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Attached is one of the best job The circulation of THE BRITISH WHIG is authenticated by the

THE VALUE OF FISH.

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the inexcusable wastefulness in foods names of the men who have gone to that prevails in ordinary times. Not | the front, some to die there in dethat meats of all kind have become fense of their country, is very much scarce and high in price, the fisher- appreciated. It will have a decidedmen are invited to give their experi- ly good effect. It will silently and ence. They recall the time, twenty- yet effectively reproach the slackfive and thirty years ago, when white ers. These will see how the people fish and salmon trout were very esteem the men who have gone out plentiful, when one could put down for military duty. The tablet is not a net anywhere in the lakes, and; in a meant to be a passing testimony to night, take thousands of the choicest the patriotism, the loyalty and herowhite fish, weighing from four to six ism, of the soldier churchmen. Whepounds, and of salmon trout weight ther designed for this purpose or ing from eight to twelve pounds each. The fish sold at from 25c to to the valor of those whose names 50c each. One fisherman remembers when he had to produce a great number of the finny tribe in order to earn Another remembers when he saw 20,000 white fish lying on the beach at Consecon. The best of these fishes were at once shipped to Every artistic embellishment speaks salted down; and the rest were left to rot or become manure.

The writer of this article remem

bers when, passing along the harbor front in Kingston, early in the morning, he saw scores of small sailing boats laden with the fish which were caught during the night before. Gradually he realized that the fish became scarcer and scarcer, and la ter the fish market disappeared. To most people all this is only a memory. Investigation revealed a most regrettable fact-that the wastefulness of fish led to the one inevitable result. The Great Lakes-Ontario, Erie, Huron-became barren of fish. It was not difficult to understand the fact. The Dominion Fisheries Commission in 1893 enquired into the decline in the fish trade in Canada and attributed it to four causes; Destruction of immature fish: waste of unlimited quantities through the use of gill nets; invasion of creeks, bays, rivers and shores, in the spawning; season and in the use generally of nets with illegal meshes.

There is a clamor for the abolition of all licenses, issued to fishermen. for the management of the fishing business by the government, with absolute control as to the quantity to and dividing on the usual lines. be taken and sold. It is possible to Mitchell, as an independent, will revive the old fish trade, to have the have a poor enough show for relakes again teeming with the best of election. It is not ability in the fish, and to control the trade indefin- candidate that counts for much in itely under provincial direction. The a political show down, but the power destruction of the trade by illegal of the machine. Sooner or later the processes must be ended at once and best of men, the most useful, the forever. Public ownership of fish most unselfish and independent and can certainly be established and un- the most trusted, are crushed under der circumstances which will meet the political Juggernaut. with general approval.

The air of the Irish convention now meeting in Dublin, is to pacify the people, to bring about a period of contentment and perfect peace. For the accomplishment of this purpose all men are agreed.

THE ROYAL CONSPIRATORS.

The Willy and Nicky letters, which are running through the New York Herald, are intensely interesting. They were not as carefully worded as state documents usually are, but they represent the views of the emperors whose rule has been despotic. They presumed, beginning with Japan, and during the war between

the fact that a budget so compromis- son and expel him from the House. ing was accumulated by the Czar Will it do this? and left as a legacy to the Allies. To be sure he was arrested under cir-

ters and telegrams which constitute a national ornament. the indictment that has been preferred against him.

