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RUSSIANS ENTER ARMISTICE

FOUR THOUSAND KILLED, HURT SHATTERING OF HALIFAX; STORM ADDS TO MISERIES

Almost Entire North End Scene of Devastation and Death—Relief Being Hurried to the Stricken City From Many Points—First Detailed Story of the Disaster.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there was no change in the police estimate of the number of casualties in yesterday's disaster. There are about 2,000 dead and the same number of injured, two-thirds of these suffering from cuts from flying glass.

The citizens' relief committee started work early this morning and are making every provision possible for the care of the homeless. A survey is also being made of the devastated area. The Windsor authorities have wired Halifax they can accommodate five hundred injured. In the military hospital. The civil authorities and the newspapers of Halifax are making every endeavor to secure the names of the dead and wounded, but everything is in such a state of chaos that little progress is being made.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The war has touched Halifax. Sorrow and anguish are left in its trail. Where only a few hours ago the most prosperous city in Canada stood secure in her own defenses, unafraid and almost apathetic, there are now heaps of ruins. No one can yet estimate the loss of life and property, and words fail to describe the mental anguish of those who have lost home and dear ones by one cruel stroke. The busy, thriving North End, from the sugar refinery to Creighton's corner, is just a mass of broken, splintered timbers, of powdered brick and stone, and human bodies crushed to a pulp or charred and blackened by fire.

How It Started. Many and conflicting are the stories of the origin of the explosion, but the real story was at last learned—two vessels had collided and one was a munition ship. Although believed to be purely accidental, it was caused by the explosion and caused conditions that were created. The crash came as suddenly and unexpectedly as the pain of a blow. Five minutes before the explosion men were going about their business, women were busy in their homes, and children played in the streets. The harbor steamed a ship laden with munitions, and the Norwegian flag. They drew nearer, and in some way the two vessels came into collision.

It was 25 minutes after the collision before the explosion occurred. The first shock houses rocked, vessels broke from their moorings, bits of shell whistled through the air, buildings fell upon their occupants, shrieks and moans rose for a second above the awful din, and in a short time the pavement was covered with debris. The explosion was so sudden and unexpected that many of the people were not even aware of it. The shock was so great that many of the people were not even aware of it. The shock was so great that many of the people were not even aware of it.

Wildest Rumors. The wildest rumors were in circulation, and every variety of things was immediately surmised. The stories of the explosion were so varied that it was impossible to believe them. The stories of the explosion were so varied that it was impossible to believe them. The stories of the explosion were so varied that it was impossible to believe them.

FRENCH FIRE DRIVES OFF ENEMY ATTACKS

Paris, Dec. 7.—Two attempts were made by the Germans to attack the Verdun region last night after a heavy bombardment. The attacking forces, the war office announced today, were driven off by the French fire.

THE UNSEEN FORCES BEHIND UNION GOVERNMENT

(From the Toronto Globe of September 22, 1917.)
"In a sense far more tragic, far more terrible than Taft could have dreamed six years ago, Canada has been crowded by unseen forces to the veritable 'parting of the ways.' The fierce light flashed back by the experiences of these days upon the developments of the past half-dozen years reveals the secret and stealthy growth of alarming power of a hydra-headed monster, industrial, economic, social, and political, A MONSTER RUTHLESS AS ANY PRUSSIANISM, DEADLY TO THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL AS ANY DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS. It is the invisible Imperium of organized and selfish Money Power. It is the grasping hand of hard-featured Special Privilege, with its interlocked businesses, that plays both political parties, milks the blood of both, but is loyal to neither. It is the calculated patriotism of lip, that overtops all other voices in singing 'God Save the King,' but whose itching fingers plunder the pockets of the people.

A vote for the Borden Government is a vote for the 'hydra-headed monster'—'organized and selfish Money Power'."

DEATH LIST AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The following have been reported dead: Isaac Creighton, Dr. Murdoch Chisholm, Hogan, hotel-maker; John Harris, son of George Harris, who is also missing; David Whiston, West Yonge street; William Fairbridge; Mrs. Charles Stockhill, wife of the foreman of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, South street, and child; Mrs. J. Sweetman, wife of Rev. J. F. Sweetman, of Kay Street Methodist Church, and child; Mrs. Meyer, 55 Union street; Mrs. William Beaton, 55 Union street; Hazel, Mrs. Rost, next of kin, Mrs. S. E. Rost, Nahoon, B. C. S. Noble; John Maloney, 1 C. R. watchman, Richard Station; Mrs. Gladys Kennedy, stenographer, Gunn's Mills, daughter of John Kennedy; Lebaron Coleman, Canadian Express Company; I. C. R. Policeman Burchell, North Street station; Edward Condon, chief of the Halifax Fire Department; Peter Broderick, captain Halifax Fire Department; Theo. Burgess, inspector Nova Scotia Trains and Power Company; Alexander

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RUMANS JOIN RUSSIAN REDS

Troops of Rumania Have Agreed to Armistice Proposal.

Jassy, Rumania, Thursday, Dec. 6.—It has been decided that the Rumanian troops shall associate themselves with the Russians in the proposed armistice, though the Rumanians have rejected every attempt at fraternization, says an official announcement here today. Hostilities were suspended today and on Saturday.

AMERICAN SENATE FOR WAR AGAINST AUSTRIA

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—With less than one hour's debate the Senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 37; lowest, 18.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 23; lowest, 16.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—3 a.m.

Forecast.

Moderate winds, some light local snow, but mostly fair and cold today and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	38	Fair
Port Arthur	44	38	Fair
Calgary	44	38	Fair
Winnipeg	44	38	Fair
Port Arthur	44	38	Fair
Port Stanley	28	24	Cloudy
Buffalo	24	20	Cloudy
Toronto	24	20	Cloudy
Kinross	20	16	Fair
Ottawa	16	12	Fair
Montreal	14	10	Fair
Quebec	14	10	Cloudy
Father Point	22	4	Fair

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was on the south Atlantic coast yesterday morning has moved quickly northward, with increasing intensity toward Sable Island. Very cold weather prevails in the Western Provinces.

HUNDREDS OF VOTES SAVED BUT 600 LOST

Work of Gibbons Organization Insured Franchise.

APPEALS HEARING ON

600 Claims Entered for Place on Lists So Wilfully Depleted at Machine Behest.

The Labor-Liberal organization of George S. Gibbons saved the votes of hundreds and hundreds of Londoners. By constant warnings and urgings many who were inclined to let the matter go by default, believing that their names were certain to be on the list, who did not realize the possibilities for crooked work, were made to put up a fight for their ballot rights which will become historic.

There has never been such a desperate attempt made to steal an election. Candidates have permitted a campaign to be conducted which for mendacity, brow-beating and intimidation has no equal in the whole history of London.

Hundreds of appeals will be heard today in the appeal court opening at 2 o'clock, and at subsequent sessions. Many of these people are of liberal faith or their politics is not known, but with grim resolution they mean to demand their rights and to ascertain if possible why their names were left off the lists.

It is estimated that about 600 names have been omitted. Reports are coming in by the hundreds at the Labor and Liberal headquarters. It is striking that the large majority are known Laborites and Liberals, and it would not seem possible that they were left off accidentally.

A complete list of the men cut off has been made out, and they will appear before the appeal court on Saturday.

LT.-COL. WELCH DECLARES HE IS TELLING WHAT HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS WOULD LIKE TO SAY

First Battalion Officer Who Resigned Command to Enter Campaign for Laurier Caused Violent Shock to the Unionist Party in Windsor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 7.—After firing a thunderbolt in the political campaign here last night, Lieut.-Col. T. B. Welch rested on his oars and stated this morning that he did not wish to elaborate further for the present the charges he made against the Borden Government and its administration. Before the campaign is over he would have something more to say, and he would make further statements in due time, he told The Advertiser, but for today he only wished to say that he was prepared to stand by all he had said at the meeting in the interests of W. C. Kennedy, Liberal candidate, Thursday night.

Today Windsor is still gasping to recover from the shock it has received, and Col. Welch's defection from the Unionist cause is the one chief topic of discussion. Consternation holds full sway in the Unionist circles.

"I want it clear that my address was not prejudicial. They gave me a good reception and a thoughtful hearing at the Liberal meeting. I have resigned my command, and entered the campaign to say what I believe hundreds of other military officers would like to say. But they are prevented by military etiquette and their sense of duty. I merely made a frank expression of my views last night. I do not wish to cause any sensation, and I have nothing more to say this morning than I said at the meeting. But when I am ready to speak further I will do so."

That it was a physical impossibility for Canada, with a population of seven and half millions, to maintain five divisions at the front indefinitely under any system of recruiting, voluntary or compulsory, that these five divisions were only being kept up to provide high commands for ambitious officers; that the Borden Administration had deliberately disrupted the voluntary enlistment system; and that the military service act, supposedly replacing it, was not being enforced, were points in Col. Welch's address which he declared his readiness to substantiate and stand by today.

"Canada has a wonderful little army for Canada, with a population of seven and half millions, to maintain five divisions at the front, we should have three times that many in training," said Col. Welch. The greater comparative importance of the supplies and foodstuffs which Canada could and should provide for Britain and her Allies, than the number of men she can send overseas, is another point in which Col. Welch believes.

"Canada should do what she can; but there is nothing to be gained by attempting what is a physical impossibility," said Col. Welch.

LONDON SENDS \$2,000 AS AID TO HALIFAX, N.S.

Controllers Pass Grant For Sufferers Today.

ALDERMANIC 'PHONE VOTE

Remaining Council Members Indorse Act and Money Goes Without Official Sanction.

The board of control has decided to send \$2,000 immediately to the city of Halifax to relieve the distress there, following that great disaster of yesterday.

At the board meeting today, Controller E. S. Little brought the question up, expressing belief that London should do something in view of such a calamity.

"The hearts of Londoners go out in sympathy with the stricken city," he declared. "We should do something, either in money or in goods. I feel sure that the citizens would be unanimously in favor of us doing this kind and sympathetic thing under the circumstances."

"I think money will be needed more than goods," said Controller Shaw. "I am heartily in favor of it. London should show the way."

It was decided to wire \$2,000. This will require the sanction of the aldermen, and a special meeting was suggested. However, it was decided, in view of the urgency of the occasion, to poll the aldermen by telephone and wire the money at once. The account will be officially named at a meeting to be held later.

City Clerk Baker called up the members of the council and found them unanimously in favor of the grant.

If the citizens of Halifax want goods from London, the money will be expended here. If not, the cash will be forwarded.

CONSCRIPTION ARMY WILL BE TOO LATE SAYS GENERAL CURRIE

Commander-In-Chief of Canadian Force Declares Reinforcements Will Not Arrive In Time To Fill the Depleted Ranks.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7.—The Vancouver Sun had the following yesterday:

"Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, commanding the Canadian forces in France and Flanders, states in a letter to J. R. Seymour of this city, his private opinion that the men now being massed in Canada will not arrive in time on the firing line to prevent an acute pinch, owing to dearth of reinforcements.

"Following personal matters, the general's letter from the Canadian corps headquarters says:

"I am glad to hear you speak encouragingly of what results may be expected from the enforcement of the conscription bill. I do sincerely hope that your expectations are not too sanguine, because I assure you that the question of men is a very serious one indeed. We have not felt the pinch as yet, but I know the time is coming soon when we shall feel it very acutely. I also know that the men being got together in Canada will not arrive in time. There has been a delay in this matter which is not only regrettable, but is unjustifiable."

VOTE GIBBONS AND SIR WILFRID LAURIER

My dear friend Advertiser, I am trying to get wiser—Is conscription the main issue after all?

Or is it one of Borden's dodges, fathered by our friend (?) Bob Rogers,

To be used in this campaign as Battle-Call?

To line up next door Quebec, or to save the Borden neck, To make him boss again, our lives and all,

Is conscription of man power the question of the hour, Or just election music for the song

To be sung while Joe Flaville lets the profits go to hell? (Someone else's—not his own—that would be wrong), And Quebec to war is sent, well, that is, say, three per cent, While the wealth conscription gets the go-along.

Will conscription of the graft that flourished fore and aft Under Premier Sir Robert be renewed?

Or under Laurier, will there come a happy day When the people of our land, with faith imbued, Down the profiteers and hoarding, rotten Government and Borden,

"Carry on" to unity and common good?

If this Union Government exempts the great per cent Of eligible Que-beckers, as they say, People of this province better recall a certain letter

Mr. Rainville sent his followers one day. If Canada would unite to use her force and might To treat our boys half white who fight the valiant fight, Vote Gibbons and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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Flavelle? Rogers? Allison? Mackenzie-Mann? Or a Clean Sweep?

BETWEEN THE ELECTION ACTS

The electors are ready to inter old "stipend" Flavell. He is too much of a load for the Borden Government to carry.

It must have been real touching to hear Tom Crothers say to the people of Chatham, "The cobler will get you if you don't watch out."

When Crothers quit waving souls, and became politician, the devil simply goes on a vacation, as he knows the world will be perfectly safe for him.

The picture of the Borden candidate was seen in a fish shop window. That must prove, according to the Free Press, that he is a fish.

The Borden apologists are speaking of the Government's offensive in this campaign. It certainly is offensive—the worst in the world.

So the soldiers overseas are not voting for this great Government, the Government of a million sins. The Borden outfit has no place to go but out.

"That Tattle" has not come out with another edition. Was it the trouble? The folks are simply crazy about such high-brow politics.

Quebec is being asked to submit to the conscription measure so thoroughly that probably fifty soldiers have been obtained in that province. This is a sincere Government.

Private information is to the effect that nearly all the Borden candidates are in a state of panic. The promised drift of public sentiment towards the Government has not materialized.

Ontario is awakening, says the Borden Government. You bet it is awakening, and it will proceed to put the Borden gang to sleep, the last long sleep of political oblivion.

"Brass bands when we go away; tin cans when we come home," the way a returned soldier sized up the Borden Government's methods of treating the returned men.

Prayer meetings are now being turned into political meetings in London. Several were held on Wednesday evening. Wonder what those folks think of cabinet council meetings on Sunday?

The picture of George S. Gibbons, the I. B. L. candidate, was removed from the window of the Davies Company. It is probable that Sir Joseph Flavell wirelessly his employees to get rid of it at once.

J. W. Plewes, the Borden candidate in Kent, has not denied the charge that he solicited a cash contribution from the Ford Company for his campaign. This windy-war candidate will get the bumping of his brief career at the hands of the electorate of that county.

One of the illuminating things about the campaign is the earnestness with which some relatives of Hon. N. W. Howell oppose Archie McColin in Kent. When Mr. Howell refused to have his opponent introduced by the Government, Archie was the right kind of a man to have in the House.

One might venture to suggest that Sir Joseph Flavell and the Borden barons and food controllers, who own the supplies, shivered with apprehension, in fact, were driven well nigh to desperation, when they read that letter that Tom Crothers wrote to the Chatham cobler. Here's a brave gent.

St. Marys is all "hot up" about a poor gentleman who got inebriated, his only offence in such a long, long time. Justices of the peace have no sense of humor, at least not in St. Marys, or the thing would have blown over without any trouble. Mayor Weir seemed to be the only man in the place who wanted to protect the citizen, and show fairness and decency.

The political managers lost their well-known heads.

Joe Atkinson and Fred Pearson and a few other editors could not ignore the Borden Government sufficient to trick the soldiers overseas into voting for the old gang. The home folks see through their make-up, too, with the result that the soldiers are being placed under the Borden crew.

It is stated that a soldier in London, who went to England on a private trip, has succeeded in having his wife and children put on the voters' list. Of course, he has been a pronounced Tory all his life, has got a perfectly good and absolutely safe job at regular pay, so he was given this privilege. That's the democratic idea of the Borden Government.

Hints to soldiers. If you want a few weeks' leave, you must tell the Borden Government that you desire to go out, break up meetings of the Liberal party, and do other things like that. This leave will be given you. Then you will be a hero with the Government. Some of the stool soldiers at Ottawa are doing the same thing. Get in on it, if it's merry.

The Borden Government's crimes are like Banquo's—they will not sleep. The spineless, colorless leadership of Sir Robert Borden, Sir Thomas White, Hon. Tom Crothers and the others of that cabinet is responsible for that orgy of mismanagement that disgraces the militia administration board, and the wretched manipulation of funds here in Canada for the profiteers and the moneyed interests.

"I think I shall take it easy until election day," a soldier's wife told an advertiser man. "I am suggesting to some of these society women that in return for my vote for the Borden candidate that they mind the kiddies, and look after my little house. It would be sweet of them to do that for me, you know, very sweet. Of course, they will not do it. Neither will I vote for their candidate."

Help make the land slide greater than it is now. The decision is going to be better than a lot of folks anticipate.

It would not be surprising to learn that the Borden Government, told completely panic-stricken, would cancel the conscription bill. It's on the way.

The Government has got about 3,000 men in Western Ontario for the draft. That army will dwindle down to a few colonel, half a dozen other officers, a few batmen and a private, if the Government keeps it up. Real sincere, honest to goodness Government, yes!

INVALID PARTY OF SOLDIERS IS GIVEN WELCOME

27 Returned Men Who Left Halifax 24 Hours Before Disaster Reach London.

LONDONERS ARE INCLUDED

Despite Early Hour of Arrival Good Crowd Is On Hand To Greet Returning Heroes.

Despite the early hour of its arrival the party of twenty-seven returned soldiers which came in at the G. T. R. depot at 4:30 this morning was accorded an enthusiastic reception. A large crowd turned out to greet the returned boys who detrained at 8 o'clock after waiting in the cars for three hours. Officials of the Soldiers' Aid Committee, with the assistance of Mayor Stevenson, looked after the men in good shape. Sufficient motor cars for twice their number turned out to convey the boys to the Central Military Convalescent Hospital. Major Woods in charge of the troops, and a unit and band of the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, after welcoming the returned soldiers, led the parade of automobiles down Dundas street to the military hospital.

A number of men who had returned from the front, and a delegation of the Great War Veterans' Association also assisted in the welcome.

The returned men were unanimous in the opinion that Halifax and Toronto had extended them a magnificent reception Wednesday and Thursday. The soldiers left Halifax twenty-four hours before the terrible explosion. A banquet in honor of the returned boys was held at the military hospital.

Many Londoners as well as men from all parts of Ontario were included in the party. Several also claiming their home to be in the United States.

Pte. Edwards enlisted in England, but was sent to the 6th Battalion of Canadians. He had from Glasgow, Scotland, but was desirous of being sent to the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, the "once over" before deciding where to make his future residence.

"London looks pretty good to me," the Scot said when asked where he intended to make his home.

Left With No. 3 Hospital. Corp. A. Jones, 3 Wyatt street, left this city with No. 3 Hospitalary Corps. He served in the Dardanelles for eight months, in Egypt and Sicily for seventeen months before receiving his first wound. Corp. Jones stated that the Dardanelles were pretty rough.

Pte. McKenna, 60 Bathurst street, left with the 15th Battalion. He was disabled after taking two trips to France.

Pte. R. F. Mayne, Woodworth avenue, St. Thomas, left Canada with the 1st Battalion. He was in the platoon of Lieut. Bart Cottam, and spoke in high terms of his officer, who was killed in action.

Another 18 Months of War. Corp. Mack H. Ayres, 33 Hume street, left this city with a 7th Field Company, Canadian Engineers' unit. He said that the boys "over there" expected the war to last at least one year and a half more, but were confident of ultimate victory.

Pte. D. J. Fry, 27 Beatrice street, and Corp. Charles Irvine, Central avenue, accompanied the party.

Sergeant C. May, quartermaster sergeant of the 15th Battalion, was too old to go to France, but did some good work in England until made convalescent through an injury to his knee.

Driver T. H. Pitt, 222 St. George street, left with the 15th Battalion, but failed to get to France owing to injuries he sustained in the Dardanelles.

Lucky Mistake. Corp. G. A. Pearson, 25 Grove street, Guelph, went overseas with the 1st Battalion. He was placed upon the list of men to return to Canada last Monday by mistake, or he may have come to Canada on one of the boats which arrived in Halifax at the time of the explosion.

W. H. Hesse, Preston, Ont., left for France at the beginning of the war. His father and grandfather were both German, but his Teutonic blood in Pte. Hesse's veins failed to hold him back when the call of duty urged him to France.

Sergeant Harvey Douglas of Woodstock was enthusiastic regarding the treatment accorded Canadian soldiers in England. "They treated us all like princes," he said.

Other returned men included in the party were: J. Hooper, Highgate, formerly of the 15th Battalion; W. W. Macdonald, Stratford; M. G. Smith, Detroit; A. Hall, Galt; A. Hauer, Galt; Harry H. W. Macdonald, Stratford; J. O. Miller, New Hamburg; Charles F. Luckham, Forest; Reg. Mayne, 22 Woodworth street, St. Thomas; John Scott, Essex Centre; Melville G. Smith, 2326 St. George street; Thomas Wylie, 609 14th avenue; George J. Stickley, Buffalo; Edward W. Suhr, Mitchell.

RECRUITING OF R. F. C. AIR MECHANICS IS ORDERED STOPPED

Applicants Must Now Report Direct to Headquarters at Toronto.

Recruiting for air mechanics for the Royal Flying Corps in Canada has been discontinued, camp orders announced. In future all applicants should be referred to chief recruiting officer, Royal Flying Corps, Imperial Oil Building, Toronto.

Candidates for the flying service are still being accepted. All applications, other than by members of C. E. F. units, should be made to the sub-committee, Imperial Royal Flying Corps, at any of the following places in this military district: London, at 4021; Richmond street; Windsor, at 201; Thomas, Stratford, Sarnia, or direct to the chief recruiting officer, R. F. C., Imperial Oil Building, Toronto.

Men in Class I under the military service act, may be accepted on production of evidence of the C. E. F. The deputy registrar of this district will be immediately notified of such enlistment.

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Cairncross' Chemists

216 Dundas Street, Phone 680

Trade Here Improving

London reports to Bradstreet's that the retail trade is taking on a more Christmas-like aspect, and although the weather has been rather mild, steady improvement has been noted. Seasonable commodities have been moving out in fair volume, but wholesalers find that sorting business is rather quiet. Finished goods are more plentiful as a result of feeding the 1917 fodder crop. Choice cattle are being shipped to market during the coming week. The movement of grain crops to market has been rather slow this far, and most farmers are waiting for good sleighing before they haul the bulk of their wheat and oats.

Pick out your HOCKEY SHOES before the Christmas rush is on. Get our prices before you buy.

ROWLAND HILL RELIABLE FOOTWEAR

216 Dundas Street, Phone 680

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEE WHO DIED IN HOSPITAL TODAY

DR. P. J. MUGAN, representative of the separate school board on the London Board of Education and popular Bess London doctor, whose death occurred in St. Joseph's Hospital after serious illness, Dr. Mugan was one of the best-known practitioners in the city.

He died at his home, 100 St. George street, last Thursday for his home in the West.

Mr. Mugan enlisted in Calgary, being attached to the 5th Battalion. He went overseas, and after seeing much fighting was wounded at Vimy Ridge in April. He was in the hospital several months, and has just been invalided home.

Lieut. Joseph C. Frith, 4th Canadian Reserve Battalion, has been attached to the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, for instructional duties.

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HOW ARE WE TO KNOW?

If Borden and Foster and White and Tom Crothers, Seavigny and Blomlin—to mention no others—Are what the Globe thought them just two months ago, It's evident that the whole bolting should go. And if Guthrie, the Globe, and Mr. Carvell, And the others who joined Borden's cabinet, as well, Before through their glasses they got them to see, Nothing that one could say of them would be too hard, For they should be pitched into the discard.

So think the thing over, and turn it all 'round, A worse combination could hardly be found, Mark your ballot—that is, if they've left you the vote—TO SHAKE OFF THE UNJOINT HOLD FROM YOUR THROAT: For they'll choke us, or else, if our lives they do spare, They will work us and rob us, and never play fair.

BRANDS STORIES OF IMMORALITY AMONG SOLDIERS UNTRUE

"Y" Worker Tells Canadian Club of Falsity.

Mothers Should Not Worry Over Boys at Front, Declares Lecturer.

There are horrible rumors here concerning the immorality of our boys at the front. Believe me when I say, after all my experience with the soldiers in England and in France, that there is practically no truth whatsoever in these rumors; that there is nothing for the mothers of Canada to be anxious about. It is true that in such a large army as ours there are bound to be some men of low morals. But in regard to the great majority of the men there is no truth in the rumors whatsoever. I believe that they are entirely of German origin.

Such was the statement made by Alexander Watson in the course of an address at the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon. Mr. Watson is of English extraction, who offered his services to the Y.M.C.A., that he might go to France and make the hours lighter for the soldiers there. He received no reward but the unbounded gratitude of the men. His visit to Canada was unexpected by him. Before the war he was booked for springing and New Zealand for a series of English entertainers, who offered his services to the Y.M.C.A., that he might go to France and make the hours lighter for the soldiers there. He received no reward but the unbounded gratitude of the men. His visit to Canada was unexpected by him. Before the war he was booked for springing and New Zealand for a series of English entertainers, who offered his services to the Y.M.C.A., that he might go to France and make the hours lighter for the soldiers there. He received no reward but the unbounded gratitude of the men. 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CONSCRIPTION IS NOT THE BIG ISSUE, SAYS SIR ALAN AYLESWORTH

All Want to Win the War, He Declares.

BORDEN POLITICAL CRY

Trying to Make Out That Those Against Him Are Disloyal.

AYLESWORTH, Dec. 6.—A crowd which filled the town hall to the doors and overflowed onto the steps outside listened to Sir Alan Aylesworth here tonight at a meeting in support of W. G. Chatham, the Liberal candidate for East Elgin. Both Sir Alan and Mrs. Hector Prenter were enthusiastically cheered as they urged the electors to cast their votes for the Liberal party in the coming election.

Sir Alan dealt at length with the "win-the-war" cry of the Borden Government, and the attempt of the new Administration to make conscription seem the only issue, when it was not an issue at all.

"We are all 'win-the-war' people," he said. "The success of Britain is the success of Canada. We are part of the Empire, and we should be silly people if being at war we should want to be losers. The adoption of the 'win-the-war' title by the Borden Government is nothing more than an attempt to put upon the Opposition by the inference that it is not loyal to king and country."

The Union Government says the one question is, "Are you or are you not in favor of backing up our soldiers?" It seeks to put the issue in that form because there is only one answer to that question, and that is, "Yes, in our belief of the best way to do it. It is a question of the best way the result can be accomplished."

Not the Big Issue. The Borden Government seeks to make conscription appear the issue. In my opinion that question does not in the least arise. The only issue in public life and my opinion of conscription is therefore of no value. I don't like conscription; I don't suppose anybody does. In time of peace we would certainly be foolish to transplant to the free soil of Canada what has been the curse of Germany. I freely concede that war makes a difference in our attitude. If there were a referendum I thought it necessary vote for conscription.

