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NO HALF-MEASURE

An attempt is being made to persuade people to believe that Sir Robert Borden's half-measure of conscription is favored by leading Liberals like Dr. Michael Clark and Mr. N. W. Rowell, and is entirely satisfactory to them.

In short, while these men go with Sir Robert Borden for conscription of men, they do not stop where he does, but like the Presbyterian Assembly, the Anglican Synod of Ontario, the Methodist Conference of these provinces and Manitoba, and many other bodies who have declared their views, they want conscription in the terms set out by Dr. Clark.

That, in the opinion of this house, it is desirable that the government be taken forthwith by the government to provide that accumulated wealth should contribute immediately and effectively to the cost of the war; and that all agricultural, industrial, transportation and national resources of Canada should be organized forthwith as to ensure the greatest possible assistance to the empire in the war and to reduce the cost of living to the Canadian people.

A WASTE OF TIME

The members of the opposition party in Fredericton are not well advised. They talk too much, and repeat too much. No useful purpose has been served by their long and wandering speeches on the budget.

Let us hope the reorganization of the Russian army, now in progress, will be followed by aggressive action against the Central Powers. Even if delayed, such action would have a determining influence upon the fortunes of the war.

THE INCOME TAX

Canadian Finance favors an income tax. Criticizing the attacks of the Financial Times on Sir Thomas White's announced increase in excess profits taxation it says: "Canadian Finance agrees with its eastern contemporary that a general income tax should go hand-in-hand with an excess profits tax—and that the latter levy would be more fair if based upon a consideration of before-war earnings over a period of, say, three years."

It agrees also that large profits from war-time wheat prices—whether made by those producing, dealing or speculating in grain—should not go scot-free. From the first this journal has urged that the agricultural west, as well as the industrial east, should contribute to war taxation from war profits. But it does not overlook the fact (as some eastern journals seem to do) that the smaller farmer, while enjoying big prices for his products, is indirectly paying heavy taxes through customs duties that may mean relatively as much to him as the big taxes paid by some industrial concerns.

last year produced over \$203,000,000 (compared with \$200,000,000 before the war), while the tax on excess profits brought about \$140,000,000. "Australia has followed this principle, and now the United States likewise is to tax both excess profits and incomes generally. While on excess profits of over 8 per cent. on capital the proposed tax is only 16 per cent., there is a 6 per cent. income tax payable by all companies. As to incomes generally, those of the individuals are exempt up to \$2,000 for married persons and \$1,000 for unmarried—the normal tax being 4 per cent. on the excess of the normal tax on incomes of more than \$5,000.

"Customs duties are increased 10 per cent. of former rate (not a flat 10 per cent. except on former free goods) and increased postal rates, stamp taxes on legal documents, medicines and cheques, liquor and tobacco taxes are practically doubled and substantial taxes are levied on all amusements and luxuries. Operations in futures on grain or produce exchanges are taxed 2 cents on every \$100 of the transaction. In the face of all these new levies, it is still true, as Chairman Kitchen, of the ways and means committee pointed out, that compared with the taxes 'look ridiculously small.' Much more, therefore, as Euclid would have said, is Canada's levy on the public's income inadequate."

The war news is not cheerful reading. German air raids upon London have not been checked, and when ninety-seven people are killed and 487 wounded in one raid the situation is certainly serious.

The more the flag-waving Tories talk about conscription the more they are told that there must be more than conscription of men—and they do not relish the suggestion. However, the conscription of men alone will not do.

Universal regret was expressed yesterday upon receipt of the news of the serious illness of Hon. P. J. Veniot. That he may soon be back in his place in the house is the earnest wish of all. He is proving himself a good administrator, and is also a tireless worker.

At St. Joseph's on Tuesday evening Hon. J. B. M. Baxter began his address in the French language. The fact should interest those gentlemen who not long since were yelling about the French domination in the province of New Brunswick.

Sir Robert Borden is now paying the penalty of his alliance with the Nationalists. Who would make terms with an enemy that ruthlessly murders women and children? We've toasted all manner of women, We've pledged them, the old and the young. Since days of the gallant knight errants All womanhood's praises we've sung; We've pledged them for love and for duty.

The One Woman. We've pledged them, the old and the young. Since days of the gallant knight errants All womanhood's praises we've sung; We've pledged them for love and for duty.

Our poor limitations and uses. She knows them far better than we— She bravely accepts our excuses, And motives refuses to see; She overlooks all of our errors, The things we don't do that we should, And knows, like ourselves, we'd be better. And worthier men if we could; In the end, when our errors confront us, She soothes us with comforting hands, And erases the penance—God bless her!— The Woman Who Understands. —John D. Wells, in Buffalo News.

APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES

Are the Four Fruits Used in Making "Fruit-a-lives"

"FRUIT-A-LIVES" is the only medicine in the world that is made from the juices of fresh ripe fruits. Thus, it is manifestly unfair to say, "I won't take Fruit-a-lives because I have tried other remedies and they did me no good."

A DEAD SOLDIER

(By George Edgar Montgomery) He sleeps at last—a hero of his race, Dead—and the night lies softly on his face. While the faint summer stars, like sentinels, Hover above his lonely resting place.

A soldier—yet less a soldier than a man— Who gave us justice what a soldier can! The courage of his arm, his patient heart, And the fire-soul that flamed when wrong began.

Not Caesar, Alexander, Antoine, No despot born of the old warrior line; Napoleon, of the sword, whose cruel hands Caught at the throat of love upon its shrine—

But one who worshipped in the sweeter years Those rights that men have gained with blood and tears; Who led his armies like a priest of men, And fought his battles with anointed spears.

LIGHTER VEIN. LIGHTER VEIN. Extended Leave. "Please do not pluck the flowers without leave," was the request placed prominently in the garden of a mansion to which the public were occasionally admitted.

Table d'Hotel Coal. Not every salesman is as quick-witted as the youth at the office of the coal company, about whom Everybody tells: "How much is chestnut coal?" "Himidy humdy" said the prospective customer.

The Wrong Turning. It is a dangerous thing, when you have let slip an unfortunate remark, to try to cover up the blunder. Mrs. G. was talking with the wife of Judge H. about her son's choice of a profession. "I don't want him to be a lawyer," she said.

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Emerson & Fisher Ltd. The Stay-at-Homes. It seems a pity, suggests the London Evening Standard, that some way of materializing halos for the stay-at-home woman, who is keeping the flag flying by dint of struggling cheerfully with rationing difficulties and ever-rising prices, cannot be contrived too.

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Canada and the U. S. The immediate and ultimate effects of the intervention of the United States in the great war in respect to the relation of the great republic with Great Britain and Canada and in its internal affairs, were eloquently and most forcibly presented by Professor W. F. Osborne, chairman of the faculty of Manitoba University, who addressed the Canadian Club at luncheon yesterday at Bond's restaurant. There were about fifty or sixty members present. Their keen attention throughout, with displays of displeasure when he threatened to cut his remarks short, were expressions beyond the power of words in appreciation of the speaker's eloquence.

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