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Tax Exemption at Ottawa.

government on a matter which more or less directly concerns the whole of Canada. Canada. It is in his capacity of mayor, however, that the question has been raised by him.

There is an agreement between the time is ripe for a new deal.

The impression in the country is, he created by the war. believes, that the government does a great deal for Ottawa, but he asserts eon clubs is exceedingly high. What that "if instead of the Dominion democracy lacks more than anything Government we had in the City of else is intelligence, and the diffusion Ottawa a factory, or a financial insti- of intelligence is certainly promoted tution owing the same amount of pro- by the popularization and ventilation perty, and with the same pay roll, the of the ideas of the feaders of thought taxes and water rates paid by the fac- and action by themselves which has tory or financial institution at the or- been made possible by the method dinary rate of taxation would amount inaugurated by the Canadian Club, to at least \$886,453.60."

Mayor Fisher instances the case of Washington, the magnificent plans for whose development, intended to represent the dignity of the whole nation, were at first left to the people of the city and the result was that in 1874 the District of Columbia went bankrupt. After that the government assumed its fair share of all municipal expenses, and in 1878 this was settled

benefit, "but so also is the presence of Mr. J. R. Booth and his industries." every other company and individual the other."

The admission of liability for fire ready paid for. If the government "What is that hig thing over there?" paid its proportion of this according to its assessment, which is 26 per what do they boil locomotives for? cent. of the total of the city, its rates she enquired.

On another point Mayor Fisher is very explicit. He strongly protests that never again should an agreement be made not subject to modification as conditions changed. Since the last chased land and buildings assessed at constructed a number of new build- selves, which is the secret of con-

tions, Mayor Fisher is strongly of the opinion that the government should to speak, and when to remain silent, pay taxes as the British Government but a study of this manual will give does on the houses of parliament, as to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to the necessary information, and indirect creases granted in the past two years the necessary information, and indirect creases granted in the past two years to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to the necessary information, and indirect creases granted in the past two years to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak, and when to remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak the remain silent, nounced today that the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak the salary inproves land board may advance up to speak the salar the government does in Dublin, and we men in public life are usually well-

In the new view that is being taken committees, and all other -of the construction of society it is matters are fully treated. A chapter inevitable that exemptions of every on members and their duties is of kind must go, and the case which Ottawa furnishes is one that illus- President." trates the full viciousness of the prin- has supplanted all other forms of adciple of exemption as completely and impartially as any that can be found.

Proportional Representation Needed.

The Ottawa Citizen, which is a consistent advocate of proportional ered in the present volume, the third representation, calls attention to the year, is not surpassed in interest even embarrassment caused by the coali- by the man passages of the embarrassment caused by the coali- year. The third battle of Ypres, Mes tion in Britain by the multiplicity of sines, the salient and Passchendaele, government candidates, causing a division of supporters in many constituencies. This difficulty will increase encies. This difficulty will increase The 142nd chapter is one of with the growing independence of the electors, and the result will be government by m norities to a still greater and his relations with Russia and the extent than in the past. Democracy other powers could not be more lucid and incisive. The two remaining and incisive and with Version and the but under the present system of voting the majority fails to get its will expressed. In Canada this is frequent
ly the case. The present municipal

Chapters deal with Verdun and the Russian Downfall. Kerensky is shown to have been unequal to his opportunity, and Leo Bronstein, alias Trotky, the Odessa Jew, is shown to be an unscrupulous opportunist. "He ly the case. The present municipal be an unscrupulous opportunist. "He election in Toronto is a case in point, was that formidable combination, a the whole situation turning on the fanatic in ideals, but a politique i splitting of party votes. The single methods.

The Citizen points out that many notable people have recently adopted P. R. principles. Lord Milner Robert Smillie, president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, Main 5308—Private exchange connecting all departments.

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Telephone Calls:

are new vice-presidents of the P. R. Society. Lord Robert Cecil and the Earl of Selborne are associated with Sir Alfred Mond. Sir Mark Sykes, Mr. Aneurin Williams, Mr. George H. Barnes, Mr. G. H. Roberts, Mr. W. C. Anderson and other parliamentary leaders who support the idea.

The Empire Club. are new vice-presidents of the P. R.

The Empire Club.

