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NOT A WHOLESOME LESSON. under the head of "Government choice of occupation, Telephones." Here one has a most interesting book in which the author traces the development of the telephone in Manitoba from 1880, under private management, through the Bell Company, and finally through the government commission. The Bell Company expanded at a great rate. Its interests were valued, when it sold out, at \$3,500,000.

The government promised too many things, extension of lines, lower rates, and commercial and nonpolitical management, and accomplished none of these things. made a guy of the commission which it used, first as a substitute and later as a scapegoat. Its crushing mis-it might be effective. management was lost sight of somehas incurred a loss of a million dol- cerned. lars, and this loss, will be increased until the excess value of the plant has been written off and the liabilities of the concern are very largely reduced

The lesson is obvious and Dr. Mavor emphasizes it thus: "The state must relinquish all but its necessary and obvious functions. Practically all the defects which have emerged elsewhere in the management of industries by state officials have made their appearance in the case of the Manitoba telephones." And further: "It is possible that only by repeated and costly failures, such as the Manitoba government telephones, will the public realize that the proper function of the government is not the conduct of industries but the impartial supervision of them under intelligent laws adapted to the character and conditions of the community all ranks of life, and the country."

The British troops, which include the Canadians, will blast their way through the German earthworks of ending the scandals of the present France and Belgium, But it will administration, take time and men and munitions to force a way to Berlin.

KINGSTON HARBOR WORKS, A large number of persons witnessed on Monday the formal opening of the causeway which spans the Cataraqui River. There have been is finished those who use it will ap- the Allies have reached Berlin, preciate it very much. It replaces,

As the connecting link between the city and the promontory, which fills so large a place in the military situation of Kingston, the old Cataraqui bridge saw service which was ssociated with the names of many distinguished men in the public and military life of Canada. It showed evidence of weakness occasionally, but structurally it was very secure, and repairs from time to time perpetuated its usefulness.

The causeway inaugurates a new era in connection with the harbor of Kingston. It is the part of great scheme, the fulfillment of partment with consumate ability. which, conceived many years ago, will make the harbor a national one. But for the war the dredging would have no doubt been undertaken and perhaps have been completed by this time, the great wharves would have been built, and the foundations laid for the larger elevators. It was ag- lately recruited, gravating to read that the American cities on Lake Ontario were planning

for an increased traffic which the 229 deeper Welland Canal would afford. Oswego and Charlotte, and even Ogdensburg, seemed to be ready for year, delivered in city .....\$6.00 the advantage they would gain year, if paid in advance ....\$5.00 through the inability of Canada to year, by mail to rural offices \$2.50 year, to United States ....\$2.50 undertake large expenditures during war. The Times, at all events, sug-.00 the war. But they did not count year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 upon Uncle Sam being pressed into he conflict, and this contingency may affect the national finances of

> onger lease of power it should be able to manage the war on a nonpolitical basis and in a non-partisan way. There is great truth in this.

CO-OPERATION CALLED FOR. between the city and county have not At a time when Canada is being succeeded very well. The spirit of invited to engage in railway owner- the country people has been intership one gets an insight into the preted by Peter McArthur, the wellstupendous fallure of the Manitoba known writer. He had the happy telephone system in the studies of experience of laboring in both city Dr. Mayor, of Toronto University, and county, and is now a farmer by

Mr. MoArthur attended the great mass meeting in Massey Hall, ronto, in the interest of greater production. He went to it with the idea that he would see something in the attitude of the citizens who talked agriculture that would interest him. Perhaps he would find something he could laugh at. He found, in place of that, a large concourse of people and these were addressed by men who were unmistakably in earnest They had caught the message of the hour-the warnings of a diminishing food supply and a possible scarcity It and dearth of the same-and they proffered their help, whatever it was worth, on the farm in the hope that

On the part of the citizens the dewhat in the collapse of the Roblin mand is that they realize the duty of government, and the attempt to save the hour and perform it, with regard the situation by the appointment of a to greater production. On the part single commissioner was hopeless. An of the farmer the demand is that increase of rates, a bluff at reforms, they lay aside their suspicions, that and a monopoly of the business were they treat the overtures of the citiso many unsatisfactory moves to re- zens in good part, and that they co- by the navy, under which exports cover lost ground. The general ef- operate in giving effect in any way from South Africa had proceeded as Canada will march 30,000 boys and fects of the government's plunge can they can, to the appeals of the Re- usual, notwithstanding the war. be summed up in a few words: The sources Committee. The citizens provincial obligations were doubled; cannot tell the farmers what they the expenditure on telephones repre- should do, and the citizens are not sented a very material proportion of trying to do this. They seek to emthe government's expenses; the pub- phazie the needs of the hour, and it lic interests were neglected; the ac- is all they can do. If the farmers counts were kept in a manner which will not trust them to enter into a no expert accountant could under- friendly alliance for a given purstand; up to the present the province pose so much the worse for all con-

