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HOUSE-CLEANING NEEDED

If one half of the charges made against the government at Ottawa are true, it is time for the people to demand—and with strong language and determined persistance—that a halt be made and a housecleaning inaugurated that will ease the country of an anormous burden, ease up our taxation and make it possible for us to breathe once more without a senes of suffocation.

There are signs that the blows of criticism are being felt at Ottawa, and we are even told that a commission is likely to be appointed to examine into the matter. Why another commission ? Five years ago a commission was appointed to do this work and it did not do anything at a cost of more than a million dollars. All it did was to produce what was said to be "the most expensive joke-book in history." Yet we are asked to accept another of these "jokes" as a balm for our wounded finances. The heads of the government know what is going on and they know how to remedy it without resorting to any such subterfuge as they did before. The matter has become too serious for the people to stand any more of this "jollying." They demand action, not investigation by commission.

It seems to have been the ambition of our government to follow abjectly in the footsteps of a country with ten times the population of ours, at least so far as the number and scope of departments is concerned, with the consequence that we are paying out of all proportion to the needs of a young conutry.

During the past ten years Canada has not gained appreciably in population, yet the members of one department at Ottawa—the Interior—have increased by 420 and their salaries have more than doubled. Every department tells a like story.

We are told that Canada is a better country to live in than any of the other battle-scarred countries. While this may be true, there is no reason why it should not be made better still, and one way to accomplish this is for our governments to function on a business basis, just as our manufacturers and business houses have to do in order to live. The government which will undertake this house-cleaning and do it thoroughly will deserve a long lease of life at the hands of the people.

WANTS A SHOWDOWN

The Alliston Herald tells of a case where the Amusement Tax collectors been over officious in the matter of demanding a tax from an Orange Lodge at Baxter, a hamlet in the depth of the country, twelve miles from anywhere, for a dance which was given to help pay off indebtedness on the hall, which is also used as a community hall. The Herald wants to know "how this gang of vultures located in Toronto locates its prey so quickly ?" and calls on the member for East Simcoe to go to the minister of the Department and ask for a show-down in the mattern of amusement tax enforcement.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A commission was appointed by the Dominion Government to go over and discover whether the farmers in the Northwestern States were better off than those in Alberta. Dr. Tory, the head of this commission, has discovered that they are in a much worse position than those of our Canadian West. But will that fact be worth the few thousand dollars that the inquiry cost? Of what benefit is this information to Canada, unless to show that the farmers of the West can be squeezed a little more before they reach bed rock?

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W. A. Boys, M.P., at a late function held at Government House, Toronto, said he was thankful that the late government had not sold our costly gubernatorial residence, for the sake of the function he was then enjoying. That's it! It is just as a woman said, "If you want to make a man good-natured feed the brute."

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If Charley Chaplin could but see some of the impersonations of his famous baby moustache grown upon the upper lip of some of the swains around town he would turn green with envy, we are sure. The list includes all colors and sizes from ten hairs a side to three. We suggest that some of them should be irrigated to make them grow—and be seen.

HOME

By One of The Old Boys

THE VOLUNTEERS

It is in its military achievement that Home prided itself those war time days. Of the lads themselves one hesitates to speak, so sacred are some of the memories—so sacred is the memory of the brave, venturesome brother or friend, who have left nothing but glorious, heart-warming, heart-breaking memories of absolute and unwavering sacrifice.

It is enough to say that while they were overseas, Home lined up behind the boys in a wonderful way. Letters and packages testified to the hearts that followed across the seas. There weren't many men-folk left behind then—not eligible ones; and often I wondered at the response so spontaneous from Home.

And then my mind went back across a long span of years. I saw a small company of white-faced soldiers in whiter helmets marching to the station; then, two weeks later, back they came, straw-hatted, sunburned "veterans", with a swagger. "Niagara" was over again for another year.

Another picture that followed this one of two little lads clasping their mother's hands as we stood on the crest of the park hill, and pop-eyed watched the sham battle across the valley and in the edge of the woods beyond. Red figures hurried hither and thither, while galloping horses dashed down the slope, pulled up on their haunches, wheeled around, and a gun belched a great cloud of smoke —and off into the distance they dashed again with the make-believe field gun. The infantry charged strongholds of the enemy; and since then I wondered did the fierce clasp of our young mother's hand mean that somehow she felt that that THING, and the call of duty, was some day to claim one at least of us for its own, and never give him back?

To us, at any rate, it was merely a great spectacle, but one that lodged firmly in our minds and never was rooted out,—the last "sham battle" put on at home.

Another picture. There were no farewells, but it became known that volunteers had enlisted and gone somewhere — "to South Africa," whereever that was. Then, as children, we followed the news passed around by the older folk, and heard of the casualties over on the veldt. And every victory was a signal for a celebration that thrilled the countryside, and led up to the final one of welcome home to those who came.

