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FLEECING THE GOVERNMENT The British government is remarkably subject to public opinion, and when, shortly after the opening of the war, the demand was made for the regulation of the food prices, i acted. Officers or representatives of the Board of Trade, which is presided over by a minister, ascertained the cost, in open market, of the various commodities, figured on a reasonable profit, and publicly, in the daily papers, announced the rates at which these commodities should be sold The ruling of the Board of Trade was imperative and decisive. Any merchant or tradesman who presumed to impose upon the people was, on complaint, immediately called to account. Some recourse like this in Canada, with a government which is not afraid to act, which puts the public well-being before anything else, would prevent the combinations that are now imposing upon the people, With such a provision it could not be said, as it is in Toronto, that the bakers and grocers have organized to fleece the people and with every indication of success.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Mail says the federal government left the Carleton County bye-elections "without federal interference." The London Free Press says the election was the first fight on dominion issues. Some one is woefully mixed. Who is he?

RECRUITING DRAGS.

Recruiting is not active or effective. Why? There is a reason. It lies with the government, which afraid, apparently, to propose any law or enforce any regulation which is calculated to bring about a collision between it and the French-Canadians of Quebec. The call for soldiers, for thousands of them, in order (1) to redeem the promise of the government, and (2) to fill the places of those laid aside er retired through casualties, is not heeded. The willing ones have answered with alacrity. The unwilling ones are elsewhere.

In the recent budget of the Chancellor of the Exchequer it is announced that excess profit duty had been collected during the year to the extent of £17,541,000, And still the employers and the employees are making what has been referred to as "great money."

EDUCATION IS DISCOUNTED.

age youth is in demand and at a wage through the budget. age, very high. Boys out of school, the spring the council knew it wou mand in some cases a pay which is lighting account to the end of the quite as large as some men were able year, and it has been violating the WALT MACH, markable, therefore, that having question arises: What are the people chortle, when you're looking for a groan. picked up good money, having had a going to do about it? Nothing. The

tions, and certainly beyond all pre- council's extravagance. There

ably small.

The youth should be piloted away from, the commercialism which is robbing the age of all romanticism There's something better to worship than the mighty dollar. There is mental equipment and refreshment in education which no money can buy or equalize, and the boys of the day will discern this later on.

Three Canadians have escaped from a prison in Germany. 'Tis well It is good that they have evened up ing that the bakers, for instance, are in some degree the escape of three making a profit of 100 per cent. German prisoners from Fort Henry, though it is safe to say the Can adians were not favored in their ex ploits by the over-trustfulness of th

CLEANSING PROCESS STAYED. The chief organ of the conservative party in Ontario has assured its One year, it not paid in advance \$1.50 readers that the Borden government has set the pace in establishing itself as a clean government. The premier is represented as somuch against impurity of any kind that he will not stand for any more evidence of it Two instances are cited. One has to do with the Kyte charges in the Commons, and their effect upon the shell committee. The enquiry was not exhaustive. It was limited to four charges, and when, during the investigation, there was a dangerous approach to undesirable things he brake was applied, though there were revelations sufficient to hur the government very much. The commissioners' report scarified A lison. Later he became the scape-

> goat and party sacrifice. The second instance was an appointment of a judge to scrutinize some of the contracts which were entered into by the militia department. The evidence "killed" two members of the federal house. They were so much damaged that, without waiting for a report from the commission, the premier retired them from parliament. Their resignations were forced. Then a member of the local house, who posed as an innocent and who had the endorsement of the government and the party, became candidate for re-election, and suffered a humiliating defeat. The people refused to have him and his un

fumigated record. The bye-election in South West Toronto revived the scandals of the federal government, and they were alleged to have operated against the success of the conservative candidate.. Lastly, the judge who is said to be waiting and ready to enquire into any charge against the federal government, has not reported upon any case which has come before him. It will be hardly worth his while to father who always throws in of the day have passed to their reward. Verily the press certificates of the federal government must be been attached to it. taken at a discount.

The minister of munitions in Brita lesson by having every one who is eligible removed from the civil to the

PEOPLE TO BLAME.

