

# THE HERALD.

# TUESDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1917.

THE Conscription Bill was introduc in fl.e Commons yesterday.

The Sifton Government (Liberal).wa returned in Alberta by a majority about the same as that it had in the last Legislature. 20101 a Sq D100

# **ONTARIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**

Torento, June 7,-If a man wishes to down upon himself the disap of the press and the people of and one effective way in which he do it is to accept an hereditary title was only a few months ago that a god of protest and unfavorable com-ent tame at the bestowal on a Cana-an of each a title.

ment came at the bestowal on a Cana-dian of such a tile. "In the free democracy of Canada", Mr. Rowell said at that time! "we are not influery titles passing from father to see. If this is the first, I hope it may also be the last." This statement, and the sentiments expressed in it were echo-ed and re-echoed throughout Canada. The Ottawa Journal Press (Conserva-tive) said, "The public attitude in Can-ada is well expressed in the comment of Mr. Rowell," and The Christian Guar-dian said that they would like to second with all the emphasis they might; the remarks made by Mr. Rowell regarding the granting of Canadian hereditary titles. titl

titles. Now there is another flood of protest because another hereditary title has been granted. "A lot of Cheap John titles in the paper this morning. They are getting as common as dandalions," was the comment of the Toronto Telegram. "The hereditary title ought to be kept out of Canada. This country does not want a little aristocracy of its to be kept out of Canada. This country does not want a little aristocracy of its own," was the comment of the Mail and Empire, and the Liberal press joined in its disapprobation. The Toronto Star points out that at the recent con-ference in Washington, France was re-presented by M. Viviani, Great Britain by Mr. Ballour, the United States by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lansing, and Can ada by Sir Thos. White and Sir George Foster. In this case these are only life-time titles. "No matter what may be said about them," the Star thinks Foster. In this case these are only life-time titles. "No matter what may be said about them," the Star thinks "There is surely no defence for this new practice of distributing hereditary titles in Canada." "They are conferred" says in Canada." "They are conferred" says the Star, "in defiance of public opinion that is, we venture to say, practically universal throughout Canada."

# WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES.

Among the women who are organiz-ing in order to study public questions and to be able to fulfil their new re-sponsibilities of citizenship, are those of the city of St. Catharines and the sur-rounding district.

At a meeting of the riding committee recently held attended by both men and women, it was decided, first, that wo-men should be added to the Executive of the St. Catharines Liberal Associa tion, and secondly, that women's Libera Clubs for educational and patriotic pur-poses should be formed in St. Cathari-nés, Merritton and other points in the

nes, Merritton and other points in the constituency. It was interesting at this meeting to see the development of women's opinion. At first they said modestly that this was a new field for them and that they would just have to feel their way, slow-ly and cautionsly. While this is un-doabtedly true, yet before the meeting was far in progress the women, includ-ing several from country points in the riding, were taking a leading part in the discussion, were showing the keenest intelligence on the matters before the committee, and by their own action had established themselves securely as im-portant factors in the work. This same thing is occurring all over

This same thing is occurring all over the province, and the adaptability of women is being revealed everywhere. Mrs. Hyslop, Organizing Secretary of the Ontario Women's Liberal Associa-tion, has been visiting a number of places in the province, including South Huron, North Huron, North and South Perth, St. Catharines and Kalton.

## COMBINES AGAIN

bines as a factor in the bigh Combines as a factor in the bigh cost of hiving are again attracting attention. W. F. O'Conner, Federal Commissioner, investigating the cost of living, in his report recently published, thinks that the provinces have exhibited "little or no interest in the enforcement of laws against accumulations of products, un-just prices and combines." He thinks that the provincial authorities are primarily responsible for the enforce-ment of the law respecting the cost of living.

The government of the province of Ontario is particularly affected by the charge. They have immediately denied Mr. O'Connor's allegations and claim that they have done all they could under

the law. The Liberals in the Legislature have been criticising the government on this question of combines year after year. Their resolution this session was as

Emperor's stall inside the St. Peter's Station at Ghent, Belgium, when it was bombarded by Entente allied airmen the other day, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from a Duted frontier co.c. respondent. The Emperor's party was unhurt, but three army officers nearby were killed.

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