However, that is a question for each man to answer himself. It doesn't arise now because it is the law of the land, and is just as effective as any other law, and until it is repealed must remain in law, which everyone is bound to obey. That is the reason why it cannot be, and is not a question before the people at the present time. It is claimed that only the Union Government will enforce the law. The failure of the ardent conscriptionist's argument. Any Government in power is bound by the law of the land as much as you or I.

Can't Be Repealed. The law cannot be repealed except by Parliament. Parliament means both the House of Commons and the Senate, and if Laurier comes back with 100 majority he is as powerless as you or I to change the act, because the Senate won't let him. He doesn't intend to repeal it. Isn't it a little absurd of the Union Government to say that conscription is in danger and that Laurier will repeal the act?

Laurier says that he will not repeal the act, but merely suspend its operation. Since the present 100,000 men have been raised until the will of the people has been expressed, no soldier has yet been trained or sent forward by conscription, and you must not be surprised if the Borden Government does you a courtesies another eight months' delay.

Behind Laurier. I am in absolute accord with Sir Wilfrid's policy, and I am prepared to vote for conscription. To be effective the act must have behind it public opinion. Its enforcement by a government is against the fundamental principle of self-government. I think there ought to have been a referendum last summer. Last Hugh Guthrie, who attempted to speak in favor of the act from the Opposition benches, gave a reason for his opposition to a referendum, the fact that the people might vote it down. By that action he shows that he has the first principle of Liberalism of freedom in mind.

No Faith in Government. The present Government is one in which I have no particle of faith," said Sir Alan. "I hope it may be utterly overthrown at the polls—(Applause)—and the government of honesty and honor elected."

Sir Alan declared the present Government to be really the same Borden Government. Guthrie presented as a leading Liberal and a member of the Government, was not really in the Government; was not called to council meetings or consulted. "He is not in the cabinet," said the speaker. "But one might say on the cabinet doorstep, as a small boy might be ready to clean the government's dirty shoes. He is going around the country zealous as a new convert to earn his pay."

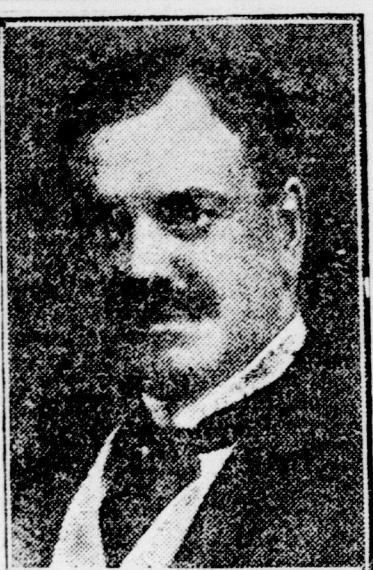
The speaker denounced the franchise act as a sham and disgraceful. It was practically the same thing that had caused Britain's declaration of war on the Boers.

Snappy Address. Mrs. Hector Prenter delivered a speech, which, although short, was decidedly snappy, and brought forth constant rounds of applause. "I am not here to tell any one how to vote," she said. "I am here merely as a woman who supports democracy and who sees it threatened as never before. The franchise act, she said, required a man's vocabulary to deal with it."

Continuing, she declared that Capt. Kidd and Jesse James were rank amateurs compared to the Borden Administration. They were regular buccanniers. She claimed that every riding in Northern Ontario that last election had returned a Liberal candidate, this year would have its polling booth placed in an inaccessible place. The chief enforcer for the district was a naturalized German.

Concluding her speech she said: "You must put the government of Canada in the hands of the patriots, not the hands of the pagans. The patriotic Canadian puts patriotism out of his life and substitutes bright bunting."

W. G. Chatham spoke briefly, being prevented by a sore throat from giving a lengthy address.



SHERIFF L. J. LEMIEUX, Montreal, leaving for overseas to represent Laurier at the soldiers' voting.

BYNG SUCCESSFULLY WITHDRAWS TROOPS FROM BAD SALIENT

Arc of 18 Miles Is Reduced to 10 Miles.

GERMANS KEPT IN DARK

Hostile Attacks Are Repulsed South of Bourlon Wood.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The carefully-laid plans of Gen. Byng to withdraw his troops at various points on the Cambrai salient to more favorable positions, have been carried out in perfect manner, and apparently without the Germans having knowledge of the retirement. From an arc extending before Cambrai of about eighteen miles, the British front has been lessened to a length of about ten miles, with the bases resting in the north in the region of Moenvaer, and in the south near Gonnelle. As a result of the backward movement the Germans claim the recapture of Graincourt, Anneux, Noivelles, and the woods and heights north of Maroilles, and that their unopposed gain has been to a depth of about two and a half miles. The British war office asserts that since the German offensive in the Cambrai region began British prisoners in excess of 9,000 and 148 guns have been taken.

The night report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters says: "The British front has been placed again without any change in the situation. In the area south of Bourlon Wood minor hostile attacks were repulsed, with severe losses to the enemy. The hostile artillery has been active at a number of points south of the Scarpe, and also in the neighborhood of Arrientieres."

The night report of Byng's successful retirement, and announced that the British line had been advanced slightly south of La Vacquerie.

Pettypiece Fuddled By Questions Asked About Exemption

Failed to Justify the Borden Government's Actions in Quebec.

[Special to The Advertiser.] ALVINGTON, Dec. 6.—An amusing incident occurred to enliven a meeting held in the interests of Joe Armstrong, ex-M.P., when H. J. Pettypiece, of Forest, essayed to answer a number of questions put by Dr. T. A. Brandon of Alvington.

Mr. Pettypiece was swinging along at a nice oratorical pace, and had just reached the point when he informed the farmers that they need have no fear regarding conscription, as the Government had arranged the whole matter so that farmers' sons would not be conscripted.

Dr. Brandon arose and asked Mr. Pettypiece if he did not know that he was talking against conscription. Mr. Pettypiece side-stepped.

Dr. Brandon asked Mr. Pettypiece why it was the Government had permitted the exemption of 37½ per cent of the Quebec militia.

Mr. Pettypiece, after some hesitation, replied that it was because the young men of Quebec noticed earlier than in Ontario, Mr. Pettypiece did not realize for the moment that no untrained men were called in the present classes.

UNOFFICIAL REPORT SAYS MAJOR TOLMIE KILLED AT HALIFAX

Feared Paymaster of the 99th Battalion May Be Victim.

NINE BOILS KEPT COMING ON NECK ONE AFTER THE OTHER

"Anyone who has ever suffered from boils knows how sick and miserable they make you feel."

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION. KITCHENER. Pte. Wm. Walker. OWEN SOUND. Pte. John Robinson.

MISSING. ST. THOMAS. Lieut. Roy Forsythe.

WOUNDED. OWEN SOUND. Pte. Arthur Bond.

LLOYD GEORGE UNDER WEATHER. LONDON, Dec. 6.—Premier David Lloyd George is slightly indisposed, having suffered a chill. The dinner arranged for Friday, where it was announced he would reply to the Lansdowne letter, has therefore been postponed for a week.

11,000 ITALIANS TAKEN BY ENEMY IN NEW ATTACK

General Diaz Withdraws Line Slightly on Northern Front.

LINES NOT IMPAIRED

Foe Moves Ahead by Sheer Weight of Numbers at Awful Cost of Life.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(Via London).—Eleven thousand Italians have been captured by the Austro-Germans in their new offensive on the mountainous front of Northern Italy. It was officially announced today by the German war office.

Strong Italian positions in the Meletta region of the northern front were taken and held by the Teutonic forces, who captured more than 50 guns, the statement says.

FIGHTING MOST BITTER

ROME, Dec. 6.—After fighting all day the Italians withdrew their line from the slopes south of Monte Castelgomberto to the Fozza spur, on the northern front, the war office announces. On Monte Flor and Monte Castelgomberto some Alpine forces, the statement says, preferred defence to the bitter end to retirement.

The enemy took advantage of his gains on Tuesday between Monte Tondarear and Monte Badeneche, and carried the engagement to its highest pitch, in an effort to take the formidable bastion formed by Monte Castelgomberto and Meletta di Gallo from the rear. He had to give up this effort, however, and make a frontal attack, which the Italians resisted stubbornly, giving up ground only foot by foot, and retreating only the rear line when support troops had been brought to hold it.

Fall in Creling Move. The text of the statement reads: "On the Asiago plateau beginning at dawn yesterday the battle was renewed with violence. The enemy, profiting by the advantage gained the previous day between Monte Tondarear and Monte Badeneche, brought the action up to its fullest extent in order to carry from the rear the formidable bastion of Monte Castelgomberto-Meletta-di-Gallo, which effort he had to give up and attack frontally."

The fighting continued fiercely the whole day from the slopes south of Monte Castelgomberto to the Fozza spur. The ponderous effort of the enemy, carried out with crushing numerical preponderance, met with stubborn resistance and numerous counter-attacks by our troops which were defending the Meletta strong point, ground being yielded foot by foot.

Hold Till Rear Is Strengthened. "Only when the rear line defence was being reinforced by our men was the order given to withdraw to that line."

On Monte Flor and Monte Castelgomberto some Alpine troops, which had remained isolated, preferred to the eventuality of an uncertain retirement a glorious sacrifice and an heroic defence to the bitter end.

A powerful enemy attempt to carry our line of defence in the Upper Brenta valley was repulsed with heavy losses."

LEFFLER DESCRIBES PLAN TO DYNAMITE WINDSOR FACTORY

DAMAGING EVIDENCE IS GIVEN IN KAITSCHMIDT CASE.

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—Another man who has begun a prison term for complicity in dynamite plots charged to Albert C. Kaitschmidt and others, was placed on the stand by the Government today to testify against Kaitschmidt and his co-defendants. Today's witness was William Leffler, sentenced in 1915 to ten years at Kingston, as the result of a dynamite explosion at the Peabody overall plant at Walkerville.

Leffler corroborated in detail the testimony of Charles Respa, also sentenced to the Canadian prison for complicity in the Peabody explosion.

Leffler described the plans made to dynamite the Peabody factory, and the planting of a suitcase filled with explosives under inner Windsor armories. The suitcase placed under the armories failed to explode, and Leffler testified that he asked Kaitschmidt concerning it, the latter replied: "Oh, well, we'll get it the next time, and then blow the whole damned place up."

Cross-examination of both Leffler and Respa failed to shake their testimony. Leffler denied that a confession he made to the Canadian authorities concerning the conspiracy was drawn from him under duress.

The Government has given notice that it will introduce documentary evidence to show Kaitschmidt was an agent of the German Government, and that he received large sums of money through the German embassy.

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MORE BORDEN DECEIT.

HONESTY, either of purpose or of action, is lacking in the Borden Government, and it is to be feared that this characteristic lack has undergone no change because of the infusion of some new blood. Bluff, bluster and deceit are its weapons, which won power in 1911 and are trusted to repeat their success in 1917.

The latest sample of its methods is the manipulation of the military service act. An order-in-council has been passed relative to the exemption of farmers from the necessity of serving in the forces, calculated to persuade the people that any of these who have been conscripted will be returned to the land. It is purely a vote-catching bluff, and every member of the cabinet knows it.

Every lawyer in Canada is aware that an act of Parliament can be amended only by Parliament, which fact makes the order-in-council of no avail except as an expression of the cabinet's opinion. Can anyone believe that a lawyer of the experience and standing of Sir Robert Borden or N. W. Rowell was ignorant on this point? Can anyone doubt that they are parties to the attempted deceit?

Mislead the voters is the motto of the Bordenites; the truth must not be known. But the truth will be known, and as a result the Borden Government will cease to exist.

AN ENGLISHWOMAN'S SENSE OF JUSTICE.

ONE of the striking contributions to the campaign is that given by Mrs. R. W. Ball of St. Thomas, who is making telling and brilliant addresses on behalf of the Liberal candidates. Mrs. Ball is an English woman. Her three brothers are in France, with the fourth buried in the mud of Flanders, where he died fighting for his Empire and his Canada. She has a vote, as is her right and due, but her heart goes out in sympathy for the Canadian women who have been disfranchised, classed with alien enemies, children, and the mentally unfit.

Speaking in St. Thomas, she put the case thus:

"I have been in Canada four years, and I have more to say about the government of this country than you women who have spent your lives here, who own this as your own, your native land, who have worked and labored and toiled for the boys at the front, for my brothers. Is that right? Is that fair? Is that British fair play? I say no. It is unfair. It is unjust. As a woman I claim the right to vote, to elect men who have the government of this country in hand, but I claim that right for you, for every Canadian woman. Let no person or party rob you of your birthright. That is why I am opposed to the Borden Government. We are fighting for democracy, as my brothers are fighting and have fought in France."

That is the spirit of justice, of fair play, of decency that has made the British Empire great in the eyes of the world. Mrs. Ball is doing great service for the women of Canada. It remained for the super-loyal Bordenites to disfranchise the truly loyal women of Canada.

DEEDS OF DARKNESS.

WHILE the Borden Government has been extolling itself because it has limited the amount which the board of arbitration can award the C. N. R. interests for alleged worthless stock to \$10,000,000, it has quietly slipped to these interests a little matter of \$25,000,000 as a sop to keep them quiet and amiable.

This was done, as so much has been done by this Government, in secrecy and darkness. No word of the order-in-council which authorized it appeared in the Borden press. It was all planned to take place during the absence of the government-general, so that he might not be able to raise objections. The light of publicity was not allowed to beat upon the transaction. Where is this opening of the treasury to the C. N. R. and its creditors going to stop? What money is being utilized to make the payments?

It will stop when Sir Wilfrid Laurier becomes premier and not until then. As to the source of the funds, it is probably more than a coincidence that the money is paid immediately after the nation has subscribed over \$400,000,000 for war purposes.

Orders-in-council are not passed without the knowledge of Government members. It must be taken for granted that men who, in the House, opposed the giving of any more money to the C. N. R. ring have acquiesced in the latest grant or at least have been obliging enough to keep the secret. And these are the men whose supporters ask the people to trust as watchdogs over the old Borden cabinet members, and as men who will refuse to permit crookedness of any kind in their dealings? There are signs of a "Union" which the country dreads and will not endure.

It has been urged by the Borden press as a proof that the C. N. R. interests had no hold on the Government that they objected strenuously to the country taking over the road, and were filled with indignation at the very idea. But none of them has come out to oppose Borden on the campaign platform; not one of them is found demanding a change. No, they are willing to put up with personal loss in order that the country may benefit by a continuance of the present regime! That is so typical of these C. N. R. men. Besides, their temper is soothed by the applica-

tion of a few \$25,000,000 bromides, and those help.

This hole-and-corner handing over of \$25,000,000 and whatever other amounts may be managed later, simply means that, public opinion having forced the Government to put a limit on the arbitrators' award of \$10,000,000 instead of \$60,000,000, some other way had to be found of handing over the balance. Orders-in-council were a means at hand, and were used. The boodling goes on without hindrance.

REINFORCEMENTS WAIT IN ENGLAND.

CLOUDS are manufactured by the Borden Government to obscure the situation concerning the number of Canadian troops now in England ready to act as reinforcements for those units at the front. Major Grant of Kingston says England is almost cleaned out of Canadian troops. That is one version.

A returned soldier informs The Advertiser that there are thousands of physically fit Canadians in England who have never seen France, but who have been eagerly awaiting the word to move across the channel for more than a year.

The commanding officer of one Ontario unit, who has recently returned to his home, says the battalion remains in England as a unit; it has not been broken up, and it has not been given any idea when it may hope to get to France. The men are straining at the leash which holds them back, but cannot trace it to its source or bring about its loosening.

Major-Gen. Mewburn has disclosed the figures of Canadians overseas, and their location, up until November 14 of this year. They are: In France, 143,000; in England 116,000; in Canada, 35,000; total casualties in France and England, 126,580.

Do these official figures look as if England is almost cleaned out of Canadians? According to the minister of militia, there are nearly as many there, exclusive of casualties, as in France.

Gen. Currie has been calling for reinforcements while there are 116,000 men ready in England! The Borden Government wants the people to believe that 25,000 more must be sent at the beginning of the year or disaster will follow. Why has the commander to plead for reinforcements? Has his cry been forced from him in order that the Borden Government may make of it party capital? Is help being held back from the men at the front to strengthen the Borden cause in Canada? Can it be that such vile treason is perpetrated for the sake of a vote?

In France, 143,000; in England, 116,000! For every 100 men in France, 81 waiting to reinforce them! Can any other belligerent show such a proportion of reserves?

NOT THE ALLIES' TASK.

IT WOULD have been easier to understand Lord Lansdowne's peace call had it come before the United States of America entered the struggle, bringing millions of men and billions of dollars to the aid of the Allies. Surely the fear of national exhaustion, so far as the Entente nations are concerned, is less acute now than it was a year ago.

Lord Lansdowne wishes certain things to be understood by the German people, in order that their peace party may be strengthened by the knowledge, and appears to take it for granted that it is in the Allies' power to make these things understood. But is it? Has not the German Government consistently misrepresented the Allied aims to its people throughout the war? Its purpose has been to feed and sustain the war element and to choke the peace movement. Anything which might tend towards defeating this object has been kept back from the nation. It has been hammered into the German masses that Britain made war on Germany; that she did so through the lust of conquest; that her aim was to dismember Germany and put her in the power of other nations; that without victory the German empire was to become a thing of the past.

Lord Lansdowne asks that Britain and her friends remove these delusions and show their humane intentions to the downtrodden creatures of the kaiser. The task is beyond their power; only the German Government can do what he asks. When it is assured that victory is impossible and defeat certain, it may enlighten the German nation, but until this happens there is little hope of destroying the ideas so carefully planted and nurtured.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Canadians and Americans hammer the Germans with bare fists. What an outrage! Such an atrocity!

The Hungarian food minister has resigned. Possibly there is not enough food left to make the position worth while.

Borden newspapers show remarkable self-restraint in refraining from mentioning the Liberal meetings broken up by Borden followers. Of course that is not news.

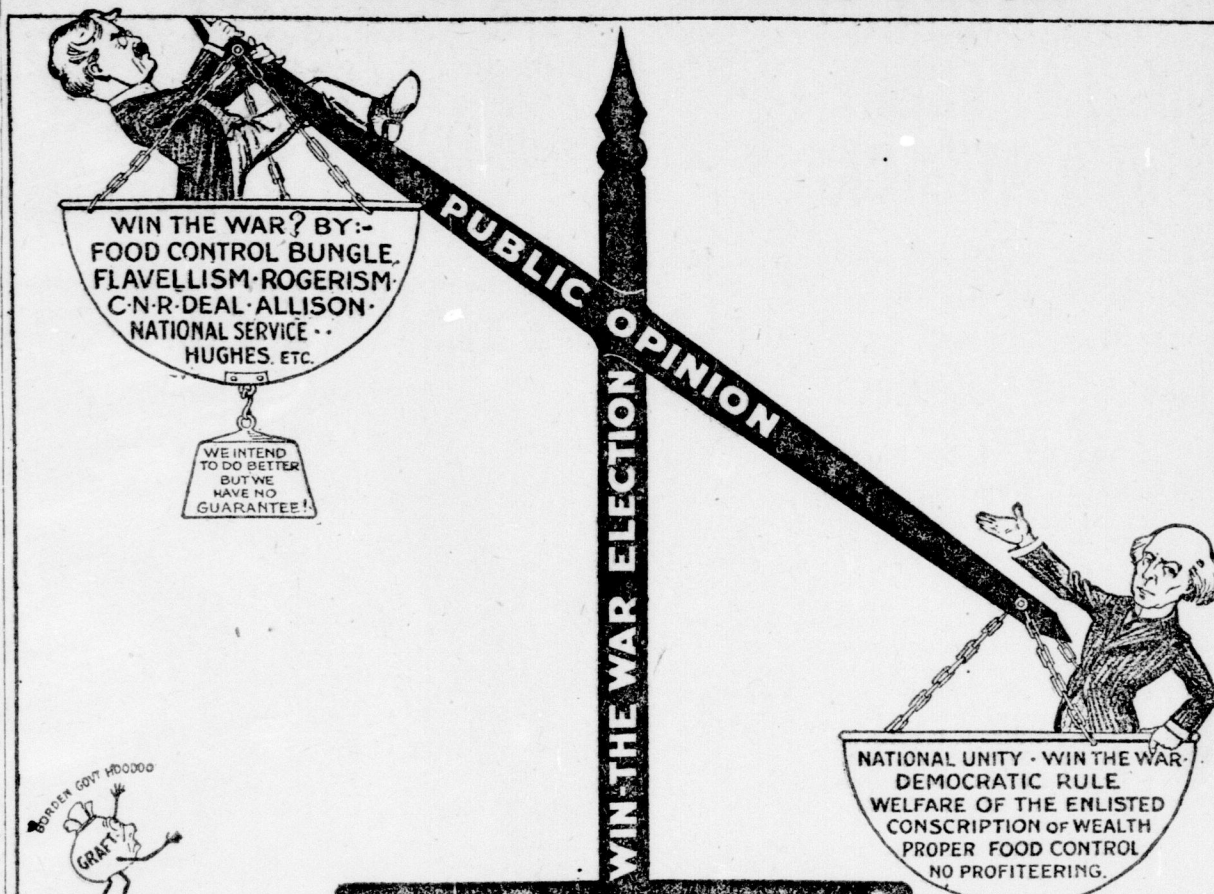
Canadians are solemnly assured by a Conservative paper that they can have either high prices or hard times: "You may have either. You cannot have both." That is the outlook under a Borden Government. What Canada wants is neither.

Will the Borden papers which assert that a man who differs from Sir Wilfrid Laurier on one point cannot honestly support his policy, please answer Hon. Geo. Graham's question: How can a man who disagrees with Sir Robert Borden on all but one point honestly support the premier?

In view of the fact that the Shriners have given nearly \$1,000 to provide Christmas remembrances for London's poor children and soldiers' orphans, the remark of one of these children made on Wednesday is amusing. She asked her grown-up companion, in reference to some picturesquely-attired Shriners: "Have the poor men no overcoats?"

"Publicity is the strong point of the Unionists." So said the local Borden paper. The Borden Government, by an order-in-council, slips \$25,000,000 to the C. N. R. ring. Not a word of it is printed in the Borden papers. It is hidden from the public until The Advertiser announces it a week later. Publicity of promises is the "Unionists'" strong point, not publicity of deeds.

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SOLDIERS, ATTENTION!

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The Good Lord gave each of you a head, and there never was a time when you were more called upon to use it.

Let us get down to business. Two political parties are appealing for our support, and our votes may be decisive, not only in London, but in Canada as well. Let us get away from the noise and turmoil of the political bell-ringers and scavengers of both camps who are an insult to all thinking men, and settle this question for ourselves. It is our most solemn duty in this crisis to keep cool and resist all sinister attempts by calumny and misrepresentation, camouflage, et al., to stampede us into that camp, which, strange to say, possesses a monopoly of the patriotism of this country to such a remarkable extent that a vote against it is a vote for the kaiser.

What a tragedy an election campaign is at any time, when large bodies of unthinking men fall for such rot, instead of using a little grey matter—only a little needed—that the Good Lord provided us with for just such an occasion! How much greater a tragedy may the unthinking vote be today.

You have been over. You have a pretty fair idea of the requirements of the situation. You know that the industry is a heartless glutton to devour reinforcements. Then after having been evacuated from France as unfit for further service you were returned eventually to Canada. Now, tell me, where in all your travels through Canada did you see a recruiting field that could hope for long to fill our depleted ranks without paralyzing every other line of industrial endeavor? I saw the place, and you saw it. It was Quebec Province.

Now to the point. How can we have the support of Quebec in this crisis? You answer, "Conscript them." I answer: Why don't you? Why haven't you? The need was supposed to be most urgent and you have had the machinery to conscript them for a considerable time now. You are conscripting them? No, no, you are not. You have exempted 98 per cent of eligibles in Quebec, and Quebec had barely been scratched as a recruiting ground. Moreover the present Government never seriously intended to conscript Quebec. Read Deputy Speaker Hanville's letter to his constituents if you doubt this.

But they tell you that Laurier would withdraw what troops we have instead of reinforcing them. Please read Laurier's speech when he opened his campaign in the heart of Quebec. There is sufficient answer.

Don't be stampeded. Stop and think! It is a crisis in our history that calls for unity, and there can be no real unity in Canada that excludes Quebec.

Think it over!

ONE WHO HAS BEEN OVER.

London, Ont., December 6, 1917.

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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LISTENING EARS.

By Dorothy Douglas.

Mildred lifted a soft air as she wound her great coils of coppery hair about her small head. It framed her oval face, and her eyes were wistful, and her song dropped, like a tiny bird that flutters away from a nest.

Sometimes the quaint airs that Mildred sang were light and happy; then again they told of a heavy heart that longed for rest, and yet again there was a tremulousness in her song, as if some great emotion held her in its grip.

Mildred could not have repeated the quaint airs that her heart fashioned in her brain. They were little snatches of expression in song that were spontaneous as they were true. She did not realize that her notes were being heard together in dainty compositions that were full of sentiment and harmony.

To the white-haired musician that sat by his window in the room above Mildred the little snatches of song were a daily tonic. He drank them into his music-tuned soul as a thirsting animal laps the sparkling water from a mountain brook.

The notes bubbled and laughed at him, and it was then that the old man smiled and his eyes were bright. And when the voice dropped and the notes fell heavily on the air, then did his heart beat dully with an ache that hurt.

At the hours that the songbird was away from her room and down at the office where she worked, the old man sat at his desk and transcribed the notes of her songs from his brain to the staffed paper on his table. He added notes here and there, making changes, adding a hint of technique here and a dash of melody there. Each piece of music that he wrote he put in a little box of music notes that he kept in his desk.

