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NATIONAL V. MILITARY SERVICE. Service Commission is having its difficulties and that they are not so easily should know where every candidate solved. The trip of the premier and the chairman of the commission across the continent, and the meetings they addressed at various points, in old English fashion, the electors conjunction with representative men. had one very desirable effect. They stirred up the public interest in the wave of enthusiasm that will not have have a right to know who is re- game of politics seem to think that spent itself until it has swept this sonsible. For instance, with regard the game, if they keep on playing it land from ocean to ocean.

tion for industrial purposes, and it is repair of it to the Works Committee, of them who are now in the ministry hoped the work will be expeditiously The building is still under the con- and know that they would be dropped and efficiently done. Some months trol, it is assumed, of the Property out, and those in the Opposition who may elapse before the commission Committee, and it cannot shed its ac- were a national government formed of will have a complete record of the countability in any mysterious way. the best men, regardless of politics, to man-power of Canada, for that is the Again, the Works Committee can- be found in the country. Nobody aim the commission has in view. It not escape criticism for the manner need, therefore, attach too much imis not a recruiting method, save, and in which its business is being done. from sections of both parties at Ot- representative of the Canadian Pawho are available for industrial pur- over expenditure with regard to efficient government during the per- bers of the Canadian Club at the poses, and who are indispensible which he was not consulted. The iod of the war. should conscription follow, as it may, members of the committee may feel White has been mentioned as that of would be more than two years bein order that Canada may contribute that they were not called upon to a possible leader of a national gov- fore these women would be returned her necessary quota for national de- defend a transaction with which they ernment some of the lesser men in the to Canada, Lieut, Col. Labatt, mem-

and these the officers of the Trades oning because the chairman ignored these groups is the old party fight in more than 400, the work had become and Labor Congress have now under them. What the people demand is which they all have their place. consideration. National service is an assurance that these irregularities White that his name has been men-ceiving pensions, Lieut.-Col. Labatt distinct from military service, and to will stop, and this assurance should tioned in connection with a new, effiharmonize their relations is the duty be exacted during the canvass of cient and non-partizan war adminisof the hour.

Dr. Richardson has been a working mayor. He has given the public business his daily attention. He has neglected no public duty. He deserves recognition, and it can best be shown in his re-election.

THE WAR; ITS DEMANDS.

The one clear thought that rises out of the mass of written language during the last few days is this: That Germany is not looking for or expecting peace; that she is calling out every available youth or man; diplomats have been talking about or at the front? peace, she has been planning upon a campaign of prodigious proportions.

This campaign may be launched before the new and more aggressive campaign of the allies, though it is hardly possible. The allies have become accustomed to the ruses of the distinguished endorsement of President Wilson.

It is this new and somewhat alarming rumor that makes the allies the more certain of their action that justifies the change of government and change of policy in Britain. that calls for new and energetic action upon the part of every Canadian who is interested in the war. The Canadian Parliament will meet presently. Its programme is said to have been fairly considered. If it does not include the subjugation of everything to the emergencies of war -if the members do not, regardless of party, insist that it be converted in to a war conference, and with consideration only for ways and means for the conquest of the enemy

-the people will be disappointed. The militia department has begun some economies in connection with its plans. It is getting the name, title, pay and occupation of every man and woman in the service of the King, is clearing the way for more practical and less political accomplishments and it may need behind it the annual event. On about every a government which will stand for corner could be found men under the and other rigging, and gladly, gladly would I pay, if that would end the constant digging. and for no "soldiering" in any but a An aching tooth is one of the

government to this end, as in England, may have to be changed or reconstructed. But what is the government or any parliament to the needs of the hour,

Ald. Hughes attended only half the meetings which the finance committee held during the year. Is that the best he could do? Is that the way the electors of the city want their business attended to?

ALDERMANIC CONTESTS.

Saturday evening saw many re- Next! tirements from the aldermanic elections, and in three of the wards there were acclamations. In only one electoral division-Victoria-were the old members elected, and they are to be congratulated. Their choice by unanimous consent is to be taken as an expression of confidence, and it must be very much appreciated. In Published Daily and Semi-Weekly by must be very much appreciated. In seats in the council, Dr. Bell and W. Of J. Hooper, and they, with Ald. White, have assumed a large responsibility in representing the business division of the city. May they be equal to it. In Ontario Ward the old members, find it rather difficult to look at a Col. Kent, the veteran, and Ald. O'Connor, will have as a colleague Dr. Boyce, and he will no doubt value to the fullest the guidance they lern princess by arrangement after will offer to him.

