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## EDITORIAL

### Canada's Legislators are voting themselves substantial increases in their sessional indemnity. A good many of their constituents would appreciate similar increases in income, but unfortunately they can't vote it to themselves.

By the addition to salaries and sessional indemnities to Cabinet Ministers voted by the House of Commons last week, Canada's Cabinet Ministers now received \$2,000 per annum more than those of the United States. Who says Canada's slow?

Premier Lloyd George says the British Government is going to undertake reform of the House of Lords in the present term of Parliament. Perhaps Premier Borden might undertake a similar reform in the Canadian Senate before he retires from public life.

When Commissioner James Murdock of the Board of Commerce resigned and said: "I'm going to a job where I shall not need to fight the boss; I prefer to fight for the boss," he manifested a spirit that would solve many industrial problems if lived up to.

### Old Clothes League to Fight High Costs

In order to promote thrift and to reduce, as far as possible, the high cost of living for the ordinary consumer, the Old Clothes League has been organized. The alternative slogan of the League is "O. C. L. to beat H. C. L." The founders of the Old Clothes League believe that the present era of high prices in all commodities must lead in time to economic disaster. Wage increases follow price increases and price increases follow wage increases in a continuous circle. There is one solution for combating the difficulty—produce and save. So, practice thrift in all possible ways by wearing clothes, shoes, hats, and all other wearing material as long as decently possible.

### Future Production of Live Stock

The vital relationship between the production of live stock and the marketing of the meat is evident to every farmer. But some farmers do not know so well on what factors meat packers base their activities for future trade. Packers study keenly the tendency of farm production from year to year and even from month to month, as well as the conditions and prospects of the markets for product of both. They regulate their year-to-year policy largely on prospects of live stock production, but their policy spread over a term of years, is more controlled by a judgment of market prospects. A farmer or a merchant were to go out of business it was not profitable he would not be the first advantage. In other words, in every business is apt to be the "broke." Canadian packers, realizing the importance of production and marketing, Canadian farmers are well informed that they will maintain live stock production efficient, volume to feed those markets.

### Premier Drury and the Civil Service

The Prime Minister is endeavoring to secure more effective results from the army of civil servants who are employed in the Provincial Parliament buildings. Last week he addressed them in a fatherly way. He used the occasion to announce that there would be certain changes forthcoming in the civil service in the near future, and that a re-classification was necessary. He also said there was need for greater efficiency. This means, no doubt, that the inefficient holders of office must make good or retire. "In the past," said the Premier, "there has not been, sometimes, the pay there should have been. There has not been the proper system of promotion, and at the same time, sometimes, there has not been the efficiency there should have been. I am asking for your co-operation. Without that we cannot do what we desire. You owe that co-operation, and I owe it, to the Province of Ontario. We must get the most efficient and the best paid service. I believe that the civil servants are ready to serve the public to the best that is in them, and we must organize along the lines of merit." This sounds like the frank business expression of a frank business man.

### Commissioner Murdock's Serious Reflections

The allegations of Commissioner Murdock, which accompanied his resignation from the Board of Commerce, are serious reflections upon the Ottawa Government and others who are "high up" and in the Government's confidence. The Board of Commerce had, without doubt, a difficult task to perform, in which there could be no admittance of sentiment or sympathy from those who were affected. Its creation was an attempt to solve one of the problems arising out of the war, and with proper support from the Government, might have accomplished much that it was intended to perform. In helping to reduce the price of essentials in our home. But the alleged knowledge by members of the Board with the avowed knowledge of the Government is a serious charge. It is a serious reflection upon the Government at Ottawa that the correspondence concerning the resignation of Judge Robson was withheld from Parliament, and might never have been made public had not Mr. Murdock published it, refusing any longer to be a party to its suppression. To play the suspicion that has been instilled in the minds of the people by the alleged attempted evasion of the Government through Parliament, there should follow at once the searching investigation. Let the guilty ones, high or low, be accorded just punishment for their conspiracy against the interest of the people of Canada.

### Rural Mail Carriers are Underpaid

The rural mail carriers have a real grievance in their claim for higher remuneration for carrying the mails. Their appeal for a revision of contract terms in view of which sympathetic attention is warranted. The rural delivery men get about \$30 per mile per year, or an average of \$600, for themselves, horse and upkeep. They are required to make a four-year contract and give bonds of a considerable amount. The cost for horse keep is double what it was when some contracts were made. Two dollars per day for a man and horse is entirely inadequate.

### Effective Influence of the League of Nations

Sir Herbert Ames has unqualified confidence in the League of Nations, as an effective international entity. Declaring that he was so convinced that the League of Nations was a reality, and not a dream, that he was prepared to stake his future upon the issue, from his place in the Commons he gave a comprehensive review of the work that has already been done, and of the many matters of international importance that are to be dealt with in the future. Much had already been done by the League in securing a reduction of armaments. Canada had advanced greatly in constitutional development because of her meeting other countries on an equality. Since the United States has declined to enter the League all eyes in the old world had been centred on Canada.