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RESULTS OF POLITICS

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
The curse of every nation since the reaction has been blind party politics, and the public wake up to the fact as to who pays for all the expenditure of the Government both legitimate and fraudulent. We will suppose that a large manufacturer pays into the Government treasury five million dollars a year in duty upon the goods he imports for the various articles used in his manufactured product. He actually does not pay a dollar out of his own pocket, the whole amount is added to the cost of his manufactured article, and the ordinary consumer pays the whole amount, and all the taxes for Government expenditure that the millionaire pays is the duty on his wearing apparel and table luxuries, and the same thing applies to the millionaire merchant and many others. What has made a virtual slaves of the ordinary public? Nothing but their political foolishness. You have all seen men elected to Parliament that only made a moderate success of any business, and after they had about five years at their political job they could retire. Now just think seriously for a moment whose money is it that they are reaping the fruits of? It is the money of the people. The Government do not get a dollar from the pockets of the common people, they sweat the common people, you have seen your neighbor getting

easy money from the Government. Do not forget that you are paying your share. As soon as the public allow any party to dominate them they lose their freedom. Make politicians your servants, which they so loudly proclaim to be on election day or otherwise, they will make you their slaves. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper but you find the statement by the editor or some correspondent that the corruption and profiteering and graft and errors of the late Conservative Government are a dead issue now, and that they are all things of the past and in no way count for the future. Is this the way businessmen treat their own business affairs? To my mind this is a positive insult to any man of ordinary intelligence. Do you think for a moment that all the useless ways of the common people's money has not mostly gone into the pockets of the grafters, who are so anxious that they should have another term to continue it? If there was any business sense in politics, the parties upholding such an argument who are paying the price would not stand for such profits for the space of one minute, but, of course, if you are one of the lucky forty thousand that are drawing easy money under the Government, you are quite excusable for such tactics. H. A. BINGHAM.
Orillia, Dec. 6, 1917.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

SHE HAS NO VOTE.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I am engaged to a soldier who is on active service in France. His parents are dead, and he has no sisters. I am not entitled to a vote. On answering this state where I must send my name to have it placed on the voters' list, and oblige. A. Yours truly.

London, Ont., Dec. 5, 1917.
Ans.—Unfortunately you have no vote. The Government took the franchise away from all women except the female relatives of soldiers on overseas service.

The Free Press walls, laments, sheds bitter tears, weeps copiously, in fact,

does most everything, because a man is criticized, and all on account of his two sons being in khaki. It has not the slightest compunction in naming J. M. Ross, the Liberal candidate for East Middlesex, as a traitor, when Mr. Ross' two sons are in France, fighting this thing through.

The English will be in bondage in Quebec, shrieks the local Borden organ. It had better instruct Hon. C. C. Ballantyne not to speak well of the French-Canadian in future. At the recent Borden meeting Mr. Ballantyne was most flattering in his references to French-Canadians. He has lived with them for many years, and he should know them. Of course, the Free Press will straighten Mr. Ballantyne out.

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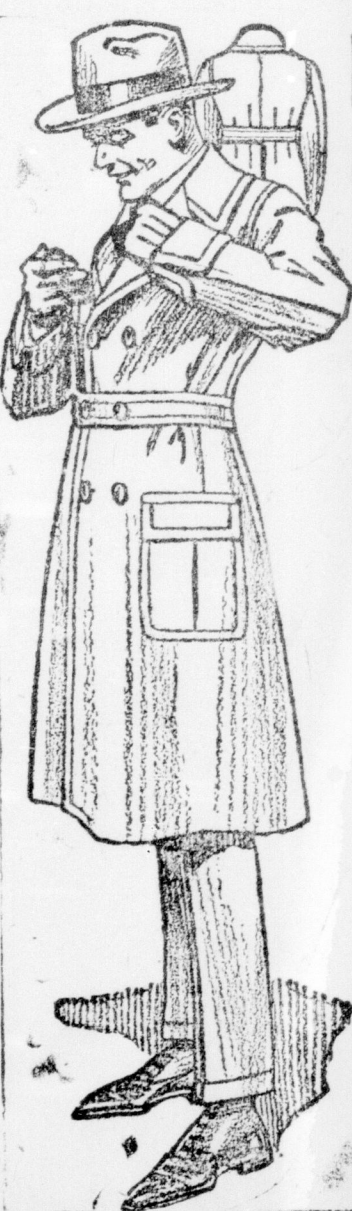
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OAK HALL



EIGHT

MUTT AND JEFF.—Mutt Isn't Always Right.



MONARCHS PASS OUT BEATING TO BROWNS

Victorias Drop Game to the Pirates After Fast Battle in Harriers' League.

The Monarchs handed a bad beating to the Browns in the Harriers' Basketball League games at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on Thursday night, when they took the round by a score of 38 to 16. The Monarchs were on a consistent, speedy game, Logan, on the forward line, and Ginsberg, in centre, collected most of the points, getting fourteen tallies each. Stevens got two, and Hughes gathered in six, which gave the Browns aggregation their total of eight.

At half-time the Monarchs were 20 points to the good, against the four tallies by their opponents. The Browns worked hard to prevent the disaster, but were unable to stop the rushes of the Monarchs. The Pirates-Victoria game was a closer and a faster one. The teams displayed lots of pep, and the Victorias did some nice work in the last half, which helped to balance the totals. McLean played a crack game, bringing in twelve, while Roberts added the remaining two to the Victorias' score.

U. S. CLAMPS LID ON JUANA TRACK

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—On instructions from Washington, Los Angeles federal officers today clamped the lid on the Juana. Identification cards will not be given gamblers, pleasure-seekers, tourists, idlers or race track followers. Race horse followers have been given time sufficient to adjust their affairs.

Only American citizens having absolutely necessary business in Mexico will be allowed to cross the border.

Detweiler, Thomas and Mills did the scoring for the Pirates.

The teams and scores:

Pirates	Monarchs
McLean, f. 12	Detweiler, f. 8
Roberts, f. 2	Thomas, f. 14
Camp, c. 0	Ginsberg, c. 14
Scott, d. 0	Mills, d. 2
Ferguson, d. 0	Parkinson, d. 0
Total 12	Total 38

Half-time score—Pirates 4, Monarchs 24.

Referee—Taylor.

SEVEN-MAN GAME WITH O. H. A. RULES

Detroit Expects Hard Fight With La Salles in Games Next Week.

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—Manager Brown of the Detroit Arena hockey team expects his men will have to face a formidable aggregation in the De La Salles of Toronto, who are scheduled to open the season here with games next Monday and Tuesday evenings. The acquisition by the De La Salles of Sheldon, star defence man of the Toronto Detonals, and Dye, who formerly played with the Aura Lees, as well as McCurdy, formerly with the Riverdells, has assured the Detroit manager that his boys must be prepared for a tough battle.

The Detroit team has decided to play seven-man hockey here, but will adhere to O. H. A. rules, which provide that a player may skate another on the ice, this having a tendency to speed up the play. In the past the rule in vogue here have made it imperative that the player receiving a pass must be on a line or back of it with the receiver at the time the pass is made. Two periods of 25 minutes' actual playing time each will be played.

THISTLE EUCHRE. The Thistle Club will hold their usual weekly euchre tournament tonight.

SUN BRIAR LEADS BIG TURF STARS

New York, Dec. 6.—The two-year-old baby colt, Sun Briar, with winnings amounting to \$50,000, leads among the five crack race horses that have won a majority of the rich stake events in this country and Canada during the season just closed. Their total winnings were \$150,530.

Omni Khayman, the great three-year-old, came second with winnings of \$15,000. The other horses included in the quintet are the six-year-old Rosebud, the three-year-old Hourglass, Omni Khayman's peerless opponent, and the two-year-old Papp.

WITH THE BOWLERS

The Chorizan quintet got the lion's end of the games from McClary team in the Canada League series at the National City Club on Thursday night. The bowlers were in good shape, and bowled three nice games. McClary, who was in the lead, gathered 199 in his second game, while Donaldson of the Chorizans was the only bowler to score over 100. The scores were not high on the whole, and several of the bowlers turned in low totals.

CITY LEAGUE STANDING.

Nationals	Won	Lost	Pct.
Nationals	12	3	.800
Brumby	8	8	.500
Has-Bears	7	8	.467
Maroonis	3	12	.200

CHORAZANS.

S. Crawford	181	120	174	485
Donaldson	158	120	175	453
Trudy	81	99	124	314
H. Troupe	159	151	145	455
P. Alingo	133	125	156	415

Totals 741 692 772—2291

McCLARYS.

McNeil	156	140	201	497
Abraham	154	145	180	479
Lehman	131	122	156	409
Smith	145	152	119	416

Totals 638 517 748—2253

The Nationals were scheduled to play against the Maroonis in the City League series, but the latter team did not appear, and the game was called off by default. The Nationals bowled a friendly game against a pick-up team.

CANADIAN LEAGUE STANDING.

Empire Brass	Won	Lost	Pct.
Empire Brass	13	8	.619
White & Sons	13	8	.619
Hyman	13	7	.656
McClary	10	8	.556
Blue Labels	10	13	.435
Chorazans	9	13	.409
Electric	8	13	.385
Manhattan	2	19	.100

Totals 148 121 211—279

Value of Futurity \$30,000 Next Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Futurity, long a classic of the American turf, will be worth \$30,000 next year, according to action taken at a meeting of the Western Racing Association here.

It paid only slightly more than \$15,000 to Papp, winner of the 1917 race.

WAR ON TOUTS AT NEW ORLEANS TRACK

New York, Dec. 7.—Jos. A. Murphy, presiding steward at New Orleans, has instituted a crusade against touters here.

These pests, who sometimes include owners, trainers and jockeys have been notified that if they are found guilty of colluding with touters, they will be barred from the tracks. Murphy has published a notice to the effect that if persons who receive letters from touters and touters will mail them back to the association, prompt action will be taken. The winter tracks have been infested with these undesirable persons and Murphy's determination to get rid of them will meet with widespread approval.

ROGERS THROUGH HERACLE.

New York, Dec. 7.—In the international wrestling tournament here last night, two final matches were staged. In the first, which Joe Rogers of Rochester, N. Y., threw John Heracle of Wilmington, Del., in 15 minutes 35 seconds, with a body scissors hold.

The other match, "Strangler" Lewis of Lexington, Ky., threw Frank Leavitt of the United States Army easily, in minutes with an arm and wrist lock.

"WHAT ABOUT THE \$1,200?"

During Josh Devore's career as a Giant outfielder, he figured in an unusual accident.

It was right after one of the world's series, in which Lucky Josh participated. Josh was visiting a small town in Pennsylvania, and one day in a poolroom he was introduced to a chap named Devore of the Giants.

The fellow looked him over for some time with manifest suspicion, and finally, he said: "You don't mean to tell me you're Josh Devore of the New York Giants?"

"Yes," said Josh. "That's me."

"The same," said Josh.

"Well, I bet you \$1,200 you're not such thing," said the fellow. "I've seen him play, and I know you're not him."

At first Josh thought he was being "kidded." The man flashed a roll and was so insistent, while Josh was so reluctant, that some of the people around commenced to think Devore was really an impostor.

When he was finally convinced that the man was in earnest, Josh covered him \$1,200, and then proved that he was the bird in question, sure enough.

CURRENT COMMENT

On Live Happenings of the SPORT WORLD

Two hundred and forty-four players were entered in the 1917 championship campaign of the National League. Of this number 170 participated in the minimum of games required for rating in the official averages, with two young stars—Honus (24) and Hornsby (25)—leading the list.

Six players reached the 300 class, as against nine in 1916. This increase, however, was more than offset by the gain in 250 hitters, there being seven in 1917, as against one in 1916.

The new champion, Ed J. Roush, was born in Oakland City, Ind. May 8, 1884, and is one of the youngest players to win the championship title. He started his professional career in 1912 with the Evansville, Ind., club. The following year he graduated to the Chicago American League club.

Coach Nelson, team for further experience, in 1914 he joined the Indianapolis Federal club, which was transferred to the Newark Federals in 1915. In 1916 New York secured his services, and he was turned over to Cincinnati in an exchange that also included Mathewson and Herzog.

Roush, 33, is 5 feet 11 inches in height and weighs 175 pounds. In winning the title, Roush faced opposing pitchers 527 times on balls, 3 times on being hit by pitched balls, 19 doubles, 14 triples and 12 home runs. His sacrifice hits were 13, and he struck out by 24 times in 136 games.

The leading run-scorer was George Burns, with 103. Max Carey led the base-runners with 46, and Charlie Deal had 34 runs scored.

Roush and Knuff tied for greatest number of single safe hits, each with 251. Roush in three-base hits with 17, and Knuff with 16. The hard-hitting Cravath led all others in extra bases made on hits with the substantial total of 107.

In team aggregates the New York Yankees scored with 525, and also led in base-stealing with 162 steals. The champions also made 121 extra hits, 1,080 Philadelphia led in doubles with 225; Cincinnati in triples with 106, and New York in home runs with 29, of which 21 were made at home and 18 on foreign grounds. Cincinnati, with 29, led in extra bases scored on long hits, and the league in this respect. Chicago made most sacrifice hits, namely 222.

Lorus was the only player to participate in all 154 games played by his club. Groh played in 157.

Games played by Cincinnati, and Carey in 155 of 157 played by Pittsburgh. Based solely on the season's average, the strongest batting club would consist of Puckard, pitcher; Thomas, catcher; Chase or Holke, first; Groh, second; Roush, third; Knuff in the outfield. The team average would be .301—this despite the fact that the leading hitter of the second season is 4th on the list with .259.

Out on the west coast there was at one time a belief that Jimmy Britt was the lightweight champion for a spell.

This claim is even dignified by attention in several histories, but James was never really the bona fide champ. Joe Gans won the title from Frank Erne May 12, 1902, at Port of Spain, November, 1902. Britt knocked out Erne.

Gans refused to make weight and Britt claimed the title. Britt went along and beat Charlie Selzer, Martin Canale, Young Corbett, Battling Nelson, Jabez White and Kid Sullivan, and then was stopped by Nelson in eighteen rounds at Colma in 1905.

Between 1902 and 1905, Gans could not, or would not, make 125 pounds, ringside, and Nelson claimed the title on the strength of his defeat of Britt. Then came the memorable Gans-Nelson battle at Goldfield, when "The Old Master" made the weight and won from Britt on a foul in 42 rounds.

After that there was no question as to Gans' title, and he held it until 1908. He fought a couple of weird affairs with Britt, which were never very seriously regarded, and both of which were credited as victories for the black man.

Britt was a very clever boxer, a high-class little chap, and always a better fighter than some of his home town folks were disposed to give him credit for being, but he never had a clear title to the lightweight championship, that is sure.

SARNIA SQUAD OUT

SARNIA, Dec. 6.—Sarnia hockey men were on the ice today for their first workout. There was a nice bunch of players present, and the management of the team are confident that they will have lots of good material to choose their squad from.

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LONG WINS LIVE BIRD EVENT AT ST. THOMAS

Captures Gold Watch in Grand International Live Bird Handicap of St. Thomas Gun Club—Galbraith and Wright Runners-Up.

[BY STAFF REPORTER.] ST. THOMAS, Dec. 6.—Nelson Long of Hamilton won the gold watch in the live bird event of the grand international handicap tournament staged by the St. Thomas Gun Club here today, defeating F. Galbraith of Rodney and F. Wright of Buffalo by one bird in the finals. Galbraith, Wright and Long tied with six points, and in the shoot-out Long shot six birds while Wright and Galbraith got five apiece.

The day was a fair one for shooting. The sky was overcast, and a chilly wind swept across the field where the live birds were shot. Against the dark grey sky white birds showed up fairly well, but dark colored ones were exceedingly difficult to see. The pigeons were, on the whole, a husky bunch, and had plenty of pep and life, although several of them refused to start away from the traps unscathed, while quite a few escaped, carrying with them a load of shot. The guns on the outskirts of the field accounted for the birds that escaped the competitors.

Shooting started at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was continued throughout the day, being finished about 4:30. Each gun shot at twenty fliers. No runner turned in a perfect score, but Long, Wright and Galbraith came very close to it, letting only one bird get away from them.

The scores show what a tricky pastime live bird shooting is. Some of the high guns of former years and men who turned in nice scores earlier in the week, were down on the list today.

The Humane Society of St. Thomas made strenuous efforts to prevent the live bird event, and a group of lady members visited the grounds this afternoon to see for themselves how the live birds were treated. The humane society also visited the city limits, and the county council declined to take any action to make the Gun Club stop the shoot.

The tournament this year was one of the most successful in the history of the club. A fine collection of cracks were present, many experts coming for today's shoot. Next year it is possible that the shoot will be held earlier, probably in September when climatic conditions are less severe and more conducive to good scores.

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HOW THE HON. TOM CROTHERS BEARDED SIX COBBLERS OF CHATHAM IN THEIR DEN

Threatened Shoe Repair Combination With Dire Punishment,
But As Far As Known Never Hurt the Feelings of
Anyone Worth More Than \$10,000.

It's all wrong, Hector; it's all wrong.
Here The Advertiser has been criticizing Hon. Tom Crothers for years because of his lack of activity, because of his utter uselessness as a minister of labor, when it has been discovered that he has been sitting as the watch dog of the people's rights, in fact, the dog-gonest watch dog in all the world. Even the Tory press has been somewhat peeved at Tom, and have said some sharp things to him. Let everybody apologize.

It has been discovered that Tom has been doing wonderful things for the "people." R. L. Brackin, Chatham, told the Liberals of St. Thomas on Tuesday evening just how Tom had saved the citizens of Chatham from the direst calamity possibly that history could record. Did Tom save the people? Well, rather, the greatest little savior that the wildest imagination could picture.

THE COBBLER OF CHATHAM.

Let's tell the story. In Chatham, in a little hole in the wall, is a cobbler, by the name of Side. Industrious, hard working, respectable, he has been mending the shoes of the people for years. Last spring he found the high cost of living pressing hard upon him. His dollar or so a day did not go far, and he got the other cobblers in Chatham together, to discuss the situation over. They decided on a uniform rate for repairs, an advance of course, and the new schedule was printed.

Then the leather bound at Ottawa got busy. Ye gods, how dare a cobbler increase his earnings by a few cents a day! Yet again and yet again, how dare he? One can imagine the Hon. Tom strutting up and down his office at Ottawa, peopled with beauteous stenographers, roaring that this indignity, this base indignity should be stopped. If it took every drop of blood, aqua fortis, or whatever flowed in his veins, he was there to protect the people from the honey devils. He would die for the common people. You bet you he would die for them, provided, of course, that it was a painless death, and came after he had ceased drawing and enjoying the large salary of his office.

AN AWFUL ORDEAL.

For hours Tom wrinkled his bony brow, and thought, and thought, and thought—of what he was going to have to eat and drink.

Then a thought struck him. He would write this terrible cobbler, who was making a few cents additional a day out of mending the soles of Chatham, and he would expose him to the ruthless gaze of an enraged and stricken populace.

Then he wrote a note, he wrote the very note, and this is what he wrote:
"I am advised that a few days ago yourself and several others entered into an agreement to raise the price of shoe repairing in the city of Chatham from the 8th inst.

"I am enclosing you a copy of an order-in-council recently passed, whereby you will see that if any such agreement was made you have laid yourself liable to prosecution under the order. It prohibits the entry into such an agreement. Yours truly,
(Signed) "T. W. CROTHERS."

Now, then, what do you know about that? If that is not the mark of greatness, what is? One must be fair. Think of the courage, bravery, strength of character, nerve, in fact, everything, it must have taken for the minister of labor to tackle such a great, powerful, rich, clever, unscrupulous combination as those six cobblers of Chatham. Words absolutely fail me in trying to describe how really great Tom Crothers is.

The Charge of the Light Brigade, the marvelous feats of the Canadians at Vimy, pale into pink insignificance, when compared with this most brilliant episode. History has been combed to find a parallel, but in vain.

NO THREATS FOR BARONS.

Of course, it must be admitted that Hon. Tom Crothers did not send such a letter to Sir Joseph Flavelle, the bacon baron. He did not send such an epistle to the cold storage proprietors. Not a note did he write, nary a line.

Robert Brackin wanted to wage a few shillings that Tom never sent such a note to any individual worth \$10,000 or more.

However, he is a cynical person is Mr. Brackin. How can he fail to appreciate the courage of Mr. Crothers, when he bearded the cobbler lions in their den?

It might be mentioned en passant that Mr. Crothers is considered quite a person in the Borden Government.

THE MENACE OF QUEBEC

What Mr. Blonidn, a member of Sir Robert Borden's present Union cabinet, said on the 25th of October, 1910:

"You are intimidating the people in waving the English flag, and adding that we must contribute always and everywhere to the defence of that protector of our constitutional liberties; but we will not be made to forget that in 1837 it was necessary to bore holes in it in order to breathe the atmosphere of liberty."

"The English have never done anything for the French-Canadians. We do not owe them anything. French-Canadians have nothing to care about the opinion of the other provinces upon this naval question. They can, and must settle the questions which concern them, without consulting others. Those very ones who disembowelled your forefathers on the Plains of Abraham ask of you today to be slaughtered for their sake."

"England has gone so far as to grind down the colonies as did Imperial Rome of old."

"The only liberties which we enjoy have been snatched. England has not conquered Canada for love or to plant the cross of Christ, as did France, but to establish trading posts and make money. She has sowed the world with hatred, quarrels and wars. We have had enough of England and the English."

What Mr. Sevingy, a member of the Borden Union cabinet, said at St. Remi:

"The Laurier cabinet is a cabinet of imperialists, who want to sacrifice Canada's interest and plunge us into wars with which we have nothing to do. The navy bill is an attempt by Ontario and the provinces of the west to coerce Quebec and to enslave our people forever. What has England ever done for you? She has no need of your help. She is strong enough to defend herself. Laurier's ideal is to make you the vassals of the majority in the west. You must protest against helping England in her wars; unless you do conscription will come next."

These two men both sit in the Borden Union Government today. With their record in the past do you dare to trust them in the future? No wonder Quebec has not done its duty. Quebec will do its duty when Quebec has a leader that Quebec can trust.

ENTHUSED AND MYSTIFIED



Above, Canadians at the Espom-Buffs final baseball game for the English title. Below, British naval strategists at the same thrilling contest.



Christmas Reminders

House Coats, Bathrobes, Silk Mufflers, Neckwear, Handsome Sweater Coats, Fine Silk Shirts, Gloves, Silk and Cashmere Hosiery. An Overcoat or Suit from Dowler's to father, brother, son or hubby is always appreciated as a Christmas gift.

Manufacturers' Sample Sweater Coat Sale, \$3.59

\$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 qualities, all lined up for quick selling Saturday morning. Assorted colorings, assorted sizes, all at one price Saturday.

GIVE JACK-FROST THE LAUGH OVERCOATS

Get into one of our big Irish Frieze or Melton Storm Collar Coats. They're certainly bargains at \$14, \$16.50, \$18, \$19.50, \$22.50 and \$24

EXTRA SATURDAY!

Bargains in Work Shirts

75c Black and White Stripe Drills 59c
This line is being sold by some stores at 85c.
Extra Size \$1.25 Work Shirts 79c
85c Belfast Drill Shirts 65c
London's Best \$1.35 Large Size Body Shirt.
Special bargain \$1.00
\$1.25 Heavy Jersey Knit Shirts \$1.00
Flannel Shirts, in greys, blues and pepper and salt \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00

Overall Bargains

Fast Color, Woven Stripe Double Wear Overalls, \$1.75 quality everywhere; here we are putting them out at \$1.35
Canada's Best \$2.25 Overalls, tailored in double stitched seams, extra full sizes, every pair guaranteed. Special \$1.75

Tory and Grit in the West Unite Against a Common Foe

STANDS BY LAURIER.

The following letter is from one born in McGillivray. Taught school for years in McGillivray, Biddulph and at Gromarty; also principal of the model schools in Campbellford and Prescott. He has been west for the past ten or twelve years. Mr. Thompson changed his party affiliation many years ago, and is now a staunch Liberal, with great faith in "The West" politically. To the Editor of The Advertiser:
The fight is on. Never in the history of Canada has our country stood in such danger as she does at the present moment. It is not a new danger, but a danger which has been threatening through long years of struggle our ancestors replaced feudalism with a strong democratic form of government in England, and we had fondly believed that Canada was from each province with a democracy for any man or set of men to again enslave us. From this dream of security we were rudely awakened last spring to find that something over a hundred men in Ottawa, elected in 1911 for five years and who consequently had ceased to be the people's representatives, had determined to rule Canada, according to their own wishes, irrespective of the will of the people.

Borden said as late as last April that "there would be no conscription in Canada," and early in May, by his own sweet will, he determined that there would be conscription. Opposed to him is Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Let it be clearly understood that the point at issue is not conscription vs. non-conscription, but rather conscription vs. the will of the people. The measures must line up with Laurier in defence of democracy, while he who is

satisfied with a rule such as exists in Germany may work for Borden and autocracy rule. But Borden's is a win-the-war government. What has it been since August, 1914? The name he has given this new Government implies that he has not had a win-the-war Government until now. If he had not either he did not get into his cabinet the best men in the Tory party, or the Tory party had not sufficient good men in it to fill the positions.

How much better is the present cabinet? Let an election that the Union Government has been formed. It is calculated that a strong Grit taken from each province will bring with them sufficient Grit votes to do the trick. It is confidently stated in the Ontario press that this Northwest is solid for Union Government. They never made a greater mistake. The fact is Tory and Grit are forgetting their differences and uniting against the threatened evils. We, Mr. Editor, studied history together, and we both remember rebellions and revolutions

Big December "Demonstration" of Clothing Values

DOWLER'S OVERCOAT SALE Saturday \$9.65

The Home of Fine
Furnishing Christmas
Gifts—House-Coats
and Robes.

THE GREATEST OVERCOAT BARGAINS OFFERED IN ONTARIO IN A SCORE OF YEARS AND NOT LIKELY TO BE DUPLICATED IN THE NEXT TWO DECADES.

See them in our west window. Standard, up-to-the-minute \$16.50 garments, belted backs, double-breasted, two-way collars—warm, comfortable, handsome winter coats. The cloth of the outside today would cost more money, and the sizes run from 35 small to 46 oversize. The colors are greys, brown and olive, in the neatest of stylish checks and diagonals. Over 265 garments in the lot. "All-Round" belt, with buckle, supplied of some cloths, if required, for 50c extra.

OVERCOAT SPECIAL . . \$22.50

Includes every style in the scales from ultra extreme for the swagger young fellow to the ultra conservative—Trench models, English slip-ons, loose box coats, belted styles and regulation Chesterfields; many of them would be thought wonderful values in other stores at \$25.00 and \$27.50.

Fur-Collar Coat Bargains AT FEBRUARY PRICES

\$18.00 quality, for \$12.65
\$20.00 quality, for \$16.50
\$24.00 quality, for \$19.50
\$32.50 quality, for \$25.00

UNDERWEAR SPECIALS

At less than present wholesale prices. Not of a few garments, put in a window for a bait, but over three tons of warm, comfortable winter underwear, in all the wanted weights, in combinations and two-piece. In such reliable makes as Stanfield's, Penangle, Cee-Tea, Dr. Jaeger's, Mercury, Tru Knit and a dozen others. In natural wool, heavy flat knit and rib wools, unshrinkable.

Penman's Natural Wool \$1.20
Penman's Heavy Rib 95c
Stanfield's Heavy Rib \$1.25 and up
Combinations \$1.35 to \$6.50
Special Value Combinations, at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00

Boys' Combinations, in Natural Wools, Wools and Fine Lambswool.

