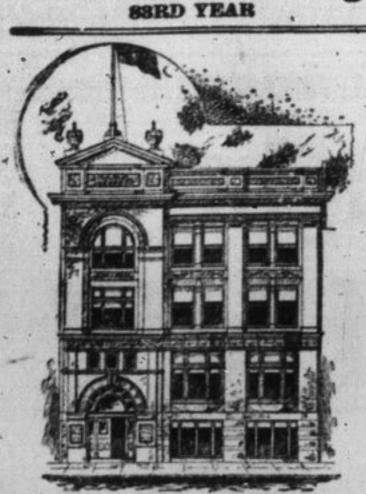
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OUR MILITARY ORNAMENTS Some criticism has been offered by the acceptance by Rev. Dr. Chown,

the head of the Methodist Church in Canada, of an honorary colonelcy, and his appearance at times in un The idea or design of it is no

apparent. The militia department has been distributing a lot of favors without any reason except to tickle the vanity of the recipients. That cannot have been the plan or purpose in this case since Dr. Chown is modest man, standing high in the counsels of his church and carrying himself usually with a quiet and be coming dignity,

The military title, like so many college and other titles, may have been intended as a recognition of the doctor's interest in recruiting, and it may have been felt-he may have felt this way himself-that he could exercise more influence in a given direction by more closely identifying led changes or reforms. They have himself with the military service.

not imagine the peace-loving superintendent of the Methodist Church as at home in a colonel's uniform, exhibiting his rotund figure con- tion when the day of reckoning spicuously on state occasions. He comes. is said to look well in uniform. It is hoped that he feels well.

Bishop Thornloe, of Hamilton, has had a vision of a dominion church, "made up of all sorts and conditions of people, knit and welded into one by spiritual ties." People are continually looking for a sign. What does the Thornloe vision portend?

EARLY ELECTION NECESSARY.

There is a difference of opinion with regard to the next federal election. Hon. Mr. Graham has intimated that, in all probability, there will not be an extension of the time during which the dominion parliament shall do the business of the people, and without it their cannot be a continuance of present conditions beyond October, 1917. The period for which the members were elected expires next month.

ago to represent, and because he does government offered him. Having to inches of clay mud and walk three- hour is likely to have all eternity in an election may be forced upon the much out of the deal. government.

The Brantford Expositor questions the wisdom or the expediency of an liquor business, with the close of this appeal to the electors, during the war, day, is quoted as saying that in time and the Montreal Gazette does not there will be a revival of the trade see how it can be avoided. Our Mont- He is quite sure that the grits will real contemporary does not challenge cast Mr. Rowell aside, that they will as illegal the proceedings of the next have no more of him or his abolishsession of parliament, as the power the-bar programme, and that with a which created the parliament of Can- new leader they will sweep the provada can extend the term of its mem- ince. Where did he get all this in bers. But "the sooner the Commons spiration? is dissolved and a new one elected the better shall it be for parliament-

ary regularity in Canada." of the Commons shall unquestionably public. Had this policy prevailed in and fairly represent all the people," Manitoba, during the reign of the and the Gazette says that a house Roblin government, as it does now "chosen by constituencies, based on under the reign of the Norris governthe census of 1901, and being beyond ment. Hon. Mr. Rogers would not be its term, does not do that."

Even the church reproaches the government for its inability to cope with the organization of the men and resources of the country for service of the war loan; Manitoba Governduring the war, and afterwards. Is ment has invested \$500,000 of its | the government going to fall down trust funds. and completely fail in its recruiting Lord Brooke, commanding the Tenth Brigade, Canadian Infantry, has been wounded at Somme.

POLITICAL CRISIS IMPENDING

The most determined effort is b ing made to encourage the conservative voters in the next elections. The Toronto News, which is supposed to reflect the mind of the federal and provincial governments, comments upon the difficulties which attend all was was 1.97. cabinets during the first years they are in office. There is some friction. Kingston. Some of the farmers have with the war on their minds the The ministers do not find themselves, lost from fifteen to twenty per cent. people could not do their duty as or their places, easily. There is a of their crop. spirit of independence which is not hour. It takes time to get the machine into perfect working order. Then all is peace, and smooth run ning, and success. Our contemporary claims to have found evidence of all this in the record of the Laurier government. But he is the only one that seems to have found it.