At the annual meeting of the Empire Club last week the reports indicated an almost phenomenal success as having attended the efforts of the executive since Dr. Abbott became Mayor Fisher of Ottawa has made secretary. The membership at present strong representations to the federal exceeds 2000, and is said to be the largest of any patriotic club in

A clue to the success of the club is to be found in the volume of proceedings for the past two years which has recently been issued. Under the city and the government by which the presidency of Dr. Ham and Mr. J. B. government, in consideration of not Perry a very notable series of paying any taxes, nor water rates for addresses were given, and this standall its own and leased buildings, and ard has been fully maintained during that all civil servants' salaries are ex- the present season. The handsom empt from taxation, pays the city volume in which the proceedings of \$100,000 a year for park purposes and the seasons 1915-1917 are included \$15,000 for' fire protection. This constitutes a text book of the importagreement expires at the end of next ant problems, political, economic, im-June, and Mayor Fisher thinks the perial, social and scientific, arising out of the war and the conditions

> The educational value of the lunch and now widely adopted.

OTHER PEOPLE'S **OPINIONS**

A Fine Book for Railwaymen.

at one half.

With the contention that the presence of the government in Ottawa is a great benefit to the city, Mayor Fisher admits that it is a great great respectively.

Mayor Fisher admits that it is a great residual of the Swinging Lanterns. Mr. Copeland has been identified for several years with passenger and freight traffic on the Central Ontario Railway, the Great Northern, the C. M. and St. P., and the C. and N. W. railways and this book is "a vacy of the content of the Swinging Lanterns." "The Trail of the Swinging Lanterns." railways, and this book is "a racy railroading review of transportation matters, methods and men." Special he says. So also is the presence of chapters are given to Thomas Edison, William B. Lanigan, James Charlton, carrying on useful work. "To exempt Jarvis, Geo. J. Charlton, Andrew J. one landowner or employer of labor Taylor, William P. Duperow, Frederic P. Nelson, and there is an immense amount of personal information and observation which will appeal to the general public, as well as to the protection by the government is used "Knights of the swinging lanterns." by Mayor Fisher to show the inequitable character of the government conable character of the government is used. tribution. The cost of the fire service at 5 Dalton road. There are lots of is \$167,000 a year, exclusive of the good stories in the book. One tells of cost of firehalls and equipment al- a young lady who was being shown thru a locomotive factory. She asked. she enquired. "To make the loco-motive tender," was the reply. A for fire protection would be \$43,599, number of pages at the end are filled with "A Haphazard Chronology," in which are the leading events of railway transportation are included.

Women are now in public life to an agreement the government had pur- extent that would have shocked our extent that would have shocked our grandmothers, and they have secured their position by knowing how. Those who are still learning to control them—who are still learning to control them—shut down today as a result of the shut down today as a result of the irrm's refusal to meet the demand of land to be limited by value, not acrested limit \$5000. Each \$1,548,300. The government has also their position by knowing now. Those who are still learning to control themconstructed a number of new buildings and leased many others. On the
purchased property alone which passed out of the city's authority the reings and leased many others. On the
selves, which is the secret of controlling others, and consequently of
success in public life, may be considerably assisted by a little manual
nublished by Mrs. Parsons, "For ed out of the city's authority the revenue lost in taxation was \$44,531.

As a result of all these considerations, Mayor Fisher is strongly of the opinion that the government should speak, and when to remain silent, and the speak and the speak and when to remain silent, and the speak and the s as the United States Government does in Dublin, and in public life are usually well-in Washington. The City of Toronto is would willingly make common cause with the City of Ottawa on this issue, as we have a double burden to bear are already and as we have a double burden to bear. Even the experienced may learn much as Wemen in public life are usually well-of the knowledge of the hig industrial plants in Berlin is rapidly becoming acute is evidenced diers, who will then be entitled to assistance under above plan. Soldiers which public meetings are carried on. Siemens and Halske Electrical Works are approved by the peremptory demands made to assistance under above plan. Soldiers who will then be entitled to assistance under above plan. Soldiers who will then be entitled to assistance under above plan. Soldiers who will then be entitled to assistance under above plan. Soldiers who will th special interest. An important eision is to the effect that or "Madame Chairman, dress of the presiding officer at women's meeting

The Third Battle of Ypres.

"Nelson's History of the War," John Buchan, has reached its 20th volume (Toronto: T. Nelson & Sons Limited, 85 cents). The period cov by the final passages of the present He was a man of action,

ONE FROSTED, ROTTEN APPLE



BETHMANN-HOLLWEG: "It cost us \$27,850,000 to plant that orchard and this is all we have to show for it."

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Prime Minister New Sol-

dier Settlement.