Dowler Foot-Warmer Socks

Over 1,200 dozen, in heavy pure wool rib of medium, heavy and extra heavy weight, in heavy wool mixtures, cashmeres, Scotch worsteds, fine silks and lisses, at prices based on last year's buying. Special lines at 17½c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.50

Overcoat Demonstration Saturday

Overcoats that fairly speak Quality. And Webster says "Quality is characteristic degree of excellence," and yet we save you from three to five dollars on each purchase below coats of inferior quality in other stores. Not a mere claim, but a cold fact, which you may easily prove for yourself. These include Swagger, Young Men's "Belts," Sport Coats, Full Back Balmorans, Men's Big Ulsters, Dress Chesterfields in English Meltons, Tweed Coats.

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10% to 20% of a Clear Saving

We can show it to you in actual values in fabrics, besides it stands out distinctly in the superior tailoring and fit of our garments over any other store in the city. There's just as much difference in cloth quality as there is in artist paintings. Extra special values..... \$10.50, \$13.65, \$16.50, \$18.00, \$19.50, \$22.50, \$24.00 to \$75.00

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Hyman Hall Jammed With People Demanding Fair Deal at the Polls

"Signs are not wanting that in sheer desperation the Bordenites intend to resort to the rusty weapons of the moral assassin."—Toronto Globe, April 23, 1917.

Demand, demand and demand again that the vote to which you are entitled be given you.

Beware, beware and beware again that no effort to leave your name from the list is successful.

Saturday night the halls of the Liberal Club in this city were black with people who feared that they would be deprived of their franchise. Women and working-men came to ask why enumerators had passed them by. They wished to secure the votes, the very birthrights, to which they are entitled, and they were informed as to how they should make certain that they would not be missed.

The possibilities of the franchise act—the evil possibilities—are coming home to the people. They see the hand of the Big Interests attempting to deprive the working people of their rights—for they know the coming struggle of ballots is between the masses and the classes.

And the working people of all shades of politics are rising against the menace. Make sure your vote is on the list.

Tancred Marcell, who was the French-Canadian youth, who suggested that the French-Canadians die on the banks of the St. Lawrence, not in

have in the past been produced by autocratic rule, pressing heavily on the common people, and "history repeats itself." The way to avoid such danger is to send back to power the old chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and we will then return to democratic rule, for he will ask the people and abide by their decision. If Borden is supported, not only one hundred thousand will be or-



GEORGE HENRI BOIVIN, B. H., of Granby, Que., Laurier member in the Dominion House for Shefford County, who is elected by acclamation.

dered to Europe, but he says every available man will be sent.

What will old North Middlesex do? I cannot bring myself to believe that our old constituency will go back on democratic rule. And what about Paris-hill? It lies "dear to my heart, as the scenes of my childhood." You, my old chums, with whom I sported 40 years ago, have had much to do with training of the younger generation. What is the result of your training? It will show itself in this election as supporting Sir Robert Borden, termed until a few weeks ago as the "weakling, spineless man," the generally unfit for office, but now recommended as well fitted to be Canada's premier, simply because he took into his cabinet seven Grits, or as supporting Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who stands behind the same old guns ready to fight the same old battles for democracy and freedom.

Believe me, in this great land of the west I shall watch carefully for how the place of my boyhood measures up when so much is at stake.

As for Saskatchewan and Alberta the machine at Ottawa decided how many Grits and how many Tories should come from these provinces, and just which constituency should have Tories and which Grits. They believed they could avoid an election by getting us all to fall in line. As to how it worked, see how many elections we are having and how many acclamations.

The man who came to Kindersley to organize and told us just who we were to elect was told to attend to his own affairs and we would run whoever was our choice. Watch Saskatchewan's smoke. W. V. THOMPSON.

Mantario, Sask., Nov. 26, 1917.

O JOVIOUS PIG!
There was a man named Flavell,
Who consigned all war profits to hell.
When, as we learn,
He had money to burn,
"That's what I meant," he did yell.

That is quite a nice little ditty dedicated to "Pork and Beans," a pleasant little serial written for Sir Joseph Flavelle, who brought home the bacon.

GOVT. HANDS C. N. R. THIRTY-ONE MILLIONS WITH GOV. GEN. AWAY

Finance Minister Playing Fast
and Loose With Public
Funds, Declares Dewart in
White's Riding—Laurier
Will Effect Restitution.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 6.—Speaking with the Liberal candidate for C. N. R. tonight, Hartley Dewart referred to Sir Thomas White as the servant of the interests, by which he was appointed finance minister, and not the servant of the people. It was astonishing how the war of the National Trust Company and Sir Joseph Flavelle had been woven into the texture of the whole Government fabric. Throughout the whole of his career as finance minister, it could never be charged against Sir Thomas that he had been ungrateful or had forgotten his masters. His experience in handling a large trust business had taught him to understand the character and value and meaning of a mortgage security.

Sir Thomas himself would not pretend that he did not know that the Canadian Northern mortgage of three years ago could and should have been foreclosed in the interest of the Canadian people. He had heard the words of Sir Herbert Ames in the House. If he did not accept that as the interpretation of the mortgage obligation on the part of the country, it was his duty to have said so when his friend, the traitor contractor, made it abundantly plain in the House of Commons.

"His Master's Voice."
But when the words of the trust and railway interests over the possibility of a foreclosure of the Canadian Northern Railway mortgage had reached his ear through the microphone he recognized "his master's voice."

"Good Fido, so he should," said Mr. Dewart amid a roar of applause. "The people of Ontario understand his attitude and they wonder whether the elections of Leeds and Grenville understand it." He spoke with a certain contempt. "This is the constituency through which Ontario must speak. The eyes of the country are turned to you. I expect you to speak in no uncertain terms by such a majority in favor of Mr. Hardy as will show that you do not propose that Mr. White shall any longer enjoy his borrowed political home in your county, when he has been afraid to submit himself to the suffrage of the city to which he belongs."

Applies to Premier.
"Sir Thomas White is a man of ambition. It is not as if he has not tried to fill Sir Robert Borden's shoes, not a difficult task so long as he has acquired them honestly, but he was scarcely expected that he would attempt to steal them."
The meeting under the auspices of the board of trade in Toronto about the 18th December, less than a year ago, is still fresh in the recollections of the people of Ontario. It was the time when the national trust company, which worked by Sir Robert Borden—as a corporation is being worked today—as the only salvation of the people of Canada, Sir Robert Borden and his man Friday, Mr. Bennett of Calgary, had spoken in Quebec and Montreal, and had come west to speak at Winnipeg, Edmonton and Victoria, returning to Calgary on the 18th of December, where two meetings were held. They were to speak in Toronto on Friday, the 22nd of December of last year. They were temporarily out of the way.

Stage All Set.
"Sir Joseph Flavelle had spoken to the Canadian Club at Ottawa and was to speak to the Canadian Club at Toronto. The board of trade announced a meeting for the finance minister, Sir Thomas White, at the Massey Hall, Toronto, for the Monday evening of the same week in which Sir Robert was later to speak. The finance minister was, according to the press, to make an important announcement. "Something understood that related to the future government of the country. Invitation tickets were sent out, and when Sir Thomas White, representative professional or business man, clergyman or layman in the city of Toronto, heard of the meeting, he was not a little surprised. The stars had been carefully watched, and the audience with bated breath waited for the important words that were to fall from the lips of Canada's first lord of the treasury."

It was expected the announcement would relate to a national government, but the plot had been discovered at Ottawa, and when the Toronto Globe announced that the important utterance of the finance minister was to be with reference to a national government under Sir Thomas White, both Mr. Flavelle and Sir Thomas White had to strongly publicly deny any such thing. The denials were not very convincing, and the audience was pressing his admiration of the Canadian nation. But a more disappointed audience came to the meeting than the audience that had been disappointed to come to listen to the painful platitudes of the minister of finance.

The Borden Telegram.
It would be interesting to know what the relation was between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White that caused him to change his name. It would be interesting also to know why he did not announce the policy of Canada to be that of a national government, and why he was hesitating to know why Mr. Flavelle refrained from discussing the same subject before the Canadian Club. None with pious anxiety disclaimed any thought of such a plot as had been ascribed.

It is more than a historical parallel that one after another, Sir G. G. Bland, of Windsor, Sir J. H. Ross, of Toronto, Sir J. H. Ross, of Toronto, and Sir Adam Beck as members. Naturally the premier who was not to support Sir Thomas Borden, was not at that time suggested.

"But I ask you, do you not think that gentleman like Sir Robert Borden and Sir Thomas White, who are held together by such a slender thread may very well be both of them wily? Do you not think that since

and wake refreshed. Dr. Cassell's Tablets are true restoratives. They act by restoring the vital power of the system, by promoting the removal of the blood, by strengthening every bodily organ. And there is no doubt in sleepless nights, and nervousness, nerves that are always shaky because they are always weak. That is why you cannot sleep. The remedy is to nourish your nervous system, and so build up new vigor and vitality, by taking Dr. Cassell's Tablets. Then you will sleep naturally and healthily, and

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Sir Joseph Flavelle has not been dismissed by the Imperial Munitions Board—will not resign and cannot be made to disgorge by the man whom he has created a finance minister that we may well dispense with this weary Atlas of a finance minister whose shoulders are not able to bear the load that has been placed upon them.

Partisan Use of Victory Loan.
"No one begrudges Sir Thomas White his misadventure for much of the work that he has done. But we do object to the lavish expenditures in war material which he has allowed to go unchecked. And particularly do we object to the partisan use for which he personally responsible that he allows to be made of the Victory Loan as if it were a party donkey whip, and not the outcome of the great patriotic feeling of all Canadians—Liberals and Bordenite-Unionists alike."

"I venture to say that more than half of the half-million subscribers will vote against the present Government. Why suggest that the present aggregation must control these millions and that they will not allow a Liberal Government to have their trusteeship? The case is desperate when the finance minister evidently sees his doom, and fears that he may not have the chance to administer the 411 millions. He gives it to himself to see that the disgraceful literature and advertising with which the country is being flooded is stopped. Who is paying for it? We had better leave no temptation to similar profligacy with the proceeds of the Victory Loan. We do not know. We cannot find out—the channels into which money has been diverted."

The Press Is Muzzled.
"But we do know that we have a muzzled press as the result of profligate expenditures of public money in advertising. It is time for a change. You will make no mistake in exchanging Sir Thomas White for a more brilliant and patriotic townsman whom I am proud to call my friend, Mr. A. C. Hardy."

The first fruits of the Canadian Northern legislation are already manifest—only today I receive information from a reliable source that within the past week the Dominion Government, through the finance minister, Sir Thomas White, has paid Mackenzie & Main \$5,000,000 in connection with the British Columbia and the colossal liabilities forced from the people of Canada by the Canadian Northern Railway of last session. In addition to that the Government has also paid through Sir Thomas White's friend, Sir Byron Walker, for the Bank of Commerce within the last week \$2,000,000 in liquidation of the liabilities of the Canadian Northern Railway to the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The significance upon the very eve of the election and in the absence of the government from Ottawa is a self-sufficient grounds for a full investigation—but you cannot have that investigation if you cannot have Thomas White to power. You can only let the daylight in by sending Mr. Hardy to Ottawa to succeed him."

AMERICAN CITIES
RUSH ASSISTANCE
FOR HALIFAX FOLK

Special Trains Are Carrying
Medical Supplies, Clothing,
Bedding and Food.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—American Cross officials here today awaited details of the Halifax catastrophe, prepared to send additional relief to that stricken city by special trains from Boston and New York last night without formal call for assistance from Canada, and reaching the city early today.

The special trains bearing experienced relief workers and large quantities of medical supplies, food, clothing and bedding left Boston and New York simultaneously, and word of their departure was forwarded to Canadian and Halifax authorities by W. F. Parsons, director-general of the Red Cross civilian relief.

GOOD FOR NEW YORK.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Arrangements for dispatching a relief train at 11 a.m. today from New York to carry supplies and assistance to Halifax were made by the Red Cross. Halifax officials are assisting and will push the train through as fast as possible.

DISASTER BULLETINS
Waterville, Me., Dec. 7.—The relief train sent to Halifax by Governor McCall and the state public safety committee of Massachusetts was delayed for more than an hour early today by a freight wreck on the Maine Central Railroad at Durham Junction, 13 miles from here. Five freight cars had been derailed, and the tracks were piled high with wreckage. Telegraph poles also had been knocked down, cutting the communication between this city and Bangor.

NO AMERICAN SHIP THERE.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Reports to the navy indicate there was no American ship in the harbor of Halifax at the time of the explosion, and officials are inclined to think that if American ships had been caught in the blast, as reported from Truro it would have been announced. The early dispatch from a naval commander who went in to help after hearing the detonation 52 miles away.

LINER IS SAFE.
New York, Dec. 7.—That the passengers and crew of the Holland-American Line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, which was in the harbor, was rescued at the local offices of the line today.

KITCHENER SENDING
\$10,000 TO HALIFAX
Kitchener, Dec. 7.—At a special meeting of the city council this morning the sum of \$10,000 was unanimously voted for relief of sufferers in Halifax.

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4,000 KILLED

Indistinguishable masses where they had not been devoured by the flames that rose and fell, that roared and seethed and made the place like a smelting furnace.

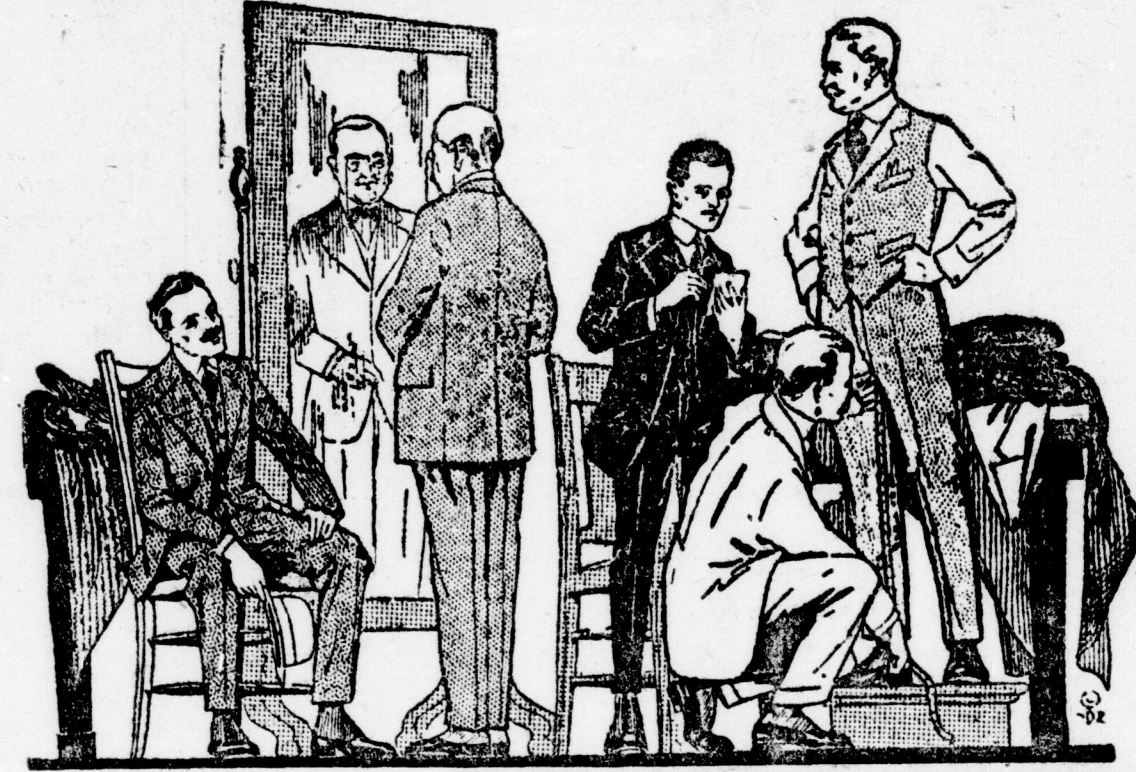
Wreckful Escapes.
Rochehead, rising, lost the roof from the main building, but no one was seriously injured. There were some miraculous escapes, as well as appalling disasters, as is always the case at such times. The panic that broke over Halifax was not to be lifted in many months. Every effort was soon bent to providing succor and shelter for the injured and the homeless. Every available building was turned into a shelter house or hospital.

Everybody Helping.
The Academy of Music was one of the first big buildings to post the notice "Free Shelter Here." The headquarters of the Terminals Construction Company and the big sheds on their

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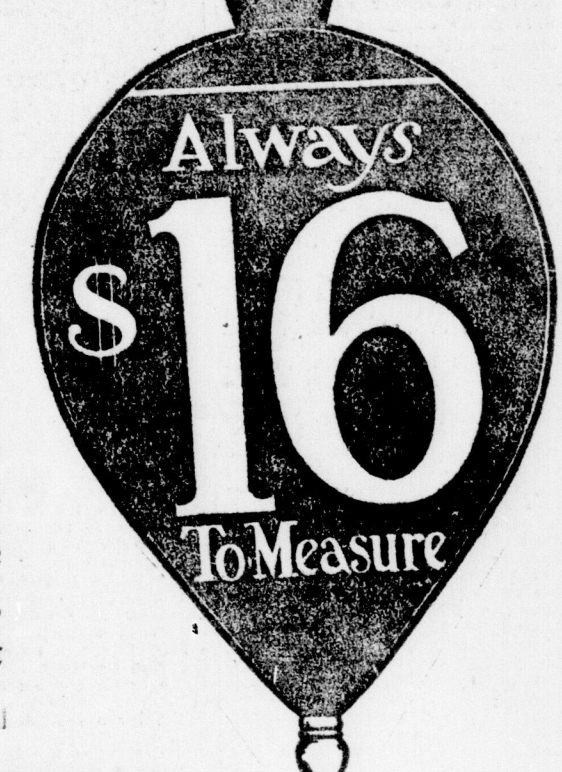
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HEAVY SNOWSTORM ADDS TO HALIFAX MISERIES.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—Following in the wake of death and destruction in this city yesterday a heavy snowstorm set in early this morning, adding to the discomfort of all homes, and impeding the work of the rescuers.

Children Killed.
In the Infectious Disease Hospital Miss Mulvihill, nurse, was injured about the face that she may lose an eye, and the building was practically wrecked. The devastated area extends from North street to Africville on the shores of Bedford Basin, about two miles, and from the waterfront west to Gittington street, about three-quarters of a mile. Special trains from Moncton, Truro and Windsor have arrived here, bringing doctors, nurses and medical supplies.

Special trains with injured have also been sent to Windsor and other points, where there are large hospitals. Business is still suspended, and will be for days. All the schools and colleges are closed, and the streets will not reopen until after the New Year.

There is wreck and ruin on every side. There is not a building in the city that did not suffer from damage. All are shivering, and the streets are windows and doors shattered.

On every side carpenters and property owners are boarding up their premises to keep out the storm. All the power plants are still idle. No new estimate of the dead and injured was available this morning. Bluejackets from an American warship in port did patrol duty on all the streets of the city last night.

Major McGuever reported that two daughters of Constant Upham of Richmond were at his house and that his wife, Mrs. Upham, was at 79 Birmingham street. No news of Mr. and Mrs. Upham had been received. No new estimate of the casualties can be known.

Mr. R. D. Smith, secretary of the Dominion Textile Company, reports the wreckage of the mill, but no serious casualties among the employees, excepting possible one young girl in the office, who was very badly cut by falling glass.

One of the priests at St. Mary's College on Windsor street was so badly hurt about the head and face that he will lose one eye.

The casualties are estimated at 2,000, but nothing can yet be definitely stated. What is known as Richmond section of the city is absolutely wrecked.

NINETEEN DEAD AT DARTMOUTH.
Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 7.—Nineteen people are known to be dead in Dartmouth as a result of the terrible calamity of yesterday.

There are a number still missing and others are presumed to have been killed. Eight bodies are at O. E. Slink's undertaking rooms. They are those of Conroy Barker, child of about six years, colored man; five unknown, one presumed to be Charles Shrum, another a little Indian girl.

Undertaking rooms: Mrs. James Cooper, Hawthorne street; Miss Baxter, North Dartmouth; Mrs. Wright, North Dartmouth; Mrs. Bent, Mr. Shrum, Mr. Gay, child of Mr. and Mrs. Staples, three unknown.

U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT SAYS 5,000 ARE DEAD.
Washington, Dec. 7.—Five thousand

are believed to have been killed in the explosion in Halifax harbor and the fire which swept North Dartmouth, N. S., according to a dispatch from a naval commander reaching the navy department early today. The navy dispatch said these figures had not been verified, however.

U. S. O. Report.
The report as given out by the navy department is as follows:
The following report was received from a naval commander at Halifax: "While six miles at sea the explosion of a munitions ship was seen and heard. Upon arrival assistance was offered to the elements of the explosion. They were learned concerning the circumstances leading up to the explosion."

A French munitions vessel loaded with 3,000 tons of P. N. T. and a large quantity of benzene had to the collision the benzene caught on fire and as soon as the fire started the crew abandoned the ship, reaching shore before the explosion took place.

"Practically all of North Halifax was destroyed and all of the windows and doors in Halifax and Dartmouth were demolished."

"It is believed there are 5,000 dead, but these figures cannot be confirmed. The explosion sunk three ships and heavily damaged many others. The ruins of the buildings are now burning freely in North Halifax."

Are Receiving Instructions In All Subjects Desired.

London, Dec. 7.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Four thousand Canadian soldiers have volunteered for classes with the Canadian military authorities are conducting at various English camps under the supervision of Sir Richard Turner, assisted by a representative committee. Instruction is given in all subjects desired, including agriculture, business, English and modern languages and classics. Officers not available for active service form the instructional staff provided they were prominent in educational work in Canada.

English opinion holds that Canadian authorities are very advanced in all concerns affecting the welfare of the soldiers.

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Children's Rockers 65c each, \$1.00, \$1.45, \$1.75 and up to \$5.75.

Solid Oak High-Chairs Special \$3.00 value for \$1.90 each

85c Sandy Andy, 69c

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Bissell's Carpet Sweepers Regular 35c, for 23c

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Retirement From the Bourlon
Wood Completely Fooled
the Enemy.

OPERATION AT MIDNIGHT

British Now in Strong Position
Which Dominates the Lines
of Rupprecht.

British Headquarters in France, Dec. 6.—The British have withdrawn from the salient about Bourlon wood to a prepared line, which should make their position much stronger and more desirable in many ways. The retirement was carried out successfully, mainly between the hours of 12 and 4 o'clock Wednesday morning, and under cover of darkness. Not until many hours later did the enemy discover he was facing an evacuated territory.

German Troops. The Germans today had swarmed over much of the vacated zone and were digging themselves in along the advanced line, but as late as 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon they were still shelling Bourlon wood, and between noon and 1 p.m. they launched a heavy attack against the enemy trenches near Bouvres, showing they were uncertain of the situation even then.

The successful manner of the withdrawal places it in the category of a remarkable military achievement, for the Germans became aware that it was impending grave losses might have resulted to the retiring troops. The question of abandoning the salient must have been under careful consideration for some time.

Not a Retreat. Wednesday's retirement cannot be designated as a retreat, for there is no reason to believe that the British could not have maintained themselves there. However, the position was not desirable, and it would have cost the lives of too many men to have held onto the sharp salient from several directions.

The ground abandoned was cleared thoroughly and not a man or any other material appeared to have been left behind. Moreover, the vacated positions were rendered temporarily unusable so that the enemy would be forced to construct new defenses and dig in. The British prepared the new line, while they still held Bourlon wood.

Starts at Midnight. A sort of temporary rearguard was established until the main body could take the new quarters. About midnight Tuesday the British silently began to pull back from the northern edge of the Bourlon wood. The British fired and machine guns began to spit fire along the line, and the artillery maintained its customary hammering of German positions.

The unsuspecting Germans clung to their trenches and fired methodically at what they supposed was the British front line.

By 3 o'clock in the morning the main British body passed into the new position.



—New York Evening Telegram.

themselves in. It was, naturally, a sad body of British troops which made their way from Bourlon wood. They had fought through many bitter days to capture and hold the place. They knew it was best for them to go; still they hated to relinquish what they had won. Probably the hardest part was the farewell said at the graves of comrades scattered through the woods. They marked each mound with its little wooden cross before they left.

A Nasty Place. Bourlon wood has been a nasty place for the British to hold and it will be as bad for the Germans. Throughout this forest are pools of water over which poisonous gases hang for 24 hours after discharge from the shells. From their new positions the British artillery will be able to pour a steady stream of explosives into the wood.

The zone from which the British retreated south of Bourlon wood will also be a hard place for the enemy to build his defenses, for it is a very round hill, impossible to give the new British line at this time, but it certainly is much stronger in every way than the previous one. The British still retain their hold on the famous Hindenburg line, which forms Field Marshal Haig's line, with a very desirable reserve of defenses.

SAEGMILLER-KAUFMAN. WATERLOO, Dec. 6.—The home of Mrs. Adam Kaufman was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon, when her daughter, Miss Alma, became the bride of Oscar Saegmiller. The young couple are very popular, and a large gathering of their friends and relatives was present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Boekelman, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church.

This morning the British operation was completed successfully, and the Germans had recaptured most of the evacuated territory, and were digging

JUSTICE DUFF UPHOLDS APPEAL OF THE FARMER

Gives Decision in First Test
Case Brought Before
Him.

MEN NEEDED AT HOME

Supply of Competent Labor
for Agriculture Must Be
Maintained, He Says.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Hon. Justice Duff has given judgment in the first test case brought before him as central appeal judge for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of local tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the last seven years and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a young brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

(3) In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry, and the question which it is his duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and labor essential to carrying on agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the military service act.

"These two propositions are indisputable. In order that the military power of the Allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under present conditions there should be no diminution in agricultural production."

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to carrying on agricultural production, ought not to be withdrawn from it."

Serving National Interest. "It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemption is not granted as concessions on the ground of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity upon the existence of which as its preamble shows this policy of the military service act is founded, that leads the state to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line of battle, is to maintain the full efficiency of the consular forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

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Silk Fleece Ladies' Hose, full size, good dye, black only, 50c value. Saturday at 3 pairs for\$1.00

Black and White Cashmere, ladies' sizes, fine make, all wool, 60c value. Per pair40c

Black Cashmere, all wool, full sizes, extra value, 80c value. Extra special, per pair60c

Tan Cashmere Hose for Ladies.

