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A COMMITTEE MESMERIZED: Hamilton has been given, by special act of the Legislature, permission to issue debentures to the value of \$150,000, without appealing to the people and getting their consent.

REVOLT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA: There is a political crisis in British Columbia, and, strangely enough, it is the result of a quarrel between the premier and his finance minister, and over the propriety or impropriety of still further aiding a railway in which the province is largely interested.

SALE OF DEBENTURES: The city has sold its debentures, valued at considerably less than \$100,000, at an advantage, and this is a matter of great congratulation, seeing that other municipalities have not been able to dispose of their bonds, bearing the same interest, 5 1/2 per cent., at a premium.

SIR ADAM HITS A SNAG: It is not quite apparent how it happened, but Sir Adam Beck has got himself into bad odour with the people of Detroit by intimating to the papers that the almshouse could be bought up for about \$100,000 at any time.

EDITORIAL NOTES: Some day, the silver cord will break-out in British Columbia and the McBride party will hardly know what has happened to it. There are hints to one's audacity.

Suspicious: Father (trying to give the concealed dose)—"Well, well, you are a funny boy. May I ask why this sudden extraordinary dislike for jam?"

C. Leslie Willison has purchased C. T. Pearce's stock in the Toronto News and becomes business manager. Sir John Willison remains as president and editor.

ders whether the people of Detroit have read it.

ONTARIO'S FINANCES: The budget debate of Ontario is over, and one is curious to know whether the result has been quite satisfactory to the people of this province. Last year was an unfortunate one, because of the depression which had set in early, and which was accentuated by the war.

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er of wrong-doing we can look out for squalls.

There may be an early federal election. It may be forced on the government, and accepted, as a means of snapping a verdict before all the truth with regard to the militia department has come out.

Major-General Sam Hughes attended the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, at North Bay, and made an address. The major-general's connection with the Orange Order probably accounts for his defiance of the men who, even in his own party, have demanded his decapitation.

Twenty-nine accountants and financial experts have applied for the position of permanent city auditor in Hamilton. Out of that bunch the city should be able to get one who will hold the crooks in check.

The Government of Great Britain that will suppress or limit the liquor traffic will court defeat, for the common people love their beer.

The increased tariff on British goods entering Canada was a mistake, and the sooner the fact is admitted and the mistake rectified the better.

Germany up to fifty-five years of age have now been called on to join the army. Pretty soon they will be taking them from the cradle to the grave.

There is a growing feeling in the public service that an \$800 clerk needs a \$1,700 automobile in order to perform his duties efficiently.

The Ontario government is obliged to impose a war tax on all assessable lands in the province and to cut down the grants for agricultural societies in order to make sure there will be no delay on the million-dollar palace in Toronto for the lieutenant-governor.

A large number of medical students, graduating this year, are taking Trinity medical college degrees as well as Queen's.

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THE PRUSSIAN COURT

IS FEELING THE EFFECTS OF FOOD SCARCITY.

The Kaiser Makes It His Personal Business to See That the New Regime is Carried Out.

Paris, March 11.—A diplomat of a neutral power, who has just arrived from Berlin, discusses the rigid severity of life that prevails at the court of Prussia. There are no more receptions, no chatty "five o'clocks" in the afternoon, and the number of domestic servants has been reduced to a minimum.

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WAR BULLETINS.

The captain of the German auxiliary cruiser Eitel Friedrich declared at Newport News Va. Wednesday afternoon that he would neither intern nor surrender to the British ships waiting outside the harbor.

The Berlin war office officially admits that the Germans have made no progress recently in France or Belgium, and warns the Germans that the Allies are receiving very heavy reinforcements.

In Carpathian regions the Russians have met and defeated an Austrian army corps, capturing three thousand prisoners and several heavy guns.

Confirmation was received at Athens, Wednesday that the allied fleet, bombarding the Dardanelles forts on Monday, destroyed thirty mortar guns.

The British won a brilliant victory in Flanders, capturing the village of Neuve Chapelle, with a thousand German prisoners.

In the German reichstag on Wednesday there was no talk of peace, but it was stated that the emperor's armies were like walls of steel and iron.

The Turks have all been driven two weeks' march from the Suez Canal.

Germany officially admits the loss of four submarines, and says seven others have been missing for three weeks.

Nearer Her Style. "Is Jane as superstitious as ever?" "Yes. She went to a fortune teller to-day and came home delighted."

"She's always going to fortune tellers and always coming home delighted. What was the special good fortune this time?"

"She was told she would marry a tall man with light hair and big purple eyes and a blond mustache and a Gibson chin."

"Does Jane believe this?" "No, but all the other men that the fortune tellers have offered her were little and dark with gray eyes and a Vandyke beard—and Jane adores blonds."

William Hinshaw, I.S.O., late Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue, died in Ottawa on Tuesday, in his sixty-ninth year.

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