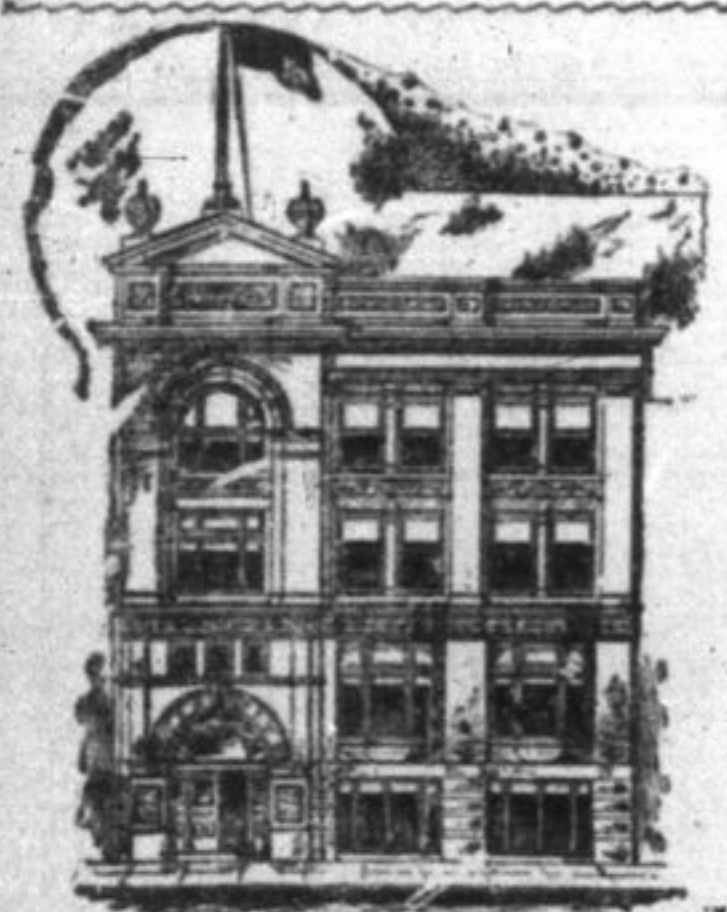


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A FAIR REPRESENTATION.

The public feeling is that the members of the Council should be elected upon their merits, and without regard to political parties or politics. It might be news to some persons that at year the leaders in the Council discussed a neutral course politically, and for the purpose of getting the best business men into the Council. This was said by an alderman at the Board of Trade meeting last evening, and the remark is believed to have been founded upon fact.

The Council this year has been singularly free from political bitterness. It may be that our City Fathers have not wholly abandoned political rancour. The politician, like the sleeping dog, may be pacified for the time being only. Or he may resemble the smouldering volcano. He may not be in the state of eruption at the present time, but is liable to break out at any moment.

Have the aldermen considered the effect of proportional representation? According to the bare system, for instance, it is designed to operate so that any body, any party, any element in the community, may secure representation according to their number and importance. The electors vote for every candidate who is nominated. He expresses a preference in a certain order, and eventually when the ballots have been counted the members-elect are the choice of the city, and not of a part of it.

Proportional representation guarantees fair play every time. It assures every considerable number of people, who think alike on many public questions, of a voice in the manner in which they are disposed of. Hence the favor with which it is regarded in Britain and by the working classes of the United States and Canada.

WELCOMED TO KINGSTON.

Kingston welcomed to-day most heartily the Australian cadets, the representatives of a people that are bound most closely to Canadians by the ties of Empire and by a military system that is unique. It is about five years since Lord Kitchener, the present Minister of War in the British Government, went to Australia and led in the establishment of the national service which has given to it a peculiar distinction.

In Australia every male, in his youth, begins the training which, occupying only a few hours per week, in time fits one most efficiently for national service. In the war, and after its outbreak, the colony was able with remarkable facility to supply the troops that were, outside of a little special organization, ready for the tasks of the hour; and in the Gallipoli Peninsula the Australians have rendered to the Empire a service that can never be effaced from the memory.

The position occupied by the Australians with regard to national service was not reached without some doubt and criticism. The military system seemed at first to be against the freedom of the individual, but it was eventually popular. It embodied the desire of physically developing the young men and equipping them for national defence, and the emergencies of the last year have amply demonstrated its usefulness. The drill hall of Australia is as necessary as the school, and they stand side by side in the southern continent.