### Tax Reduced on Shoes and Clothing

Numerous changes in the tariff for the imposition of the new excise duties or luxury taxes are proposed by Sir Henry Drayton before it takes the form of a bill. These changes were outlined by the Finance Minister in the House. They indicate that he and the Government have given ear to criticisms of the original resolution voiced by participants in the budget debate and by delegations which have visited Ottawa. Generally speaking, the tendency of the proposed amendments is to lighten the taxation upon articles of clothing which may be regarded as necessities and materials for the making of articles of apparel, such as velvets, velveteens, braid, embroidery and lace, and upon such sporting goods as are used by the youth of the land in their games. To compensate for these modifications the minister has made certain additions to the list of taxable luxuries.

### Further Official Enquiry into Milk Business

A permanent commission to inquire into the milk business in this province has been appointed by the Provincial Government. Hon. Manning Doherty announced recently that the commission would consist of five members, two of whom have yet to be appointed. The three already appointed are: Prof. Arch. Leitch, of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has been conducting extensive agricultural survey work for the past few years; E. S. Archibald, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, a well-known live stock man and a good judge of cattle, and Robert F. Hicks, of Newmarket, a member of the Executive of the Producers' Association. The two members to be appointed will represent the distributors and the consumer. The commission will inquire into milk matters and submit reports every three months to the Government. This should mean better milk produced under better conditions.

### The Futility of Strikes

Although the Toronto street car employees strike was only of four days' duration it affords another illustration of the futility of strikes. It disarranged the whole internal economy of business, family and social life of Toronto; it placed the strikers in a most unenviable light, because people generally felt that there was no just cause for a strike; it cost the city and its citizens hundred of thousands of dollars, and it won very little advantage in wages to the strikers. If the men who returned to work, ending the strike on Sunday, work full time, it will take fifty days' service at the five cents advance to make up the amount lost in wages during the four days of the strike. As has been emphasized frequently in these columns, strikes never prove of advantage, all things considered. The Mail and Empire says: "The decision of the street railway men to accept the Railway Board offer shows that they were aware of public hostility to the strike. The men cannot expect to come back annually with a strike for more pay. The principle that a walk-out must always be yielded to cannot be allowed. There comes a time when the people must say 'No,' at any price."

### Proud of Our Empire, Which Helps

People who live in other countries frequently say to Canadians: "Why not be an independent nation and sever your connection with the British Empire?" Why, because we are proud to be the child of such a helping mother. Great Britain has for a thousand years acted the part of a good Samaritan. Because of our connection with her is largely due the fact that Canada occupies the high position, as a small nation, which we now enjoy. History is at present recording the magnanimous work of Great Britain. To place the war-wasted countries of Europe on their feet once again is a financial task of colossal magnitude, and yet unless it is done Europe will be faced with the greatest financial disaster of history. For her own sake, and for Europe's sake, Great Britain is now essaying this tremendous task. She herself owes nearly \$5,000,000,000 to the United States, and yet she is undertaking to supply Continental countries with the materials they must have, and she is doing it on credit. Last year she bought from these countries \$400,000,000 worth of goods, and sold them \$1,750,000,000 worth. During the year she loaned France \$400,000,000, Italy \$215,000,000, Belgium \$50,000,000, Serbia and other allies \$80,000,000. At present France owes her \$2,500,000,000, Russia owes her \$2,800,000,000, and Italy, \$2,200,000,000. Her total loans reach the enormous sum of \$8,000,000,000. And only the other day the German Food Minister travelled to London with a pressing request for grain and other supplies, and Britain is sending 15,000 tons of wheat and large stocks of frozen mutton to her one-time enemy. It rather looks as though old John Bull, the one who did the most to keep Germany in check, is going to be the one who will, in turn, do most to bring back peace and prosperity to Europe. If successful, this will mean prosperity to Britain also. The United States could help mightily at this junction, but instead, she allows the politicians to control the country; keeps aloof from the League of Nations to which she is morally bound to give support and cooperate with, and goes on profiteering in their life and death struggle. No, Great Britain has been too good a mother to desert now, or ever in the future.

### VALUE OF FARM FIRE-FIGHTING APPLIANCES

A fire occurred at 2:30 p. m. on March 30, 1929, on a valuable farm in Peterborough County. It was of the value of, present prices of at least \$9,000; the contents were valued at \$5,000. The loss on the buildings was total and on the contents about \$4,000. The insurance on the building was \$2,500 and on the contents, \$1,500. The owner, therefore, sustained a loss in excess of the insurance of at least nine thousand five hundred dollars. The fire, when first seen by the farmer's wife, was under the shelter to the driveway and outside of the barn itself, and was comparatively small. Had an extinguisher been at hand, or if the farmers had supported a community engine, the fire could doubtless have been put out with little or no damage; but, alas, no such thing had been provided, and the splendid barn and contents (save the cattle, which were safely got out) were totally consumed. The moral of this fire and of dozens of others in similar circumstances, is that it pays to look after your own fire appliances and to see that every means to suppress an incipient fire are always at hand, ready for immediate and successful use.

