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OUR FOOD DICTATORS. One can quite understand that Hon. W. J. Hanna did not want to become a food controller or dictator.

Mr. Hoover, by the way, is a star in his profession. He was the representative of America on the commission which collected and distributed the millions of dollars for food, and for starving Belgians.

What are his functions? They are very numerous. But a few are these: To fix the prices of food stuffs; to regulate their transportation; to prevent exactions and extortions; to see that a fair distribution will prevent any fluctuations in price; to see that flour, for instance, shall not be sold at \$14 a barrel when it is only worth \$9.

GENERAL CURRIE'S PROMOTION. A military man who ought to know the commanders and their merits is Col. Ross, M.P.P., who has been at the front since the outbreak of the war.

Col. Alexander Currie, of British Columbia, is not a professional soldier. He made his mark in commercial life, but he has, in the service, and since going overseas, developed wonderful power and efficiency, and is regarded as the brightest man in the field and a worthy successor to Gen. Byng.

Canada's food controller has gone to Washington to become an under-study of Hoover and profit by his inspiration. Mr. Hanna will certainly learn from his prototype the nature of the service that lies before him.

EDITORIAL NOTES. It is a case of go as you please on the conscription question, and the end ought to come speedily. The need of the day is men, not talk.

RECRUITING IN QUEBEC. Mr. Lemieux made much, and not without some reason, of the failure of the militia department to utilize the talented French-Canadian officers in recruiting in Quebec.

The toll of the war—1,000,000 men killed, and 30,000,000 wounded and invalided. And Lord Northcliffe, the oracle of the British press, now in the United States, says the carnage is "just beginning."

As late as last spring, and about the time Sir Robert differed with him, and suggested his retirement, he had the idea that he could produce prodigious results. His, of course, is an ill-fated personality. The pity is that he did not make the tour he contemplated in order that he might see where the difficulty was and remove or remedy it.

It is said, and emphatically, that not only was recruiting in Quebec, after the war broke out, neglected for a time; not only were the right men not chosen for the tasks, but some of those who were especially qualified for active service were shuffled about until two of them, Colonels Pelletier and Roy, sought their pensions and retired from the service.

Others, who performed special services were displaced, separated from the men they had led into the service, and prevented from going overseas. There may be some reason for all this. But why was recruiting stopped when conscription was announced?

Major-General Lessard and Col. Blondin, and others, were busy when national service, under compulsion, was undertaken, and they seem to have discontinued their appeals at once.

It is argued, in support of the six months' hoist to conscription, which has been moved by two French-Canadian members, and conservatives, that the time for compulsion has not come, that last month there were 7,000 enlistments, and that the voluntary system should be tried still further.

But so far as Quebec is concerned recruiting has been practically suspended, and this surely was a serious mistake if there was anything in the Lemieux-Berrette theory. In certain military districts there has been a good deal of recruiting, but it has been inspired by the fear or humiliation of conscription.

The spirited young man does not want to be dragged into the service. He wants to volunteer. But it will never do to trust to luck any longer. Generally, the voluntary system has come to a stand still.

Conscription is necessary in order to send to the front the required complement of men with whose aid the Canadian army may be expected to accomplish its work. The movement of Conservative-Nationalists, to dispose of a compulsory service bill for six months, is a movement to kill it and nothing else.

Conscription will not grow in popularity if it be confined to the man power. It must cover wealth as well. The men who cannot go to war themselves should send some of their money.

or trade; and he is now, perhaps, the principal man who had to do with the appointment of Mr. Hanna as the food controller. What converted him?

The Montreal Gazette does not attach very much significance, politically, to the Saskatchewan elections. There are some echoes of former scandals, but the clean-up was complete, and the house will be rid of the corruptors.

Mr. Lemieux' grievance is that the young French officer, Martel, who recruited 101 French-Canadians for the 253rd Regiment (the Kitties) was not allowed to go overseas. The labours of such a recruiter should certainly have been rewarded.

The conscription of wealth does not mean the taxation of incomes only. The Ottawa government can find out the real meaning of its term by sending another ambassador to Washington. The Wilson government seems to have solved the problem.

The order-in-council which appointed Mr. Hanna as food controller says that his salary shall be such as the governor-in-council provides. But Mr. Hanna, it is announced, will serve for the honor of the thing. The first decisive step towards making these commissions unpopular. The average man does not serve his country gratuitously.

