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chewan there is to be an election in the near future, in June or July. When it takes place it is provided, by an act, that the soldiers who represent the province in the war shall have the right to nominate and elect three of their number for seats in the legislature.

No one saw any impropriety in the proceeding for a time. But after the legislature had been prorogued, or dissolved, a conservative and a partisan, of course, discovered that the soldiers were being discriminated against, that they would not be properly represented in the house, during their absence, while the foreigners, (the Austrians and Germans, who, are strong in the province), would be over-represented.

Clearly there is an attempt to create a racial war in Canada, in the interests of the Borden Government. The feud will be experienced if the emissaries of that government have their way. But will the government play into their hands and attempt that which is so clearly against common sense and prudence, the disfranchisement of all these naturalized subjects? We trow not. It is a desperate game, projected by desperate men, and it may be that in the proposal, whatever becomes of it, they may get more than they want.

DEBTS OF HONOR. It is not pleasant to learn that some fifty subscribers to the local Patriotic fund in 1914 have not yet paid their subscriptions and that it may be necessary to prosecute them in the division court to compel payment.

THE CRISIS IS ON. The Canadian forces are repeating at Vimy ridge the feats of their comrades in the Ypres salient, and under conditions which command our highest admiration. Men who have not yet enlisted, who have withstood thus far the appeals of their fellows, some of them returned from the front, bearing upon their persons the smoke of battle, cannot read the story of Canadian chivalry and Canadian conquests and be unmoved.

There were so many applicants for marriage licenses in the larger cities of the United States during the few days following the declaration of war that they could not all be made out. What is the cause of all this commotion?

FAVORED HYGIENIC UNIONS. The teachers of Ontario have not been satisfied to discuss ordinary subjects at the Educational Convention which has just been held in Toronto. They listened attentively to the declarations of Drs. Clark and Conboy with regard to the danger of herding the sound children with the children of feeble minds, and they assented to the belief that a clog was being put upon the sound pupils by the presence of the feeble-minded in their classes.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The day must come when the feeble-minded will be confined in public institutions and educated there. It is not fair to others to expect them to be trained in the public schools.

That in the question of the day. It looks as if, without compulsion of some kind, it will be a long time before President Wilson can review the first million men which he calls to the colors.

In England a lad of five years has been called to the colors, in a mistake of course, and great fun has been made thereat. Is this any funnier than the notices the city of Kingston used to send out, many years ago, and to the effect that their names were to be stricken off the voters' list because they were dead.

The English papers announce that Sir Robert Borden has arranged to remain in England for some time yet, or to the end of the Imperial Conference meetings. And the Imperial Conference has not yet started upon its work. So the Canadian parliament, when it meets on the 19th, will have to get along without the premier.

Billy Sunday takes a fling at the men who are rushing to get married in the United States in order to dodge, as he supposes, conscription. Such fellows, says Billy, are slackers, and they come mighty close to being traitors. "It's a disgrace," says Sunday, "when there are more applications at the marriage license bureaus than there are at the recruiting stations."

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Market Clerk McCammon today drove a farmer with unwholesome veal, off the market today. A McMahon rode from Belleville to Kingston and returned today, on a bicycle. George Sexton and William Gilmore were nominated for the vacant councillorship of Portsmouth.

PUBLIC OPINION

Champion Pessimist. Dr. Alexis Carrel is our champion pessimist. He looks for forty-seven years more of war.

Voting Millions. Congress voted Daniels \$300,000, 000 last year and \$368,000,000 in March, 1917, for a bigger and better navy.

Change of Tactics. The farmers will be agreeably surprised by getting labor from the cities this year. In the past they have got only advice.

Pays to be Funny. Charlie Chaplin has some \$200,000 invested in the various Empire war loans. All of which goes to show that it pays to make people laugh.

Toronto's Huge Debt. This year Toronto will pay \$4,848,521 in interest on the city debt and \$4,475,007 in sinking fund. The huge total of \$9,324,128 in debt charges amounts to 16 mills on the dollar of assessment. The interest charges this year also almost as large.

Random Reels

"Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings"

THE REACTIONARY. The reactionary is a person who throws in the reverse lever and thinks he is in high gear.

Whenever the chink of civilization has tried to progress a few feet, it has always found the road blocked up by the reactionary with his chest thrown out and his mind revolving slowly in the opposite direction. When Fulton discovered the steamboat, the reactionaries of his day stood on the shore and said: "It was lucky the current was so strong. When Morse invented the telegraph the reactionaries in congress said he had compound lunacy of the cerebellum and should be put in a padded cell until his reason could sit straight up."

Rippling Rhymes

SPRING ARRIVED. I know that spring is here, for at my door appear some seven times a day, fair maids who won't go away until I've had a look at some immortal book, some great and gorgeous tome to ornament my home.

WALT MASON. I know that spring is here! I know that spring is here!

as the whole amount of taxes (apart from local improvements) levied in 1914.

Poor Time to Shirk. Three thousand fishermen on strike on the New England coast is an unfortunate development when food production is essential. It is a pity that fishing has become an organized industry.

TO THE PARTY LEADERS AT OTTAWA

The war is not over—it is not nearly over. According to Sir William Robertson and Mr. Winston Churchill, we are at the most critical stage of the war since it began. That Canada has done well admits of no question. Canada has done splendidly, but there are conditions in the country to-day that would have been better had there been more unity at Ottawa—had there been a coalition or a national Government, which would have had before it only the best way to further Canada's part in the cause of liberty, righteousness and civilization which our Empire and our Dominion have espoused, rather than thinking of what the future would have in store for them as political parties.

CANADIANS AND LAST WON HONORS

America's congratulations and felicitations to her neighbor and ally. It was the privilege and the glory of the Canadians to capture Vimy ridge, where at least 100,000 lives have been lost in battle. In the last offensive it was taken by the French and later recaptured in fighting as desperate and costly as Verdun itself has witnessed. Now progress is easier. The British and Canadians after two years of training are now superior in morale to the Germans with their forty years' of disciplined preparation.

That unruly member, the tongue, is a fight promoter.

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