As many feared and predicted, Belleville is at last face to face with a critical situation in regard to fuel supply. Yesterday's report by the coal merchants was that all available supplies would be exhausted in a day and a half. Many families are now absolutely without fuel. struggling against adverse conditions. We must When war commenced, the importation of pulp Yesterday's blizzard and the continuous cold now help ourselves. mean the demoralisation of railway traffic for several days to come. Acute suffering and serious freezing are in immediate sight unless immediate action is taken.

meant the saving of many hundreds of tons of expressions of regret. badly needed coal and the providing of hunpleted coal supply.

We suggested that

(1) The churches should as far as prac- and a man. ticable hold union services and not heat the main body of the church buildings.

Saturdays.

verted into firewood.

and other expected deliveries.

then realised and, outside of some economies fulness at Montreal and to this field he will go serious mistake, when they withdrew their on the part of three or four churches, nothing with the united good wishes of a host of friends counsel from the hearing some months ago. has been done.

We are now faced by an actual condition and not a theory. There is no use lamenting about what has or has not been done in the

We now have a fuel commissioner in Belle-We now have a fuel commissioner in Belle-by President Purdy in its attitude towards the ville, a special committee of the council to deal war and peace terms. Britain and all her allies one-sided investigation, with the Paper Comfrom the government for our municipality to engage in the fuel business.

It is now too late in the season for the city to secure coal from any available source. If we did buy the coal there is no telling when it might be delivered. But what the city can do is to secure a supply of wood almost at once.

either good sanitation or beauty. Their branchwith Labor's own published aims, it could
es are interlocking with one another in many
hardly do otherwise than indorse them. What wood. Several hundred cords are here available and this would probably be sufficient to able and this would probably be sufficient to conference any further than they have swung what happened to the newspapers. The most relieve the situation until supplies of coal, now preceding ones. known to be on the way to our local merchants, are delivered.

The closing down of several industrial plants in our city, owing to lack of fuel, leaves several hundreds of men out of work. Some of these are experienced woodsmen and would be glad to take a turn at wood-cutting in order to help out.

Many people, who have had experience, have found green wood, even soft maple, a fairly satisfactory fuel. For domestic use, when partially dried in an oven or elsewhere, it burns readily and throws out intense heat.

In passing it might be of interest to note that the town council of Smiths Falls has just purchased a wood-lot for \$1200 and has let a contract to a man who will cut and deliver the wood in town for \$2.25 a single cord.

We feel that our merchants should at once take united action and open and close places of business at the hours suggested. This has already been done at Brockville. Why not here? Why not also have a half-holiday on the result of the Labor conference are doomed why is it that men who despise Wednesday afternoons, the same as is done to disappointment. British labor may and does other things that are second-hand. in summer with far less show of reason? It is a time of year when business is not brisk. The trading could be done within the hours mentioned, without hardship to anyone, once the fact became generally known. Who has the ships and make demands for better conditions. the theatres would start an hour patriotism to circulate a petition and secure general agreement to this proposal? We are of these. By this time it has realized that it convinced there would be few refusals.

of fuel in the homes of thrifty householders, far larger than will be required to put them through the present winter. This matter should b looked into and dealt with in a firm manner, if the worst comes to the worst.

Some of our churches still lag behind in the good work. In Brockville the eight churches are now reduced to three. We have had no union here, whatever, even where there are several churches of the one denomination. Some of the week-night meetings might also be temporarily discontinued.

Some of our fraternal organisations might also consider the advantage of holding less frequent meetings the present winter.

these would make a good beginning.

and the city or government officials. There is pounds of newsprint. The Big Interests have fluence than the individual. an impelling necessity for everyone to do his again won the day at Ottawa. best to co-operate with the others.

best to get supplies through. The shortage is States for their actions. Most of these paper aboard. not attributable to them. The railways are men secured vast timber limits at small cost.

ANOTHER CITY'S GAIN.