These were the times when Home felt the spirit and breathed the breath of Mars; and now it seems, in retrospect, these may have been the things that helped the lads from Home in day to vision the need, and even in those early days of the world war to pluck the village up—for that was actually what they did—and set it down in the path of the destroying Hun.

Home's record is a proud one. Three young lads, at least, fought up through the ranks to commissions, and two of them wore their stars and Sam Brown's home again. Hallowed memories, encircle five village graves under a foreign sky. And back to Home the rest have come, some medalled, some crippled, some scarred,—all loved.

Markdale Juniors Won

The Markdale juniors came down on Tuesday evening and played the juniors in a game coming out of the long end of a 4-3 score. To-night (Wednesday) the intermediates go to Markdale for a return game with the intermediates and they want a big crowd of rooters to gaccompany them. Sleighs will be leaving the telephone office at 6.30 p.m. and all who wish to go are asked to be on hand early.

AUCTION SALE AT ROCK MILLS ON WED., FEBRUARY 27TH

A Credit auction sale of farm stock, implements, etc., will be held at lot 33, Con. 7, Artemesia, on Wed., February 28th, the property of Mr. S. W. Fisher, Rock Mills. See bills for large list.

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WEATHER REPORT IS GIVEN AGAIN

Mr.J. B. Bowes of Chatsworth, the weather-prophet of Grey County, acknowledges that he was away off on his predictions for January and publishes the following new sett of predictions :—

February—Very mild. Coldest part about February 8th.

March—Very mild until the 22nd, then a very decided wind, rain and snow storm, also very cold.

April—Quite mild, until 19th then very strong winds, rains, snow and frost.

May—First week mild. About the 7th very strong winds, rains and frost, and probably a snow storm. The centre of the month will be mild, with the last week unsettled.

June—About 5th, strong persistent winds, rain and heavy frosts, especially in northern localities. The last two thirds of the month very decidedly warm, and the centre portion dry.

July—First week very strong and persistent winds, also a very heavy rain fall. In the southern portions of North America I expect those winds to assume cyclone conditions. Last 3 weeks decidedly warm and dry.

August—Very warm and dry until 15th, then very strong winds, heavy rains, and quite cold until the end of the month, and probable frost about 15th and frost about the 23rd.

September—First ten days about average temperature. On the 11th strong winds rain and frost. The latter portion of the month very mild.

October—Very mild and dry until last week, then decidedly strong winds, rain, snow and frost.

November—Very decidedly dry and warm.

December—Very mild and dry 'till 22nd, then very strong and persistent winds, rain and very heavy snow falls for the balance of the month, decidedly cold. January 1925 will have about one week of this cold, the balance of the month very decidedly mild.

SALT AND WATER FOR THE SHEEP

During the winter the snow is available and especially where a liberal supply of roots is being fed the flock will not suffer a great deal if water is not given so says the Department of Animal Husbandry Ontario Agricultural College. At the same time sheep will drink more or less water if it is to be had and if at all [illegible] will assure the owner that his flock is always well provided with salt.

Centre Grey Board of Agriculture Meetings

Holland Centre	February 19th
Walters Falls	February 20th
Rocklyn	February 21st
Heathcote	February 22nd
Ravenna	February 23rd
Kimberley	February 25th
Vandeleur	February 26th
Maxwell	February 27th
Priceville	February 28th
Hopeville	February 29th

SPEAKERS—Mr. George Gier, Waldemar; Mrs. Chas. Macoun, Campbellford, R. R. No. 4.

Mr. Gier is a successful producer of Shorthorn cattle, well qualified to deal with problems met with in general farming.

SUBJECTS—
"How to produce beef to top the market."
"Breeding of Shorthorn cattle.
"Tile draining."

EVENING—
"Quality production in Ontario Agriculture."
"The farmer's Garden."

Mrs. Macoun has been a leader in Women's Institute work in her own locality. After a number of years experience in teaching, part of the time in rural districts, Mrs. Macoun returned to the farm, and is thoroughly conversant with the rural needs, methods, and possibilities. Mrs. Macoun is corresponding secretary and treasurer for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

SUBJECTS—
"Essentials in Women's Institutes from an Educatonal standpoint."
"The rural woman as we find her."
"Our educational system past, present and needs for the future."
"Woman's responsibility to herself, family and community." ocmmunity."
"Co-operataion."

The District Agricultural Representative will try and be present at all our meetings.

Separate meetings will be held in the afternoon at 2.00 p.m. Joint meetings at night at 8 p.m.

The Women's Institutes are requested to provide music.

ALL WELCOME—BOYS AND GIRLS

Watch for excursion to Guelph in June.

H. H. THOMPSON, Pres. MRS. H. H. THOMPSON, Pres. W. I.
J. I. GRAHAM, Sec. Bd. of Ag'l. MRS. W. A. HAWKEN, Sec. W. I.

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