

The British Whig 84TH YEAR.



Published Daily and Semi-Weekly by THE BRITISH WHIG PUBLISHING CO., LIMITED.

J. G. Elliott, President; Leman A. Guild, Managing Director and Sec. Treas.

Telephone numbers: Business Office 343, Editorial Rooms 222, Job Office 292.

Subscription rates: One year, delivered in city \$4.00; One year, if paid in advance \$3.00; One year, by mail to rural offices \$2.50; One year, to United States \$2.50; One year, by mail, cash \$1.00; One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50; One year, to United States \$1.50; Six and three months pro rata.

Montreal Representative: R. Bruce Owen, 123 St. Peter St. Toronto Representative: F. C. Hoy, 1905 Traders Bank Bldg. United States Representative: F. R. Northrup, 225 Fifth Ave., New York; F. R. Northrup, 1510 Ass'n Bldg., Chicago.

Attached in one of the best job printing offices in Canada. The circulation of THE BRITISH WHIG is authenticated by the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

A CALL TO SERVICE.

Clerks at Camp Borden are not the only fit subjects for scrutiny under the terms of the Military Service Act.

Canada's Military Service Act will fail to do the work the Military Service Act should do if that act does not make volunteer conscripts out of young and able-bodied men in the home service of the Militia Department. Too many men put on khaki shortly after the war broke out and have worn khaki ever since without exhibiting the semblance of an approach to the fighting line.

What is keeping the leading liberals of Canada out of the government? The fear that their generosity would be abused and by a win-the-spots party.

INSULTS TO LIBERALISM.

Dr. Mitchell Clark attended a liberal convention in Calgary and gave an account of his stewardship in the House of Commons. He had been in perfect harmony with the party until conscription was proposed. He was one of several who supported it, but he was not content with saying what he thought of the situation, so far as it was affected by the war. He was personally offensive to his old leader. He admits now that he did not vote against the Franchise Act—he avoided the divisions upon the subjects—though in principle he was wholly and emphatically opposed to it; and he was opposed also to the closure. He was willing to accept of a nomination only as a non-partisan supporter of a national or union government. In any event he would remain a liberal and become an active advocate of liberal principles when the war was over. Another may accept the liberal nomination which Dr. Clark declined.

Hugh Guthrie met some of the electors of South Wellington at Elora. He voted for conscription; which he had a right to do, even as a liberal, and he voted for the Franchise Act and for the closure, and seemed to glory in the fact. He offers no justification for his break with the party, and made it more distinct by impugning the integrity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Wilfrid had behind him, said Mr. Guthrie, the slackers, the pro-Germans, and the dynamiters, and this was accepted as a most deliberate insult to the liberals. Mr. Guthrie incidentally lauded Sir Robert Borden as the only man who could lead a national government at the present time. The liberal party in South Wellington is not disposed to agree with him. It does not resent his views on the war, or the way in which it should be conducted. It does resent the way in which he has antagonized his old political friends and offered them offence.

The Franchise Act and the closure, which no liberal can defend, are responsible for the intense political feeling which now prevails. Had the government shown the same consideration for fair play which it showed while the Military Service Act of 1917 was under discussion—had it shown any willingness to accept and reasonably treat the suggestions of the opposition—the session would have ended with a very different spirit. Some comment has been made on the fact that all the liberals who voted for conscription, excepting three, have re-

sumed their attitude in the party. It is all that could be expected after the abandonment of the government to the grossest partisanship, and the surprise is that there were any exceptions. The experience of two of the liberal conventions shows how the liberal party regards the Franchise Act and the closure.

Is there any promise, any assurance, any guarantee, that if the Borden government were returned to power it would not continue its grossly partisan rule, even in the running of a war?

THE WOMEN NOT UNITED.

The Toronto News has undertaken the impossible task of making it appear that the W.C.T.U., which met at Cornwall recently, unreservedly endorsed the action of the federal government upon the franchise question. Mrs. Stevens, the president of the union, had an uncomfortable experience while her action upon the subject was being criticized. Three conservative women, representing different societies—Mrs. Stevens, as the president of the W.C.T.U.—had been consulted confidentially upon the effect of limiting the franchise to certain persons. They were instructed to canvass others secretly. "Please glean your information as quietly as possible," read the telegram, "and so well was this instruction carried out that precious few of the members of any of the societies knew what was going on. The franchise had been promised to all eligible women, by the premier, and when, for political reasons, he undertook to limit it, some reason had to be assigned. This reason was that the relatives of certain foreigners or aliens could not at this time be trusted. Mrs. Stevens took the reason for granted, but she said she acted in all that she did personally, and not as the president of the W.C.T.U. She wanted this fact to be distinctly understood. Of course her explanation had to be accepted. The attempts of the conservative papers to make it appear that the women's societies have cordially endorsed the Franchise Act has been a profound failure.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Whig said some time ago that the Franchise Bill would kill the Borden government, and there is evidence every day that this prediction may come true.