The news that Rev. Chas. G. Smith, M \.

dreds of cords of wood to supplement the de- is not confined by denominational bounds. He ready to pay high prices. made friends everywhere because he was

questions of principle arose the people always were able to prevail upon the Government to compared with the man who poses as a return- to forget that God has incorporated (2) The merchants should open places of knew where to find him. He did not he sitate appoint a special commissioner, and R. A. ed soldier and patriot but who has never joined even that into His all-embracing business at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. except on to take a stand and manfully battle for what Pringle, a well-known Conservative corporative corporati he believed to be right. He had the courage tion lawyer, was appointed to the task. He has (3) Shade trees, where too thickly placed of his convictions but his courage was combin-been working on the "investigation" for about on our streets should be cut down and con- ed with breadth of mind and commonsense. He eight months, and he has found for the paper-(4) Private citizens should exercise the ism. He was a strong patron of manly sports the newspapers up to the time that necessary Where the brightest stars in the bluest skies. most rigid economy by closing up all rooms in and a firm believer in the truth that a good adjustments may be made. The margin of

was given out that one of our coal merchants he was in great demand everywhere as a speak-many papers will be driven out of business as a The soil is richer than that of the Nile. had placed an order for 3000 tons of coal which er at after-dinner functions and all other pub-direct result of the Pringle decision. Mr Pringle was to be delivered immediately, and that a lic events. He had a sparkling wit, a rapie: appears to have expected criticism, as he has large part of the order was already on the readiness in repartee and rare skill as a already flown to shelter of a review of the eviway. All this was we believe, promised in good raconteur. Owing to his overflowing sense of dence by an appellate court. faith but storms have interferred with these humor he was frequently compared with Mark Twain

in the Belleville district.

LABOR'S DETERMINATION

If the labor conference now in session at Nottingham, England, follows the lead given it wille, a special committee of the council to deal war and peace terms, Britain and all her allies bine claiming great virtues and heavy burwill have cause for rejoicing. Either Germany dens to itself, and evidently having its claim must accept the conditions laid down by Premallowed. ier Lloyd George and President Wilson or Labor must continue to wage war on Germany Purdy's ultimatum.

dy's statement lies with the pronounced paci-

Genuine admiration is due to the Labor president for his careful and clear stateme. of the international situation. He laid his fingered unerringly on Germany's weakest point in all her talk of negotiation by peace when he declared that this could only end in a Teutonic victory if carried out during the enemy's occupancy of foreign territory. Even the Russians now perceive this fact, and see that under such circumstances a "self-determination" vote THE WATER STORY LAST BY must prove a farce.

"Will the German democracy define its war aims? Will it face its Government as we have faced ours?" Mr. Purdy asks. The answer must be that it has not done the former and has not yet done the latter, although it probably will face its Government as the last resort. German democracy has not yet spoken, welcome never comes with a guarbut only German autocracy, and there is no antee not to wear out. guarantee that the bureaucracy speaks for and with the support of the German nation.

What hopes Germany may have held as to too busy talking to say anything. criticize its government for some of its acts or will feel proud of a secondhand wife? a fuel value to about 5,400,000,000 and inexcusable that we wonder if and read a first time, colonization want of action, but it is behind it in desiring to If women had to shave before they see the war fought until a conclusive and last- went out the managers would have ing peace is obtained. It may grumble at hard- to fix things so that performances in but its loyalty does not depend on the granting later than they do at present. It is rumored that there are some hoards must choose between British government with is on the \$10,000 bills that we are some imperfections or Prussian rule with no- so familiar with the features of the thing but imperfections, and that its whole civil war leader. strength is needed to avert the latter.

It is to be hoped that the question of the sometimes a little man will come up man power bill will be treated in the broadest- to your expectation, while a tall man minded manner, and that national policy will will fall short. he placed ahead of Labor's inclination. It The man who has a fine head of would not strengthen Labor's cause to de- hair is careless in parting it. But the mand immunity from the bill's provisions for man who has only eight hairs left certain classes. Under good leadership this never falls to get four hairs on the fact doubtless will be impressed on the con- one side of the part and four on the ference.

THE NEWSPRINT DECISION.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be le bragging about you? paid by the newspapers of Canada to the mem- Nature has made some mistakes. s as human as to err, and it is not pends upon human strength and wis. \$17.50 Quent meetings the present winter.