Misses' Plush Coats, eight only; brown and green, 12 to 16 years, \$16.50 value. Saturday at\$14.95

One rack of coats, consisting of blues, browns, blacks and greys, large collar style, belt trimmed, plain and fancy cloths, \$20 value. Saturday at \$18.50

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Three pieces Shepherd Checks Dress Goods, 36 inches wide, good values at 40c. Special Sale price, per yard 25c

Three pieces Dress Goods in grey and black mixtures, 37 inches wide, good value at 50c a yard. Sale price, per yard35c

Dress Goods Special—36 to 40 inches wide, consisting of tweeds, grey serges, grey and brown coverts, navy and black poplins, black cashmere, good strong wearing material, 75c and \$1 values. Sale price, per yard. 50c

Serge, navy and black, all wool, old dye, 54 inches wide, good material, for suit or skirt, today's value \$2.50 per yard. Sale price, per yard\$1.50

Seven pieces Heavy Winter Coating, 54 inches, in Scotch tweeds and chinchillas, brown, grey, navy and black, a bargain, present value \$5.50 per yard. Sale price\$3.25

SILK SEAL PLUSH.

50 inches wide, rich finished material for a smart stylish coat, today's price \$10 per yard. Our special price, per yard\$6.75

Silk specials in all the wanted shades and black, consisting of habutais, paillettes, mouselines, duchesse, poplins, taffetas, silk tartans and stripe novelties for dresses and waists for Christmas. Specially priced at, per yard\$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00

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Every lady wants a waist that is a little different.

New Silk Crepe Blouses, new pretty colors, rose, grey, brown, peach, maize, Nile, \$6 value. Christmas price \$4.95. Habutai silk, new collar style, new shades, rose, maize, copen, Nile, pink, \$3 value. Price for Santa\$1.95

Fleece-lined Skirt, good shade of grey, full size. Special at\$1.50

UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' fine ribbed fleece-finished Vests and Drawers, long and short sleeves, ankle length drawers. Special value, each69c

Fine wool and unshrinkable, finished in cream and natural, drawers to match. Each\$1.50

Union Vests and Drawers, good warm garments. Special value at, each 85c

Combination Suits, all wool, short sleeves, knee length, slightly imperfect, regular \$3.50 value. Saturday at, per suit\$2.89

Infants' Fine Wool Vests. Each60c

CORSET SPECIAL.

Strong make, fine finish coutil, steel filled, perfect fitting model. Our special, per pair\$1.49

KIMONOS

Cosy, warm, nice, fleecy-finished material, full assortment of colors. Special price\$3.50

Boys' Jerseys in navy and red, all sizes from 22 to 32 inches. On sale Saturday, each\$1.50

Ladies' brushed all-wool Sweaters in rose, copen, canary, paddy, sash trimmed, large collar\$11.50

Special all-wool Ladies' Sweaters, sailor collar, new colors, Special\$6.50

SHAKER BLANKETS

72 x 80 inches, soft fleecy finish, extra value. Per pair\$1.75

Comforters, 72 inches square, full soft filling, extra value\$3.50

Good value in Bungalow Aprons, light and dark colors. Each69c

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BIBLE SAVED LIFE OF PTE. BOWES IN FIGHT AT BETHUNE

Bullet Struck Over His Heart—Deflected by Book.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 6.—Pte. G. W. Bowes of Payton's Mills, who was a few days ago invalided home from the front, was in the city today. Pte. Bowes tells a most thrilling story of how his life was saved by a New Testament. During the battle of Bethune he was in the front line trenches and felt a sudden impact over his heart. He investigated the cause and found a Testament in his pocket. The bullet had struck him after hitting the Bible and entered his arm.

He had been revealed in the city that Second Lieut. Roy A. Forsyth, P. C., formerly of this city, has been officially reported missing since November 28, Lieut. Forsyth joined the Canadian army as a private in November, 1914, and was promoted for gallant conduct on the front line.

Clifford Gierman, who was recently committed for trial on a charge of larceny, has been admitted to the bar on a joint bond of \$2,000, has been granted a license to practice law.

Roy Dodd, Crocker avenue, has enlisted with the Royal Flying Corps at Long Branch. Mr. Dodd came here from the United States, where he had been residing, to enlist.

EULER EXPECTS BIG MAJORITY IN WATERLOO. KITCHENER, Dec. 6.—It was learned today at the headquarters of W. D. Euler, Laurier Liberal candidate for North Waterloo, that the estimates of his campaign managers give him a majority in all of the towns and townships in the riding as well as in the ships of the riding centres of Kitchener and Waterloo. The committee estimate that a majority of 100 in some as high as a majority of 200 in others.

Many Exemptions Allowed at Preston. PRESTON, Dec. 6.—With only about two dozen names to dispose of, the military tribunal board completed its list yesterday. The following dispositions were made: Oscar Shaffer, A. 2, exemption refused; George L. Shaffer, A. 2, exemption refused; John Schur, Allen, exemption allowed; James V. Harding, A. 2, granted twelve months; Alex F. Deans, A. 2, granted four months; exemption; Irwin Lison, A. 2, granted six months; exemption; Oscar Mattes, A. 2, granted twelve months; exemption; August Lison, exemption allowed while farming; Clement Brohmman (not examined), exemption allowed while farming; Daniel Lelech (not examined), exemption allowed while farming.

ROUSING RALLY FOR MCCOIG AT TILBURY. TILBURY, Dec. 6.—Electorals from miles around poured into Tilbury tonight in such numbers to hear Archie McCoig that the Star Theatre failed to hold them, and the overflow meeting spilled into the town hall. Mr. McCoig was greeted with rounds of applause as he told of the fight he is making for the people against the big interests. A returned soldier asked Mr. McCoig to define his position in regard to the military service act, and Mr. McCoig did so in a manner that fully satisfied the big audience that he is a win-win man all the way through.

A fine address was given by J. A. Walker. Richardson, who was chairman, first nominated Mr. McCoig when he entered the political world twelve years ago.

PLAYS BORDEN FOR BREAKING PROMISES. KITCHENER, Dec. 6.—W. D. Euler, Laurier Liberal candidate, addressed an enthusiastic meeting at New Germany, near here, last night. The hall was crowded to capacity. Mr. Euler devoted his remarks to the issue of conscription, and flayed Borden for breaking his promise to Laurier and the Canadian people by forcing the military service act through a Parliament that no longer held a mandate from the people.

In closing, Mr. Euler took occasion to point out to his hearers that the cry of boycott from a few of the manufacturers in Kitchener was just a trick

RUBBERS! RUBBERS!

Big Sale of High-Grade Rubbers Today and Saturday

Men's Rubbers, splendid fitters89c

Ladies' Rubbers, to fit low and medium heels69c

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HESPELER MAN WAS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

HESPELER, Dec. 6.—An employee of the R. Forbes Company, who was charged with theft of articles from that factory, appeared before Magistrate Jardine and Weaver, and was fined \$50 and costs.

A number of owners of dogs who had failed to pay their license were also in court. Each contributed \$1 and costs to the town treasury.

MARINE NEWS

SARNIA, Dec. 6.—Vessel messages: Up-Watt, 11:30 a.m.; Calista, 12:50 p.m.; Mars, 5:30; C. Thompson, 5:30; Orr, 6:15; Fitzgerald, 8:30; Boodh, 8:30; Nettleton, 9:50; Midland King, 10:30; Isipening, 11:10; Repulse, 1:10; Black, 1:40; Ramour, 2:10; Chicago, 2:10; Henlock, 3:10; Richardson, 4:10; Emperor, 4:10; Spokane, 6:10; W. W. Brown, 6:10; Hill, 6:10; Rosemar, 8:10; Mitchell, 9:10; Pierce, 9:30; Groffen, 10:10.

Down-Big Mather, 12:30 p.m.; O. Ross, 7:50; Hazard, 1:10; Donaldson, 3:10; Garretson, 3:20; Matiffa, 5:10; McKinley, 6:40; Wilkinson, 7:10; Clark, 8:10; Campbell, 8:10; L. C. Smith, 8:50; Robbins, 10:10.

PORT COLBORNE, Dec. 6.—Up: Wyoming, 10 a.m.

Down: Toledo, 12 a.m.; Sagmore, 5:30 a.m.; Marigold, 11 a.m.; Allegheny, 12 noon; Scoughlin, 3 p.m.

Arrived: Tug Harrison, Rickarton; also the steamer Riverton, to go into winter quarters here.

BUSY FOR BORDEN. KITCHENER, Dec. 6.—The women's Borden Government committee, headed by Miss E. Jackson, as president, organized committee headquarters here today in the quarters just vacated by the Victory Loan committee.

ARTISTIC LADIES' WEAR COMPANY

Wonderful New Winter Coats

SENSATIONAL REDUCTIONS TOMORROW THAT WILL PROVE A REVELATION TO WOMEN OF ECONOMY.

\$13.50, \$16.50, \$18.75,
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Hundreds of coats from our regular stock as well as many coats secured from the manufacturers at prices far below their actual worth. Coats made of very fine materials, such as velours, broadcloth, tweeds and plushes, and with the price of materials advancing by leaps and bounds, this special sale brings an opportunity of securing a coat in a quality which will not be procurable next season at anywhere near the price.

45 Trimmed Suits

That have been sold up to \$25,
REDUCED TO
\$13.75

Made of serge, cheviot, whipcord, gabardine and poplins, in black, navy, brown and green. Coats are all fully lined with the beau de cygne silk, trimmed with velvet, braiding and buttons.

Other suits, formerly sold to \$50. Reduced to\$28.75

A SPECIAL SALE OF FUR SETS.

Consisting of fur scarf and muff, sets in fine guaranteed red fox, black fox, wolf, mink, civet and sable, reduced for special Christmas selling\$12.50, \$17.50, \$25.00 to \$75 per set

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New Heavy Jap Silk and Crepe de Chine Blouses at

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An opportunity to purchase exquisite blouses at a special holiday feature's price. They cannot be duplicated in value; shown with jabot collars, square collars and silk embroidery in white, flesh, rose, black and maize shades. Blouses with high collars, buttons and buttonhole trimmings.

SPECIAL SALE OF MILLINERY

Every trimmed and untrimmed hat in the store reduced one-third to one-half for immediate clearance. All shades of grey, navy, black and purple, in large as well as small shapes\$1.98, \$2.75, \$3.50 and \$4.98

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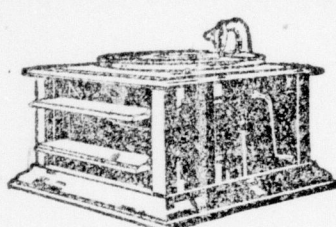
Make Your Home a Columbia Home This Christmas

BUY YOUR MACHINE at the PEOPLES OUTFITTING

ANY one of these splendid Columbia Grafonolas placed in your home TONIGHT on payment of \$5.00 down. No interest charged on instalments during Sale.

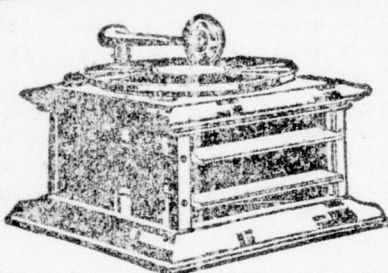
We have recently remodeled our entire store. Handsome private, sound-proof music rooms have been added. There courteous clerks will demonstrate any machine or record you desire.

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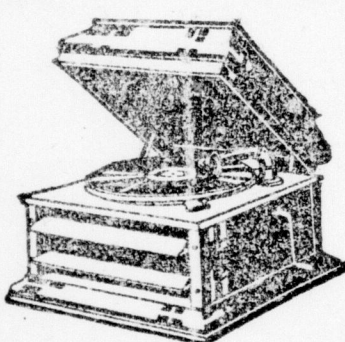
Columbia Grafonola
Price \$24.00.

Cabinet of quartered golden oak, measuring 18 x 14 inches. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



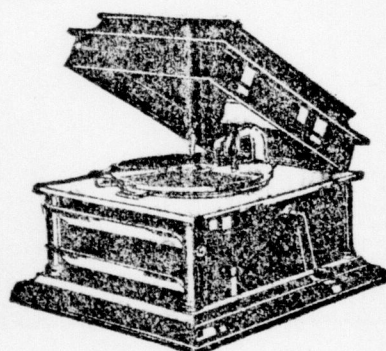
Columbia Grafonola
Price \$38.00

Cabinet of mahogany or quartered golden oak, measuring 15½ x 15½ inches. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



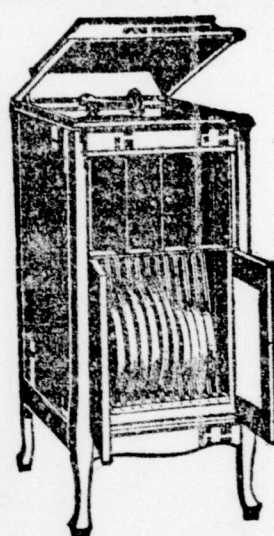
Columbia Grafonola
Price \$58.00.

Cabinet of selected quartered golden oak and genuine mahogany, measuring 16¾ inches square and 11½ inches high. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



Columbia Grafonola
Price \$73.00.

Cabinet of selected grain quartered oak in all finishes or strongly marked genuine mahogany. Sizes 21½ x 18¼ and 13½ inches high. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



Columbia Grafonola
Price \$112.00.

Cabinet of mahogany, satin walnut or quartered oak in all finishes, measuring 42 inches high and 19 x 21 inches. Record capacity, 75. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.

To Celebrate Our Opening ANNOUNCEMENT

SALE

WE MAKE THIS OFFER

FOR 20 DAYS ONLY FOR 20 DAYS ONLY

\$5.00 PAID DOWN BUYS ANY GRAFONOLA IN STORE. BALANCE ON EASY WEEKLY OR MONTHLY PAYMENTS. \$5.00

NO INTEREST CHARGED ON PURCHASES DURING OUR OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT SALE

This is our first sale. We intend to make it a winner. The people of London have supported us nobly, since we opened up here. We are doing our level best to return their splendid patronage.

For ten days only we will sell any Columbia Grafonola in the store on a payment down, no matter if it is only a \$21.00 model or a \$200 model.

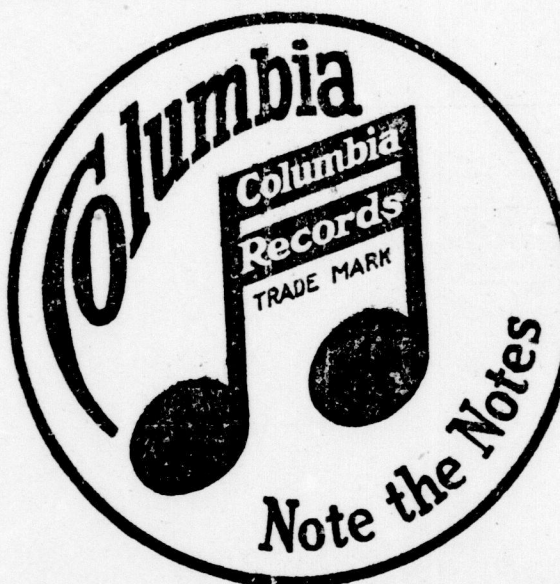
The balance of the instalments will be arranged on the easiest terms—weekly or monthly payment—just as customer wishes.

Our stock of Columbia Grafonolas is quite large. Hundreds of Columbia Records are in stock for this sale.

We have quiet, comfortable demonstrating rooms where you can buy at your leisure, and make a comfortable choice of the Grafonola you fancy and records you like.

Remember this, that we sell in London all Columbia Symphony records. This includes records of such Orchestras as the Cincinnati, Chicago, New York Philharmonic; it also includes records of such famous singers as Louis Graveure, Lucy Gates and George Barrere.

And, there will be no interest charged on the instalments during this sale. Another thing is that all of the Cabinet Grafonolas will be sold fully equipped with automatic stop for records.

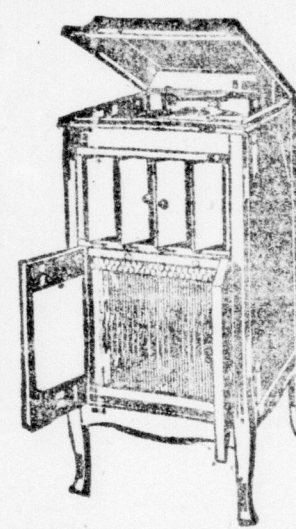


We are proud of the fact that ours is one of the most up-to-date and exclusive Columbia Grafonola and Record stores in London. We intend to spare no effort to keep it up-to-date, and give first class service to customers.

Now is the time to pick up your instrument; no need to wait until Christmas. Go now and get the benefit of these very low payment and easy instalment and no interest terms during this ten days' sale.

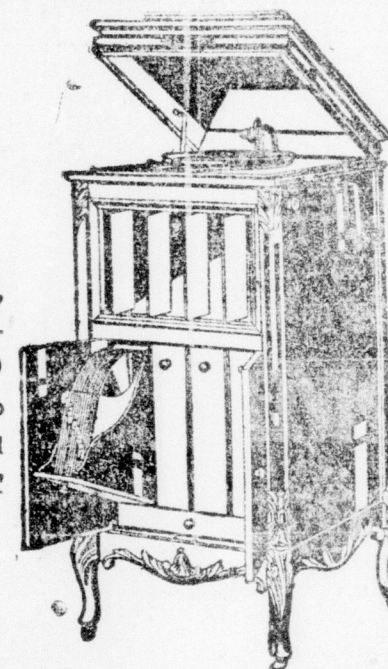
Columbia Grafonola,
Price \$122

With Individual Record Racks and Individual Record Cabinet of mahogany, satin walnut or quartered oak, in all finishes, measuring 42 inches high and 19 x 21 inches. Record capacity, 45 records. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



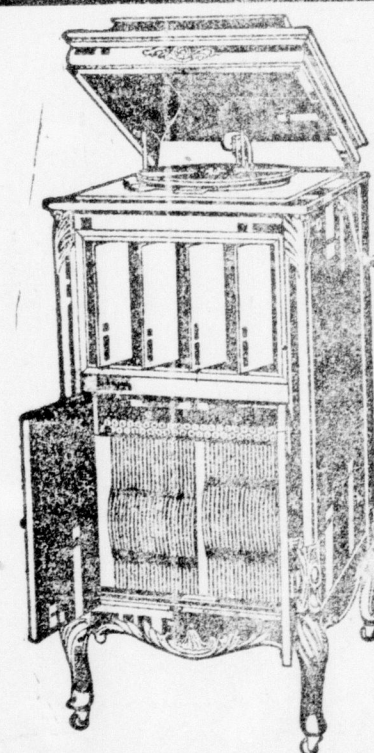
Columbia Grafonola
Price \$145

Cabinet of mahogany, satin walnut, or quartered oak in all finishes, measuring 44¼ inches high and 21½ x 19 inches. Drop-tray record cradle to hold 60 records; \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



Columbia Grafonola
Price \$155.00.

(With Individual Record Racks and Individual Record Ejector), Cabinet of Mahogany, satin walnut, or quartered oak in all finishes, measuring 44¼ inches high and 21 x 10 inches. Record capacity, 45 records. \$5 paid down will place this machine and a selection of records in your home tonight.



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Genuine Leather Club Bags	\$4.25 to \$25.00
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Genuine Leather Suitcases	\$6.50 to \$20.00
Imitation Leather Suitcases	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Ladies' Strap Handle Purses (latest designs)	50c to \$5.00
Ladies' Handbags; real large and also the very newest styles	50c to \$8.00
Ladies' and Gent's Fitted Dressing Sets	\$3.50 to \$10.00
Gent's Purses	25c to \$4.00

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Lowell, Mass.—“For the last three years I have been troubled with the Change of Life and the bad feelings common at that time. I was in a very nervous condition, with headaches and pain a good deal of the time so I was unfit to do my work. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and it has helped me in every way. I am not nearly so nervous, no headache or pain. I must say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy any sick woman can take.”—Mrs. MARGARET QUINN, Rear 259 Worthen St., Lowell, Mass.

She Tells Her Friends to Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies.

North Haven, Conn.—“When I was 45 I had the Change of Life which is a trouble all women have. At first it didn't bother me but after a while I got bearing down pains. I called in doctors who told me to try different things but they did not cure my pains. One day my husband came home and said, ‘Why don't you try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sensitive Wash?’ Well, I got out and took about 10 bottles of Vegetable Compound and could feel myself regaining my health. I also used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sensitive Wash and it has done me a great deal of good. Any one coming to my house who suffers from female troubles or Change of Life, I tell them to take the Pinkham remedies. There are about 20 of us here who think the world of them.”—Mrs. FLORENCE ISELL, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.

You are invited to Write for Free Advice.

No other medicine has been so successful in relieving woman's suffering as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Women may receive free and helpful advice by writing the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. Such letters are received and answered by women only and held in strict confidence.



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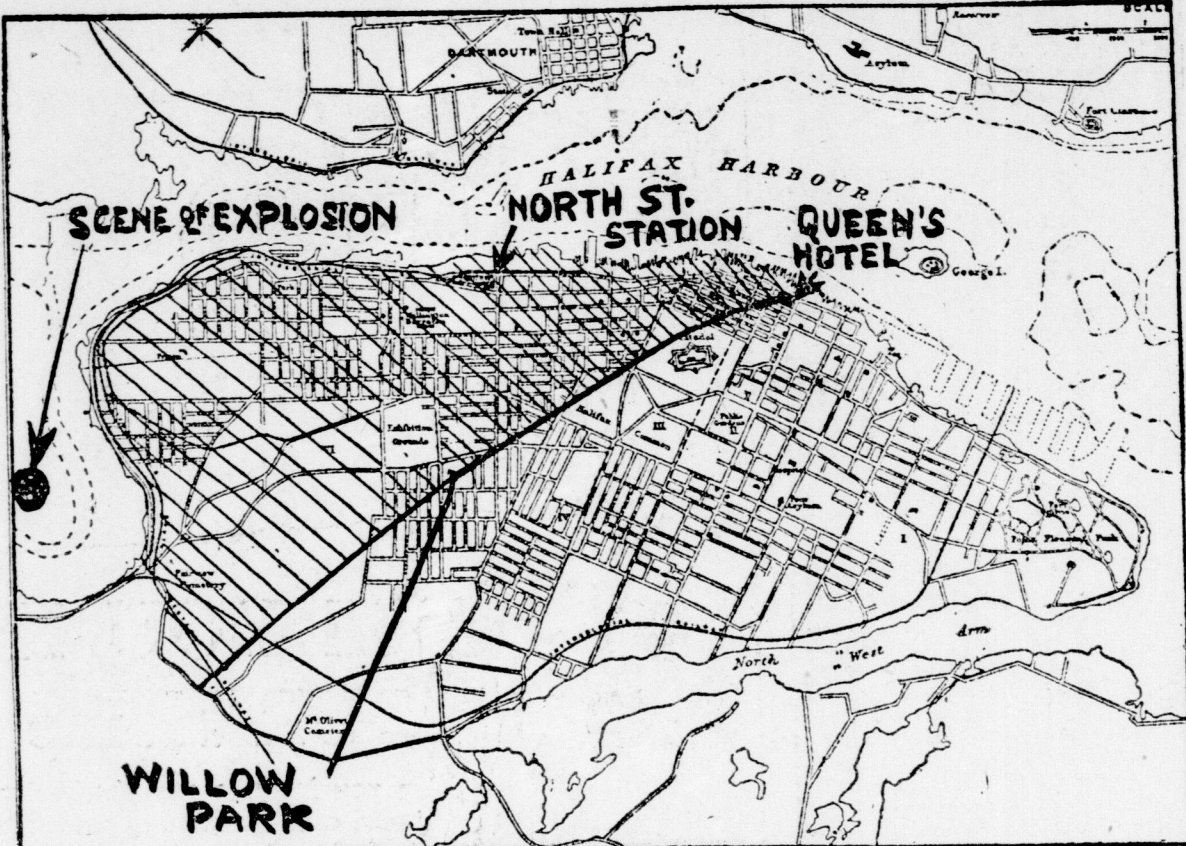
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SCENE OF ONE OF THE GREATEST DISASTERS ANY CANADIAN CITY HAS KNOWN



The above map indicates roughly the scene of the explosion. Dispatches say that the whole city north of the Queen's Hotel is damaged. The Queen's Hotel is close to the famous citadel. North street station, reported destroyed, is also shown. The street running between this station and the Queen's Hotel is the city's main street, known as Barrington street, paralleling the shore line. The intercolonial plant at Willow Park is reported wrecked. Not a house in the city escaped damage. Besides the buildings named, Arena Rink, military gymnasium, sugar refinery and elevator collapsed.

DEVASTATION, DEATH IN NORTH HALIFAX; THOUSANDS PERISH, SECTION NOW A RUIN

Disaster Said To Have Been Due To Ship In Harbor Giving Wrong Whistle Causing Collision Which Exploded Munitions

FLYING SHELLS EXPLODED ALL OVER CITY AND DAMAGED SHIPS

Twenty-five Teams Laden With the Dead at One Morgue—Street After Street of Houses Collapse Like Decks of Cards—Dartmouth, Across River, Is Badly Wrecked.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 6.—As the result of a terrific explosion aboard a French munition ship, Mont Blanc, in Halifax harbor this morning a large part of the north end of the city along the waterfront is in ruins, and the loss of life is appalling.

Chief of Police Hamran tonight estimates that the dead may reach over two thousand.

Twenty-five teams, loaded with bodies, have arrived at one of the morgues.

On one ship in the harbor alone 33 persons were killed. The crew of the Mont Blanc are all safe.

Thousands have been injured.

The property damage is enormous, and there is scarcely a window left in a building in the city.

Fire followed the explosion, and this added to the greatest catastrophe in the history of the city.

The fire was brought under control this afternoon.

Richmond (North Halifax) is destroyed. Not a house in the city escaped damage. Pieces of iron and shrapnel have been found three miles from the waterfront.

Among the dead are the fire chief and his deputy. They were hurled to death when a fire engine exploded.

All Business Suspended.

All business has been suspended, and armed guards of soldiers and sailors are patrolling the city.

Not a street car is moving, and part of the city is in darkness. All the hospitals and many private houses are filled with injured.

The offices of the railway station, arena rink, military gymnasium, sugar refinery and elevator collapsed, and injured scores of persons.

The ship Mont Blanc was bound from New York for Bedford Basin, when she collided with a Belgian relief ship bound for sea.

Following the collision the explosion occurred, and in an instant the whole city was shaken from its foundations.

Thousands of persons rushed for the open, and some of the little children in the schools became panic-stricken. On every street could be seen adults and children with blood streaming from their wounds, rushing to the nearest doctor's office. The work of rescue was greatly impeded by the piles of debris in the devastated area.

Dartmouth Town Partly in Ruins.

A part of the town of Dartmouth, across the harbor, is also in ruins.