The motor car men are smashing springs every day in the streets of the city. If the council can be held responsible for the results the bill will be a very heavy one. It might be cheaper to fill up the holes.

The Toronto Star raises the point that if the Borden government can disfranchise the aliens now there is nothing to prevent it, if returned to power, from discharging the Roman Catholics, the Laborites, or any others.

The strike of the scavengers of Toronto because the streets' commissioner objected to the decoration of the garbage carts with flags ought to be allowed to "blow itself out." What follies are committed in the name of the flag.

A representative of the Grain Growers cannot possibly accept office in a conservative government because the organization stands for legislative reforms which the premier could not grant without the consent of his party.

The Borden Government had plenty of time for everything else for the C.N.R. and Saguenay Railway deals, and for the Franchise Act—but no time for the pension measure, which hung fire for about six months. The soldiers can wait for justice.

The thing that the average man cannot appreciate is the appeal for a non-party election after the spoils system has been most offensively followed for the last six years, partisanship of the grossest kind marking every act of the alleged win-the-war party.

The three women politicians of Toronto—corresponding in manner and influence with the three tailors of Tooley street—asked their friends by telegraph to glean the information which they wanted as quietly as possible. They got the stuff they were looking for.

Cap. Burnham, of Peterboro, seeks a unanimous nomination because he has voted the party tickets from the beginning of the last parliament to the close of it. His was a partisan support. Now while he is fishing for votes—he leaves his case with the president of the Conservative Association.

The Final Settlement. (Toronto Mail) It is said that von Bernstorff spent not less than \$25,000,000 for German propaganda in the United States since the beginning of the war. This amount will have to be deducted when the Allies present their final bill for indemnity against Germany.

PUBLIC OPINION

Forcing a Fight. (London Advertiser) The Conservative press declares itself as opposed to a bitter election in war time, and then proceeds to make its attacks on the Opposition as bitter as possible.

Hunting the Offender. (Windsor Record) The Montreal Star wants to know who took the "control" out of food controller. It was a chap named Order in Council, but the country agrees it is very much out of order.

A Great Spender. (Toronto News) Winnipeg has discovered a woman who spends \$10,000 a year for champagne. That means about seven quarts a day. If she uses the wine as an appetizer how much does she eat?

Making a Start. (Toronto Star) The Germans are beginning to learn to talk of "reparation," as Lloyd George said they must. They now suggest a willingness on their part to share in the cost of indemnifying Belgium. That is not enough, but it is, at least, a start.

Abusing the Flag. (Ottawa Citizen) Toronto fraternal society is after the head of the street commissioner because he ordered the Union Jack removed from a manure truck. We really don't see why the commissioner was so particular, in view of the fact that the flag is permitted to be used for party purposes as a regular thing in this country.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

Forget About It All. (Peterboro Examiner) Now, the government that marked the dying days of parliament by prostituting its majority to forcing the most shameless act of legislative partisanship, both in conception and enactment, in the history of the country—Prussianizing parliament in the interests of winning a partisan victory—wants the country to forget everything. Everybody must become patriots—eschew partisanship, in order to make a partisan victory an walkover. We must all take a dip in the Lobe of patriotic oblivion—forget the sins of the government—forget all partisanship, in order that partisanship should—in the coming general elections—win in a canter.

We must of course all help win the war, but we do it at the expense—at the price of after-war conditions, that imperil the highest advantages we shall win by winning the war? We must all take our eyes and blindly do, evil that good may come? It is a patriotic duty to compound political felonies.

World's Wheat Crop. (Toronto Mail) Australia has an export reserve of wheat amounting to 1,325,000 bushels; India one of 80,000,000 bushels, and Argentina 26,000,000 bushels. New crops will be harvested in Argentina in December and January, in Australia in January, and in India in February and March. The coming Argentine crop is estimated at 239,000,000 bushels a record, as against 77,400,000 bushels last season. Argentine wheat for future delivery is \$1.25 bushel. Premier Hughes of Australia says that by February Australia will have 6,000,000 tons of wheat in the country for export. That is about 200,000,000 bushels. Unfortunately for the Allies in Europe, these far-off producers and their great stores of grain must be left neglected in order to economize tonnage. Britain has a contract with Australia to move 600,000 tons of wheat each month, but lately wheat has been stagnant. Some is being brought to the United States by sailing vessels. Australia has accumulated sufficient wheat now to fill 50 big cargo steamers. With these countries storing up supplies, on account of tonnage scarcity, there will be a reserve in unexpected quarters when the war ends.

