Some Ottawa Glimpses

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Party System vs. Coalition.

ition talk which panic stricken Con- ions to ignore the suggestion. things-namely a government that tion while the Government was on genius of the Anglo-Saxon race finds | which he might use if necessary. its most convenient expression in the party debate,

Paper shoes, battle chargers with the heaves, the fuse contracts. the Bertram Shell Committee, Colonel ment's guilty stains.

The common sense of Canadians all over the country favors the idea to get up-which in the Borden Government's case is October, 1917. or as soon before as they may find convenient. It is worth remember- ago. Everybody knows who will win party government as the remedy. ing right here that the Borden gov- the war now-though it will be a ernment may find it convenient to work of time. Confidence has been ly was in England-its closeness to go to the country before next Octo- restored and business is going ahead | the war, the imminence of the danber, when its extension expires, as usual. Moreover-the people ger. On the other hand, Canada is Those who heard the debate in the have grown used to war-time elec- three thousand miles of blue water House of Commons on parliamentary tions, there having been five already away from the struggle, which extension will recollect that Sir Wil- since the war started, Nova Scotia, should be far enough off to insure frid Laurier gave Sir Robert Borden | Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Mani- | clear thinking and both parties are two opportunities to declare that toba, and British Columbia-and the united to do anything that will win there would be no election during chances are that they would not ob- the war. There is no necessity for a shrink and some others never find the extended period, and that Sir | ject to another, especially if it threw | coalition to placate the ruffled feel- out how small they really are.

Ottawa, December 16 .- The coal- | Robert Borden chose on both occas servatives were indulging in a fort- did not give a direct answer, for that night ago seems to have ebbed. The matter, even a tacit promise. He alstout hearts in both parties have ap- 'lowed the country at large to believe parently decided that it is better to that his honor was so staunch that stick to the good old way of doing he woundn't think of having an electakes responsibility and an Opposi- parole, so to speak, but, at the same tion free to criticize briskly. The time, he had mental reservations

These mental reservations are now tion thereon. A better method of "If early in the year 1917 the Op- prompt decision that was expected of would make of it. thoroughly winnowing a question position does not agree to a further it. Every month has seen a new face, has yet to be discovered than the extension which will carry us over perhaps two new faces or more in It is quite true that the Borden perhaps long before, the war will be mors of resignation are the order of government does not line up to its over, then we shall have to go to the day. Half the time, according to plant that obtains power from the measure of responsibility-it the country, and the Opposition will its critics, the government totters a considerable be guilty of bringing on a war-time and the other half potters. This is of responsibility among election." Thus does sophistry weave probably overdrawing it, but it in- 000,000 by the end of this century Royal Commissions-but its veil of deceit around the fact that dicates the British frame of mind if it maintains its present rate of ter the Commissions are subtracted. its own doom while at the same bungle at Antwerp, the disaster in damp weather the streets of San

John Wesley Allison, W. F. Garland, sible for a war-time election except one way, and the Liberals, who M.P., Arthur DeWitt Foster, M.P., the Borden Government, which is- would save the citizen army for an-Camp Borden, Sam Hughes, a forty sues the writs. It is a responsibility other election, pulling another. per cent. tariff, an abbreviated Brit- which it was not particularly anxious ish Preference, the high cost of liv- to avoid in the fall of 1914, when sight of a new political party-young there is authentic record was patenting, due largely to its friends, the Mr. Rogers was yammering for the blood and the democracy-and a ed in England in 1755, eighty-one food monopolizers, and many other verdict of the people. He was not general election that wil put the old years before the first American mathings too numerous to mention. The the only cabinet minister who was stagers out. The coalition govern- chine Borden Government does well to fol- yammering at that time. They were ment would never have lasted as low the good old British custom of all keen on getting a snap verdict long as it has if Premier Asquith had chief scavenger of the land of Phartaking the full blame for its crimes that would put them out of the peo- not been at the head of it, an imperi- oah. and not trying to share it with the ple's reach for five years, and the ous harmonizer, a trained placater Liberals. It is rather late in the thing that prevented them was not with a large experience of driving ion in the United States is said to day to think of immunity baths. It the fine scruples they posed as pos- wild horses for some seven years. In amount to 4 cents per capita anwould take more than a coalition sessing, but a gentle, albeit firm, in- short, Premier Asquith has succeed- nually. to wash out the Borden Govern- timation from the financial institu- ed in keeping a coalition government tions of Canada that they fould use together for no other reason than their vote and influence against the that he was a seasoned coalitioner Borden government if it attempted long before the war started. One that when a Government makes its an election at a time when every- needs to have practice to do what bed it should lie in it until it is time body was in a blue funk and the Premier Asquith has done. And business of the country had the even at that the coalition experiment

That feeling has disappeared long men are looking again to strong

thinking much about coalition just help to manage. Over here rich and now. Those who have spoken for it poor, we all do our bit and say not a may be divided broadly into three word about it. If the government classes-disinterested altruists who fails to make good, so much worse make the mistake that a coalition is for Government. We are far enough doubly wise, embittered persons who away from shot and shell to change were not able to do what they liked the Government without feeling the with one party and would conse- jar.

to October, 1918, by which time and the Cabinet. Resignations and rucoalition is something to postpone coalition may be mentioned—the time it defers the bright prospects of Gallopoli, the vaciliating policy tcward Greece. The Tories, who don't Of course nobody will be respon- mind the voters being shot, pulling

