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NOW IS THEIR TIME.

The women of Manitoba will probably be given, according to the promise of the Government, the franchise this session. They may use it. In the absence of the men, some of them not to return from the war, the women may have to run the school boards, the councils, and other public bodies.

TWO BODIES AT WORK.

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Let the two political parties proceed with their squabbles with respect to trade, production, distribution, immigration and other question and it will be surprising perhaps if the Advisory Committee which is serving the people freely does not put the public under many obligations to them for the excellence of their report.

THE DR. SIMPSON CASE.

One can imagine how much the Dr. Simpson case may be misunderstood in London by the very limited information which was in possession of the officers of the Crown when he was arrested.

That is the one view of it. Another view will be presented when the official representative of the Manitoba Government lays before the court the facts as they have been collected and recorded by the Mather Royal Commission.

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for and with four Cabinet Ministers. When the Attorney-General decided that it was his duty to protest against the parties mentioned in the findings of the Royal Commission he was bound to include Dr. Simpson.

Dr. Simpson was invited to return to Winnipeg during the enquiry and gave evidence. He knew he would be wanted before he left the country. His absence has been justified by some on the ground that his services are very much in demand.

But unless the whole Conservative party of Manitoba represent organized hypocrisy, in that they did not mean what they said when in the most lurid language they denounced the Roblin Government and its confederates in crime, there will be no attempt made to stop the wheels of justice in this case.

COMPULSION IS NEEDED.

Canada is in a fair way to experience the difficulty of recruiting with the law as it now exists. One day it is announced that the Militia Act is quite as effective as a Conscriptio Act can be in marshalling into active service the men of all serviceable ages who have been in any way identified with the Militia.

Toronto has been an active and fruitful centre for recruiting because it has been drawing men from all over the province, and the enlistments have been several hundred per day. But that rate cannot be maintained without some new and powerful leverage such as England has enjoyed for some time.

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In Canada there is no way by which the shirkers can be forced to serve the country. Sir John Eaton's protest against the registration of his employees does not relieve the situation. It is true, as he contends, that his lives of industry should not be disturbed, by even an approach to dragooning, unless the loafers about the city have been corralled.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The attitude of the Federal Opposition is said to be "still a dark secret." Very naturally. The programme of the session has not been referred to them.

Parliament will open with a notice that its life be extended by general consent for a year. Sir Robert Borden had better defer his action on this question until all the others have been laid before Parliament.

The Russians are putting up a terrific warfare from the south, and one does not hear a word about the turmoils in the Government, in the parliament of the people, or in the press. The Tsar seems to have his people perfectly in hand.

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what Manitoba has already gone through in this respect.

John Thompson, K.C., deserves the homage of the people. His public and gratuitous service to the State in helping to clear up some of the war supplies scandals recalls the unselfish and unadvised work of his father, the late Sir John Thompson. The nobility of the father is being duplicated in his son.

The alderman in Toronto, who, in reply to the stereotyped resolution of regret at his defeat in the election, said that he could not remember one word or one act he would like to recall, must have a clear conscience. It is not every alderman who can say that and he rejected. How some men are misjudged.

The Ottawa Citizen congratulates the Board of Trade upon the success of its Municipal Committee. This Committee gave its attention to several municipal reforms, and on its recommendation the Council referred them to the people. The electors approved of them all but one, namely, proportional representation. The people needed more light upon this subject.

PUBLIC OPINION

Getting Wiser.

Henry Ford says that he is wiser than when he went to Europe. He seems to be sadder.

May Stop Speeding.

Scientists now state that speeding is bad for a pet dog's heart. This ought to stop it.

Cheap Freight Rate.

And now comes the National Transcontinental under government control and shows how wheat can be carried at a reasonable rate by the all rail route. The ten cent rate on wheat from Winnipeg to Quebec is here to stay.

Washington's Pettifogger.

It is to be presumed that there will not be much room in the cotillion at the White House for pettifoggers. The time for trifling is past, grim reality confronts the nation. Germany has at last chosen and she is fixing the pace of murder in the Mediterranean.