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### VETERINARY COULD TELL HIM

A member of parliament called another man an ass in the sacred precincts of the House. The parliamentary language being forbidden, the offending M. P. had to apologise and withdraw his statement. He didn't like doing it, "but I maintain that the honorable member is out of order," "Oh, yes, I'm out of order," asked the other man hotly. "Probably a veterinary surgeon could tell you," was the retort.

### CURIOSITIES OF THE CALENDAR

January always begins on the same day of the week as October, and the same is true of April and July, September and December. Again, February, March and November also begin on the same day of the week. This, however, is only true in normal years of 365 days. A century can never begin on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday. Furthermore, the ordinary year ends on the same day of the week as that on which it begins.

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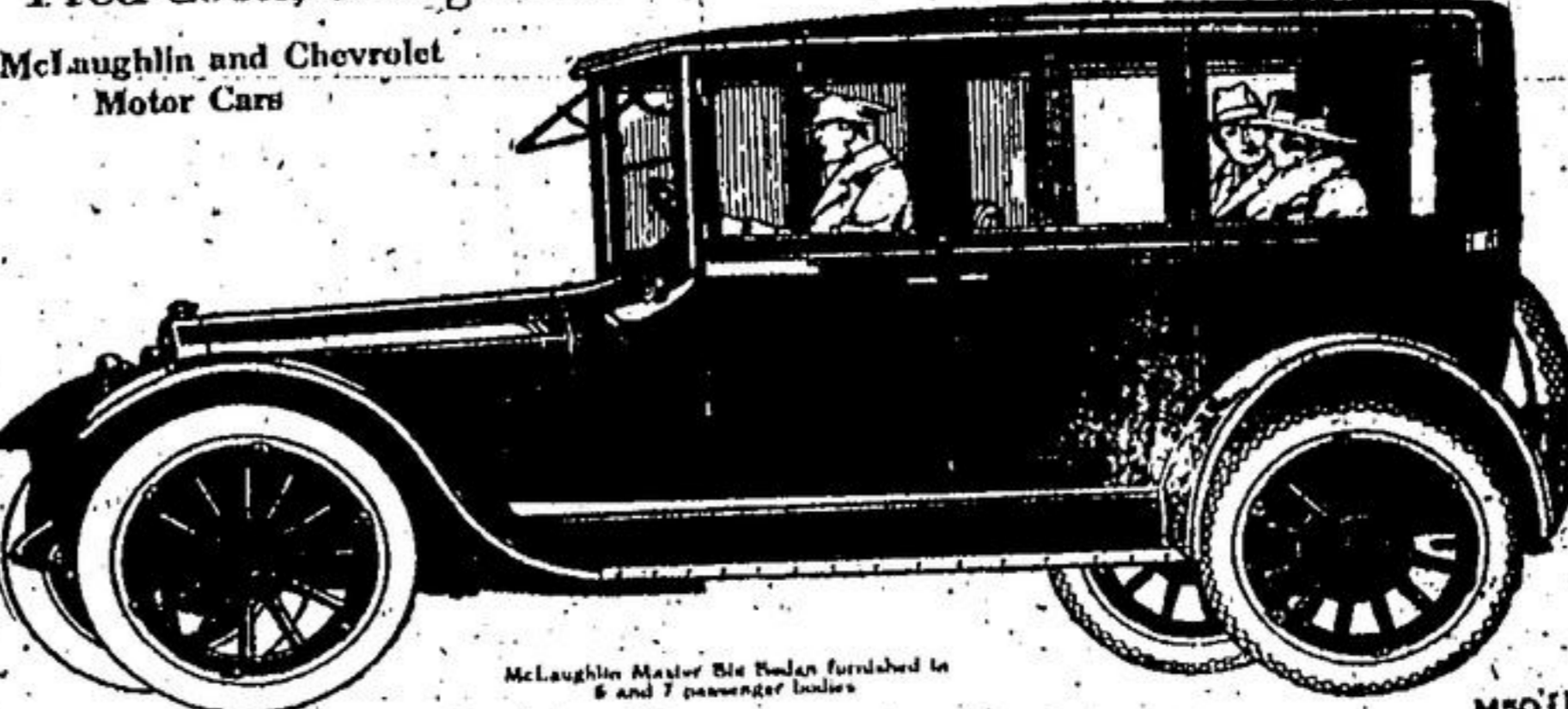
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