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## THE GERMAN WAR SCARE

It is more than a coincidence that while some men are talking of the German scare—that while J. A. M. Aikens, M.P., goes so far as to say that there is now practically no war between Germany and Great Britain—there is in Toronto an apostle of peace in the person of Dr. Hammann, He is the secretary of the German-Canadian Economical Association of Berlin, and is in this country on business.

Dr. Hammann represents, through his association, over one hundred and seventy-five business concerns. They all want to exchange their products for the products of Canadians. The wheat trade has increased by fifty per cent. in the last few years, and is capable, notwithstanding the German import duty, of unlimited expansion. The Germans also want the mica, the asbestos, and nickel, of which Canada has a virtual monopoly; they want the white pine, maple and other woods so necessary for furniture making; and they will take miscellaneous manufactures, which a study of the markets will verify.

## MUNICIPAL MACHINE DEFECTIVE

Municipal government in Canada is surely on trial and its failure is reported from several places. Take Toronto, to begin with, a city of no mean proportions, a city which has interested some able men in public affairs and men of undoubted administrative capacity.

The Toronto News charges that the council is adding steadily to the debt "without adequate results because it is working without plans." In this way millions of dollars are being wasted—millions mark you. The whole of the controllable expenditure and all the capital expenditure is poured into projects conceived on sectional lines and developed according to territorial interests. A mere change in the men will not effect a cure. A change of system is needed.

In Montreal the council was lamentably deficient for many years. It was believed to be persistently and fearfully corrupt. But the scandal went on until the corruptors, feeling secure against detection, went too far and twenty-three of them were banished from public life. That was all. Restitution may have been impossible. At least it was not attempted. But a change of men took place, and the introduction of a board of control with many noted and necessary reforms. The best conditions have not yet been reached. There is something lacking.

In Ottawa the water works department has been seriously mismanaged. The engineer in charge of the plant had suggested that the water supply be taken from McGregor Lake, or that a mechanical filtration plant be installed. His recommendations were not acted upon, and now he is suspended while a judge enquires into the defects of the system and the causes of typhoid fever.

## DUTY OF THE CHURCH

It is a good sign when the church, as announced by Rev. Mr. Campbell, on Sunday evening, in his sermon on labour issues, realizes the necessity of solving some of the problems of the day. The church sees the increasing competition in business and trade. Invention, the product of genius, is making it easier all the while to produce certain goods or articles of merchandise, and every year finds thousands of men looking up new occupations. The desire of capitalists for mergers leads to the colossal enterprises that make for a reduction of labour, (proportionate with the results attained), and for a reduction of expenses.

A machine, operated by one man, does the work performed by ten men before it was put into use. What is to become of the nine men who are displaced? That is the question of the hour. It has been asked by a religious paper. And it has been asked by the church, which declares that it is in sympathy with labour. Invention, enterprise, and competition are not to be despised. They represent conditions that are not likely to become less acute; and it is these conditions the church will deal with. In what way?

Not by passing resolutions, as the Federated Council of the Churches has done. Resolutions are very good, but they must have behind them the power to give them effect. The church

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The land tax will be an issue in the next legislature, and let us hope it will be a non-political issue. No town, or city, can expect to succeed that taxes its improvements.

Ottawa claims to have effected a splendid sale of its bonds, (to a value of a million dollars), at 94. And Kingston, through its council, thought it was sacrificing its bonds at 98. The gas company in Montreal has created a commotion by tearing up some of the new pavements to put down gas pipes. Another lesson against private ownership of the utilities, and against a divided control of streets.

It does seem unreasonable to hold the city engineer of Ottawa responsible for the defects of a water system of which he did not approve. If he had recommended the system he could

reasonably be held to account. But this he did not do.

A brute in Montreal has been referred to the sessions and commended to the whipping post. He disclaims the corrective power of the lash, and declares that he will beat his wife again. Let the lash be applied after each assault and the beast in the man will be subdued.

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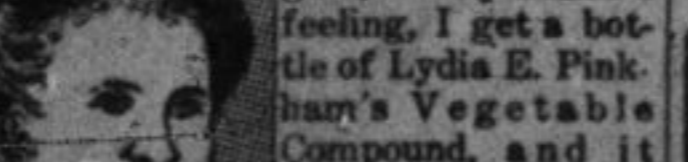
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