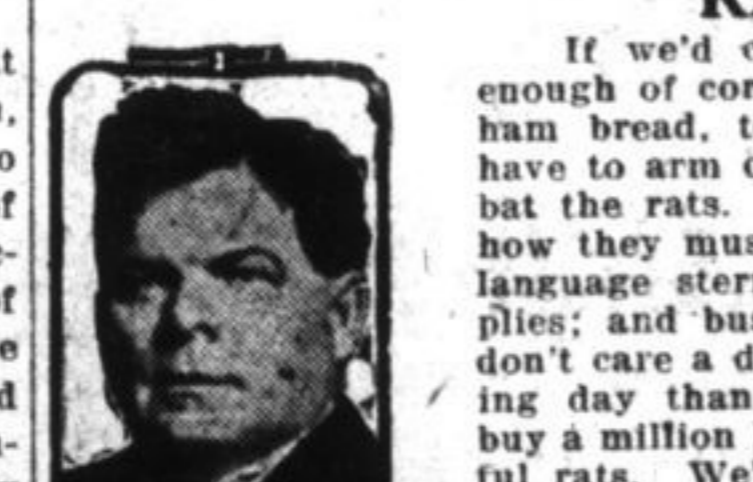
Voting Age Set at Thirty. London, June 22.—Continuing its discussion of the representation of the people's bill, the House of Commons by a vote of 291 to 25 decided that the age qualifying women to vote should be 30, as proposed in the bill.

Political Parties. A political party is a body of self-sacrificing citizens who are banded together in defence of principle and the fourth-class post office. In some parts of the country the post office is looked upon as more important than principle, and when it is thrown to some candidate who has nothing to recommend him save merit, the organization proceeds to rebuke the administration with a top-heavy collection of split ballots.

Political parties are sustained by a consciousness of duty well done and the unobtrusive offerings of corporations which do not want anything but the white meat. They are also helped out occasionally by the bloated cheque of some public-spirited "tit." Political parties are necessary and desirable, as they open the door to ambition and blaze a plain trail to the pay roll, a comfortable arrangement which finds ardent supporters in every voting precinct.

RATS. If rats conserve the food supply, and have enough of corn and rye, and wheat and oat and Graham bread, to keep the fighting peoples fed, we'll have to arm ourselves with slats, or other tools, and how they must shun the sign of waste; we hand out language stern and wise, about our vital food supplies; and busy rats beneath the barn for eloquence don't care a darn. They spoil more grain, each passing day than many ships could bear away. Let's buy a million Maltese cats, and sic them on the wasteful rats. We're talking now of eating less—a fine decision, I confess; but all economies are fakes, and give a wise man inward aches, so long as rodents are allowed to swarm around, a nasty crowd, and chew the grain and gnaw the meat, and spoil whatever they can't eat. Oh, let us start a big campaign against these wasters of the grain. While they survive, the vermin plank, our talk of conservation's bunk. While cribs and bins are full of rats, we're merely talking through our hats.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN. By GENE BYRNES. THIS FELLOW COMING DOWN THE STREET DID ME A GREAT FAVOR ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND HE NEVER LOOKED FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN!



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PUBLIC OPINION

Government to Blame. (Hamilton Times) The Borden Government is responsible for the poor recruiting results in Quebec. Why blame Laurier?

Honor's Past Work. (Toronto Globe) The new Food Controller of Canada is the author of the Prison Farm plan, but he has no idea of placing the population on a prison diet.

Why the Difference? (Toronto Mail) Butter of finest quality is only 34 cents a pound in many farming centres comparatively close to Toronto, yet it sells at 48 and 50 cents a pound here. Who gets the 50 per cent. profit?

Mailed Fist Again. (Toronto News) In his message to Constantine, the Kaiser still associates Germany's mailed fist and the Almighty as instruments of the Hohenzollern will and accomplices in the devastation of half the world.

The End in Sight. (Montreal Herald) If the new King of Greece fulfils his pledge to carry out "the brilliant policy of his revered father," it will not be long before he is following in his father's footsteps in a double sense.

Too High a Price. (Hamilton Spectator) Hon. E. L. Patenaude gives as his reason for leaving the cabinet his fear that the government would imperil national unity. Well, national unity is a grand and noble thing, but it may be retained at too high a price—the loss of national honor.

President Wilson is likely soon to exercise his power to place an embargo on grain shipments that might reach Germany through neutral countries.

Random Reels. "Of Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

months' work in the census bureau at Ottawa, at a salary which provides for everything except rent, heat, light, fuel, depreciation and upkeep. There have been several attempts to float political-parties in this country on capital consisting of pithy platitudes and deferred expectancy, but as a rule they have not been a success. Our most flourishing parties have been those which have been able to make a prompt and noiseless distribution of the federal patronage immediately after they settle down in office. Whenever this distribution was not as prompt as was expected, party workers flock to Ottawa in tour-ists sleepers and clog up the corridors with language full of reproach.

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