The Price of Potatoes. (Montreal Herald) It has been given out from the Food Controller's office that the maximum price for potatoes should not exceed \$1.25 per bag of 90 pounds. They are being advertised in Montreal at \$2 per bag of 90 pounds. What is the Food Controller going to do about it? Protests against fixing a reasonable price for potatoes are already reported. If the price is fixed at \$1.25 per bag, farmers will not bother to dig the potatoes, but will leave them to rot in the ground. This story is very useful as camouflage for price boosting, but nobody will believe it. The farmer with a magnificent crop of potatoes who preferred to get nothing for them, rather than make about double the normal profit would be a very strange creature. The fact of the matter is that potato combines have been at work, as the civic officials in Montreal have again and again reported, and when combines start their price-boosting they will find all kinds of excuses for extracting ransom from the public to secure release for the commodities they capture and keep in captivity.

Party Contest Probable. (Burlington Examiner) The local politicians of Kingston do not take kindly to the suggestion of Mr. Nickle, M.P., that there should be a fusion candidate brought out and an election avoided in that constituency. To facilitate his proposal Mr. Nickle has already announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. The intention of the contest will now be between a Borden? candidate and a Liberal win-the-war candidate. And this is what is likely to happen in a good many other Ontario constituencies.

The tug W. H. Murray was sunk in Halifax harbor by an incoming steamer during a fog, and Pilot John Brown was picked up unconscious, and dying shortly afterwards. There are now 140,000 returned invalided soldiers discharged from the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission. United States bonds, to the value of \$2,000,000,000, are offered on sale.

Rippling Rhymes. (Marian House) There is no sickness more severe than that a fellow knows when far away from comrades dear, from good old friends and foes. A man may have the croup or mumps, the jaundice or the gout, and never know the doleful dumps, if he's a nervy scoundrel. From home, he yearns for book and chair and pup, and for his fine-tooth comb. I used to scrap with David Dose, my neighbor, every day, and thought that I'd enjoy repose when I had gone away. I built me then a little crib, among the mountains bare, and took my locker and my bib and spent the summer there. And how I longed for person, knows, while I lived in that shack, to throw some bricks at Mr. Dose; and see him throw them back. Man longs for old familiar things when he abroad may roam; no new surroundings ever brings the joy he feels at home. Some neighbors envy me my life, beside a snow-capped hill, where there are never flies to swat and heat waves do not kill. But when I huddle up before the glowing fire, and long to see my cat and pup, my book shelves and my lyre.

WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



800,000 bushels, and Argentina 26,000,000 bushels. New crops will be harvested in Argentina in December and January, in Australia in January, and in India in February and March. The coming Argentine crop is estimated at 239,000,000 bushels a record, as against 77,400,000 bushels last season. Argentine wheat for future delivery is \$1.25 bushel. Premier Hughes of Australia says that by February Australia will have 6,000,000 tons of wheat in the country for export. That is about 200,000,000 bushels. Unfortunately for the Allies in Europe, these far-off producers and their great stores of grain must be left neglected in order to economize tonnage. Britain has a contract with Australia to move 600,000 tons of wheat each month, but lately wheat has been stagnant. Some is being brought to the United States by sailing vessels. Australia has accumulated sufficient wheat now to fill 50 big cargo steamers. With these countries storing up supplies, on account of tonnage scarcity, there will be a reserve in unexpected quarters when the war ends.

The Price of Potatoes. (Montreal Herald) It has been given out from the Food Controller's office that the maximum price for potatoes should not exceed \$1.25 per bag of 90 pounds. They are being advertised in Montreal at \$2 per bag of 90 pounds. What is the Food Controller going to do about it? Protests against fixing a reasonable price for potatoes are already reported. If the price is fixed at \$1.25 per bag, farmers will not bother to dig the potatoes, but will leave them to rot in the ground. This story is very useful as camouflage for price boosting, but nobody will believe it. The farmer with a magnificent crop of potatoes who preferred to get nothing for them, rather than make about double the normal profit would be a very strange creature. The fact of the matter is that potato combines have been at work, as the civic officials in Montreal have again and again reported, and when combines start their price-boosting they will find all kinds of excuses for extracting ransom from the public to secure release for the commodities they capture and keep in captivity.

Party Contest Probable. (Burlington Examiner) The local politicians of Kingston do not take kindly to the suggestion of Mr. Nickle, M.P., that there should be a fusion candidate brought out and an election avoided in that constituency. To facilitate his proposal Mr. Nickle has already announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election. The intention of the contest will now be between a Borden? candidate and a Liberal win-the-war candidate. And this is what is likely to happen in a good many other Ontario constituencies.