In four wards there are to be the keenest contests, Frontenac, Rideau, Sydenham and Cataraqui, and in all the electors have what they usually desire, namely, the opportunity for a choice The want in Kingston, before voting day, is a vigorous disfect the city and its interests. Every man who aspires to represent the There is evidence that the National city should have a programme and the chance to present it. The public stands on public issues. In the absence of meetings, at which the candidates can be heckled, in the good the things that are talked of.

issues of the war. They started a the city business, and the people Following this comes the registra- Committee handed over the use and tion of a national government—those

this week.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

most noise in the council that is the

Toronto has elected Mayor Church for a third term. Mayor Richardson deserves a escond term, and will sure

Ald. Hughes would tax the rich man according to his riches. How would he do it? It is a problem that needs elucidation.

The premiers of Britain and Canthat she is increasing her influence ada have promised the last man for among her allies, and that while her military service. Where? At home

> The idea of assessing the big house according to its size or worth cannot who had slept in an Upper Berth company provides a neat ladder with be carried out. Ald. Hughes will dis- once would sit up in the chair car infirm legs, and it is an inspiring cover this when he begins to investi-

Some officers have been parading Germans, and have properly estim- around Kingston for months. When ated the last one, though it had the are they going to the front? Cannot the invalided attend to all the local

> The Toronto Star does not believe that Canada can rise to the position it ought to occupy in the war until it has a national government and a purely night, he will be inclined to look is worth it. national and new political policy.

The city is now using hydro power, but it is from the Kingston Mills' fall. Between 600 and 700 horse power. More than enough to carry the day load of the power department.

25 YEARS ACO

Curling this year appears to confined to the ladies. Convicts at the "pen" had a festive time to-day. Besides the great dinner every prisoner had a box of Christmas cheer from friends:

The streets presented a singular appearance last night. The only per-sons visible were men who seemed to take great delight in celebrating

patriotic and progressive sense. The things that never jump for joy.

Bribery in the East.

(Montreal Gazette) two-dollar bill once sufficed to bribe the dishonest elector and to the "telegrapher" to work. But that was in the East.

All Coming In.

(Brantford Expositor) The Toronto World and the Mail and Empire announce that they will accept no more liquor advertising.

A New Version.

(Brantford Courier) Will you walk into my parlor said the Hun with aspect sly. much,", replied the Allies as they winked the other eye.

The Suffering Belgians.

There are 2,575,000 Belgian dren whom, the Germans still hold captive and oppressed in Belgium. these, no less than 1,845,000 are under 12 years of age. Think of them on Christmas Day.

Bar on Princesses.

In a few years a European cat will king. Few of the royal houses will be anxious for intermarriage after this war. Who could think of a British prince marrying a Hohenzol-

What Can They Do?

(Montreal Herald) United States Government

DEMAND FOR NATION-AL GOVERNMENT

The reception accorded fervid appeals makes it quite evident that should not hesitate to ask them about there is a disposition in both political parties at Ottawa to resist the wave of There is a lot of looseness about sentiment sweeping over the country in favor of a coalition or national government. Those near the top in the to the machinery hall. The Property will go in their favor. The leaders in know that they would not be let in

tration. It is not his fault, he has done nothing to encourage it. But it and strongly governed in this period, lter each

THE UPPER BERTH.

bows and clothes.

when somehow and from somewhere must come the leadership that will lift this country out of its state of indifference to the tremendous issues hat confront it on every side.

WASTE IS MUCH **WORSE THAN WAR**

"If the war ends one year from the first of next March England will have an annual budget of \$1,200,000,000; Germany will have one of \$1,300, 000,000: Austria-Hungary will have one of \$1,400,000,000; Russia, with a budget always heretofore the largest in the world, will have one of \$1,000,-000,000. I wonder if gentlemen who compose this body realize that in that year-the fiscal year of 1918-the expenses of this Government, and we have been in no war, will be \$1,650,-000,000, the largest budget in the world, a larger budget than any nation in the world has ever been com-

KING SENDS GREETINGS TO HIS FIGHTING MEN

Also a Message of Cheer and Sympathy to Sick and Wounded.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The following. messages have been received from his Majesty the King by the Governor-General, to be communicated to soldiers and sailors:

"London, December 23. "I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christhave been supplied with the names mas and the New Year. My grateful the seventeen Americans who thoughts are ever with you, for vicwere slaughtered by a German sub- tories gained, for hardships endured, marine in the Mediterranean last and for your unfailing cheeriness. Thursday. The awkward question Another Christmas has come around cussion of the questions which af- now arises, what are they going to and we are still at war. But the Empire, confident in you, remains determined to win. May God bless and

"George R.I." Also the following cable to the sick and wounded:

"At this Christmastide the Queen and I are thinking more than ever of the sick and wounded among my sailors and soldiers. From our hearts we wish them strength to bear their sufferings, speedy restoration to health, a peaceful Christmas, and many happier years to come. "George, R.I."