Nearly all the buildings in the dockyard are in ruins. Practically all the north end of the city has been laid in waste. The destruction extends from North Street Railway station north as far as Afriville to Bedford Basin, and covers about two square miles.

The buildings which were not destroyed by the explosion, were laid waste by the fire which followed.

Thousands of persons have been rendered homeless. The Academy of Music and many other buildings have been thrown open to the homeless.

Homeless Housed in Barracks.

Five hundred tents have been erected on the common, and these will be occupied by the troops who have given up their barracks to house the homeless women and children.

Temporary hospitals and morgues have been opened in the schoolhouses in the western section of the city. The doctors and nurses worked heroically in rendering aid to the injured.

The collision of the two steamers, took place near the point of the harbor known as Pier Eight. The Mont Blanc lies in the narrows, a shattered wreck, while the Belgian relief boat is beached on the Dartmouth side of the harbor near what is known as Tuft's Cove.

The crew of the steamer Mont Blanc are safe. The pilot claims the collision was due to confusion of signal whistles.

A Bolt From the Blue.

At 9 o'clock this morning the city was enjoying its usual period of calm, and the streets were crowded with

persons wending their way, little thinking of what was in a few minutes to befall them.

Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue,

there came an explosion. From one end of the city to the other glass fell, and persons were lifted from the sidewalks and thrown flat into the streets. In the downtown offices, just beginning to hum with the usual day's activities, clerks and heads alike covered under the showers of falling glass and plaster which fell about them.

The collision was a terrific one, the munition boat being pierced on the port side, close to the engine room. The relief vessel, which was practically uninjured, kept going ahead with the wounded craft, and when the fire was seen to break aboard her she backed away, and the crew started to abandon the vessel.

Houses Collapse Like Cards.

The Mont Blanc drifted away, a burning wreck, while the relief boat beached near Tuft's Cove, on the Dartmouth side of the harbor. Seventeen minutes after the collision the explosion occurred. Under the force of the explosion houses crumpled like decks of cards, while the unfortunate residents were swept to death in the debris.

In the main portion of the city, where the buildings are more or less of stone or concrete construction, the damage was confined to the blowing in of windows and the injuries sustained by the citizens were in the main due to the cuts from flying glass. Proceeding south to the extreme end of the city the same thing was observed.

In the west end, however, and the damage was more extensive, and the walls of the houses were in places blown to atoms, and in places the streets, more like a section of Flanders than a town or city in Canada.

Street After Street in Ruins.

The main damage, however, was done to the north end of the city, known as Richmond, which was opposite the point of the vessel's collision. Here the damage is so extensive as to be totally beyond the field of description. Street after street is in ruins, and flames sweep over the district.

In this section many of the larger buildings are crumbling in ruins, and the ordinary frame houses are a mere heap of shattered battens and planks.

Automobiles scurried here and there in this section of the city, each bearing a shattered bumper which told only too plainly of serious injuries or in many cases death.

The homeless, with admirable order were rendering aid and in the military hospitals the soldiers who were on guard duty, hurrying in cold twisted heaps and blackened powder-stained faces to the wards for relief.

Five minutes after the explosion occurred the streets were filled with a terror-stricken throng, each one trying to make his way as best he might to the outskirts in a hope of escape.

Women rushed in terror-stricken multitudes through the streets, many of them with children clamped to their breasts. In their eyes was a look of terror as they struggled in mobs through the streets with blood-stained faces and endeavored to get away from the falling masonry and crumbling walls.

By the wire and lath-enclosed residences as they passed, there could be seen the remains of what had once been human beings.

Cracked and shattered telegraph poles were scattered and reeling in the force of the horrible explosion which had withered all in its path.

By the side of many of the burning ruins were women who watched with horror the flames as they consumed the houses, which in many cases held the bodies of loved ones. With dry eyes, they watched their homes perish in the flames, and as others passed with inquiries as to whether they could render any aid they shook their heads in a dazed manner, and turned their gaze once more to the funeral pyre of those whom they held dear.

One particularly sad case was that of a Canadian Government employee, named MacDonald, who, on coming to his home after the explosion, found that all his family had perished. Before him on the roadway was the mangled remains of his two-year-old child, who had met death while playing on the roadside.

Many of those composing the crews of ships in the harbor declared that the accident was due to a confusion of whistles, sounded by the Belgian relief steamer.

In addition to her cargo of munitions, the Mont Blanc carried a deck load of benzene, and this caught fire, following the explosion.

The captain of the Mont Blanc ordered his crew to take to the boats. The men hastily left the ship in two boats and rowed for the Halifax side of the harbor, which they reached in safety.

The men ran for safety, as they felt that the explosion was certain. When the explosion occurred a few minutes later, the men were hurled flat on the ground.

The munition ship after the crew left her veered in toward the Halifax side of the harbor, and the city received the full force of the explosion.

Children Mangled and Torn.

The rescue work was certain. When the scene was that the sight in the public schools at that time was a horrible one. They found the bodies of dozens of little children and scores of others with broken limbs and covered with blood.

The force of the explosion was felt 75 miles from Halifax, glass being broken in the Learmont Hotel at Toronto. All the telegraph wires were destroyed, and when the explosion occurred the operators jumped from their keys and raced for the open air.

For a time the city was completely isolated from the rest of the world.

After the explosion was over, the city was a scene of utter desolation.

The slight casualties, those who suffered cuts from the falling glass and shrapnel, were given prompt aid and sent to their homes. But there were many very serious cases. Some of the women were seized with hemorrhage

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10k Rings75c up	Silver Rattles\$1.50 up	Golden Ivory Bedroom Clocks\$3.00 up
Gold-Filled Locket and Chain\$1.50 up	Bill Sets\$1.00 up	Mahogany Bedroom Clocks\$3.00 up
Silver Mugs\$1.25 up	Three-piece Community Sets\$2.50	Pudding and Cake Sets50c up

A SMALL DEPOSIT WILL SECURE ANY ARTICLE.

206 1/2 Dundas St.

munition ship, or the magazine at the dockyard, nuclear blow up. An omniscient people to rush to the open spaces in the south end of the city in less than half an hour five thousand persons, lightly clad, had gathered on the common, suffering from the cold, sought refuge in the fields. The magazine was flooded, and all the men and women who were trapped, and scores of persons are reported missing, and it is not known whether they are dead or at the home of friends.

No Power or Gas.

The confusion shattered the big gasometer and thousands of feet of gas escaped. All the power plants in the city are out of business, and the newspaper offices have been so badly crippled and wrecked that publication of the papers is impossible.

Blue-jackets from an American warship are assisting in patrolling the streets tonight.

Among the dead is Lebrun Coleman, manager of the Canadian Express Company. He was killed at the North street station when the roof collapsed.

It was a day of suffering at the Victoria General Hospital—suffering for the unfortunate women, children and men who had been so grievously injured, suffering from the cold, and who waited in vain for news of the condition of their loved ones.

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and others were frightfully gashed, and among them were persons who were practically beyond recognition. The Canadian Press was informed by nurses that the suffering of the badly wounded was intense.

One man had been brought in having been cut by glass, and in the nurse's opinion he was suffering from shock.

For some who were brought in early, no hopes of recovery were entertained, and before long the death roll received its first victims. Toward evening 25 citizens had passed away and had been brought to one of the morgues, and then there were other cases which it was feared would breathe their last before morning.

Despite the fact that many of the devoted workers, both men and women, had relatives of whose fortunes they knew nothing, they promptly responded to the call of duty and stood by their guns day and night. There will be many men and women in Halifax who will speak from experience of the wonderful care and attention which they received at the Victoria General Hospital.

Shells Fly and Explode.

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two years on the firing line in Flanders, says that he never saw anything on the battlefield to equal the scenes in Halifax today.

Inquiries are pouring into the newspaper offices tonight from all quarters regarding missing persons. Anxious relatives are seeking lists of the dead and injured, which are impossible to obtain.

Great Need of Bedding.

A committee of citizens was formed today, and assistance from all outside points is asked. Things most needed at once are glass, fair paper, newspapers, bedding, and blankets.

The glass in practically two sides of every building in Halifax and within five miles of the city and Dartmouth has been demolished. Officials of the towns in the province have been communicated with to rush these things to Halifax.

All the guests in the hotels of the city are safe. Some of them were cut by flying glass, but all escaped serious injury.

All the churches in the city were damaged, the glass being blown out and the interiors wrecked.

There is not a whole pane of glass left in the newspaper offices. The presses are filled with broken glass and the type-setting machines cannot be operated on account of the glass being cut.

Among Those Killed.

No estimate can be made of the people who died tonight. Among the known dead are:

William McFarlane, merchant. Chief of the fire department, Edward Gordon.

William Brunt, deputy fire chief. Captain Peter Brudenell of the fire department.

Mrs. M. J. Sweetman and son. Wife of Rev. W. J. Sweetman of the Kay Street Methodist Church.

Dr. Murdoch Chisholm is also reported dead.

John Roynane, reporter on Chronicle.

Long Rows of Dead.

One of the temporary morgues was situated in the basement of a Chebucto road school, where at

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UNIONIST EDITORS CAST OUT PRAYER FOR SOLDIER VOTE

Sequel To Pearson-Atkinson Telegram Develops In Document That Promises To Deal With Overseas Conditions Criticised In Part.

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—The following cablegram was sent today, addressed to General Sir Arthur Currie, or acting commander Canadian troops in France, and General Turner, commander of the Canadian troops in England:

"In the midst of a parliamentary election in which the interests of Canada's soldiers are the supreme concern, and in which they are rightly taking part, the undersigned editors of Canadian Liberal newspapers who are supporting the principles of Union Government, desire to express to you and through you to the members of the Dominion's overseas forces the assurance:

"(1) That in their opinion the present Union Government is formed primarily for the purpose of securing support for the troops in the field.

"(2) That the new Government includes or has the support of practically all the Liberal leaders, and has the support of all the Liberal premiers in the Dominion except in Quebec, and,

"(3) That it can be relied upon to deal with conditions in Canada and abroad which have been subject to criticism in the past."

"W. J. Taylor, Woodstock Sentinel-Review.
"J. J. McIntosh, Guelph Mercury.
"J. W. Davidson, Oakville Argonaut.
"J. E. Elliott, Kingston Whig.
"W. E. Smallwood, Renfrew Mercury.
"H. T. Blackstone, Orillia Times.
"J. J. Pettigrew, Forest Free Press.
"H. B. Donlin, Simcoe Reformer.
"H. B. Moore, Acton Free Press.
"Howard Fleming, Owen Sound Sun."

If confirmation of the telegram sent by G. F. Pearson of the Halifax Chronicle to J. E. Atkinson of the Toronto Star, suggesting a cable to the soldiers at the front to vote them from their intention of condemning the Borden Government by their votes, was needed, the above Canadian Press dispatch supplies it. It will be noticed this cable does not contain any mention of the intolerable conditions which exist and have existed under the Borden Government. Furthermore, it will be noted that eight "Liberal" editors, managing-directors or owners sign the document out of about two hundred in the country, so that they can hardly be taken as a representative selection. The above dispatch, as has been stated, is sent out by the Canadian Press. The telegram which Mr. Pearson sent to Mr. Atkinson of the Star, he forwarded to all newspapers of like ilk in Ontario, was offered as a news item to the Canadian Press, but it was refused.

The original telegram is given again, in order that readers may see clearly how and on what motives the cable was inspired: "The inspired suggestion, J. E. Atkinson, The Star, Toronto: HALIFAX, Dec. 2.—Trustworthy advice received here from overseas indicate VERY STRONG RESENTMENT AMONG THE SOLDIERS AT THE TREATMENT WHICH THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED FROM PERLEY AND THE HEAD-QUARTERS STAFF."

This feeling, coupled with war weariness, is likely to result in their voting VERY STRONGLY AGAINST UNION GOVERNMENT. BORDEN BEING VERY GENERALLY CONDEMNED.

What do you think of the idea of Liberal newspapers supporting the principles of Union Government, joining in a cable message to overseas forces to the effect that our attitude had been dictated by our desire to back up the boys at the front, and that we believe, if returned to power, the Union Government will become a more effective instrument TO REMEDY THE INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE SO FAR OBTAINED. Message to be published prominently in all the British papers. If you agree, will you take the matter up with Ontario papers? Am wiring Guelph editor of the Winnipeg Free Press. Please advise, if possible, what you think. G. FRED PEARSON, Halifax Chronicle.

Hon. F. B. McCurdy Cause of Jar to "Union" Editors Brother-in-Law of Fred Pearson Has His "Ear to Ground"

[Special to the Advertiser.] OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—How are the soldiers voting? Fred Pearson, editor of the Halifax Chronicle, states he has it on good authority that the Canadian soldiers are voting against Union Government. He attributes for editorial pressure from Canada to induce the soldiers to vote for Union.

There is a good deal of interest as to the source of Mr. Pearson's information, and his authority for the statement that the soldiers are voting against the Government. In this connection it may be noted that Hon. F. B. McCurdy, parliamentary secretary for military affairs, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Pearson. Mr. McCurdy is an active politician and is looked upon as the political manager for the Government of the soldiers' voting operations. It is assumed here that Mr. McCurdy is being informed of the attitude of the soldiers toward the Government and the manner in which they are voting, and that he has passed the information on to Mr. Pearson, hence the "S. O. S." call to Canadian editors to cable voting directions to Canadian fighters, and demonstrate that the pen is mightier than the sword.

LT.-COL. WELCH THROWS A BOMB INTO TORY CAMP

He Declares That Sir Robert Killed Recruiting In Canada.

POSITIONS FOR FAVORITES

Five Divisions Kept Up To Suit Ambitious Officers, He Declares.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 6.—Declaring that he had resigned his command of the Windsor mobilization centre, so that he might be in a position to protest against the cry of Union Government supporters that Canadians who voted for Liberal candidates at coming elections would thereby prove themselves to be disloyal, Lieut.-Col. T. B. Welch, of Windsor, who went overseas with the first Canadian contingent, and afterwards with the Ninety-ninth Battalion, took the platform tonight at Windsor in the interests of W. C. Kennedy, the Liberal candidate.

Acts Like Bomb. The appearance of Col. Welch in the political arena was like a bomb thrown into the camp of Col. Wigle, the Union candidate. The large audience at Odellville temple gave him ovation after ovation when, in the course of his speech, he charged that the Borden Government had purposely killed voluntary enlistment by withdrawing the machinery to obtain recruits.

"We recruited more than three thousand men at Windsor," Col. Welch said. "And we could have got many more had not the Government, not an end to voluntary enlistment by throwing a political monkeywrench into the machinery."

For Its Favorites.

Asserting that it was impossible for the Dominion to maintain five divisions at the front, Col. Welch said that the militia department was keeping five divisions at strength to satisfy ambitions of officers who sought high commands.

"It was for the same reason that the county battalions, one of which I took to England, were broken up into drafts for other units," he declared. "Men and officers from my battalion were sent into the trenches after they had received only three months' training, and in less than three months after we landed in England more than a dozen of the officers and many men who left Windsor were killed."



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Can you imagine any pastime more wholesome, more elevating, more enjoyable, than an evening passed in music, the whole family taking part? If you find that the evenings seem long, are monotonous or cheerless—try music to liven them up. Many, in fact most musical instruments are easy to learn. Make an instrument the Christmas gift to each member of the family—get the "home orchestra" started—make your "music corner" the most attractive spot in your community. We will be glad to help you choose—here you will find the largest stock in the city of

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TWENTY BRANDS STORES

Can Russian Anarchists Make Peace With German Autocrats?

Just what word has passed between Berlin and Petrograd may never be known, nor are we advised as to the German Government's precise attitude toward the Bolsheviks and their peace advances. The Springfield Republican recalls the German propaganda for a "negotiated" peace; Lenin and Trotsky, it says, "are merely going on where German diplomacy left off. They are welcome allies, and the only doubt entertained in Germany is as to whether they can 'deliver the goods.'"

For a full description of the complications in the Russian situation, you should read THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 8. In this article the viewpoints of American and English editors are presented, and after reading it, you will be in a position to either agree or disagree with the Houston Chronicle when it says "God knows the Bolsheviks are as dangerous to organized government as are the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, and probably more so."

Other reasons why you should buy The Digest for December 8:

You Get the New Colored War-Map in This Week's Digest
Shows the Belgian and French Battle Lines; All British Lines Since War Started, Including That Made by Gen. Byng's Latest Plunge Through the Hindenburg Lines; Also Railroads and Canals, etc.

Germany Weakening on the Western Front.
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Switzerland in Danger.
Licensing System as Applied to Foods.

Air-Raid Psychology
Photography as a Food-Saver.

The Classics on Trial for Their Life in Britain.

War-Work of the Y. W. C. A.
Missions After Three Years of War.

News of Finance, Investment and Commerce.

Our Position Toward Germany's Allies

"Inactivity" of the British Navy.

How Kerensky Fell.

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SENT OUT FROM BOSTON

Quantities of Clothing, Mattresses, Blankets, Etc., Dispatched.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Aid for the stricken city of Halifax was started tonight by the American Red Cross.

On the special train sent from Boston by the government of Massachusetts were six experienced disaster relief workers, with quantities of surgical supplies, bedding and clothing, and a special Red Cross train from New York carried food, mattresses, blankets, sweaters, overcoats and a large quantity of clothing for women and children.

Immediately after news came of the disaster, the Red Cross began plans for relief without waiting for a formal call for assistance from Canada. Tonight this telegram was dispatched to the mayor of Halifax, the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Red Cross at Toronto, and the Canadian Patriotic Fund at Ottawa.

"Sending supplies by special trains from New York and Boston to Halifax, and sending experienced disaster relief workers from Boston. They go tonight at 10 o'clock. Hoping that all may be of service, we wish to do everything desired, and will appreciate definite requirements and information."

(Signed) "W. E. FREEMAN, Director-General, Civilian Relief, American Red Cross."

GERBIG'S SANITY WILL NOT BE QUESTIONED

KITCHENER, Dec. 6.—Charles Gerbig, charged with the murder of his wife, is continuing to improve at the local hospital where he is confined under guard as a result of two throat wounds suffered by the inflicted Crown Attorney Bowler stated today that the question of Gerbig's sanity would not be taken up at the inquest on December 14. The only question to be considered at the inquest will be how Mrs. Gerbig came to her death. It is expected that Gerbig will be sufficiently recovered to attend the inquest.

Women Fight At Borden Meeting Held In Strathroy

STRATHROY, Dec. 6.—The first blood in connection with the red-hot election campaign here flowed this afternoon at a women's mass meeting. There was a good attendance, and the impression that the gathering had been called under the auspices of the I.O.G.E. Mrs. J. W. Daniels of Toronto was giving an address on "Motherhood," and suddenly switched into politics, and started a harangue urging support for the Borden Government. Many women in the audience at once commenced to heckle her, and showed the strongest disapproval of her remarks. Mrs. Burgess tried to ask questions, when Mrs. Thursty asked her to keep quiet. Mrs. Burgess again protested against Mrs. Daniels' Borden Government remarks, and Mrs. Thursty, it is alleged, said she would throw her out. Mrs. Burgess then struck Mrs. Thursty in the face with her handbag, and Mrs. Thursty landed her fist on Mrs. Burgess' nose. The women then clinched, and in the mix-up their hair was pulled down and some of it torn out, and their hats pulled off. Some returned soldiers were called in, and finally succeeded in parting the combatants.

The I.O.G.E. members have officially repudiated any connection with Mrs. Daniels or with holding this afternoon's meeting.

NO TREATY WITH ITALY AGAINST HOLY SEE

LONDON, Dec. 6.—In the House of Commons today Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, denied that Great Britain and France had entered into any treaty or understanding to support Italy against the Holy See if the Holy See attempted to take steps towards peace. Asked why no reasoned reply to the pope's note was made by Great Britain, France or Italy, he said:

"The British, French and Italian Governments considered no reply necessary beyond that returned by President Wilson."

CHILDREN DELIGHT IN

Lemons Beautify!

Strain lemon juice well before mixing and massage face, neck, arms, hands.

Here is told how to prepare an inexpensive lemon lotion which can be used to bring back to any skin the sweet freshness of which it has been robbed by trying atmospheric conditions. Wind-chill, roughness, tan and redness are washed off and those tell-tale lines of care or of age are softened. The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold cream. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, blotches, and the like. It is also a skin softener, smoother and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands, and see for yourself.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

If cross, bilious, sick, feverish or full of cold, take no chances.

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels.

Children love this "fruit laxative," and not only cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely.

A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach aches, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally. If the system is full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

WALTER R. ROLLO, Labor candidate in Hamilton, who is leading a strenuous campaign to get his party well established in Ontario during the present federal elections.

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"The 13th Chair" Isn't a Bit More Mysterious Than the Operating Policy of Some Clothiers!



Why some clothiers persist in piling up expenses and then "passing the buck" to their customers, is beyond us. Grafton has certainly proved that it isn't necessary. We've shown conclusively that by eliminating the middleman and selling our clothing direct to the people, we increase the value in the clothing. We've proved beyond shadow of doubt that the cash system of operation saves money for the customer.

Our prices are the prices of a manufacturer who sells direct to his customers. We are not retailers of another's clothing, but the dispensers of our own.

We give \$5, \$10 or \$15 better value in overcoats and suits than other stores are able to offer, simply because we cut the money out of the expense account and put it into the merchandise account.

Grafton clothes are the marvel of experts. They frankly admit that we have competition "lashed to the mast." They tell us that no other clothes are so well tailored—no other fabrics so fine—no other values are so great.

We've proved these facts to a lot of men. We're anxious to prove them to you—tomorrow.



ANOTHER SATURDAY IN THE EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

It is a fine position to be in, this one of being able to sell good winter underwear at close to factory cost.

But we had to buy huge stocks a year ago to do this and the result means big savings to the customer.

Men's 2-Piece Suits of Underwear at \$1.50

THE GARMENT.

Good \$2.00 value; perfect-fitting, warm and comfortable; the favorite elastic rib that wears so long; all sizes, in shirts and drawers. Special Saturday value at only \$1.50.

Men's Combinations, \$2.75

Spring-needle! Isn't that the very kind you want? It is, if you like something that fits perfectly all the time—keeps shape—and wears and wears.

This is a Saturday special, and should be taken advantage of tomorrow. All sizes in the lot.



Hundreds of Boys' Fine, Sturdy Suits and Overcoats

hurry from our factory for the first Saturday in December—and we'll need them all!

Mothers have found by comparison that our regular prices are \$1.50 to \$3.00 lower than any other store in the city for garments of similar grade. That means a lot, especially in these war-time days of strictest economy.

Extra Special! Saturday Only! Extraordinary Sale of Boys' Norfolk Suits and Overcoats, \$6.98.

Worth up to \$10. Quantity is limited—perhaps just enough suits to last over half the day—so hurry.

Made up of heavy winter weight tweeds in suitable dark brown and grey mixed effects. Sizes 10 to 16 years. Saturday only—six-ninety-eight!

TOMORROW WILL BE A WONDERFUL OVERCOAT DAY AT GRAFTON'S

Men's and Young Men's Wonderful Suits and Overcoats

\$18

If we were to ask \$20.00 and \$25.00 for these overcoats, we would not be asking a penny too much.

This is the open season for overcoat announcements. Every store is advertising them a lot. So we join the merry throng—with this big advantage in our favor; we are manufacturers selling direct to you.

Take your pick from a splendid variety—great big warm military overcoats that defy the most bitter cold, or medium weight, form fitting models can be yours for about what the materials alone cost.

Trench coats, ulsters, military models, box backs, belted backs, chesterfields, in meltons, Scotch chevots, tweeds, novelty and plain coatings.

Sizes to fit every man and young man.

Others at \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00.

Sale of Boys' Knicker and Bloomer Pants

Lot No. 1—Serviceable cotton mixtures, suitable for school. All well made and finished. 78c

Lot No. 2—Union tweeds and mixtures, in good colors; very special value here. 83c

Lot No. 3—Many superior cloths are found in this lot, and colors are all desirable. 98c

Lot No. 4—Tweeds and mixtures, full-lined, plenty of pockets, all good colorings. \$1.18

Lot No. 5—Well-made knickers and bloomer pants, in new and good fabrics and patterns, all sizes \$1.38

Lot No. 6—Excellent tweed fabrics, full-lined, pockets, belt loops; exceptional value. \$1.48

Lot No. 7—High-grade fabrics used in these ones; splendid variety of colorings, all new. \$1.68

Lot No. 8—Made of classy remnants of men's suitings; full-lined, belt loops and pockets. \$1.98

157 CARLING STREET

GRAFTON & CO.

158 DUNDAS STREET

DISASTER MADE BATTLE PICTURE WITH CARNAGE

One Who Came Through Halifax Explosion Tells of Awful Scenes.

MANY SOLDIERS WOUNDED
Troops Were Paraded at Once and Set Out To Establish Order.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—William Barton, former telegraph editor of the Montreal Gazette and now traveling auditor for the Imperial munitions board, Ottawa, was at breakfast in the Halifax Hotel when the explosion took place. He relates his experiences as follows:

"A low rumble, a quake shock, with everything vibrating, then an indescribable noise followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass. In such moments the human mind does not hesitate. A cry went up 'A German bomb!' A rush for the door, heading down the hallway amid falling pictures, glass and plaster, to the swing doors of a few seconds before, now ripped from their hinges, through great projecting triangular pieces of glass to the street. Here I found myself with a burden. How she had come into my arms I do not know, yet here she was, hysterically shrieking: 'Oh, my poor sister, my poor sister!'

Giant Smoke Cloud.
"Outside overhead a giant smoke cloud was moving northward. Danger seemed over. I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel.

"My aid, for I was unscathed, was possibly needed far more there. I made my way upstairs to the rooms of two friends. They were vacant, but un-

damaged, even the glass unbroken, and few panes of glass remain unbroken in this area. Once more I was in the street, meeting my companions on the threshold. They, too, were unscathed.

"Our plans were quickly made. We were off to the immediate vicinity of the disaster, for among many theories, we accepted as most plausible the blowing up of a gunnion ship. Towards Citadel Hill we wended our way, and the further we went the more horrible the aftermath. Improvised stretchers met us on all sides, converging into the main thoroughfares from the highways and byways. Blood was everywhere, dripping, hideous, wounds still unaided from prying eyes. But most of these unfortunate—could hobble or walk. We kept onwards.

Like Battle Scene.
"Our hurry-scurry had led to the armory. Here the khaki-clad men were already on parade, many of the soldiers showing wounds which had not placed them hors de combat. Wounds, which a handkerchief tightly bound had covered yet through which the blood, congealed or still flowing, oozed to the miniature hospitals of overseas.