THE LAND QUESTION

Encouragement of the

Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia

Leaders Demand Reinstatement

conscious that he lived in a complex world, and ready to trim, intrigue and compromise if the road were barred." In an appendix the second part of General Haig's fourth despatch is given, and another appendix gives the Pope's letter to President Wilson and the reply. There are 28 maps and plans, and the table of events from July 1, 1916, till June 30, 1917, fills 45 pages. As a popular narrative of July 1, 1916, till June 30, 1917, fills 45 pages. As a popular narrative of the war Mr. Buchan's work is unexcelled, and it does not flinch from the truth. "The great struggle which we have described," he says, "was strategically a British failure. We did not come within measurable distance of our major purpose and that were A volume of unique and thoroly amusing interest is J. M. Copeland's "The Trail of the Swinging Lanterns."

LABOR SITUATION

Workers Are Demanding Ex- Hon. Mr. Meighen stated in an interorbitant Wages From Their Employers.

BIG STORE CLOSES

Manufacturers Say Big Plants Will Have to Locate in prime minister follows: the Provinces.

Mittag and the afternoon editions of lands in any province, either directly lowing places at noon on Dec. 23: a strike arising from wage demands to take over same at cost price, thus made by the men in the composing giving soldiers preference on all land

A Mánual for Women's Meetings.

Skilled workers received good wages.
The fact that the members of the soldiers' and workmen's councils are drawing pay on the same scale has stimulated available and stimulated available av drawing pay on the same scale has stimulated employes in many branches will provide so building plans. to accept that figure as the standard "Lands acquired as above will be

Labor Situation Acute. quately surrendered and especially

The employes of the General Electric Company have presented a new wage schedule which provides for an wage schedule which provides for an by provincial crown lands made available by provinces may be homes eaded and the St. Lawrence River is closed by of making a slacker was time enough to ta the workers will eventually result in forcing the big plants to locate in the provinces, as otherwise they will be wholly eliminated from the world's

THEFTS AT WOODSTOCK.

thefts have taken place in the sur-rounding district the last week or so. The police have been notified by farmers that their barns have been en-tered and large quantities of grain and other produce stolen.

WOODSTOCK CANDIDATES.

Woodstock, Dec. 15.-Among the tion of the Bavarian soldiers' and

"Double nineteen will be no cinch year for the members of the council," remarked an old timer to The World on Saturday. "Getting down a tax rate is not as soft as putting one up, rate is not as soft as putting one up, and candidates promising in that direction might find themselves amberrassed when they run up against the real thing. Nineteen-nineteen will be a year of problems of which the returned soldier will not be the least."

Some of the old members of coun cll have been badgered about the grant to the Catholic huts, but it is not now considered to be a factor in the coming municipal campaign.

On the school board the women are likely to ask for a fifty-fifty deal if

The improvement of Keele street and the extension of the Bloor car line westerly to Dundas street, are the wo most important questions agitating west-end ratepayers.

That the public has a long memory was evidenced at the ratepayers' neeting in Rose avenue school last eek, when a number of ladies came week, when a number of ladies came prepared to demand an explanation from the aldermen and controllers who fought against the temporary roadway from Parliament to Sherurne street. As one woman put it: Those men wanted to make Howard "Those men wanted to make Howard street one of the most dangerous and congested therofares in Toronto by permitting traffic from the market to parade along it." Thos who championed this proposal, however, were not on hand to hear what their constituents had to say Minister of Interior Cables stituents had to say.

city will be an important factor in and their members are as well in-formed as the candidates themselves. Legislation Will Provide for

London by the minister of the interior, Public ownership is no longer a phase Hon. Mr. Meighen stated in an interview today that he felt it was only just to the soldiers overseas that they should know at the earliest possible date of the proposals of the government so that as many of them as possible will have an opportunity of first knowledge as to the possibilities offer.

Public ownership is no longer a phase to conjure with especially insofar as the Toronto Railway is concerned. The feminine and helpless. It was always as needing nothing he could give her. This, in a way, tinged his manner to her, and as the time had passed, it had become a habit to think of her as a business woman more frequently sible will have an opportunity of first go into the dead meat business late in 1917, and the council endorsed the knowledge as to the possibilities offered to them under the terms of the new proposal. Nothing has yet been done, The cablegram addressed to the his campaign. Will the other con-

ment of new soldier settlement act own conclusions? Berlin, Dec. 15.—The Zeitung Am embodying power for the board to acquire by expropriation or otherwise lowing places at noon on Dec. 23: street school, corner of Ontario street.