The tug W. H. Murray was sunk in Halifax harbor by an incoming steamer during a fog, and Pilot John Brown was picked up unconscious, and dying shortly afterwards. There are now 140,000 returned invalided soldiers discharged from the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission. United States bonds, to the value of \$2,000,000,000, are offered on sale.

Rippling Rhymes. (Marian House) There is no sickness more severe than that a fellow knows when far away from comrades dear, from good old friends and foes. A man may have the croup or mumps, the jaundice or the gout, and never know the doleful dumps, if he's a nervy scoundrel. From home, he yearns for book and chair and pup, and for his fine-tooth comb. I used to scrap with David Dose, my neighbor, every day, and thought that I'd enjoy repose when I had gone away. I built me then a little crib, among the mountains bare, and took my locker and my bib and spent the summer there. And how I longed for person, knows, while I lived in that shack, to throw some bricks at Mr. Dose; and see him throw them back. Man longs for old familiar things when he abroad may roam; no new surroundings ever brings the joy he feels at home. Some neighbors envy me my life, beside a snow-capped hill, where there are never flies to swat and heat waves do not kill. But when I huddle up before the glowing fire, and long to see my cat and pup, my book shelves and my lyre.

WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



EXTRA!! EXTRA!! HARRY LAUDER WUZ LOCKED UP FER TROWIN HIZ MONEY AWAY

BIBBYS Overcoat Time. We Are Showing Some Beauties In the Different Correct Styles. Four Popular Models: The Belcourt Overcoats, The Chester, The Pinch Back Overcoats, The Trench Style Overcoats. Bibbys Display of Overcoats is Well Worth Coming Miles to See. 70, 80, 82 Princess Street, Kingston, Ontario.

BORN. BARBER—At Deseronto, on Sept. 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Barber, a son. DEWITT—At Leinster, on Sept. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Mandy Dewitt, a son. HAMILTON—At Strathcona, Sept. 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hamilton, a daughter. KINNEY—In Picton, Sept. 24th, to Dr. and Mrs. Kinney, a son. LEWIS—At Deseronto, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, a son. MCKENDRY—At Deseronto, on Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKendry, a daughter. MADDEN—At North Fredericksburgh, on Sept. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Madden, a daughter. MORDEN—In Picton, Sept. 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Morden, a son. SHATRAW—At Deseronto, on August 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shatraw, a daughter. TERRY—In Hillier, Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. King Terry, a daughter, Iona May. TAYLOR—At Napanee, on Sept. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor, a daughter. VANALSTINE—At Napanee, on Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vanalstine, a son. WHITMARSH—At Napanee, on Sept. 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Whitmarsh, a son. WESLEY—At Napanee, on Sept. 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wesley, a son.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK. We are all of us vacuum cleaners? We take up, by inhalation, the dust and impurities of the air. The consequence is sore throat or cold in the head. The nose and throat, when sprayed, are freed of these irritating infection particles. For best results in spraying any kind of liquid, try the DeVilbiss Atomizer. DR. CHOWN'S DRUG STORE. 185 Princess St. Phone 348. Everything for the sick and sick room.

THE MOST ADVANCED AUTUMN STYLES ARE HERE. SEE OUR WINDOWS. The Sawyer Shoe Store. 212 Princess St. Phone 159.

PURE PICKLING VINEGAR AND SPICES. THOMPSON'S GROCERY. Phone 387. 294 Princess St.

"Ranks with the Strongest" HUDSON BAY Insurance Company. FIRE INSURANCE. Home Office, Royal Insurance Bldg. MONTREAL. PERCY J. QUINN, Manager, Ontario Branch, Toronto. W. H. GODWIN & SONS, AGENTS, KINGSTON, ONT.

CRAWFORD. Begs to Notify His Customers that commencing May 1st, COAL SALES Will Be For CASH. At price current for the month when the order is given. The Coal situation in the United States compels this action. Foot of Queen St. Phone 9.

Homemade Peanut Butter. Feeling the increasing demand for this popular food product we have installed an Electric Peanut Butter Maker and can now supply the very finest Peanut Butter, ground fresh every day, in fact, while you wait. JUST TRY IT. JAS. REDDEN & CO. Phone 20 and 990.

WANTED. To rent a farm of 200 acres with privilege of buying. W. H. Godwin & Son. 89 Brock Street Phone 494.

JOHN M. PATRICK. Sewing machines, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Trunks repaired and refitted, Saws filed, Knives and Scissors sharpened; Razors honed; All makes of firearms repaired promptly. Locks repaired; Keys fitted. All makes of lawn mowers sharpened and repaired. 149 Sydenham Street