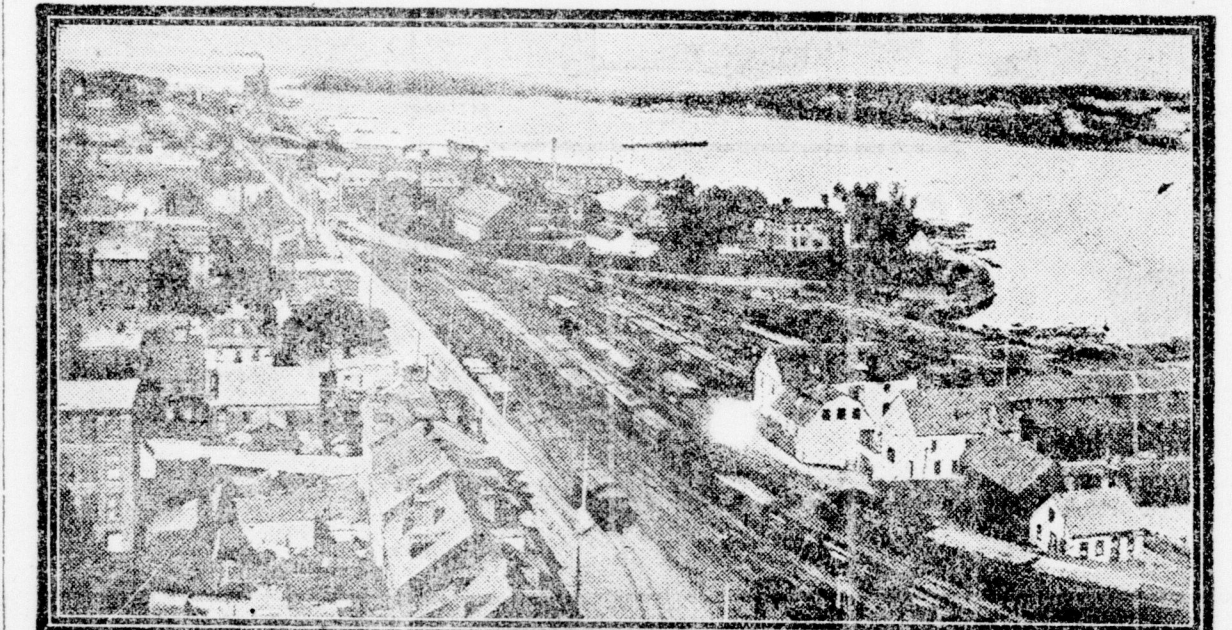
"As we passed they were already on the march toward the more devastated area. The order had gone forth 'Commander all vehicles, automobile or horse; a cordon was drawn across the streets, passengers forced to alight and resume their journey afoot. There was grim work ahead.

"And now we found ourselves confronted by a tide of motley humanity—wounded, shocked, cut and bruised, ill clad, if clad at all, hurrying they knew not whither."

THE HALIFAX TRAGEDY
An appalling tragedy that strikes at the very heart of a great sister city will send a current of sympathy across the continent. We have had a share of horrors that dash up in the back currents of the war, but such a volcanic disaster as that in the city of Halifax has not before been our lot.

The Canadian people will mourn the dead of the Atlantic coast city as though they were not separated by hundreds of miles. As Canadians, they are our near and dear neighbors, and they fall before the perils of a warfare that has fired its blasts all over the world. Some

PANORAMA OF HALIFAX LOOKING NORTH FROM ELEVATOR



Halifax, Dec. 7.—The flames swept north from what is known as the North street bridge, and extended northward to Pier Eight, Richmond, on the waterfront, and backward to a point running practically parallel with the crooked twist of fate dashed the one ship in thousands that have gone safely from port with their cargoes of explosives into a myriad atoms; sections of the city were rid of life as by a strange plague. The suffering of the battle-field was translated to the home Canadian city. Bombardment in all its horror and tremendous wrecking power strewn man and his works like leaves before a hurricane. Staggering as have been the succeeding grisly acts on the war stage, human compassion does not become less vital when homes are wrecked and life is ended.

Let London and Western Ontario stand ready to do their share if succor is needed. Let the labors of love that may help to heal the wounds be commenced.

DEVASTATION, DEATH
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early hour Thursday evening almost a steady stream of vehicles of all sorts were conveying the dead and depositing them in the basement in long rows.

The bodies were carried into the building and placed in long sheet-covered rows. Practically none of them were recognized in their blackened and in many cases burned condition.

Relief in the hands of the military was covering the common and the slopes of curbs with sun-brown growth of tents which sprung into being with the passing minutes as if some magical force were behind them. Practically every building which could be got into condition to receive the wounded was pressed into service as temporary hospitals, and as they came to help, were rapidly filled. While no definite word can be obtained as to the number of dead from the ever-increasing numbers that are being taken to the relief stations and the size of the completely devastated area, Chief Hanrahan estimates the number

of killed at least two thousand. The will be a very much larger list of killed when the total returns are gathered.

Flames Light Sky.
In the darkness the bright reflection of the burning district could be plainly seen.

Military and police of all descriptions, patrolled the streets, and in orderly, grim-faced gatherings worked among the ruins and looted the people they recovered onto the waiting vehicles.

Of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives, practically every second person in the city was injured.

The merchants threw open their stores and put their wares at the disposal of the people who were in need of them. Practically every drug store was an open supply station, doing anything that could be done to aid. Medical men worked in an effort to render aid wherever it was needed, and during the day many have relieved thousands who were not beyond their aid.

Firemen Are Killed.
In the early morning, after the collision fire broke out, and the fire department was rushed to the scene, they were preceded by the fire chief, Edward Condon, Deputy Chief William Grant, and Peter Broderick, in the chief's automobile. While on the way an explosion occurred, instantly killing all of the occupants.



Brain Power!

"Burning the Midnight Oil," is a dangerous occupation unless the body and brain are suitably tuned up for the occasion. Over-work frequently results in break-down, breakdown means lost business, lost time—disorganization. Those who put extra burdens upon the brain through the necessity of continuous concentration of the mind need a food that has a large percentage of Carbo-Hydrates, Proteins and Fats. COCOA—when mixed with milk, contains these essential ingredients in abundance. It is the ideal food drink for such occasions and for the best and surest results use only,

COWAN'S COCOA
"Perfection Brand" Purest and Best

Packed in Attractive round tins and half-pound containers, having the same high-grade and delicious Cocoa as in the ordinary tin. Watch for this new style of container.

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First Class COCOA

PTE. ARTHUR BOND HAS LOST A LIMB

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 6.—Word was received today that Pte. Arthur Bond has been badly wounded and has lost a limb, as a result of a gunshot wound. He is a son of Art Bond, well-known printer of Owen Sound.

Pte. John Robinson, a member of the 16th, has been reported killed in action.

ELECTIONS COMMISSION EXPELLED

London, Dec. 7.—An armed Maximist force has occupied the Marie Palace, according to a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd, and has expelled the all-Russian commission in charge of the elections for the constituent assembly.

HEADS G. T. TELEGRAPHERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—Mr. H. Huitt, manager of telegraphs, Grand Trunk



(Reported to have collapsed.)

The Greatest Conspiracy Ever Perpetrated in Order To Defeat the People's Will

[A Notable Editorial from the Pembroke Observer, of October 25.]
The Observer is unqualifiedly in favor of Union Government. In order that all elements in Canada may be united in the one great task of winning the war, but we cannot favor the kind of Union Government that is now being foisted on Canada, which is nothing more or less than the old Borden Government bolstered up on the eve of dissolution in order that, buttressed by every legal (or illegal) device which could be forced through a gagged Parliament, the will of the people may be thwarted and the Borden forces given a new lease of power.

For three years of the war Toryism was supreme at Ottawa, and amidst a carnival of corruption and stupidity Canada has been trying to do its part. There was no leadership in war effort, and had it not been for the work of the civilian population in the matter of recruiting we would not have in France today the army of volunteers who have brought such glory to the land. In the matter of war contracts graft has been rampant, and while the people have been urged to economize, conserve and produce, the Government has been spending money lavishly on patronage, with the Quebec and Saguenay and the C. N. R. deals as the crowning crimes against the people.

There has been no effort to organize the country for war service, and the Government refused to use its own plants for the production of munitions, fearing to enter into competition with its friends. While our boys are fighting and suffering and dying for us for \$1.10 per day, fed on bacon which has yielded Sir Joseph Flavelle a profit of over one hundred per cent, there has been no effort made in Canada to bring about equality of sacrifice, and while thousands of homes have been deprived of loved ones the wealth of the land is still untouched.

A systematic effort has been made to set race against race for political purposes, and Quebec has been practically ostracized by the present Government, its every effort toward war organization in that province being undertaken in a way calculated to arouse resentment. For three years the Opposition in Parliament, representing nearly half of the Canadian people, was completely ignored, the Government being determined to make it a Tory war from start to finish, and during the last session the closure was invoked repeatedly to gag Parliament, while such iniquitous measures as the railway deals mentioned above, the franchise act and other objectionable legislation were forced through the House with the object of legislating the party back to power.

The plea for a second extension of the parliamentary term having failed, Sir Robert Borden found himself forced to go to the country, and at once there was a scurry to get under cover. "Union" Government forthwith became popular. Cabinet ministers were ready to efface themselves to make way for others rather than be effaced by an irate electorate, and every device known to the politician was invoked to buttress the party against the impending disaster.

The women of four provinces were disfranchised, despite their noble war efforts, and the vote given only to those having near of kin overseas; \$6,000 or more citizens who were given naturalization papers in good faith under the laws of the land were told that they were disloyal and that a solemn contract made with them by the Canadian Government was no better than "a scrap of paper"; provision was made to apply the votes of the soldiers overseas, not in the constituencies which they came from, but wherever they might be most needed in the interest of Conservative candidates, and finally an alleged Union Government was framed up on the eve of the election, in order to deceive the people, and seven or eight cabinet ministers are now sitting illegally in the seats of the mighty, doing the business of the country without having the consent of the formal election. They have deserted their party without the consent or approval of their parliamentary associates, and out of it roundly denounced the country, and having in parliament and out of it roundly denounced the railway deals, the franchise act and the profiteering of the Government, have now allied themselves with these forces to carry measures into effect.

The metropolitan Liberal press has passed to the control of the big interests and, with the country thus throttled, we are on the threshold of an election. When the inside history of recent events at Ottawa and in other parts of the country becomes public it will reveal the greatest conspiracy ever perpetrated under popular government to defeat the will of the people. We are fighting for democracy abroad, and the light of democracy at home has been all but extinguished. The subtle cunning of White and Rogers and Meighen and their financial associates in Toronto, who were determined to carry through Parliament the \$50,000,000 C. N. R. deal, has succeeded in "putting over" on the Canadian people under the pretence of war-time necessity an election scheme that is nothing short of criminal.

This is the crew that presumes to call itself the "win-the-war" party, and asks Canadians of all classes to forget politics and unite under its banner. The endeavor to stifle the expression of public opinion is still going on, and in every constituency where the game can be worked efforts are being made to secure the election of "Unionist" candidates in the great majority of cases the sitting Conservative members—by acclamation. Hon. Frank Cochrane says he believes in a "fifty-fifty" division of seats in the Union Government, the Hon. Frank's idea of division on that basis being to retain all the seats in Ontario held by Conservatives in the last Parliament and give the remainder to the Liberals! Conservative riding associations throughout the land are styling themselves "win-the-war" organizations and inviting the Liberals to join with them in selecting Conservative candidates for Parliament. "Camouflage" is the game from first to last.

The Observer favors Union Government, but we cannot endorse a reconstructed Borden Government for a renewal of power at this time. The people cannot forget the record of the past six years, and they must not be deprived of the opportunity of passing judgment on those who, afraid of that judgment, have gone to such outrageous lengths to legislate themselves back to power.

All the discarded ministers have been given fat jobs and will continue to live on the people, who are not given a chance to dismiss them through the ballot box. Those who remain, with the men whom they have influenced to join them, must assume the full responsibility, and despite all the outrageous manipulation of the election machinery we are convinced that the people will succeed in ousting them from office. Union Government should have come after, and not on the eve of an election. The "win-the-election party" is the proper name for the aggregation which is being foisted on the country without any reference to the people, and its return in the coming election would mean another five years of Government by the big interests which have controlled Canada under Borden.

"The Disruption of Canada"

[Pamphlet by J. S. Ewart, K.C., Well-Known Publicist.]

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—The Evening Journal today says: "J. S. Ewart, K.C., the well-known publicist, has issued a pamphlet entitled 'The Disruption of Canada,' in which he says that 'after many years of absence from politics, I venture at this most serious period of Canada's history to offer counsel to my fellow electors.'"

"He says that in his opinion 'Sir Robert Borden is in very large measure responsible for that most deplorable situation, namely, the disruption of the Dominion. He traces the record of views expressed by the premier and other leading politicians, on the important questions of the day, and concludes that what Sir Robert ought and ought not to have done is very clear.'"

"He ought to have dissociated himself and his party from the

Here Is Home Evidence From People You Know

Ask Them To Confirm Their Statements About Dr. Chase's Nerve Food—Then Put It To The Test In Your Own Case.

London, Dec. 7.—Still more people are coming forward daily with good words for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. These letters are not from far-away, inaccessible postoffices, but from your friends and neighbors right here in London.

You can call on these people and hear from their own lips just what was their condition, and how they were benefited by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

When you have been convinced that this is no ordinary medicine, but a bona fide restorative of exceptional merit, put it to the test in your own case.

Mrs. A. E. Westman, 370 Oxford street, London, Ont., writes: "I suffered terribly from pains in my arms, which bothered me through the day. At night they were much worse, becoming numb. I did not know what to do for them. A friend one day ad-

vised me to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I acted upon her advice, and the results I secured were excellent. It relieved me of the pains and numbness, and I have not been troubled that way since."

Mr. Alfred Houliate, 42 York street, London, Ont., writes: "I suffered for a long time from indigestion and gas on my stomach. Last winter I secured a box of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and it relieved me so that I continued its treatment for some time. They did me a great deal of good, and I can recommend them to anyone suffering from indigestion and gas on the stomach."

Nervous headaches, indigestion, sleeplessness and irritability soon disappear when Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is used to restore the system. Fifty cents a box, a full treatment of six boxes for \$2.75, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations only disappoint—Advt.

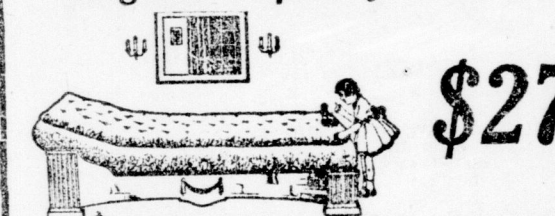


TOYLAND

Our entire Basement is given over to the big toy department. Toys of every description are here. Everything that's new in English, French, Japanese, American and Canadian toys. Toyland, Joyland, Girl-land, Boy-land.

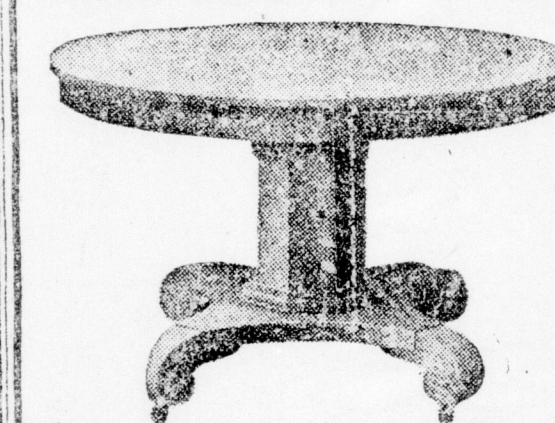


English Tapestry Couch



Passive frame, splendidly made and finished, upholstered in best English tapestry over oil-tempered springs. A really fine Couch that will wear for years.

Massive Colonial Table \$29



A Splendid Solid Oak Extension Table, in fumed or golden oak, has a very massive, colonial base. This table is well worth \$35.00.

FURNITURE! MOST LASTING OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Each year the trend of Christmas giving is more toward the practical, common sense things which last into the years rather than but for a day. And this tendency has brought furniture to the front as one of the really ideal Christmas gifts.

So this year, let your gifts to each other in the family be furniture. There is something appropriate for every member of the family in our great stocks, a few of which are pictured below. May we have the pleasure of showing you through our wonderfully complete stocks? Perhaps the very gifts you want will be suggested to you from our stocks.



The Real "Merry Christmas" Requires Music

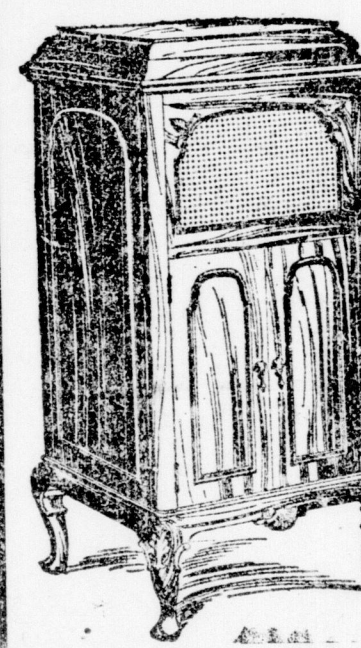
MONTHS ago we made our plans with this fact in mind—and have filled our Store with the Supreme Musical Instrument to meet your needs at this Christmas Season. If you seek a gift, "Something Musical" is sure of a happy acceptance. If you plan to bring Music into your own home there is no better means than a phonograph, and there is no better phonograph than the Pathephone. So we invite you to

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This is a plan we have especially devised that the Pathephone may be available this Christmas Day in every home throughout our district. Rarely indeed could you find terms so convenient or generous as those offered by this Club to enable you to possess the wonderful Pathephone. Five dollars admits you to membership, and even this would be refunded should you later decide not to buy. Enter in person, by mail, or merely telephone. Club closes December 24th—or as soon as 200 members have joined.

The following conditions show how easy it is to own a Pathephone on Fireside Music Club Terms:

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2. You pay no interest.
3. You pay only the regular cash price.
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5. Should you die and previous payments have been regularly made, further payments cease, and a receipt in full is given your family.
6. Privilege of exchange at any time for higher-priced instrument allowed.
7. In case of sickness or unemployment a liberal extension of time is granted for the making of payments.
8. Unrestricted selection of instruments.
9. You have music on Christmas Day.
10. The \$5 payment puts the machine in your home.
11. Every instrument is unqualifiedly guaranteed.
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Pay your membership fee and we will hold your Pathephone until you are ready.

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Mahogany Floor Lamps \$19.50



Here you will find every type of Floor Lamp, every style of base and shade at practically every price. The one illustrated here has a neat stand and pretty umbrella shade with silk fringe edge. Smaller Lamps range from \$3.50 to \$18.00.

Nationalist propaganda in 1910. But he did not," said Mr. Ewart.

"When Sir George Foster, Mr. Barker and others were sending assistance to the Nationalist candidate in Drummond-Arthabasca Sir Robert ought to have telegraphed his repudiation of Nationalist doctrine. But he did not."

"He ought to have made clear and certain his disapprobation at the close co-operation of his party managers with the Nationalist campaign of 1911, but he did not. He ought to have protested (if he knew it) against financial assistance being given by his party to Mr. Bourassa's newspaper. But he did not."

"He ought not to have given seats in his cabinet—the only three French-Canadian seats that he had—to men who had taken a leading part in the Nationalist propaganda. But he did."

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Activity of Fodder Leading Market Feature.

Activity in the hay market was the feature of trading on the local square this morning. Wednesday and Thursday more than thirty loads of fodder appeared for sale on the market, and the abundance of hay today created a much easier tone. The price of fodder declined 50c as a result of the plentifulness. The present is considered the most favorable period in which to sell and purchase hay. The best quality may be obtained for \$14, and a variety of inferior grades for lower prices.

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Oats, per bu., 68 to 72
Vegetables—
Cauliflower, doz., 20 to 25
Cauliflowers, each, 10 to 25
New cabbage, dozen, 40 to 60
New carrots, per doz., 15 to 25
Bunches, 15 to 25
Lettuce, per doz., 20 to 25
Lettuce, per head, 5 to 10
Tomatoes, green, per 25 to 35
Tomatoes, 35 to 40
Rhubarb, per doz., 30 to 40
Parsnips, bunch, 5 to 10
Vegetable marrow, 10 to 15
Parsnips, bunch, 5 to 10
Home-grown potatoes, 20 to 25
Pumpkins, each, 10 to 20
Hibbush, 15 to 25
Hay and straw—
New hay, ton, 12 to 15
Straw, per ton, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4
Fruit—
Apples, per bu., 1 50 to 2 00
Dairy Products, Retail—
Butter, creamery, lb., 48 to 50
Butter, dairy, lb., 48 to 50
Butter, store lots, lb., 45 to 50
Eggs, crate lots, doz., 45 to 50
Eggs, basket lots, doz., 45 to 50
Spring chickens, each, 50 to 1 00
Spring chickens, 22 to 25
Live Stock—
Hogs, per cwt., 16 00 to 16 50
Small pigs, pair, 12 00 to 16 00
Dressed hogs, cwt., 22 00 to 22 50
Pork, cwt., 22 00 to 22 50
Beef, per cwt., 18 00 to 18 50
Halter beef, cwt., 18 00 to 18 50
Lamb, per cwt., 20 00 to 20 50
Hides and Wool—
Wool, unwashed, lb., 50 to 55
Wool, washed, lb., 55 to 60
Calves, per lb., 25 to 30
Cow hides, No. 1, 15 to 20
Cow hides, No. 2, 10 to 15
Cow hides, No. 3, 8 to 10

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Opening: Corn—January, 21 1/2; December, 21 1/4; May, 21 1/4.
Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—New contract oats opened 1/2c lower for December at 80 1/2, and May 1/2c lower at 81 1/2. Flax opened 1/2c lower for May, at 22 1/2.
Inspections yesterday were 658 cars, of which 416 were contract.

LIVE STOCK.
Chicago, Dec. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market, steady; western, 13 to 15; stockers and feeders, \$8 to 11; calves, \$7 to 14.
Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; market, steady; light, \$16 to 17; mixed, \$16 to 17; heavy, \$16 to 17; rough, \$16 to 17; pigs, \$13 to 15; bulk of sales at \$15 to \$17.
Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market was steady; western, \$8 to 10; lambs, \$12 to 15.
PROVISIONS.
Liverpool, Dec. 7.—Beef—Extra India mess, 32 1/2.
Pork—Prime mess western, 30 1/2; Ham—Short cut, 13 1/2; Bacon—Cumberland, 15 1/2; Wiltshire cut, 15 1/2; short ribs, 15 1/2; long clear middles, 15 1/2; 15 1/2; shoulders, 15 1/2; short clear backs, 15 1/2; 15 1/2; Lard—Prime western, in tins, 13 1/2; in boxes, 13 1/2.
OILS.
Liverpool, Dec. 7.—Paraffine Spirits—11 1/2.
Common, 55 1/2; 55 1/2.
Petroleum—Refined, 5 1/2.
Lined Oil—4 1/2.
Cottonseed Oil—58 1/2.
WALL STREET.
New York, Dec. 7.—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Lower prices accompanied the extremely dull opening of today's stock market. Prominent industrial and equipment related large fractions to a point with shipping, utilities and bank stocks. The market was heavy, Delaware and DuPont yielding almost 2 points, and St. Paul reaching its recent minimum of 88. Coppers and Mexicos followed the general trend. Reactions were more accentuated in all parts of the list before the end of the first hour. Liberty Bonds held steady.
Noon.—On the further setback, steels lost 1 to 2 points with other equipments. Coppers at shipmings. Union Pacific, New York Central, Reading, Illinois Central and Baltimore and Ohio, common and preferred, were among the heaviest falls, the latter declining to the new minimum of 54. Pennsylvania also recorded a new low mark at 44 1/2. Telephone and telegraph shares added to the heavy trading. The market was virtually suspended at noon. Foreign bonds were heavy.

MONEY.
London, Dec. 7.—Bar silver, 43d per ounce.

GRAIN SITUATION IS FEATURELESS
Market for Cash at Winnipeg Dull.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—The cash grain situation was dull and featureless, with offerings very light. Cash oats were in good demand, with spreads unchanged. There was an excellent demand for barley, with offerings very light. Cash day offerings were very light, with the demand good. The cash situation was good.

Winnipeg futures closed 1/2c lower for December, and 1/2c down for May. Old contract closed 1/2c down for May.

Barley futures closed 1/2c higher for December, and 1/2c up for May. Futures ranged as follows: Open. High. Low. Close.

Oats—(Old contract)—
May 82 1/2
Oct. 81 1/2
Dec. 81 1/2
Barley 82 1/2
Dec. 133
May 133
Dec. 266
May 266
Oats—No. 2 C.W., 82 1/2; No. 3 C.W., 81 1/2.

expected to again ascend to normal height.

Periodically the packers and buyers of the country co-operate for lower prices, and invariably pork values register a decline following their efforts. District farmers declare that they cannot continue raising porkers. If the present prices are to be maintained through the year, a very gradual, steady increase in hog prices would be an incentive for farmers to go into pig breeding on a more wholesale scale, feeling assured of being able to dispose of their porkers on a rising market. A substantial stimulation in pork production would be enjoyed were this method put into effect, according to representatives of agriculture.

Tolatoes are unchanged. Butter and eggs sell at unchanged rates and fair demand. No advance over present dairy prices is anticipated, but a decline in butter is expected with the appearance of oleo in the country. Poultry is brisk. Turkeys are not at present obtainable.

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For Sale or Wanted.

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SIX-YEAR-OLD DRIVE HORSE -
Perfectly quiet, city-broken; also
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Amusements—Fifteen cents per line
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insertion, 25 cents.
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For Sale, To Let, Help
Wanted, Situations Vacant, Board and
Lodgings, Lost and Found, Rooms
and all similar condensed adver-
tisements—First insertion, one cent per
word; subsequent insertion, one-half
cent per word. No advertisement
less than fifteen cents.
Extra charge of ten cents is made
for all transient advertisements that
are charged.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED.
BORN.
McFARLANE—At Victoria Hospital, on
Thursday, Dec. 6, 1917, a son, John
and Mrs. McFarlane, a son (Ronald
Hugh).
DIED.
HAYSTEAD—In Cleveland, Ohio, on
Wednesday, December 5, 1917, Albert
Haystead, beloved husband of Mabel
Haystead, and eldest son of Martin
Haystead, city.
Interment in Cleveland on Saturday,
December 8, 1917.