Ward No. 4.—At the Landsdowne school, Spadina avenue, between College and Russell streets. By David was living it, held very few thrills

Ward No. 6.—At the Kent school, time went on. rner of Dufferin and Bloor streets. By Samuel Hobbs Ward No. 7.—At the Annette street ambition. It may have been, school, corner of Ciendenan avenue. ambition. It may have been, probably was, a sign of weakness in his character, that he would not work for Ward No. 8.—At the Kew Beach his own sake, his own advancement

MISSING MINE SWEEPERS

siemens and Halske Electrical Works and the Allied Siemens Schukert plant at Spandau. The wage schedules with which the management is being conformed call for increases amounting to 124,000,000 marks annually. This been matured and is now in operation. Major Ashton and Bailey overseas now part of the employes attempted to prevent the directors and executive of the firm from entering their officers of the firm from entering their officers of the employes of the General Electric Company have presented a new wage schedule which provides for an wage schedule with the provides for in and to additional assistance for equipment and to additional assistance for interested form the Sebast form the Seba

Sweeping Reductions in

wholly eliminated from the world's competitive markets. The government, thru Emil, Barth, a member of the cabinet, is endeavoring to convince the workers of the unreasonableness of their demands and is further point-of their demands and is further point-of the demands and is further point-of the danger of Germany being of the demands and is further point-of the danger of Germany being of the demands and is further point-of the danger of Germany being of the danger of Germany being of the danger of t

THE CIVIC CAMPAIGN

The northwest and east parts of the city are the ones calculated to get on the nerves of those running for mayor or controller. Up north nothing but a clean-up of the Metropoli-tan Railway will satisfy the elector Wards Seven and Six are still con-cerned in filling Cat Fish Pond, and the former will enact promises as to improved streets. Down east something definite will be wanted in the matter of improved sewage disposal.

candidates can be secured, but it is admitted that Ward Two will be perhaps the hardest to break in on in this connection. Alex. Gordon for Ward Six and Percy Douglas for Ward One are two aspirants to next year's board.

The various ratepayers' associations which have cropped up thruout the this year's campaign. They have been meeting regularly during the year for the discussion of municipal questions, formed as the candidates themselves. because she was perfectly able to There should be some lively times at take care of herself, she would have the meetings to be held during the resented. Yet that was exactly Bri-

in 1917, and the council endorsed the and Ald. Gibbons is playing this up in troller candidates say where they are "My proposal to provincial confer-nce included introduction to parlia-ent of new coldinary to parlia-

Mittag and the afternoon editions of the land in any province, either directly or thru provincially constituted boards. If acquired provincially our board to have first privilege for limited time ward No. 2.—At the Winchester Ward No. 1.—At the Riverdale Col- part in preparing—perhaps In fur-Ward No. 2.—At the Winchester Ward No. 3.-At the Wellesley

school, corner of St. Alban and St. Why not? Vincent streets. By William Lee. The idea Ward No. 5.—At the Collegiate In-

May Vote on Self-Determination

for the self-determination of the populations of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia.

The territories mentioned are almost fective next January 21. The new because they knew he could not bring home because they knew he could not afford the first to live as well as they were living of the fourth the day rate after that hour she thought that perhaps he had taken Woodstock, Dec. 15.—Numerous wholly within the boundaries of the rates were recommended in the first report of the committee on rate standard to live as well as they were living.

How did they know what he earned? dardization, and Mr. Burleson's statement said their effect is to equalize

They must be friends of Mollie's.

She made up her mind to ask him. ment said their effect is to equalize the toll and long-distance charges Of Old Bavarian Assembly over the country, "removing disparities and preferences and providing a days. She was to be gone only two days. But never had she so hated to Munich, Dec. 15.—Liberal and Centrist political leaders in Bayaria have launched a campaign for the dissoluble phone and telegraph wire proceeds."

Bayarian soldiers' and "A night residue with a providing a scientific basis for future reductions contemplated as unification of telephone and telegraph wire proceeds."

Bayarian soldiers' and "A night residue with a providing a scientific basis for future reductions did she when Mandel told her to go. He noticed her reluctance and said: Woodstock, Dec. 15.—Among the new candidates in the field for aldermen at the 1919 elections are E. S. Coppins, Robert Murray, Wm. Smith. Coppins, Robert Mu splitting of party votes. The single laterious. The single adroit in seizing occasion, swift in deed, unscrupulous to the last degree Geo. Utting, James Mitchell, Norman of preventing allied occupation of preventing allied occupation of munich.

Bavarian assembly as the only means of preventing allied occupation of munich.

Bavarian assembly as the only means of preventing allied occupation of munich.

