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THE WEIGHT OF BREAD.

The London Board of Trade has passed a resolution with regard to the inspection of weight of bread.

The inspector appointed by the city has the power to stop a bread cart at any point, or upon any street, and hold it while he tests the weight of the bread within.

The London bakers have a theory that is winning favor. They ask that all inspections be made at the bakeries.

Of course it is the legislature that amends the law, and the proposal is bound to make a furor.

Alderman Newman, having enjoyed the privileges of the Duke of Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, says Kingston must erect a hostelry which will attract the people to the city and keep them in it as long as possible.

THE SCHOOL; THE HEALTH.

The Brantford Expositor comments upon a feature of St. Thomas' educational system. A recommendation has been made that minor operations for adenoids, polypos, enlarged tonsils, etc., be made at the public expense.

"There is a close connection," says the Expositor, "between the above and similar troubles, and the dullness of children, and very simple operations can usually perform perfect cures.

The St. Thomas School Board is decidedly in advance of other boards. Kingston has a medical nurse, and she reports everything which she notices and which she thinks should be attended to by the family physicians.

The Whig thought the school trustees were somewhat ahead of the times, but that seems to be a delusion. There are some western cities that have made a success of specialties upon which the Kingston board has not yet experimented to any extent.

Cannot the government regulate the cold storage which is subsidized? Are not these cold storage plants, as a matter of fact, responsible for the higher cost of living?

TALK OF COALITION.

No one could present the theme of a coalition government in stronger terms than the St. Catharines Standard. It is conservative, and the persistency with which it has expressed its views seems to have been justified by circumstances.

There is objection to a coalition by some conservatives and of the extreme type. The partisan wants no truck with the "grits" under any conditions. A national government would be strong enough to resist or repel some of the acts to which a party government is inclined, and one can imagine what that means to the advocate of the spoils system.

The extension of the term of parliament will not help the government as it stands. The extension would simply be the prolongation of its agony. Change of government is not desired by some during the war.

It took five months for a large shipment of eggs to cross two or three states and reach New York. Meanwhile they had long rests in cold storage while the speculators boomed the cost from 24c per dozen to 45c per dozen.

RUMANIA TO SUFFER.

The removal of the Royal household and seat of government from Bucharest indicates the increased danger of the German invasion, through the junction of Von Mackensen's and Von Falkenhayn's armies.

The correspondent of the London Chronicle, with the Russian army, expresses his surprise with recent events. Russia had only one division in the Dobrudja. She was not expecting any trouble in the "corridor," though it was understood to be the route marked out for the travel of the Russians later towards Constantinople.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Nearly two hundred men will apply to the court in Kitchener on Dec. 12th for naturalization papers. There is something afoot. What is it? Do the foreigners presume to rule as electors?

Recruiting is practically standing still. When one is impolitic enough to let wages influence him the cause suffers. The man who would rather, to use his own words, "make shells at \$3.50 per day, than shoot them at \$1.10 per day," is not likely, unless

THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT AND ITS OLD RUT

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PUBLIC OPINION

Can't They, Indeed? (Montreal News) Irish-Americans have been collecting funds for Canadian soldiers in Ireland. Can't they leave poor Ireland alone?

A Poor Time. (Ottawa Free Press) Why have they got to raise cigar prices just when municipal candidates are preparing to sacrifice themselves for the dear old public?

Same Old Thirst. (Ottawa Free Press) Ontario people are doing some amusing things in their effort to get over the temperance laws. Prohibitory legislation, evidently, has no effect on the thirst.

Sacrificing Little. (London Advertiser) The hotels in Old London will curtail the Christmas dinner. Many things remind Canadians how little we feel the pinch of war, thanks to the sailors and the fleet.

The Meaner Treason. (Montreal Star) Which is the baser, the meaner treason, that which betrays information to the enemy in war time, or that which, through manipulation of the market, makes blood money out of the food of the poor?

Have Experiences. (Hamilton Spectator) What with a six-hour day of labor, and entertainments and games indoors and out, residents of Sing Sing, New York, have an existence that many honest men outside need never hope to experience.

The Drawing Card. (Quebec Mercury) Recruiters in the rural districts report that many of the young men are going to munition plants, and that in this way they are robbed of many recruits. Of course, it's a better job making shells at \$3.50 a day than firing them at \$1.10 a day.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

C. McConville, guard for many years, has been appointed a keeper at the penitentiary. Principal Grant addressed the members of St. Andrew's Society in Chalmers church.

The water-bow Cataract bridge and in the Wolfe Island Canal was frozen over today.

Random Reels

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There will be questions asked and there will be discussion when the proposal for extension is made at the next session of Parliament.

But it will not be allowed just to keep in the old rut and obtain permission to remain in that rut for another year from October, 1917. It must take notice of the popular dissatisfaction and adopt measures which will reassure the public and regain the confidence which has been lost.

HOW SIR SAM HUGHES SAW KING GEORGE?

Earl in Westminster Gazette. Sir Sam Hughes, whose big grumble with which, happily, few of the many Canadians who are with us now seem to agree—has been followed by his resignation, has done good service for Canada in his own way; but Canada seems to have no inclination to take him at his own valuation on that account.

"Sir Sam Hughes' whole life," the same candid critic tells us, "has been a protest against common authority. What he is he wants as many people as possible to know, on the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number. Since ever he was a fourteen-year-old lad, volunteering in the Fenian Raid of 1866, he has been in the business of obstreperous self-advertisement."

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