> As a matter of fact England is in is in sight of failure—and English-

Excuse for coalition there certain-

an incompetent government out and ings of a privileged class, like the English aristocracy, which objected At all events the people are not to paying for a war that they didn't

schemers who would besmirch the the Sledge Hammer is what they call the companies who are making mil Liberal party with the Borden gov- him-is not able to make his coali- lions out of contracts for war supernment's lurid past and its still tion toe the mark what success do plies. Is it not enough that we are more lurid future. None of these you think Premier Borden would giving the best blood of our dear ones people deserve any sympathy except have at a similiar job? Premier Bor- without having to give our last dollar the disinterested altruists who really den who, as Sir Sam has revealed, for the necessities of life. In order think that coalitions are a good can't keep a Cabinet all of one party to keep pouring it into the coffers complexion from gouging each of our multi-millionaries packing The advisability of coalitions is a other's eyes out! There have been house companies for instance, moot question. What has happened three coalitions in the history of Government passes a measure in England since the war started is Confederation, the coalition Caoinet hibiting dressed meats from coming far from proving that coalitions are clergy reserves, the coalition to carry from one Province to another withall that they are cracked up to be. Confederation, the coalition cabinet out the Government stamp. Somebody-I think it was Sir John that put the machinery of Confedera- - to protect the packing house. willison, said-that government by tion into operation-and Sir John stock must come alive, be killed by coalition in England has been a gov- Macdonald was in all of them. the packing houses and sold by the ernment by crises. It is a good say- Smooth and skilful compromiser, as packing houses, with all the extra ing and worthy of all acceptation. It he was, jolly, good fellow and busy packing house expenses and profits is almost good enough to have been | mixer, Sir John Macdonald found said by Lord Northcliffe as by Sir that coalitions were the devil's own sumer. John-it sound like him. The Bri- job. Get Sir Joseph Pope's life of tish coalition government has de- him, read Sir John's remarks on party system both for the solution of being employed, and rather cleverly, veloped neither the wisdom, the coalitions and then ask yourself intricate problems and prompt ac- in an argument something like this: strength, the courage nor the what kind of fish Premier Borden to market to be sold in open com-

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Odd and Interesting Facts. Hamburg has an experimental

ebb and flow of North Sea tides. Russia's population will be 600,-

To prevent skidding and slipping Francisco are sanded by a machine mounted on a motor truck. The net investment of the United

States reclamation service at the beganning of the present fiscal year was approximately \$100,000,000. The first sewing machine of which

The Egyptian vulture was the

New Fur Tams.

New fur tams which the wholesale fur people are showing suggest the four-and-twenty blackbirds baked into a pie of the nursery rhyme. They are in the stage of when the pie was opened the birds began to sing. In the centre of the top of each fur tam are set a number of little ermine tails, the black tips, like heads, standing out in all directions. The tams are of moleskin, some with a white head band; beaver; and of mixed furs, but all with the little ermine tails.

Letters To The Editor

The High Cost of Living and the Remedy."

Kingston, Dec. 15. (To the Ed tor): The Government and the City quently bedevil both, and wily Moreover, if Premier Asquith- are both playing into the hands of

attached before it reaches the con-

Let us get back, at least until af-ter the war, to the old times, and allow everyone to ship their goods to market to be sold in open competition. We have our City Inspectors to look after the interest of the consumer. How long will the public be buncoed with the Ad. "Our goods are all Government stamped" etc. etc. Why don't they tell the public that they are paying from 3 to 5 cents per lb., extra for the stamp. How did we live before we had the Government stamp? Our children had enough to eat then of good wholesome food, better than it is now, as it was killed at the barn door in its prime, whereas now it is brought hundreds of miles in cars full of fever, penned up three or four days after landing before being slaughtered, with all the consequental expenses having to be added to the cost to the consumer.

Let the public wake up, and dictate to their servants, the City Fathers and the members of Parliament, that they wish to have something to say on these questionsvital questions surely. Today they are agitating to still further strangle the public by having a law passed that no stocks shall be allowed to come to the city except alive to be killed at the abattoirs. How long will the public stand for such daylight robbery: surely not long after getting the key to the problem. The retail butchers are being squeezed to death by these same interests, while the public have been blaming them for charging such prices; half of them are not making ends meet but hoping against hope that something will be done to relieve the pressure. Success in the past, however, has so strengthened the nerve of the big interests as to demand still more. Surely they are overstepping the mark now. FAIR PLAY

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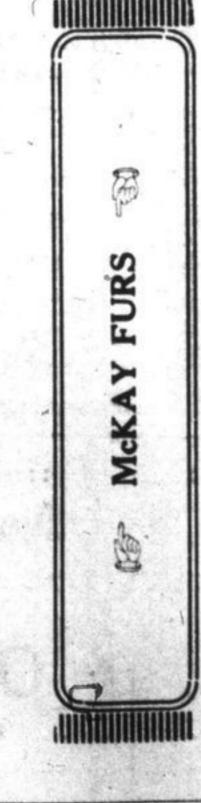
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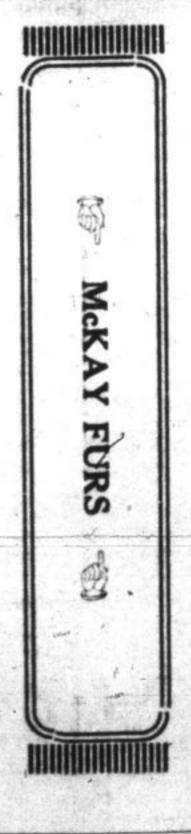




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