HILLS—At the family residence, 31
Redan street, on Wednesday, Dec. 5,
1917, Ruth A., dearly beloved wife
of John T. Hills, died.
Funeral from above address on Sat-
urday, December 8, at 3 o'clock. Ser-
vice at 2:30 p.m. at the residence. In-
stances please accept this intimation.
Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

HOGG—Grace Hogg, youngest daughter
of the late James Hogg, London, Ont.,
on December 5, 1917.

LEGG—Suddenly, at the family resi-
dence, 553 Waterloo street, on Wed-
nesday, December 5, 1917, William
John Legg, beloved husband of Sophia
Legg, died at 47th year.
Funeral from the above address.
Friday afternoon at 2:30; service at
2. Interment at Webster's corner.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.
WANTED—RELIABLE YOUNG GIRL
as nursemaid. Apply Mrs. G. Ingram,
435 Bawell street, Phone 595.

DISHWASHER WANTED - APPLY
Alma Cafe. 46u

EXPERIENCED DINING-ROOM GIRL
at once. Apply Black-Bell Inn, 45c

WANTED - A GIRL FOR DINING-
ROOM. Apply Black-Bell Inn, 45c

WANTED - FRANK ALAN SMITH, quick
and reliable. Apply Black-Bell Inn, 45c

DOMINION EXPRESS FOREIGN
checks are accepted by field cashiers
and paymasters in France for their
full face value. There is no better
way to send money to the boys in
the trenches.

1. The Council of the Corporation of the City of London has constructed special improvements the works named in the schedule stated below.
2. The cost of the works, the part to be paid by the corporation, the special rate per foot frontage, the number of annual instalments, and the estimated lifetime of the works are stated in the said schedule.

Dwyala No.
4811—4½ feet wide on the south side of
Duchess avenue, from a point
62 1/2 feet west of Wilson avenue
to a point 72 feet west. Total cost,
\$55.87; city's share, .10; ten
annual installments; annual rate
per foot, 18.6 cents.

4823—5 feet wide, on the south side of
Vauxhall street, from Exgerton to
a point 360 feet west. Total cost,
\$115.40; city's share, \$35.48; ten
annual installments; annual rate
per foot, 8.2165 cents.

5077—5 feet wide, on the north side of
Tredoush Avenue, from Wharm-
ingham road to a point 320 feet west
of Edward. Total cost, \$149.08;
city's share, \$24.87; ten annual
installments; annual rate, 8.5353
cents.

1/2 foot wide, on the west side of
 Emery street, from total cost,
 \$201.45; city's share, \$100.72; ten
 annual installments: annual rate
 per foot, 10.08 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the west side of
 Emery street, from Kettle street to
 High street, total cost, \$1,080.75;
 \$806.75; city's share, \$130.40; ten
 annual installments: annual rate
 per foot, 10.08 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the west side of
 High street, from Kettle street to
 Bridge. Total cost, \$716.45;
 \$486.45; city's share, \$97.29; ten
 annual installments: annual rate per foot,
 13.82 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the west side of
 High street, from McClary avenue to
 Bridge. Total cost, \$1,040.00;
 \$430.92; city's share, \$86.18; ten
 annual installments: annual rate
 per foot, 10.08 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the south side of
 High street, from High street to
 Wellington street, total cost,
 \$245.93; city's share, \$24.41; ten
 annual installments: annual rate
 per foot, 12.076 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the south side of
 High street, from the south side of
 Duchsene street to 83 feet 6 inches west
 of Duchsene street, total cost,
 \$131.13; city's share, \$26.22; ten
 annual installments: annual rate per foot, 10.023 cents.
 1/2 foot wide, on the west side of
 Emery street, from Emery
 street to Kettle street, total cost,
 \$179.94; city's share, \$17.17; ten
 annual installments: annual rate
 per foot, 10.023 cents.

—On both sides of Queen's avenue, from Elizabeth street to English street. Total cost, \$490.82; city's share, \$32.22; ten annual installments; annual rate per foot, 4.828 cents.

—On both sides of Ontario street, from Queen's avenue to Dundas street. Total cost, \$378.18; city's share, \$57.67; ten annual installments; annual rate per foot, 6.024 cents.

Arthur street, from William
street to Alfred street. Total
cost, \$391.54; city's share, \$52.02; per
foot, 16.618 cents.

Thunders street, from Ashland
street to Alfred street. Total
cost, \$8,256.79; city's share,
\$1,074.38; annual installments,
\$1,074.38; per foot, 22.12 cents.

Princess avenue, from 37 feet
of city limits to Bur-
bank street. Total cost,
\$1,122.85; city's share, \$122.85; ten annual
installments, \$122.85; per
foot, 12.0817 cents.

Rattle street, from Glasgow
street to Quebec street. Total
cost, \$4,565.81; city's share,
\$583.22; ten annual installments,
\$583.22; per foot, 22.12 cents.

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\$583.22; ten annual installments,
\$583.22; per foot, 22.12 cents.

Curry street, from Glasgow street
to Glasgow street. Total
cost, \$7,538.32; city's share,
\$942.29; ten annual installments,
\$942.29; per foot, 22.12 cents.

High street, from Emery
street to Glasgow street. Total
cost, \$675.24; city's share, \$124.81;
ten annual installments, \$124.81;
per foot, 15.49 cents.

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—Fire, which

waterfront, at 6:15 o'clock tonight, completely destroyed this building, a number of small sheds, and badly damaged a large freighter and a trawler. Col. J. B. Miller, president of the concern, estimates the total damage at

How the fire occurred is a mystery, but a significant statement was made by William Newman, the manager, when asked about the number of aliens employed at the plant, and whether they might be responsible. "I don't know," he replied, "but, remember, we are always at war."

construction, as well as two trawlers. Two of the freighters were overturned, and the others were on "over-ways," and was so badly damaged that they were almost beyond repair. Some of the trawlers were saved, but some were not. The trawlers were saved, but the fire, as far as could be ascertained, was caused by a small fire started by two workers, and they immediately fled. The fire spread rapidly, and on the immediate waterfront, a considerable distance from the thoroughfare, the fire spread rapidly, and the firemen were badly hampered in their efforts to contain it. The fire spread rapidly, through which the hose had to be laid.

Blazing Three Hours.

At 7 o'clock the firemen had the blaze under control, but at 8 o'clock it was practically extinguished. The pattern shop contained designs for the construction of boats, and it had been used in the construction of boats for many years, and all these designs were completely destroyed. Men of all nationalities are employed in the construction of boats, and as could be ascertained no real suspicion is entertained against any.

Col. Miller stated that work would be

TO LEARN CAUSE OF HALIFAX DISASTER

The minister of marine issued the following announcement late tonight:

"The department is studying the latest reports received go to establish that the results of the casualties that have occurred in the last few days are, though serious and very sincerely to be deplored, are not so extensive as have directed that a formal investigation of the most searching character be conducted immediately to determine the cause of the casualties."

"That purpose the wreck commission will carry out at once."

"I have also directed that the surviving members of the crews of the wrecked vessels be interviewed by persons able to give material evidence."

**Berlin Announces Armistice,
To Begin Today at
Noon.**

ROMANIANS OPEN FIRE ON ENEMY FRATERNIZERS

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A Rumanian official communication issued today says: "Enemy attempts at fraternizing in the region of Mihalazret were prevented by heavy artillery, and similar efforts on various sectors in Bukowing were answered by our field artillery."

The public library board last night. A total of 2,567 people came to the reference department for assistance, about 500 of whom were given special help by the staff with the subjects in which they were working. Over 500 children attended the story hours held on Saturday mornings during the month, being about evenly distributed between the east branch and the main library.

The Russian commandant at the Finnish seaport of Tornaa, opposite Haparanda, has committed suicide. "This is striking interpretation of and a commentary on the attitude

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MADE BY**

A black and white woodcut-style illustration of a man in traditional Scottish Highland dress. He is wearing a kilt with a prominent checkered pattern, a sporran, and a tam o' shanter. He is holding a bagpipe, with the bag resting on his back and the spool and chanter in his hands. The man is standing on a small patch of ground, with some stylized lines suggesting grass or a path. The illustration is positioned below the text 'MADE BY' and to the left of the text 'THE GLENFARVEE DISTILLERY'.

Were you amongst the numbers who failed to get your share of the FREE PANTS OFFER last Saturday? If you are this good news is for you. For the men who have been our customers for years—and for the men who came for the first time and failed to get served. We make no bluff—we never trifle with truth, or distort the English language to suit our own ends. We are telling you men the plain, honest truth when we tell you that scores of men who struggled in here on Saturday were unable to be served, and were compelled to go out. Numbers of letters and phone messages have reached us from old customers, and new ones, pleading for another privilege such as last Saturday. That is the reason for this offering tomorrow. That alone—just to be square and fair with the public, who want a fair deal.

The Trousers We Give Away Would Cost Six to Eight Dollars

A Pair of Trousers Free With Every Suit—Every Overcoat

You Can Have Real "Corduroy" Panting If You Prefer Without Extra Cost.

YOUR CLOTHES WILL BE CUT AND TAILORED TO YOUR OWN
MEASUREMENTS IN OUR OWN MODERN TAILOR SHOPS

One Day---Saturday

OUT-OF-TOWN MEN--- If for any reason you are not able to come personally and share in this offer, we are going to allow you the privilege of sending your order by mail. We shall hold the offer open to you until the last mail on Monday night, and, if accompanied by a deposit, we shall at once mail you samples from which to choose your Suit or Overcoat, including the FREE PANTS.

ALSO AT THESE BRANCH STORES:

Winnipeg, Brandon, Moose Jaw, Edmonton, Port Arthur, Medicine Hat, Nemiskam, Kindersley, Hamilton, Brantford, Woodstock, St. Catharines, Welland, Stratford, Guelph, Sudury, Sault Ste. Marie, Sarnia, Belleville, Peterboro, Kingston, Ottawa, Renfrew, Kitchener, Penetanguishene, Collingwood, Bradford, Leamington, Cochrane, Norwood, Timmins, North Bay, Trenton, Wallaceburg.

Scotland Woolen Mills Co. LIMITED

199 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

SAYS COAL HOGS OF THIS CITY TO BLAME ENTIRELY

Dealer Declares There Is More Fuel Stored Than in Past Forty Years.

NEED REAL CONTROLLER

Proper Regulation Would Change Situation, Says One Retailer.

"Why doesn't the fuel controller get busy and control the fuel situation?" a prominent coal dealer of the city wanted to know today, as he declared that he was worn to the bone dealing with inquiries and demands for coal that he can't supply the whole city. "I can't supply the whole city," he continued, in a harassed tone, "but it is exceedingly hard to refuse when wives of soldiers who are away come in with their little children begging me to supply them, or when I have an appeal where there is sickness in the family. And I am pledged to look after my customers."

"The ridiculous part of it all is there is more coal in the city at the present time than there has been in forty years at this time of the year. The thing that exasperates me is the people who have plenty of coal in their cellars to last them for a considerable time, but who are keeping a considerable amount, not caring a bit how others are going to suffer. A man comes to us and says he wants more coal at once. We have delivered a considerable quantity to his house within a few weeks, and I say to him: 'But you can't possibly be nearly out of coal. You must have at least a couple of tons.' He admits it, but insists he wants more on general principles, evidently."

The whole trouble is, we have a lot of coal hogs in this city who need to be dealt with by a real fuel controller. There are people in this city who have enough coal stacked up to do their two years' ration. "Don't you think conditions like that require some regulating? It is enough to drive a coal merchant to nervous prostration these days."

Useful Christmas Gifts for the Boys and Girls

Don't fail to see our stock of Toys, Sleighs and Skates.

Sleighs, each 30c to \$4.00
Hockey Skates, per pair \$1.00 to \$5.00
Hockey Pucks, each 10c and 25c
Hockey Sticks, each 15c to 75c
Express Wagons, each \$1.50 to \$6.00
Dolls' Sleighs, each 75c
Dolls' Carts, each 75c
Wheelbarrows, each 60c
Dump Carts, each \$2.00 to \$2.50
Kiddie-Kars, each \$4.00 to \$6.00
Velo-cycles, each 100

J. G. Steele & Co.
Hardware.
Phone 750. 204 Dundas Street.

Service Station
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.
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399 DUNDAS STREET.

DIAMONDS
Diamond Rings from \$5.00 to \$350.00, including single Diamond Rings, three and five diamonds and many fancy settings in the new designs.
Exclusive designs in Necklets, Pendants, Bar Pins, Earrings, Cuff Links, Tie Clips and Brooches.

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TAYLOR'S STOMACH AND LIVER CURE
The best remedy for Constipation, Indigestion, Bilelessness, etc. 25 cents a bottle.
Taylor's 6 Cut-Rate Drug Stores.

CLARION CALL FOR MORE FARM HELP MADE BY COUNCIL

Farmers Must Have Men to Maintain Maximum Production.

CO-OPERATION IS URGED

London Board of Trade To Assist in the Campaign.

A clarion call for farm help in the interests of greater production was sent forth yesterday afternoon by the members of the county council. The discussion arose over the suggestion of Councilor John Morgan of Allis Craig, who pointed to interview the London Board of Trade, and urge upon this body the advisability of co-operation in securing farm help early in the year. At the conclusion of the discussion the committee was appointed, and it will be the duty of the members of this special committee to interview the London Board of Trade at an early date. The board will be asked to assist the farmers in getting help early in the year, and not wait until the spring. It has been the custom, however, to secure help for the farmers earlier in the year.

County Clerk Stuart stated that he believed that the members of the council could do nothing better than to approach the London Board of Trade, and urge upon this body the advisability of co-operation in securing farm help early in the year. He said that the members of the council could do nothing better than to approach the London Board of Trade, and urge upon this body the advisability of co-operation in securing farm help early in the year. He said that the members of the council could do nothing better than to approach the London Board of Trade, and urge upon this body the advisability of co-operation in securing farm help early in the year.

"Let the public understand that the farmers need help in order to produce more. Let the newspapers spread the news far and near, let everybody talk and urge for help for the farmer, but above all let us see that the farmer gets the required help. Let us see that he gets it early in the season," said County Clerk Stuart.

At Wednesday's session of the council Councilor Barrett asked that information be furnished as to the reason why the county rate for 1917 was higher than that for 1916. It was due to the fact that \$62,240 more than the preceding year had to be provided for in the estimates. Of this amount \$27,240 represented a deficit from preceding years, and \$35,000 had to be provided as a reserve fund, and \$25,000 was made up of extra, as shown in the following table:

The Figures.	
Administration of justice accounts	\$2,100
Municipal, government and law costs	3,600
School purposes	7,000
Jail maintenance, salaries and repairs	1,000
Registry offices	1,200
Printing, advertising, etc.	1,500
County buildings	4,800
House of Refuge	500
Sums due city re criminal justice accounts	1,000
Hospital expenses	3,000
Miscellaneous grants	100
Total	\$25,000

Deficit from previous years provided for in 1917 estimates \$27,240
Patriotic fund 10,000
Total \$62,240

The above total amount which had to be provided made, Councilor Harrison pointed out, the fact that the county rate for 1917-18 was higher than the preceding year. It was due to the fact that \$62,240 more than the preceding year had to be provided for in the estimates. Of this amount \$27,240 represented a deficit from preceding years, and \$35,000 had to be provided as a reserve fund, and \$25,000 was made up of extra, as shown in the following table:

The fact that \$25,000 as extra was provided for in the 1917 estimates does not mean by any means that all this amount will be expended, and it is not expected that it will be. The explanation and the figures submitted by Councilor Harrison cleared up the question to the satisfaction of all.

The second report of the finance committee, in which one clause recommended that bylaws be prepared to further the maintenance of the \$25,000 for road account, and \$20,000 for the general account, was adopted.

The report of Treasurer Johnson which was read at Wednesday's session was adopted.

The account of Joseph Sanders of the Children's Aid was recommended to be paid. The account was for \$165.24.

NEW WINNIPEG TRAINS.
Travel between Eastern and Western Canada is always heavy in the winter months, particularly during December, with its holiday season. To meet the requirements of the public, therefore, a special daily service between Toronto and Winnipeg is announced by the Canadian Northern Railway westbound, December 3 to January 2, 1918, only; eastbound, December 1 to January 5, 1918, only. The regular, regular, tri-weekly service will be resumed. As through tourist sleeping car will be operated between Toronto and Calgary as part of the above special service, and connection will be made with regular daily trains between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Service between Toronto and Vancouver remains tri-weekly, leaving Toronto Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, as at present. For further particulars apply to E. B. Clarke, 415 Richmond Street, agent, or write to General Passenger Department, Canadian Northern Railway, Decatur, Ill.

WILL USE STEEL.
At the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission Thursday afternoon, it was decided to furnish the new utilities building, now in the process of construction, with steel trimmings. In order that the new building might be presentable in every way, the suggestion that wood trimmings be used was rejected, as the extra expense of steel adjustments would be well worth while. A fair amount of routine business was also transacted.

For Saturday at the Candy Department
JERSEY BUDS.
Combination of a chewy caramel and a Jersey Cream. Regular 40c lb. Sale Price 33c lb.

At the Cake Dept.
WINE CAKES.
A rich white cake with fruit. Good value 15c each
Have you purchased your Christmas Cake? We have a good stock of Peters cakes as usual 50c lb.

PETERS

UKRAINIAN GOVT. IS NOT OUT FOR SEPARATE PEACE

GENEVA, Dec. 6.—The Ukrainian official bureau made the following announcement today:
"Neither the Ukrainian Parliament nor the Government has opened negotiations for a separate peace with the central powers, despite German affirmations to the contrary."

BURIED AT WOODLAND.

The funeral of Henry Elwood, who died on Tuesday, held from the family residence, 7 Alfred street, Thursday, was conducted by Rev. Dr. Barber of the Coulborne Street Methodist Church. Mr. Elwood was a member of Court Wellesley No. 12, I. O. O. F., and the pallbearers were chosen from that society. Interment was made in Woodland Cemetery.

WEGNER'S "The Heart of London"

They Come! They Come!

In hundreds from every quarter of the city and from distant places and are taking advantage of the low prices at

Our 10th Annual Sale

of Men's Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Sweater Coats, Raincoats and Overalls.

UNDERWEAR SPECIALS.

Two-Piece Suits \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 per garment
Combination Suits \$1.50, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50
These include Stanfield's, Penman's and Tru-Knit.

Suits \$9.95 to \$22.50	Hats \$1.50 to \$3.50
Overcoats \$12.50 to \$22.50	Caps 65c to \$2.00
Pants \$2.25 to \$6.50	Fur Caps \$7.50 to \$13.50
Sweater Coats, \$1.95 to \$11.50	Fine Shirts 75c to \$2.00
Raincoats \$5.95 to \$14.50	Work Shirts 85c to \$1.75
Overalls \$1.50 to \$2.25	Gloves and Mitts 50c to \$5.00
Neckwear 25c to \$1.00	Socks 25c to \$1.00

Look for the big black and yellow sign, opposite the market. Remember, a dollar saved is a dollar earned.

WEGNER'S

OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Phone 1849. 371 TALBOT STREET. Open Evenings.

OVERCOATS Mufflers and Neckwear

This store has caught the Christmas spirit. There's everything here to please the men folks, from Socks to Hats. This week we feature Neckwear and Mufflers. Our buyer anticipated the demand for sensible Christmas presents and bought 200 dozen Neckties in every color and design to please everyone.

OVERCOATS.
A variety of styles and sizes in Ulsters, Fur Collars, Meltons, Beavers, Tweeds, etc. Prices \$12.45, \$14.95, \$16.95, \$18.49, \$20.50, \$22.50.

NECKWEAR.
In fancy boxes. Prices 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00, \$2.25.

MUFFLERS.
Beautiful silk designs. Prices \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50.

Trouser Special \$2.69
250 pairs of Men's Pants, worn regularly up to \$4.25, biggest snap ever offered in London

We specialize in Standish's Unshrinkable Underwear, Red Label Brand, in sizes 34 to 50. Ask for advertised article and save money. Come early and often.

Giant Clothing House

The real live store. Famous for their little prices.
120 DUNDAS STREET. Open Evenings. PHONE 1844.
Look for the big Arrow Sign and name over the door before you enter. Wholesale and retail dealers in Raincoats, Gloves and Mittens. The largest High-Class Workingmen's Outfitters in Western Ontario.

WATCH THIS SPACE UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Christmas Gifts at Cook's
WOMEN'S COSEY SLIPPERS, in felt, different colors, some with soft padded soles 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.75
DR. JAEGER'S Special line \$2.25

Cook's Select Shoe Store

BARGAIN DAY AT WILSON'S

CITIZENS OF LONDON, TAKE NOTICE
If you want to save money on MEAT and yet get the very highest quality, come to my store on Saturday. Never has such a tempting display been offered at such wonderful prices, quality considered. But bear in mind that the best bargains go early in the forenoon.

Choice Whitefish 15c lb.	Extra Special FRESH PORK TENDERLOINS 40c lb.
Choice Prime Rib Roasts 28c lb.	Extra Special FRESH LAKE ERIE HERRING 10c lb.
Choice Rolled Roasts 25c lb.	Extra Choice Mince-meat 20c lb.
Choice Pot Roasts 22c lb.	
Hamburg Steak 20c lb.	
Choice Lean Beef Cuts 20c lb.	
Shrimps 40c pint	
Ingleside Breakfast Sausages, 1-lb. boxes 30c lb.	

KINDLY NOTE OUR NEW DELIVERY SCHEDULE.
London South and West—8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., Saturday.
London East—9 and 11 a.m., 3 and 5 p.m.
London North—9:30 and 11:30 a.m., 2:30 and 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., Saturday.

WILSON'S ARCADE MEAT MARKET
PHONES 5600, 5601. RICHMOND STREET AND MARKET SQUARE

The Desire for Good Things to Eat at Christmas Time Is Best Satisfied at Rowat's---

Fruits for Cooking

Your Christmas baking will be better if we supply the fruit. Our stock is complete and is all first quality.

Overseas Boxes

No matter when you send an overseas box, select your articles here. We can suggest, and aid you.

PINNAN HADDIE
Super quality, thick, boneless fish, that bring repeat orders, because they're good.
25c per pound.

CLOVER HONEY
Extra choice Clover Honey. The flavor is bright, rich.
\$1.00 and \$2.00 per pail.

HALIFAX COD
You will find it better. Extra fine thick meat.
One pound 25c. Three pounds 75c. Shredded, 15c package.

NO-EG ASUBSTITUTE
Use it in cooking just as you would eggs. It reduces the cost to the equivalent of eggs at 15c per dozen. Ask your neighbor about NO-EG.
White and Yolks, 35c.

PHONE YOUR ORDER.
It gets the same care and attention as though you called.

T. A. ROWAT & CO.
250 DUNDAS ST. Phone 3051-3052.

EXPECTS LIBERALS TO GET 65 SEATS IN QUEBEC FIGHT

Borden Speaker Thinks Defeat Is Coming for Premier.

That there will be 65 Liberal seats in Quebec, and that every possible vote was needed, not only to elect Major Hume Cronyn in London, but the Borden Government in Canada, were the interesting statements made by Lieut. Maclell, Toronto, at a meeting in the interests of the Borden candidate held in East London last evening. The hall was well filled, and there was considerable enthusiasm. The acknowledgment that the country was swinging so strongly towards Laurier was rather unexpected by the audience, although it was well known to those who have been watching the situation.

The other speakers were B. E. Gould, Toronto, one of the "win-the-war" party, so called; Hugh Clarke, ex-M.P., North Bruce, and Major Cronyn, T. R. Wright acted as chairman.

The arguments were largely the stock arguments used, that the Borden Government meant continuance of reinforcements to the front, while the Laurier program meant a withdrawal of the men engaged in the war. Little that was new was brought out.

Mr. Gould informed the audience that the only issue was that of reinforcements for the men at the front. He declared that Sir Wilfrid would withdraw from participation in the war. He had given his support to a candidate, who stated that Canada had sent the last man and the last dollar it would send. He declared that German gold was coming to Canada to lead people away from their duty. There was treachery abroad. He predicted dire calamities if Canada withdrew—soup kitchens, commercial disaster, and all the rest of it.

He paid a tribute to the Canadian army. He was an American himself by birth, but was now a loyal Canadian, and he could pay a tribute to the gallant men who wore the maple leaf in the trenches. He made an anti-Catholic appeal, declaring that the church was largely responsible for the attitude of Quebec.

Mr. Gould thought that Sir Wilfrid was a nice person, but was very old, and had not the courage and strength of youth. He recited a poem, entitled "The Lost Leader."

Major Cronyn spoke briefly, illness preventing him from taking any strenuous part in the campaign during the past few days. He had something to say about Sir Joseph Flavelle's profits. Any person who made undue profits in war times should be compelled to pay them back. As for taking the title away from Sir Joseph, he felt that this was a matter for the imperial authorities to deal with. He was, however, opposed to hereditary titles, declaring that they were not suitable for a democratic country such as Canada was. Speaking of the statement that his uncle, Hon. Edward Blake, did select Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the leader of the Liberal party, he thought there might be something in it. Mr. Blake had broken away from the Liberal party in 1893 on the question of reciprocity. He thought it would weaken the imperial tie, and eventually lead to political union with the States, hence he opposed the measure. He did not think Mr. Blake, if alive now, would be found standing behind Sir Wilfrid in this crisis.

Might Seem Unfair.
Hugh Clark defended the woman's franchise act. It was placed on the statute books so that the votes of the men who had shed their blood for Canada might not be lost. The vote was not given to all women, unfair as it would seem, because the Government had no desire to extend the influence of the men who might be opposed to the war, and Canada's participation in the war.

He traced the history of union government, showing that it was impossible in 1814 or 1815 or 1816. It came only when it was possible. It was here to stay. He gave a list of Liberal newspapers that had thrown in their support behind Borden. J. C. Watters, the labor leader, who would be in London on Friday evening, did not see any peril. It was real, and the men who understood the situation knew it was real.

Not a Failure.
He would not call the voluntary system of recruiting a failure. It had been a success, and had produced good men during the past year, and conscription had to be resorted to. The people of Quebec had not done their duty. They had been misled by their leaders, and Canada was bearing the brunt of the war. The military authorities would follow the lead of the men in power, who thought that Quebec sent its proper quota of men.

Referendum meant delay, a delay of a year. Reinforcements might possibly never come. The United States would not fill the gaps in Canadian ranks. That was for Canada to do. The man who says we need no men is a public enemy," he declared. "It is

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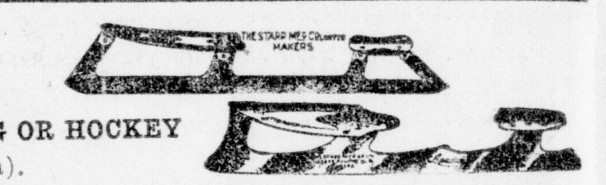
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denied that there was any danger of starvation overseas.
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