> People of the United States are taking the Greater Production Movement most seriously. An army of two million men from the cities will assist the farmers in their spring and

CONSECRATED GROUND

It is announced that England will overseas sons who have died abroad. This is highly commendable, should be received by all the subjects of the empire with the greatest satisfaction. There is no more glorious place for the soldiers leave their bones than in the soil which has been made sacred by the house, thus making it necessary to it is a sad mistake to attempt to blood they have shed in behalf of the empire. And these sons represen all classes of the people,

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux favors an early federal election as the only way of

Some of the greatest strategists of England are said to be on the stat of Gen. Halg. They are directing

on the western side. The Canadian prophet is bidding for popularity. He says the war will of this public work, but now that it man surrender will come long before

in a very distinct and important way. The grain growers of Manitoba a bridge with a history. This repre- are said to be dissatisized because sented the enterprise of the gov- the Norris government let out a numernment and the company which ber of conservative officials. It has owned it in a special way. It served profited by the experience of the libits day and generation. It was built erals in the Dominion. A govern to endure, and if it could apeak ment that wants to succeed must

what an interesting chapter it could have the support of the officials who are in sympathy with its work.

German conspirators are hatching out new troubles in the United States. They are agitating for an uprising of their countrymen world over, especially in Canada, in retaliation for some of its restric-

tional government would direct a de-

It is estimated that one week's than ten months' service of the first

No Hurry After All. Imperial reorganization is apparently to be postponed till after the prepare the soil for the plow. gests that the Dominion ought to for-

mulate the basis of an Imperial Convention for after the war. The City's Duty Clear.

in plowing the land free of charge for to be those of Mrs. Susan Woodard, its citizens to plant. If these and who mysteriously other practical steps are immediately twenty-five years ago, were turned taken as differing local conditions de- up by a plough on the farm occupied mand, the aggregate result will be by Fred Card, about a mile and a enormous. The time has come to half southwest of Felts Mills. It quit talking and act. Every day lost was believed that Mrs. Woodard had means a smaller yield of grain, po- met foul play at the time of her distatoes and other foodstuffs next aut- appearance. Suspicion pointed to a umn. The outlook is grave for the man long since dead, but no meas-The efforts of some of our people consumer. For the farmer the pros- ures for his apprehension were ever to bring about a good understanding pect is bright. No matter when the instituted, the evidence being insufwar ands, he is sure of profitable ficient. prices for his products for several One turbulent night in the year of years come. At the best much 1892, when a thunder storm caused time will be required to re-establish all to seek shelter, Mrs. Susan Woodthe fertility of the soil of Europe and ard, a widow, aged about 30 years, get it back to a normal productive mysteriously disappeared and was hasis. Altogether aside from none- never heard from since. Her two tary returns, the people of Canada, children, a little boy and a little girl, are bound by all the considerations cried themselves to sleep that night of patriotism and civilization to ex- and the bread which she had pand the harvest of 1917 to the "sponging" in the pan was never greatest possible proportions.

## 25 YEARS AGO

with coal, and J. Hackett and gang unloading it, A. D. Reid came in from Westbrook on a bicycle, a distance seven miles, in thirty minutes.

GIFT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

In Recognition of Protection Afford ed Exports by Navy.

Cape Town, South Africa, April 17 .- At the South African party congress yesterday Hon, F. S. Malan, minister of mines, announced that the Union government has decided to grant the Imperial Government one million pounds sterling, in re- tion of "Wake Up America Day," in cognition of the protection afforded

Outdid Dantes, Says the Canadian Press Correspondent.

INFERNO OF VIMY.

Canadian Headquarters in France (via London), April 16 .- This despatch is written in the depth of a German dugout near the crest of Vimy Ridge. The battalion commander and staff, who are occupying the dugout, are snatching a few hours' sleep, after a long day of hard work upon the roads. The work of Sir Clifford Sifton is said to be this sort already done is wonderful. favoring the liberals in their attitude The battlefield, across which rails towards a general election. Sir and roads had to be constructed, was Clifford was against reciprocity, but officer said, not one blade of grass he was always a liberal and in a na- remains, and there is not a spot without either a shell-hole or a mound thrown up by the explosions. How any men lived in the trenches through the bambardment which produced these amazing results, on operations on the western front in an area of over two million square France has cost more in casualties yards, is inconceivable. Dante never imagined an inferno like it. That great numbers of the enemy were division. This suggests that if the buried in their trenches becomes eviuccess of the army is to be kept up dent as the clearing up proceeds. the Canadian forces must be immed- Many so buried were disinterred by later shells, which destroyed their

place of sepulture. To the disaster which overtook the German army here the ridge of Vimy will remain a monument of the unparalleled destruction of the hill, as convulsion of nature that changes the surface of the earth. Sneep may graze in the trenches, craters and shell-holes, but months of labor by a great army would not