The appropriation for the lighting deaf to all appeals. The land must of the streets has been exhausted. be combed of its desirable material. The amount was \$16,000, and in fix- through life explaining to curious and it is folly to delay the use of ing upon this sum it must have been friends that he was not old enough coercive machinery any longer, known to the aldermen that it would Someone suggests that the registra- not carry the service through to the tion or conscription measure exempt end of the year. Any individual who twins and then try to locate a pair It is a trying task to name a baby Quebec from its operations. Why? begins the year with a deficient trea- of long meter names for them. Near- when it is the seventeenth member At this moment there is a controver- sury, who knows that he will have ly all twins are given names that of the family. Some people use the sary overseas as to the wisdom of only a certain amount for a certain sound as much alike as possible, thus telephone directory, while others exempting a part of the British em- purpose, will at once regulate his ex- making it an easy matter to tell them can be seen feverishly scanning the pire from the effect of a law which, penditure accordingly. The council by the percents when passed, produced outside of this does not appear to have been influpart the desired effects. One does enced by any simple consideration of always insists upon naming it af- jamin Franklin was the seventeenth not see the sense of duplicating in that kind. Its Fire and Light Com- ter the father, which is a splendid child, but he survived his name and Canada conditions which should mittee proceeded with the idea, ap- arrangement, as in after life the fa- grew to be a great, good man, which never have been created or tolerated parently, that somehow things would even up, that without strain or worry on the part of the members, their accounts would balance on Dec. 31st.

Well, this has been a delusion. Every day, from now to the end of 1916, the lighting of the streets will be running up a bill, for which the council has no money, and, if the ser vice be continued, this bill must become a serious liability. Left unpaid, it must become a legacy for the council of next year. This is a contin-The registered attendance in con- gency which the legislature has tried nection with the Collegiate Institute to guard against by declaring in the shows that in some classes there are Municipal Act that no expense shall few boys. The reason is not far to be incurred which the council has see. Labor is scarce, and the aver- not anticipated and arranged to meet

or stipend which is, for one of his When the budget was passed in alert, eager, willing to serve, com- not having the money to carry this spending fund beyond their expecta- people are largely to blame for the

vious comparison, they are not will- continual clamor for light at any ing to give it up and return to school. cost, and the annual charges in this In the first forms of the institute connection are going up. The alderthere is a good percentage of boys, men can very readily say to their but there is a sorry exhibit in the critics: "We have given you what you commercial forms. The conclusion wanted. Only that and nothing more. follows that there is still, despite the There may be too many lamps, but temptation to desert school, a good you wanted them. When we talked many boys who have a higher educa- of cutting off some of them you tion in view, and probably the pro- wouldn't have it. If you must dance fessions. But the number who con- you must also pay the piper." And template a business career is lament- this is logic, cold and unsatisfying as cally now that Ottawa is in the dry it may appear.

> EDITORIAL NOTES. The judges were not appointed to probe into political scandals. When they are called on to serve in

worthy of compensation. The federal government is going to assist the Toronto Board of Control in discovering why the cost of living is so high. Someone has been figur- Scared, or too proud to fight?

federal government is justified on the Robert Rogers hinted at it at Windground that parliament was consult- sor, but nothing will come of it until ed. The legislatures of Manitoba and Saskatchewan employed the judges on the same terms. Why is one proceedure more illegal than the other

No fault can be found because liberal member of the Saskatchewan legislature has been proven guilty of reward hereafter. accepting bribes from the anti-prohibition party. He received \$500 and he deserves a punishment that generate got his deserts political crimes would be less frequent,

Mr. Wilson, president of the United States, says that no nation can any longer remain neutral when there is a deliberate disturbance of the peace. He managed to straddle the fence when the issue was a live one as between Germany and the United States, and when the atrosities of the sea demanded more than a protesting note.

tracts. Granted. What should he fire is a mystery. do? Accept a tender and then after the award has been made call up the contractor by telephone and suggest an increase in the tender? Or reject the tender ? Who wouldn't tender low when he knew that he would

Miss Clara Cowan, Napanee, has passed her probation and has been accepted as a nurse-in-training in Toronto General Hospital,

Very Probably. (Windsor Record) Ontario will now have 1,186 standard hotels in operation and 'steen hundred blind pigs.