Ii will require a great deal of dope like this to deceive the people, to make them feel that the federal and provincial governments are all right, any one living who assisted in the that they are simply passing through building of the bridge of Forth, Scotthe experience which is common to land, I am proud to say a nephew of all governments, and that sooner or later-and the sooner the better- to build that bridge. His father, there will be an end to the friction, brother, uncle, nephew and grandand the promise of happier, if not father, were all in turn in the same the promise and fairly represent all more successful, service. But will office, his father for fifty years. I assurances of this kind dissipate the One year, by mail to rural omces 52.50 fears that have crept over the con- proud of. I have several photographs servative party, and relieve it of the of the bridge in the various stages of sense of impending disaster? Will any construction and completion. My One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 pleasant diversion such as that in nephew resides at 23 Thirst Road, which the Toronto News is engaged, London, England. The photos are Attached is one of the best job dispel the convictions that both ad- valuable and interesting. The photoministrations are in danger, and that grapher took them daily for seven it only remains for them to face the years. I thought this information Brantford Expositor. people, in a general election, in order to incur a complete wreckage of the Nelson street.

Nothing will save both governments, with public opinion running as it is to-day. The Ontario government has merited the fate that is in store for it. Composed of men who have forgotten the traditions of the Whitney government, or deliberately is the best of them all, though he was myself." not the choice of the party, they have antagonized the electors most seriously, and the bye-elections have gone the way the general elections will go as soon as they have been ordered.

The federal government is in an even more perilous position. It has not measured up to the anticipations of the people. A great war has led to the grossest mismanagement of public affairs, and largely because the wrong men have been in charge of certain departments. The sorrows of scription received was for \$10,000 the premier have been intensified by from a Brockville hotelkeeper, who Canadian war loan. the very apparent fact that he is not moved here from Alsace-Lorraine the master of the administration, and the conservative papers, in certain very notable instances, have counseladvised the premier to lay to heart There are men, however, who can- the lessons of the bye-elections, and he has been either unwilling or unable to act. While this is the case there can be no assurance of salva-

> EDITORIAL NOTES. All the ministers in British Colum

bia's local election went down to defeat. A more complete repudiation, try were laid out, civil engineers

doubt of that.

Hamilton is troubled with many the council. They want to establish of the people? And make a mess of tors, and the undertaking business them as the council has made a mess of so many other things during the experiences in life than to approach last few years.

The legality of extending the term was not losing money on the Agriculticularly the case if the crossing is day by these road insects, he yearns without an election has been chal- tural College contract. He had not located in a low gully flanked on for a law which will require a brain lenged by Mr. Lamarche. He has an- thought of asking for a change in either side by reverse curves and test with every license number. The nounced that he will not sit for Nico- plans or estimates. But he was willlet, which he was elected four years ing to accept the \$8,700 which the stop his car, climb out into eighteen to pull by at eighty-two miles per not think he is constitutionally en- subscribe \$8,500 to the conservative quarters of a mile down the track in which to reduce speed.

The Toronto World advocates that all tenders for public works be open The point is that "the membership ed, and the contracts awarded, in so much distressed in explaining how he came to change contracts in connection with the Agricultural College.

Ottawa Council has taken \$750,000

25 YEARS AGO

Kingston's death rate for August

reconcilable with the duties of the for the establishment in Kingston of action may have made it impracti-

Assisted to Build Forth Bridge. Kingston, Sept. 14 .- (To Editor): We have read your paper for over twenty-eight years, and see- should do only what is required to ing last night, a paragraph asking mine, who is a civil engineer, was there seven years of the time it took enterprises ever failed, a record to be would prove interesting reading. Yourstruly, Mrs. James Wade, 173

A Brilliant Genius.

On one occasion, another belped Thomas Edison to erect a miniature electric light plant. abandoned them, and led by one who could put up an electric light plant country was beginning to hope it had

"Could you indeed?" said Edison "Yes, I believe I could," replied the amateur, but suddenly his face cloud-"There's only one thing that beats me," he added doubtfully.

"What's that?" enquired Edison. "Well, I don't quite see," answerd the budding electrical engineer

you get the oil along the wires!"

ooking at the glowing bulb, "how

War Loan at Brockville. Brockville, Sept. 16 .- Locally the econd Canadian war loan is being iberally subscribed. The first subfollowing the war of 1870 to escape the German yoke.

EARLY ELECTION MUST BE AVERTED

The two parties in Parliament are responsible for the situation that will The potato rot is greatly felt in prevail after the present month. Relow sections of the country north of presentatives in each thought that voters in the serious situation that A petition is in circulation asking has existed for over two years. Their cable to observe the spirit of the constitutional law and at the regular time choose a new body of representatives to take the place of that whose proper term is soon to expire. The conditions are not desirable. however; and the sooner the House of Commons is dissolved and a new one elected the better will it be for parliamentary institutions in Canada. The coming session of what remains of the House of Commons carry on the great business of the country, and then, as speedily as possible, be dissolved. The serious things that may have to be done by Parliament before another twelve months elapses require that the men who constitute the membership of the House of Commons shall un-

REV. DR. CHOWN NOW UNDER FIRE

Rev. Dr. Chown, the general superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada, is the latest addition to the list of honorary colonels. The Min-

ister of Militia is a Methodist but is that any reason why the head of the Methodist Church should be decorated with military honors and the and heads of all other churches ignored? when the work was finished he was The case of Allison ought to have so delighted that he said to the great been sufficient illustration of the sil inventor: "Mr. Edison, after work- liness of most of the appointments to ing with you like this. I believe I the office of honorary colonel, and the heard the last of them.