BONES RECALL MYSTERY

Woman Dropped Out

Twenty-Five Years Ago. Watertown, N.Y., April 16 .- A St. Catharines is taking a wise step skull and bones of a woman believed

"set". All indications showed that she had not contemplated leaving.

RATHER WED THAN FIGUT

Young Germans in States Seek Marriage Licenses

Oyster Bay, N.Y., April 17 .- Indications that young men of Gerwan birth, parentage or descent, living in the township of Oyster Bay, are finding marriage an easy way to avoid fighting against Germany were potated out today by Charles Weeks, town clerk. He showed that four out of every five applicants for marriage licenses since the declaration of war la e been men of German descent.

"WAKE UP, AMERICA"

Lord and Lady Aberdeen to Lead

New York, April 17.-Lord and Lady Aberdeen, at the head of 2,000 British veterans and members of the British-American War Relief, will lead the main parade in the celebrathis city, April 19th. In the line behind the former Governor-General of igirls from the schools of New York.

THE TRAINED NURSE

proven that the world would be bet- loping tooth-ache and wants every ter off if sleep had never been invent- body in the block to know it. The ed. One of them is Thos. A. Edison enables a wearied wife to drop a and the other is the bright-eyed full length into a leather chair and trained nurse who can sit up all night sleep until she has a crick in the for a week and look as fresh as a neck which follows her around for plate of home-grown lettuce. Mr. several days. Edison has not used any sleep to The trained nurse is obliged speak of in his business for years, obey the doctor's orders and feed the provide private graves for all of her and his close friends and associates patient medicine and run a spirit say that when he feels any coming thermometer down his throat at rehis way he holds his head under the gular intervals. As the average pa-

a blink of any kind. There is noth- times gets it.

ing more soothing than the entrance The trained nurse is a ministering of a graduate nurse and her soft-roll angel who is hired to let other people shirt waist into a home from which sleep has been banished by an able There are two people who have bodied husband who has had the gal-

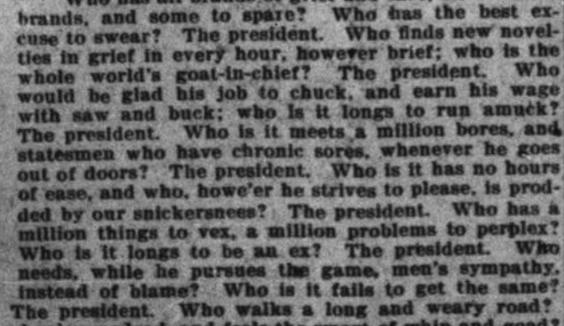
cold water faucet until the attack tient, particularly of the male sex. soon develops a temper that would When a nervous high-strung busi- raise blisters on a tin roof, she is ness man comes down with an ulcer- obliged to mix tact with the medicine ated tooth which hangs on like a one- and sometimes a little brute force armed man at a club dance he re- All successful trained nurses have ffuses to allow any sleep to enter the muscles like a prize horseshoer, and engage a trained nurse who is ac- argue with one when she is aroused. customed to sit bolt upright for It must be admitted that the train-

weeks at a stretch without uttering ed nurse earns her money and some

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Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, noted the selective draft incorporated in French actress, is seriously Mount Sanai hospital, New York, beaten in the House Military Com-Her condition is described as "very mittee at Washington on Monday af-

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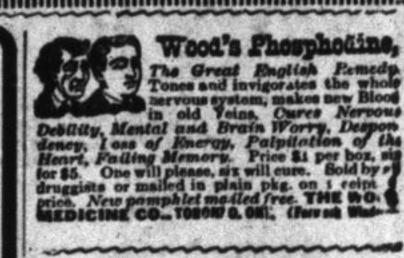
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sity Ave., Price \$8000.

Quentin Roosevelt, son of former President Roosevelt, has applied for permission to become attached to the Canadian air service for instructional purposes, and it has been granted him. He will go to Camp Borden,

Ont., for his instruction. On a test vote, the principle of ill at the General Staff Army Bill was ternoon by a nine to eight vote.





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