Shortens the Speeches. (Montreal Mail)
Speeches in the House of Comwill be shortened automati-

Want an Opposition. The Aliberal triumph in

Columbia is almost too great: strong opposition helps to make a extra judical capacity they are clean government. Which Is It?

(Port Arthur Chronicle) Twenty thousand Greek soldiers voluntarily went over to the Germans, and will be treated as neutrals.

Want More Than Hints. (Toronto Star) Sir George Foster hinted at con-The employment of judges by the scription at Saskatoon, and Hon. they hint at it at a Cabinet meeting.

> Hell Will Be Missed. (Toronto Mail)

A Methodist minister has publicly announced that he does not believe in eternal punishment, which will be a disappointment to many who have been speculating upon the Kaiser's

Where Australia Stands.

(Hamilton Herald) The adoption, by a vote of 47 to fits the crime. If every political de- 11, of the bill providing for a referendum on conscription in Australia does not prove that the Australians are in favor of compulsory military service, but it is evidence that they want the opportunity to say whether they are or not.

Two Barns Burned.

Belleville, Sept. 29 -Fire destroyed two barns situated on Newton Bird's farm in Sidney Township, towith some outbuildings. Three horses were burned, as were also a number of ducks and hens. The barns contained about thirty loads of hay, 500 bushels of oats and Hon. Mr. Rogers says it is a mis- loss is about \$4,000, partially covertake to tender low on public conq- ed by insurance. The origin of the

Cobourg Raises \$2,125.

Cobourg, Sept. 23 .- At a bazaar with Madame Diaz Albertini as chairman, the women of Cobourg netted \$2,125 for Canadian wounded soldiers. Other efforts bring Cobourg's total, raised by the summer's work be given a higher price afterwards? of its women, to \$2,975, with patriotic funds as the beneficiaries.

> The Wm. Davies Co. will open the Napanee canning factory on Wednes-

NAMING THE BABY

When a baby is born into the home for several years by some rich relait is carefully weighed by the proud do so if he waits a little longer, and couple of pounds for good measure, the government and the parliament after which the entire family will begin to hunt around for a name that will satisfy everybody until the baby gets big enough to realize what has

Under our present mode of government the baby is not consulted about its name, but is obliged to ain gave all the departmental heads accept any combination of letters which will keep an old maid aunt in good humor. Sometimes the baby is named after an ancestor who military service. How many officials was an advocate of simplified spellare there at Ottawa who should be ing, and is thus given a short, jerky shouldering the musket at the front? cognomen which follows it down to old age. Then also it is quite popular to hunt through the Bible for the correct spelling of Jereboam, and after this is determined the child is riveted to it and compelled to go

One of the greatest pleasures in to leave a farm covered with ripen ife is to be presented with a set of ing alfalfa and red pigs. by the parents.

fifths of the son's mail and get a for what we received.

Naming the baby is a delicate letter when it has the proper caroperation which requires more tact buretor adjustment. In the case of and finesse than discussing the a girl baby it is always better to European war with a total stranger pick out a name that has been worn



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tive who is looking for a good place

some name which has not been tried If the baby is a boy, the mother on any other of the children. Benther is able to handle about four- teaches us to forgive our parents

Rippling Rhymes

KNOWING THE WORST



Every morning John, the granger, looked with sadness on his corn, for it was in deadly danger, by the hot winds seared and torn. Through the weary weeks he'd tilled it-only nightfall made him stop hoping by his toil to build it, into something like a crop. It was perishing for water, and the heavens leaked no more; every day was fiercer, hotter, than the day that went before. And it seemed to John the granger, as he watched his corn crop go, that henceforth he'd be a stranger to all things but grief and woe. But when once suspense was ended, and he knew the crop was gone, "Next year's crop may well be splendid, and I'll bank on that," said John. "Two bad years don't come together—that would be too flerce, gadzooks! 'So next year we'll have such weather as we read about in books." Thus the buoyant, to earn some years ago. It is not re- law in the most deliberate way. The hopeful mortal rises when the worst is known, to surprise you with a

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