The visit of the young cadets will do good in many ways. It will stimulate recruiting. It will lend buoyancy to the cadet movement. It will show to Canadians the type of

men that Australia sends to the front, the men who can meet any contingency in a titanic struggle, and in the face of accident, of carnage, of shipwreck, can say, "We are not afraid to die." The cadets have a popular leader in Lieut. Simons. He interprets the thoughts, ambitions and hopes of his countrymen, and his addresses are most interesting. Nothing has occurred during the year that has been so inspiring as the call of these young cadets. It has been all too short. Their message, however, is one that will remain and never be forgotten.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

The Board of Trade had an interesting programme last night. It was largely of a municipal character and intercepted in the proposed bill which the Legislature may be asked to consider sooner or later. In the United States, the cities are given special charters when they are asked for, and these charters represent various forms of Government—Council, Commission, Commission-Manager, or Council-Manager—with regard to which the people have expressed a preference. In Canada these special charters are confined to a few of the larger cities, and at the best they very inadequately provide for the development of municipal enterprises.

The Associated Boards of Trade have, through a special committee, anticipated the draft of public opinion and procured, from the Bureau of Municipal Research, a draft act covering Municipal Government in all its phases. This will engage eventually the attention of the Associated Boards of Trade, and it will certainly merit their serious consideration.

The Bureau of Municipal Research is maintained at considerable expense by a number of business men in Toronto. They have no object to serve but the good of the city. They realize that the people's business needs special guidance as much as the business of a private corporation, and they have with their own funds secured the services of experts who can discuss any feature of municipal life. Thus the librarian of this board has prepared the draft measure, setting forth all the forms of Municipal Government which have been tried, and a model constitution based upon extended experiences with every form of Government.

The Associated Board of Trade has certainly been very fortunate, through a special committee, in getting into touch with an organization that is at once so complete and competent to advise it upon the subject of Municipal Government.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The neutrality of Greece favors the Central powers very much. But will it pay The balancing of the accounts later on will trouble the Grecians very much.

Sir Edward Carson left the Imperial Government too soon. He was not in a position to pass upon the merits of the Gallipoli campaign and since he went into retreat it seems to be working out alright.

Sir James Whitney was somewhat in advance of his time when he proposed an anti-treating measure. But he had the assurance. He said that it would be supported by the license victualers. This appeared at the time to be a joke.

In London the people who are fighting the anti-treating law the hardest are not the liquor sellers, but the liquor drinkers, the lovers of the booze. It is these Canada has most to fear in any temperance legislation it has in view.

The Balkan situation has considerably improved. Bulgaria appears to be suffering the most. Her soldiers are being ground as it were between the upper and the nether stones. And Serbia—gallant little Serbia—seems to have been saved from utter extinction.

Perhaps the German conspirators will calm down a bit and become less dangerous when it is known that France and Britain can produce all the munitions they want without importing any. But what will the Germans in America do without a grievance?

Capt. A. F. Thomas, returned from the North, says that grain will be shipped via the Hudson Bay Railway for Europe in the fall of 1918. Too much money has been spent on this railway and its terminals to stop short of an experiment no matter how costly.

It is remarkable that since the retirement of Sir Edward Carson from the British Government, John Redmond has become particularly active in the service of the country. He is the conspicuous representative of Ireland at the present time, and as a recent visitor to the front pays a special tribute to the stamina and success of the Allies.

Hit the Right Man. (Toronto Star.) A Toronto burglar alarm went off and shot the gas meter man, showing a sense of justice and of the stress of things most unusual in mere inanimate mechanism.

PUBLIC OPINION

Excusable Change. (Hamilton Herald.) There has likely been far more "damns" than "darns" bestowed on the Dardanelles campaign.

Glad To Hear It. (Toronto News.) The price of radium has been reduced to \$27,000 a gram. Soon we shall be heating our houses with it.

The Real Test. (Hamilton Herald.) Lord Aberdeen says he knows that he is a Canadian because he pays taxes in Canada. If that is the test, the Canadian tax-dodger must be regarded as a man without a country.

How He Learned. (Rochester, N.Y., Express.) A man who started as a water boy has become a steel king and heads a \$15,000,000 syndicate. As a studious and energetic water boy he learned how to successfully treat the stocks that came to him as a result of his efficiency and thrift.

No Wild Goose Chase. (London Daily Chronicle.) The Germans have not an infinite reserve of men for the Serbian or for any other operation; we feel our own difficulties in this respect, and are perhaps too apt to overestimate theirs. There is no reason for premature despondency, but every reason for recognizing that the new campaign now forced on us is not a wild goose chase, which we can take or leave, but something with an immense bearing on the whole fate of the war.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The unsightly pile of wood in front of the City Hall is being sawed and split.