War Tidings.

The capture of Martinpuch by the British and Peronne by the French is

More, war demonstrations by the people in Greece King Constanting is still looking for a suitable premier. Three thousand prisoners and eight guns were taken by the Russians in the advance in Galacia on Friday. German reinforcements failed to stem the advance.

The Sun Life Company has subscribed five million dollars to the

The King has awarded high honors to Admiral Beatty and other navali heroes in the Jutland battle.

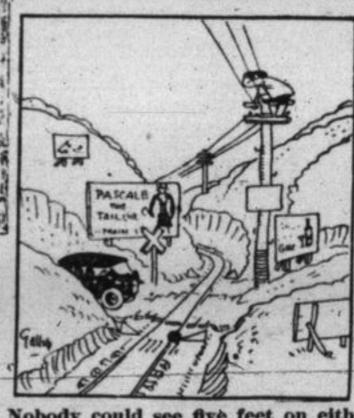
Random Reels

THE RAILROAD CROSSING

or banishment from office, cannot be were harder to find than a painless chiropodist. Great care was taken to locate the crossings at some point The New York Times says the en- where nobody could see five feet on gineers of the St. Lawrence Bridge either side of the right of way with-Company will suffer in reputation by out climbing a telegraph pole. After this had been accomplished a few the recent accident. There is no laws were written which prevented, anybody from collecting damages as a result of being split into nine sec tions by a freight engine, thus making one of the most pleasing comfaddists, and some of them are in binations in the history of Canadian jurisprudence. The public was then municipal bakeries, and coal yards, turned loose on the highways of our and milk stations. Why not run all land in touring cars with loose business in the name and on behalf brake bands and stuttering carburebegan to look up.

> a railroad crossing at night in a rain storm, with the curtains up and fender and a new tail light:

ing accidents is the speed maniac The railroad crossing is a modern with a head shaped like a rat tail substitute for sudden death which file who thinks he can beat the afkills more people every year than iternoon simited to the crossing in a 1909 touring car. When one thinks When the railroads of this coun-lof the number of innocent people



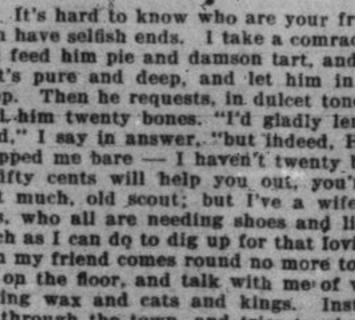
There are a few more harrowing Nobody could see five feet on either side of the right of way without climbing a telegraph pole

Carter, the Winnipeg contractor, the engine missing. This is par- whose lives are jeopardized every bluffs thirty feet high. The law driver who is in such a hurry that says that a man thus situated should he can't wait for seven steel coaches

titled to do so. This suggests that campaign fund he did not make each direction before proceeding. If Some day there will be no raile. he fails to do this and is accidentally road crossings running into, blind shredded by a wild freight, all he alleys, but until that day comes it is One who is going out of the can recover is the price of a rear better to slow up and make sure than to dive ahead and pass away in A prolific cause of railroad cross- a hurried and fragmentary manner

Rippling Rhymes

FRIENDS



It's hard to know who are your friends, so many men have selfish ends. I take a comrade to my heart, and feed him pie and damson tart, and give him love that's pure and deep, and let him in my woodshed sleep. Then he requests, in dulcet tones, that I shall lend him twenty bones. "I'd gladly lend you all you need," I say in answer, "but indeed, H. C. of L. has stripped me bare - I haven't twenty bucks to spare. If fifty cents will help you out, you're welcome to that much, old scout; but I've a wife and nineteen kids, who all are needing shoes and lids, and it's as much as I can do to dig up for that Ioving crew." And then my friend comes round no more to hang his bonnet on the floor, and talk with me of vital things, of sealing wax and cats and kings. Instead he roasts me through the town, and tries to give me punk renown, as being one who is too tight-to help a comrade in his plight. This

sort of thing one gets from friends, as through this woozy world he wends.

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