Other economies may be suggested but bers of the Paper Combine as a result of the Other economies may be suggested but bers of the Paper Combine as a result of the Other failure through human weekness and tones of our dead selves to higher failure through human weekness and ruling of Commissioner Pringle, providing for o make the American Beauty as stones of our dead selves, to higher fatture through human weakness and Monday in February. D. L. Fleming. Don't leave it all for the coal merchants an increase from \$2.50 to \$2.85 per hundred lardy as the American onion.

The Paper Combine men of Canada have The coal dealers have been doing their already been fined in the courts of the United it must be democracy with a load of vodka he social progress of the race. The to the United States from the Scandinavian when an investigation into something or other pusly. And great moral reforms, countries ceased, and the American publishers is not started. turned to Canada for a supply. Up to that time there was competition for Canadian business, B.D., has resigned the pastorate of the Victoria and a newspaper could secure bids from several Scripture, which will be about the only kind of we are ready to declare in bitter dis-At the beginning of the month The On- Avenue Baptist church will be received by our mills. But this all ceased when the American a dinner some folks will get soon. tario recommended action that would have citizens with far more than the conventional market opened, and soon more than 80 per cent of Canada's paper output was going to the The feeling of goodwill towards Mr. Smith United States, where wealthy publishers were have no doubts about the Allies' willingness to But we forget! Into this mys-

more than a mere preacher—he was a citizen the price of paper, and he increased it from \$2.40 (in case of The Ontario) to \$3.25. But Mr. Smith was not a crusader, but when this did not satisfy the paper-makers. They timable character, but he is a shining light the problem of free-will we are apt was free from narrowness, bigotry and ascetic- makers. The decision means a large loss to their dwellings not urgently needed for use. minister is not necessarily a goody-goody. profit in the publication of a newspaper is so Unfortunately, about that same time word He had a fine gift of pulpit eloquence and small as to be in many cases non-existent. and

0 0 0 0 It is open to debate if the newspapers, And happy are they who dwell in the vale, The necessity for drastic action was not Mr. Smith enters a far larger field of use-through their representatives, did not make a The newspapers sought to show that a combine existed, and when Mr. Pringle refused to consider this evidence, and the Canadian Press Association, which conducted the case for the newspapers, refused to have its counsel continue at the hearing. As a result it has been a

with every ounce of its strength; that is Mr. the newspapers, there is a more vital question But apart from the effect of the decision on to be considered. The government has caused Indications, so far given, point to the ac-prices to be fixed for one commodity at the bes to secure a supply of wood almost at once. ceptance of this view by the majority of delenest of the newspapers. "The power of the The shade trees, thousands of them, still gates, and when it is noted that the aims express was able to bring about a result although stand. They are too thick on most streets for pressed by these statesmen are almost identical in this instance the result has been to sen priplaces. Some of the trees are large enough to danger there is of any opposition to Mr. Purler in the land should be able to have the price of bread or potatoes fixed, though it might be They reap in plenty and the gladly give. fists, and they will not be able to swing this advisable to withhold the request in view of Nor; the one hand knows where the other goes powerful publisher should have no more in- Jan. 23rd, 1918.

Other

Editor's

Opinions

LUKE MCLUKE SAYS:

You may have noticed that the

Never overstay your welcome. A

It isn't because Gen. Grant's face

It may seem paradoxical. But

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If the Bolsheviki movement is democracy, n regard to the Church of God and

It is a very quiet day in the United States tion it has often failed most egregi-

"Better is a dinner of herbs," says the still or even move backwards, and

The Prussian Chamber of Lords needs ailed. give the kaiser his "rights." Most of them are erious divine-human world God has Finance Minister White was asked to fix only too eager that he shall receive them.

The slacker or shirker may not be an es- and in our attempt to grapple with

THE VALLEY OF BEAUTY

know where a valley of beauty lies, On the banks of a noble stream-In their loveliest luster gleam O'er a scene so fair, that the dwellers there-Seem to live in a happy dream.

And the husbandman's only cares to plant the seeds, when the spring buds smile, In the warmth of the April air-Then furrow them through, but a time or two; To harvest an abundant share.