Fighting Don't Pay.

When will the grafters learn that the "game doesn't pay?" They may figure they are too smart to be caught. They may "fall for easy money." They may get a wife swash for a time, but exposures come sooner or later and the grafter is invariably a loser in the long run. His ill-gotten gains take wings and his reputation is irretrievably destroyed.

Abolishing the Bars.

If it be true that the Ontario Government intends to close all the bars in the province on May 1st, the act will be a great triumph for N. W. Rowell—a triumph greater than any other that has been achieved by a

RANDOM REELS

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

THE SPINE.

The spine is a long, narrow tool box which holds nothing but an inker tube. When filled with quiet courage and a cold nerve, however, this tube is harder to puncture than the tire on a motor truck. The spine is surrounded by a bristling object known as the backbone, which sometimes produces nothing but bristles. You never can tell by the looks of a belligerent backbone in times of peace how it will act when the call for volunteers comes.

Rippling Rhymes

LOSS OF APPETITE

When Julia rang the dinner bell, I used to lift my voice and yell, and chortle and repeat; my feet went weaving like a loom, until I reached the dining room and settled down to eat. The victuals all looked good to me, the Lima bean, the spud, the pea, the fragrant raisin pie; oh, every mouthful tasted sweet, and I would sit and eat, and eat, and watch the buttons fly. But since I had that last attack of pink lumbago in the back, my appetite's destroyed; the music of the dinner bell has all the pathos of a knell, and life's an aching void. The turnips taste just like the spuds; the coffee tastes like washday suds, the meat tastes like the greens; the rich imported Worcester sauce reminds me of a total loss, the prunes taste like the beans. The women rack their heads in vain to think up dishes safe and sane, to tempt my appetite; the finest products of their skill taste like the anti-bilious pill that I must take at night. If I could only eat again, like yonder lean and hungry men, no cares should daunt my heart; I'd laugh the ills of life to scorn, and blithely eat an ear of corn, a cabbage and a tart.

Canadian politician not in office. But the rumor is probably an exaggeration of some intended action in the way of further restriction.

Council Manager.

The people of Ottawa, at their municipal elections, voted in favor of the principle of appointing a manager to oversee the city's business. This is an approval of one of the new ideas of those who are looking for perfection in municipal administration. A municipal manager has been tried in the nearby and considerable city of Westmount, and appears to have given fair satisfaction.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Prof. Carr-Harris is preparing a paper on sanitary mothers for the benefit of the Board of Health.

Mr. Bajus to-day cut ice eleven inches thick.

There were forty tons of hay on the market to-day.

Z. Prevost arrived home to-day from a trip to Montreal. He said business was lively there.

Thomas McAuley has purchased the residence of Mrs. Whitehead, King street west, for \$3,500, a decided bargain.

RAISE EMBARGO ON HORSES.

Order Put Into Effect in April is Rescinded.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—As the buying of horses in Canada for the British Government has ceased, the embargo on their exportation has been raised. In April last at the request of British authorities an order was issued prohibiting the exportation of horses suitable for use in war to all destinations outside of the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates. Large numbers were subsequently bought in Canada, but some time ago the buying stopped, the Canadian farmer thus was prevented from exporting to the United States, though the British Government had ceased to buy.

The matter was taken up by the Minister of Customs, and through him by Sir George Perley into the War Office. As a result the prohibition has been raised and horses can now be exported to the United States, British possessions and the allies of Great Britain.

THE CZAR DETERMINED

Will Be No Peace Until Russia Cleared of Enemy.

Petrograd, Jan. 7.—The Czar, addressing the Knights of St. George at the front, said:

"Set your minds at rest. I will not make peace until we have chased the last soldier of the enemy from our territory, nor make it except in entire agreement with our allies, to whom we are bound by true friendship and blood."

SEE PAGE 10.

Owing to a re-arrangement, made necessary at this time of the year, the two special features—"Sleeping Tales" and "Low Cost of Living Menus"—have been removed to Page 10, where they may be found daily henceforth.

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