A. Martin and W. J. Arnel are spoken of as candidates for chairman of the Public School Board.

W. Macnee and W. Minnes have returned home from a trip to England.

Sleepytime Tales

THE LONESOME FLY.

Once upon a time a fly buzzed around the window. It was quite cold and all of his companions had curled up in some warm crack or had flown away to some warmer place for the winter. But this little fly just stayed in the house and flew about as free as could be. This was quite a change as, all summer, he and the other flies had been chased and swatted and several times he had nearly lost his life on one of those nasty fly papers.

For a while he was very happy and flew about and sung to himself but soon he grew very lonesome and he would have been very glad to even run a race with that old fly swatter. He had no one to talk to and none of the family paid any attention to him and he did wish he had some of his old friends to play with.

One day, as he was flying around, he flew, by mistake, into a bottle

ECHOES OF THE WAR

Ottawa Citizen. Khaki clothing is being made in Toronto; under certain militia contracts, where the girl workers are said to be little better than sweated wage-slavers. They work long hours, twelve hours or more a day, on piece work where the price is cut on the amount of work done.

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BREAKFAST Bananas Apple Omelet Tostat. Coffee

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DINNER Clear Beef Soup Cold Sliced Ham Scalloped Potatoes Curried Cauliflower Watercress and Hard-boiled Eggs Fresh Cottage Pudding

BREAKFAST Apple Omelet—Peel, core and slice two apples, and steam them five minutes. Melt a tablespoon of butter, add a tablespoon of flour, half a cup of milk, a dash of salt, two eggs, the stiffly beaten whites, and the apples. Turn into a buttered pan, cook and fold.

LUNCHEON Mexican Bean Soup—Soak two cups of Mexican beans for two hours, cover with water and boil until soft.

Mash, add twice the amount of water, a piece of butter and the juice or half a lemon.

Sponge Cake—Beat two eggs, add a cup of sugar, a cup of flour, a teaspoon of baking powder, and a third of a cup of boiling water. Flavor and bake.

DINNER Clear Beef Soup—Cover a soup bone with water, add an onion, a pot herb, and simmer four hours. Strain and season.

Scalloped Potatoes—Pare and cut in thin slices. Lay in a baking dish, pour over enough to cover, and bake a nice brown.

Curried Cauliflower—Boil in salted water and, when tender, drain and pour over three tablespoons of melted butter, to which has been added a spoonful of curry powder.

Fresh Cottage Pudding—Mix two cups of flour, one cup of milk, half a cup of sugar, three tablespoons of butter, a teaspoon and a half of baking powder, two cups of cooked peaches cut in small pieces, and a little salt. Bake and serve with a sauce made by boiling a cup of peach juice and half a cup of sugar, fifteen minutes.

Rippling Rhymes

THE COMING WEDDING

I'm glad the President will marry; I wish all good, and fortune fair, to any one who has to carry the present load of care. But, oh, I wish that he had wedded when his plans were public made; we would not then, through much unshredded, up to our neckties have to wade. I used to read the daily papers, but I'm obliged to call a halt; they give some space to German capers, and all the rest to Mrs. Galt. They tell how Mrs. Galt went shopping, and what she bought, and what she paid, and how stern Woodrow did his popping, without the wise Tumulty's aid. They tell how Mrs. Galt when dining, eats certain victuals with a fork, and how one day her smile is shining, in Baltimore, next in New York. It seems she's fond of pickled onions, and thinks Caruso truly great, and she admires those works of Bunyan's which tell how Christian struck his gait. She likes the verse of Edward Masters, which seems to strike a chord inside; for boils she uses porous plasters, and always has her oysters fried. Oh, mush, mush, mush, and 'mush unending! 'Twill lift the gloom from many brows, to see the happy couple wending to church, to take the sacred vows.



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Problem of Supplying German Stomachs is Placed Uppermost.

Cologne, Nov. 26.—The Volks Zeitung in a sharp article, urges the Reichstag, which meets next week, to call the Government to account for its failure to deal adequately with the problem of supplying foodstuffs. "To supply the German nation with provisions is at present the most important military question, and one which must be carried through before winter," the Volks Zeitung says. "This doubtless will be recognized by the supreme army command, whose orders will find no opposition. We recommend the appointment of an economic dictator in military clothing."

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