Their toil is all labor of love-They hear of the world by the river mail. And they worship the Master above-Though the eagle's scream is heard by the stream, The bird they adore is the dove.

Nature was beautiful; prodigal, there, Of all that man could desire And lead him to levels higher— Than the sordid goals where the supine souls-Just live their lives and expire.

No dread of the Kultur of Huns, is there, Not a heart is open to greed-And the woe of one is the valley's care, While the sufferer has a need-The voice they hear is a call always near "My Lambs! let my followers feed"

Much is required where much is given. And the valley of beauty owes-Gratitude both to earth and heaven For the peace and the joy she knows The fat of the land should flow from the hand.

In that beautiful river vale-

PEAT AS FUEL

Dr. Eugene Haanel has republish-

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-E. D. McCready

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Moira, Jan. 18, 1918 Council elect for 1918 met today. They took declaration of qualification and declaration of office and

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> was too big for us, but because we that a grant of five dollars be given blundered in our well meant en- o Hospital for Sick Children.

6 feet will produce 774,000 tons of when we alone are too blame, and we Geo. Morgan interviewed council pression they leave is that they were peat fuel with a moisture content of fail when we are not at all to blame; re-opening road on town line when, 25 per cent. The 12,000 square but some how, sometime, we all man- on motion he was ordered to open miles will therefore contain about age to stumble upon failure, and on motion of Contain about age to stumble upon failure, and on motion of Contain and E.

tons of good coal. ever there lived greater fools than road by-law, appointing sanitory Seven bogs in the shipping range ourselves. We fail, our friends fail, board of health, sheep valuators and of Toronto are capable of supplying the very wisest and strongest men road surveyor.

> Rood surveyor-Wm. Storrings Sanitory inspector-Peter Fargey Member for board of health-A

evil spirits and evil men, nor the piti- Sheep, valuators—Wm., Welsh,

On every side we see evidences on- will is being wrought out upon earth following accts. were ordered paid,

hings." Patriot, prophet, saint, all folly, and in the moral realm we are Clerk.

ant to imagine that this implies divine failure. Especially is this true Church as a divine organization cannot fail, but as a human organizauch as are evidently instinct with appointment that evil is stronger han good, and that God Himself have

ncorporated many things which are hard to reconcile with each other plans, and all our human blunders and mistakes have been foreseen and provided for and no matter how great they may be they cannot frustrate the far-reaching plans of the Omnipotent One.

The cross of Christ did not mark a divine failure, even though it was the emphatic expression of human ignorance and human sir. And even so the present war, with all its unspeakable horror, does not mark in any sense the failure of the divine plan, but rather it will be made blood-stained gateway to a newer and brighter world. And even our own ignorance and folly, which we can neither forget nor forgive, may be made the entrance to a nobler and a grander life. Neither persecution nor poverty, neither sickness nor sorrow, neither our own stupidity nor the malice of our enemies, neither evil spirits, nor evil men, nor our own culpable ignorance can shut against us the door which opens to the richest treasure-chamber of our God's infinite love and mercy.

God never fails. Where sin interferes forgiveness appears: where iniquity appears to triumph, mercy shows its face; where human ignorance spoils, divine power restores where the world passes its decree of "Lost," the Christ of "God writer 'Saved," The salvation of God reaches to the lowest abyse of sin. athoms the farthest depths of igorance and works miracles to which ffair.-Christian Guardian.

HUNTINGDON COUNCIL

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sometimes we err in our methods, clerk was ordered to get six copies and we fail, not because the task of Municipal World.

deavor; sometimes we fail because Communications were rec'd from man who is liberal with his promises peat bogs of Manitoba, Ontario we work alone, and sometimes we Ontario Dept. of Agriculture re-Quebec and New Brunswick comprise fail because we trusted to others; juesting appointment of represent-12,000 square miles with an average we fail when we have a good excuse stives for board of agriculture. depth of 12 feet. One square mile of for failure, and we fail when we there on motion of Geen and Wood peat bog with an average depth of have no excuse whatever; we fall sideration. it was laid over for further con-

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