CONTROLLER O'NEILL'S VIEWS ON RECONSTRUCTION

Before the world is readjusted on a peace basis the municipality will have to meet and solve serious problems. The City Government should prepare. so far as possible, for all emergencies.

Much hardship and not a little actual suffering may be avoided by special consideration of the following important matters:

The re-establishment of returned soldiers, especially those who have suffered disabilities, in civilian life.

The maintenance of proper stands of wages and living, so that workers may enjoy comfort and independence.

The securing of employment-in civic undertakings if need be-for citizens who temporarily may be thrown out of employment during the period required by industries to reorganize and meet the market conditions following the war.

HE WIFE By JANE PHELPS

Ruth Blames Mollie for Brian's Anxiety to Fight.

CHAPTER CXII. 8 Ruth comforted herself with the thought that if it should happen that America entered the war, and if Brian should go, he then would think and plan for her—not because she needed it, but because he loved her. That he felt there was nothing to plan, no reason to be solicitous of her

Soldier-Farmer.

The outstanding question of this year's campaign so far seems to be the possible disorganization of labor and its solution. So far none of the ment is indicated by a communication

The outstanding question of this year's campaign so far seems to be the possible disorganization of labor and its solution. So far none of the case, she was capable of looking out for herself without any help from him. That just because she was a woman, Ruth wanted to feel that he woman, Ruth wanted to feel that he was anyious over her, would not have true

occurred to him. feminine and helpless. It was always But spite my fears I'll try to meet

Brian was the sort of a man who should have married a clinging, domestic woman. He would have petted the afraid-of-a-mouse kind - have hurried home to protect the timic kind, afraid to stay alone. He would have joyed in a woman who would let him bring a troop of his Bohemian acquaintances home with him, and he would have delighted in an impromp-

nishing it. There was nothing exciting in his well-ordered home. But he took full fulness, faith, truth, love and the advantage of its comforts, the while he bewailed the loss of unconventionality. It was there. So was he.

Vhy not?

The idea of fighting appealed to him. Not only to his patriotism, but to his love of adventure. Life, as he for him. Gladly would he seek a stitute, Harbord street, corner of Euclid avenue. By Nathaniel J. Steventraction for him-and had less, as He had told the truth when he had

told Ruth that she had robbed him of buildings. character, that he would not work for school, Kippendavie avenue. By Wm. as well as for needed money. But in Compensation Act. this Brian was not unlike many others. Take away the incentive, and

was time enough to talk of it when it had been decided—not now just because Mollie—her thought halted, then United States Telephone Rates sped on with lightning rapidity.

It had been Molle King who had

"Is there any reason you cannot go,

"No-really.no."/ "I thought you looked distressed."
"Not at all," Ruth tried to speak in her usual bright manner. She must

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not let this man, who had been so kind to her, think she wanted to shirk her "I should hate to have you go if you had anything that made it hard for you to leave. But the commission is an important one, and also one you can attend to better than anyone else."

"Thank you. I am perfectly willing to go."
"I lied; I am not willing to leave
Brian just now," she added to herself
as she hurried to the station after
failing to get Brian on the telephone.

Tomorrow-Brian a True Prophet.

A Line of Cheer Each Day of the Year

By John Kendrick Bangs.

FEAR AND COWARDICE.

Respecting things that

a way, tinged his manner to And as I see the right to stand or use my strength and all my Mother Wit To grip my terror till I've conquered

(Copyright, 1918).

"Inspiration and Ideals." Grenville Kleiser is well known as a most successful author and a helpful and inspiring thinker. He has tu supper in the kitchen, all taking each day of the year, into a little collected 366 little chapters, one for (Funk & Wagnalls Co., \$1), which is luminous, and it suggests ideals which "make for material and spiri-

Western Theatrical Employes Get "Flu" Ban Compensation

Winnipeg. Dec. 14 .- Fifty-five per cent of wages lost by theatrical employes thru the "flu" ban may be given them by the provincial government, it was intimated at parliament Fifty-five per cent. is the basis for compensation under the Workmen's

Mrs. Adam Mansz of Tavistock Hit in Head by Stray Bullet

Woodstock, Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Adam Mansz of Tavistock was hit by a stray bullet from a rifle in the hands of her 13-year-old son on Friday night, and seriously injured. The lad was practising in the yard when a bullet missed its mark and smashed thru the in the back of the head. She will rekitchen window, striking the mother

WOODSTOCK RESIDENT DIES.

Woodstock, Dec. 15 .- Wm. Donaldson, aged 73, a resident of this city his life, died on Friday

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