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#### The British Whig 84TH. YEAR.

#### FARMERS AND THEIR PLEAS.

The liberals of the Great West regard the surrender of the government not only for their wheat, but for flour, observing certain anniversaries. oats, barley, flax, potatoes, and other fy the farmers. They will be thankbut they will not be reconciled.

The grain growers—the most powerful farmers' organization in Can ada-has been menaced by a new party called the "Non-Partisan League of Canada." It is an adaptation in name, and to some extent in method. of a similar party which sprang up a year ago in North Dakota, where it grew rapidly in membership, until it numbered 65,000, and tested its strength by electing a governor and a was very signal. Will it be equally between the United States and the Alsuccessful in the legislature? It is lies, and it is deeply regrettable in pledged to a nationalization of every kind, of banking, railroading, manufacturing, and mining. It favors the initiative, the referendum, the recall, and an equal suffrage for men and women. It would abolish all sickness and charity by founding an insurance against accident, ill-health and old age. It wants a purified Commons without the encumbrance of the Sen-

The expansion of the new party has been rapid enough in Saskatchewan, but not so rapid in Alberta. Its developments depend upon its fees Each man pays \$15, but he gets most if not all of it, back by canvassing his friends for membership and upon their initiation receiving \$4,000 for each. The money influence is a great one, and while the gamble in fees goes on the society may flourish. It is not a promising institution in Canada, however, and may, like so many other things of mushroom growth, go into liquidation ere long. Meanwhile it is competing with the grain growers for popularity but without much

Why cannot the Canadian parliament vote for an extension of its time and imitate the imperial government in this respect? Because in the Old Land the government is a national one. It does not try to make votes by the distribution of war patronage. Its action or policy appeals to all parties. This cannot be said of the combination that rules at Ottawa.

#### DEMORALIZING THE SERVICE.

During the war, and in connection with it, a very large number of temporary clerks have been employed at Ottawa, chiefly under the Special out of the war appropriations.

"Under the exemptions authorized in these cases," says the Civil Service Commissioners in their annual report "none of these temporary clerks require a certificate of qualification from the commissioners, and, being otherwise free from the restrictions from the Civil Service Acts, the rates of remuneration which they received were not restricted to the amounts prescribed for either permanent or temporary employment in the regular. inside service. In the face of these conditions, in the past two years, the commission has had to furnish duly qualified clerks for permanent and temporary appointments at rates of remuneration below those offered in the temporary unorganized service.

This does not seem to be just, to say the least of it. The purpose of the commission is to prescribe tests which are calculated to give the people, through the civil service of Canada, the kind of labor which it calls for. Therefore, men and women are submitted to exacting examinations, and, as vacancies occur, or positions are established, they are assigned to them at salaries which are regulated by experience and ability. No circumstances, not even the cir cumstances of war, should warrant the appointment of temporary clerks at a higher remuneration than the organized forces receive. When the wrong practice prevails, and temporary clerks get an advantage over the permanent clerks, the wonder grows that the whole civil service staffs, and cure known. It acts almost like who have a grievance, do not rise in a body and protest against it.

The Militia Department, by its reckless rewards of temporary clerks, is demoralizing the whole civil service, both inside and outside of Ottawa, and sooner or later it will have occasion to repent of its action.

The prime minister of Britain knows how to use the press. He has the support of the editors because he takes them into his confidence and consults them with regard to his plans. His example is worthy of imitation by others who are not quite so

#### DISRESPECT TOWARDS THE COL-

Some exception has been taken to the presence, with the British flas. of the Stars and Stripes on Welling ton street. The flag had been flung on free wheat as an omen of what is to the breeze by the Veterans' Assoto follow, for the party will surely in- ciation, some of whose member's have sist upon all its demands being com- rendered the Empire a distinct secplied with. For nine years the farm- vice, and in some connection with the ers, especially the grain growers, war, and they ought to have, therehave been pressing for free markets, fore, a correct idea with regard to

Just what anyone saw in the colors natural producte. The concessions of the American Republic to object to which have been granted, and accept- cannot be imagined, but it had a treed as an evidence of an early election, mendous effect on one man, and he as something that may placate the threatened that if the flag were not grain growers, will not wholly satis- removed within a certain time he would remove it himself. He was exul for the favors they have received, ceedirgly boisterous in his opposition to it. There was no doubt that something inflamed him and that he was not in the mood to tolerate anything that came between him and his ad miration for the Union Jack.

The reasoning in this case is on parity with the reasoning in the case of those who have showed their disrespect for the Stars and Stripes in the moving picture shows. The disturbing sensation is not understood. There is a clear misinterpretation of Its success at the polls the diplomatic and national relations view of the present position of the United States in the war.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Time-to check up the ward poll books. An election is at hand. The United States flag a menace! Perish the thought. The United States is one of the Allies now, and her flag is flying in Europe and saluted with the flags of the other great

We know Lloyd-George better now that we have heard him described by his countryman, Prof. Michael. The little man who leads the British Empire in public affairs is surely a dynamic force, a rare combination of energy, enthusiasm and power.

D. R. Bogle, leading conservative Winnipeg, in 1911, held the idea-ar published it in a little book which was extensively circulated-that the Germans had something to do with the reciprocity proposal. Have they anything to do with it now? Have they required the federal government of Canada to accept it as a war mea-

ANSWER TO T. & L. COUNCIL. Farm Not Used for Golf Purposes

Until After War. In answer to the resolution passed by the Trades and Labor Council condemning the proposal to use the Gravelle farm for golf purposes the Whig . has been informed that the Trades and Labor Council misunderstood the whole scheme. A good golf course is looked aponeas a commercial asset of any city." Kingston has been in need of one and the Gravefle farm was acquired for the purpose. There will not be, however, one acre of the dollar spent in buildings; etc., until War Measures Act, and they are paid after the war. There is a distinct understanding that the farm be used for cultivation this year. In this connection it might be stated that some of the prominent movers in the Greater Production scheme are interested in the golf course proposition because of its commercial value to the city. They heartily approve of the sentiment behind the resolution of the Trades and Labor Council, but desire

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