has been a large shrinkage in the revenue since they were switched to Halifax.

Chatham World—Suburban trains were cancelled at St. John and Fredericton because they didn't pay. The St. Andrews Beacon thinks their removal will not pay. We agree with the Beacon.

Chatham World—The authors of the Fredericton attacks on Mr. Pinder evidently lack a sense of humor. They begin by showing that his impetuosity is such that he cannot pay his ordinary liabilities, and then go on to prove that he has enriched himself by the building of the Southampton Railway.

The startling deterioration of the Liberal party at Ottawa since the St. John Standard sent a representative to the press gallery suggests that, if Mr. Hagen's organ could spare another man for service at the capital, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his supporters would be completely flabbergasted.

Although Hon. Robert Rogers has no knowledge of those concrete wharves at Fredericton, Mr. H. P. McLeod, M.P., assures the people that it is all right, and a staff of surveyors are joyously impressing the electorate by making measurements and conducting a survey. Mr. McLeod has a fine sense of humor, but he does not see as high an estimate as he should have of the discerning powers of the citizens of Fredericton.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

His Honor George Healey Vickers Bala, lieutenant-governor of Alberta, is observing his fifty-fifth birthday in the splendid new Government House which has recently been completed in Edmonton. He is now nearing the close of his second term as governor of the province and next year will probably step back into private life. Like many of Canada's public men he was originally a school teacher, having acted as principal of a school in his native province of New Brunswick thirty-five years ago. For the last thirty years he has been residing in Western Canada, engaging first in business and later devoting his attention to government. He held office in the government of the North West Territories and in 1898 was appointed commissioner of the Yukon Territory. He became lieutenant-governor of Alberta on its erection into a province in 1905.

Lighter vein. Why? 'Tis not because she is devout That Annabelle is kneeling; Her stick-up, if she straightens out, Is sure to sweep the ceiling.

He Was Sensitive. "I suppose you are proud of your wife's literary success?" said the intimate friend. "Yes," said Stubbs. "Only I wish she wouldn't insist on making the hero of every novel a tall, athletic young man, with wavy hair and piercing blue eyes. Anybody can see that I am short, fat, bald and combed to 'rear specs'." The Pathfinder.

So Why Not That One? She—"I'm afraid you couldn't support me in the style to which I've been accustomed." He—"Well, styles are always changing, aren't they?"

Can't Spare the Time. Bix—"They say that women are hardly ever stammerers." Dix—"No, they have so much to say that they can't stop for it."

Reverse Not True. Scott—"A man may be so effectively pleased with everybody that he becomes a nuisance." Mot—"True. But a man who endeavors habitually to make himself a nuisance never succeeds by any accident in being pleasant."

Opportunity. I used to think that she was plain, I felt no thrill when she was near me; The things she said were said in vain, If she intended that I should hear me; I used to think that I could well afford to live my life without her; To be at all concerned about her.

Today I cannot pass her by Without a sad and regretful feeling; There are some solemn facts that I shall make no effort to deny; The confidence that once was mine Has been reduced somewhat and Her look is proud, her manner fine; I scorned her once—but was mistaken.

What foolish things we do in youth, How oft we miss the splendid chances Blind to our interests, in truth, We pass Good Luck with cold, proud glances, She sighs my praise for other men's; She cares not what I may be saying, Her father has a hundred hens, And each of them is buying. By S. E. Kiser.

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CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

To the Editor of the Times: Sir—Apologies of the opportunities of a Children's Aid Society it may be of interest to know what a similar organization is doing in another community. The following is a summary of the last year's work in New York:

Children's Aid Society Reports Helpful Year. At the recent annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society, New York, the secretary, C. Loring Brace, gave an interesting summary of the work done since its founding in 1853. It has placed 25,000 orphans and deserted children in homes, has provided remunerative situations in the country for 28,000 older boys and girls, has aided 40,000 to reach friends in the west and has restored 10,800 runaways to parents. The records kept of all children thus aided shows that eighty-seven per cent. are doing well, eight per cent. returned to New York.

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YORK, two per cent. died, one-quarter of one per cent. committed petty crimes and were arrested and two and three-quarters per cent. disappeared. The past year over 85,000 children have been helped in various ways, and the work has been enlarged to include placing children in fresh air camps and summer homes. In his report Mr. Brace said that public schools should be made genuine social centres, recognizing the need of social uplift of the whole family equally with the pupil. If the environment of children in the schools was purified, the work of child rescue and regeneration would be far more successful. Since the public schools have not yet developed such a plan, the work must be carried in through other agencies, and the Children's Aid Society has taken it up as an important phase of its work. The result has justified Mr. Brace's theory, for the schools of the Children's Aid Society are remarkably free from the delinquency characteristic of the public schools. The society maintains twelve industrial schools throughout the city, which, besides giving practical instruction in many branches of work, affords moral training under the influence of good women. Fitting the homeless child to the childless family is an important feature of this work. Most of the boys and girls are placed with farmers' families, for farm life has proved to be the best environment for growing children. In the light of these facts and in view

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill entitled an ACT PROVIDING FOR BALCONIES AT GENERAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN SAINT JOHN will be presented at next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for enactment. The object of the bill is to issue bonds to pay for erection of balconies to said hospital. Dated 26th day of January, A. D. 1914. JAMES KING KELLEY, County Secretary.

of the urgent necessity for such an active society in St. John it is greatly to be regretted that a mere legal technicality prevents the full operation of an incorporated Children's Aid Society in our city. I remain, Yours sincerely, FREDERICK S. PORTER, St. John, N. B., Feb. 14, 1914.

TWO HUSKY NOVA SCOTIANS In the police report the Bangor Commercial of Monday says: William Ellis of Nova Scotia, who with his brother, George Ellis, pleaded guilty to an assault on a police officer in Old Town, Jan. 6, was put on the stand. The young men were just out of the woods and had been drinking. The police officer attempted to arrest them and a fight ensued. The officer was unable to sub-

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Dated at Saint John, N. B., the 30th day of January, A.D. 1914. HERBERT E. WARDROP, Common Clerk.

due the two men until he got help. The officer was in bad shape after the two got through with him. Although they pleaded guilty, William Ellis denied that he struck or hit the police officer, and admitted that he had perhaps scratched him. They both said they had been drinking heavily.