BIG PENSION LIST IN CANADA BY 1918

Hamilton Canadian Club Hears Address by Members of Government Board.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.-That there were 30,000 Canadian women relatives of the soldiers of the Dominion, in England, was the assertion of Royal Connaught. The speaker ad-Because the name of Hon. W. T. ded that, if war ended to-morrow, it had nothing to do. But they are Borden Covernment are out to puife ber of the Pension Board, also spoke members of the committee all the him, and similar men in the Opposi- briefly, telling of the work of this There are some phases of the ser- members of the committee all the tion party have knives out for hom as department. From a staff of fortyvice which call for close examination, same, and they cannot escape a reck- well because what they want-both of eight there had been an increase to so heavy. By 1918, more than 40, It is not the fault of Hon. W. T. 000 Canadian soldiers would be re-

> A Vancouver syndicate has let a is to his credit that earnest and sin- contract for building three eightcere men of all parties begin to look thousand eight hundred-ton vessels It is not the fellow who makes the to him as one who would naturally with a local shipbuilding company. desire to see this country efficiently They will cost a million and a quar-

> > into the life beyond and change his

mode of living. Some of the most

It is a very simple matter to ge

the occupant has to slide out back-

The Upper Berth is a small, cosy religious men we have ever known,

The inventor of the sleeping-car into an Upper Berth, requiring no

had a bright, thoughtful intellect, more exertion than it takes to climb

and he arranged it so that a man into a top deck of a windmill. The

on the next trip, with both shoes sight to see a short, stout male pas-

is why we see so many vacant, emitting a painful grunt at every

neglected Upper Berths, filled with hoist. The ladder is then taken

nothing but wearing apparel and away and lost, so that in the morning

The Upper Berth is situated just wards and plunge a pair of agitated

under the roof of the car, where the feet into the lower berth. This is

lect in one spot and bathe the bought a lower berth for the use of

of perspiration. After a traveler Perhaps the best thing to be said

has ridden across the country in an about the Upper berth is that it

Upper Berth, on a parbolled August costs less than the lower berth and

Rippling Rhymes

TAX PAYING

ed lacs from my strongbox I must be shelling. And

lector ftches, with hats in hand men still will com

to touch me for my meagre riches. This slogan is for-

ever called, "Dig up! Dig up! We need your money,

to build a refuge for the bald, and buy old spinsters

getting that they loafed all summer; dig up to help

the Country Club pay off the carpenter and plumber.

Dig up, dig up, the village waits, to see you fill the

park with benches; dig up, to purchase roller skates

for soldiers in the foreign trenches. Dig up, to buy

the heathen clothes, and saddles for their alligators;

dig up, to buy the Eskimos some up-to-date refrigera-

Marian Marian

when I've paid the goodly sum for which the tax col-

sleeper in a warm, glittering coat their own feet.

heat from the steam pipes can col- very annoying to people who have

spread carelessly by his side. This senger hoisting himself upward and

bedroom which will hold everything were those who had this experience

the occupant has except his feet, el- and turned over a new leaf.

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MARRIED

BABCOCK-GRIFFIN—At Napanee on Charles Babcock, all of Napanee. HOLAMAN-NOAH-At Toronto, Nov. 19th, Miss Mabel Noah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noah, Hallowell, to William A. Holahan.

JINKS-MARVIN-At Picton on Dec 19th, Miss Verna Marvin to Wil mot A. Jinks, both of Hillier.

MORDEN-VANCOTT — At Picton or
Dec. 20th, Miss Gladys Vancott to
Thomas Morden, both of Aflison-

TRIPP-DOXSEE-In Sophiasburg, Dec. 6th, Frances E., daughter of J. L. Doxsee to Arthur E. Tripp, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tripp, Hallowell.

BENHAM-In Hallowell on Dec. 16th John Benham, aged 26 years. HENT-In Sophiasburg, Dec. 17th, John Hunt, quite suddenly. KEECH-At Hay Bay, on Dec. 20th

Harvey Keech, aged ninety-one LEAVITT—In Athol on Dec. 16th Hoses Leavitt; aged 74 years. Dec. 16th, D. R. Ostrander, aged 67 SCOTT-At Gilbert's Mills on Dec. 19th, Alexander Jas. Scott, aged 67 years

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