

Some Ottawa Glimpses

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The Ross Rifle in Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—So many of our brave soldiers have died because of the defects in the Ross rifle that it was appropriate that the dying hours of the recent session of Parliament should be taken up with a debate on this important subject.

The facts about the Ross rifle are in need of careful treatment, so that the public mind will harbor no confusion in regard to such a vital matter. The fundamental fact to bear in mind is that the Ross rifle Mark Three, with which our soldiers were provided in this war, is the Borden Government's own child.

Government was "bound" only so far as it wanted to be bound. It could slip its bonds any day with the consent of all parties concerned.

Well, presumably because Sir Sam Hughes was Minister of Militia, and he stood or fell by the Ross rifle. Just here it is worth remarking that he did stand and fall by it—he left the Government just about the time the Ross rifle Mark Three was definitely discarded as the weapon of the Canadian soldiers in the field.

our soldiers when they kept loading them up with the Ross rifle a full year after it had been proved defective. But this is not the limit. The Ross Rifle Mark Three is no longer in use as an active service weapon.



THE NEW COAT OF ARMS FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK TORY PARTY.

Letters to the Editor

Farmer's Wife on Hotel Accommodation.

Inverary, Feb. 17.—(To the Editor): While looking over the columns of your paper I noticed a couple of articles written by two or three hotel-keepers of Inverary. Both of these articles appear to be directed against farmer's wives more particularly.

The last time I visited Kingston I drove my horse into one of the leading hotel yards, asked the hostler to put him in and feed him hay and oats. I went into the house and found no fire in the sitting room.

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friends, who unfortunately happened to drop in. There were three of us. We paid fifty cents a piece and then asked if we might have the use of some parts of their hotel. They simply told us the doors were locked.

This is the treatment that is accorded to us not only myself but numerous others, both men and women whom I have heard talking. Can you blame us for turning down the hotels and going to the Chinese or other restaurants? There every person is treated the same.

My husband, who for thirty years frequented the Windsor hotel always had his dinner and paid his way until it closed its doors, drove into another hotel yard, was met by the hostler and asked if he was a customer.

At his late home in Hungerford, two miles east of Thomasburg, Edward Wilson departed this life on Thursday last at the age of sixty-one years.

Arthur Murphy has sold his farm, lot 18 in 1st concession of Sheffield.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The 1918 Steel Orders are Announced in New York.

New York, Feb. 19.—Great activity is evident in all branches of the steel industry, but many of the plants are still embarrassed by the deranged transportation system.

Aid Granted Railway.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The statement of financial aid granted and paid to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., and branch lines, owned, controlled, and operated by the Grand Trunk as a part of its system, by the Dominion Government, Provincial Governments and municipalities since the organization of the Grand Trunk up till June 30th, 1916, totals nearly \$11,000,000, according to figures published by the Department of Railways and Canals.

Steel Foundry Dividend.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The directors of the Dominion Steel Foundries have declared an additional dividend of 5 per cent. on the common stock, bringing the total for the year to date to 25 per cent.

Commercial Notes.

A. F. Mackintosh, of J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Halifax, was elected a member of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

John A. Spoor has been elected to succeed Governor Frank O. Ludlow, resigned as a director of the Pullman Company.

The United Cigar Stores for the year ending Dec. 31st, shows earnings of 5.32 per cent. against 6.20 per cent. in 1916, after the preferred dividend.

Sir William Mackenzie, the Hon. Frederic Nicholls, Sir Henry M. Pelletier, C.V.O., E. R. Wood, all of Toronto, Sir Rodolphe Forget and George H. Smithers, Montreal, and F. W. Ross, Quebec are the directors of the Toronto Street Railway Co.

American steel mills are being overwhelmed by a flood of foreign inquiries for rolled steel products. Since the first of February inquiries for 750,000 tons have been added to the tonnage pending one week ago.

The sum of \$10,000,000 is to be invested in motor car plants in Great Britain by the Ford Motor Company, according to plans that have been under way for some time.

CONDEMNED BY BUDAPEST PAPERS

One Organ Demands That Count Von Reventlow Be Placed Under Restraint.

Berne, Feb. 20.—Three Budapest newspapers condemn submarine warfare. The Pesti-Naplo attacks Count Von Reventlow as the principal exponent of submarine warfare and demands that he be placed in restraint.

Brazil Warns Germany.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A wireless despatch received here from Berne, Switzerland, says the Brazilian Minister at Berlin, by order of his Government, has warned Germany that Brazil will hold her responsible for the fate of three Brazilian vessels approaching the war zone.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Of William Moss While Extinguishing Fire in His House. Maberly, Feb. 19.—William Moss, a farmer residing about four miles from Maberly, had a very narrow escape from death on Friday. Mr. Moss has been a sufferer from rheumatism and is practically a cripple from the disease.

Advertisement for STANDARD BANK OF CANADA. Text includes: 'STANDARD BANK OF CANADA HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO', 'Your surplus earnings in our Savings Department earn interest at current rate.', 'KINGSTON BRANCH, H. E. Richardson, Manager'.

EDUCATION IS CHANGED BY WAR

The Great Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Shrink to Shadows.

TEACHERS JOIN THE ARMY

25,000 PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS GO TO THE FRONT.

More Women Teachers—Changes in Studies—Geography of Countries at War Greatly Stimulated.

London, Feb. 19.—War has laid a heavy hand on education in Europe, and its effects are felt here not only in the complete derangement of the present educational system, but in the prospect of far-reaching changes after the war.

The present effect of the war on education is shown in the reduction of the great universities of Oxford and Cambridge to mere shadows in the extensive universities and technical schools throughout the country.

The public schools have been similarly affected, particularly in the teaching staffs, about 25,000 school teachers having been taken from the regular establishments to join the army.

Change in Studies.

Even the courses of study are materially changed to a war basis. In one locality there are courses on the western front, the eastern front, the Balkans, the war in the air and naval operations.

At the great universities, however, that the greatest change has occurred. At Oxford, which is a university grouping of 23 schools, Balliol has furnished 95 courses on the war.

Advertisement for Grape-Nuts. Text includes: 'Grape-Nuts King of Breakfast Foods "There's a Reason"', 'Has wonderful nourishing value in these days of high cost of living', 'A flavor - sweet and nut-like, that appeals to every taste'.

Advertisement for Peps. Text includes: 'What are Peps are the new treatment for coughs, colds and lung troubles.', 'Peps are the new treatment for coughs, colds and lung troubles. They are little tablets made from Pine extracts and medicinal essences.', 'Refusal to Admit Overseas Pressmen to Parliament. London, Feb. 20.—The refusal to admit press correspondents to the press gallery at the opening of Parliament, which evoked protests from the London representatives in letters to the Morning Post, is the subject of an editorial in the Post. Under the caption, "Who is to Blame?" the Post, which is essentially a Conservative organ, speaks of the matter as a serious and quite avoidable blunder, adding that inadvertence cannot be pleaded in the face of the representations made by the Canadian High Commissioner. The Post believes that the slight was deliberate and against the service of the Empire.'.