The Kaiser's was the dominating ersonality. of course. He gradu lly proposed conditions to which the Czar agreed until he had mapped out a scheme of amazing proportions. The independence of no minor power was to be respected. Russia and Germany being in one great_pact could defy less representative powers and assert their wild

dominion. It is alleged that in 1905, the year after the conspiracy between the Kaiser and the Czar began. Dr. Dillon, M.P., an Irish representative, became seized of the facts-how he did so remains a mystery-and that he essayed to lay them before the British Foreign Secretary. Sir Edward Grey refused to believe Dillon, and to entertain his story. He did not mistrust the Czar, and now Bri tain is being punished for his credulity. The assurances of the Czar would not have been accepted, with One year, delivered in city \$6.00 One year, if paid in advance ... \$5.00 One year, by mail to rural offices \$2.50 One year, to United States \$2.50 regard to the great war, had the evidence of his duplicity been available. It is true that the plan of the emperors failed them, but that is no

> An absolute monarch is a unsafe man. The Kaiser has revealed this fact in his conversations with the Czar. Their dozier will go down to posterity as a most unique production of its kind.

fault of theirs. They certainly plot.

ted for the injury of the other pow

ers, and have been detected in their

MONUMENTS THAT ENDURE.

church, by a member of the congre The war is bringing home to many gation, of a brass tablet bearing the

not, it will be an everlasting tribute are inscribed upon it, and will, so long as the church endures, attest to the dying regard and affection of by the way, is becoming more and more devoted to memorial purposes, supplied top infantry, is an their virtues, and causes them to live able fighting men they are in the memories of their friends.

The Whig will bet a cookie that the Hydro Electric Commission will not have a representative in the Senate, if the big interests can prevent it. Sir Adam Beck has no pull in the Upper House.

CRUSHED BY THE MACHINE. The political mess in New York State is complete: John P. Mitchell is completing his term as mayor. He has made a good official, able, efficient, and aggressive. Though or ginally a democrat he is out with the democratic party, and some time ago was induced to consider an offer of a nomination by the Fushionists, Later he was asked to let his name go before the republican primaries, and there he was defeated by W. M. Bennett, a former republican sena-Granted that there were frauds of a most serious kind in the primaries, and that in consequence

of them Mitchell was defeated, the fact remains that he is without a party nomination, and that the republicans appear to be deserting him

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sir Horace Plunkett hopes to hear every Irishman say, "My country is country." It all depends to whom this will be said.

The Japanese have declared a kind of sovereignty over the whole of Asia. It is an ambitious contract, but Nippon thinks he is quite equal

Willy and Nicky never dreamt that they were making political history when they spent their leisure, hours in exchanging telegrams, and rare epistles they were, too.

Senator La Follette, at St. Paul. her and Russia, to dictate the policy last week, denounced the entrance of America into the war. The Sen-The surprise of the hour lies in ate is asked to indict him for trea-

In Australia the food controller cumstances which made it impossible regulates the prices of all foods,

to clear away or destroy the corres. and, when necessary, fixes maximum pondence, and when his palace was rates. He is not a man of the earched there was found the let- Hanna type. Our food controller is

> The days when a couple of imperiods emperors can sit down, and Neither Willy or Nicky will ever be able to play the super-man success-

> Feiners as "political somnambulists." They walk in their sleep. It would not be so bad if they simply walked,

The Hydro Electric Commission wants a representative in the Senate. J. W. Lyon, of Guelph, is named in this connection, and as a talker he is called a whirlwind. R. B Bennett, if sent to the Senate, will hush up when Lyon is around.

PUBLIC OPINION

Yes, Why? (Windsor Record) Why not increase the scale of al-

Britain's Loss. (Toronto Globe) British losses in killed, wounded, September. The price of freedom is advancing.

(Hamilton Spectator) An Ottawa woman has died at 98

Numerous Progeny.

The erection in St. Andrew's French-Canadian stock, A Long War. (Hamilton Herald)

> week that the war might last for three or four years more.

Sir George Foster cannot fairly b

charged with excessive optimism. He

told a Buffalo audience one day this

Holding the Trade. (Toronto Mail) Canada's trade in the fiscal year 1917-1918 may amount to two and half billions. How much of our port business can we retain after the

Better Uniforms Needed,

war? The dislocation may be mini-

mized if exports are maintained.

(Ottawa Journal) Now that the military service ac is about to be enforced, and 100,000 men simultaneously called to the colors, we rise to respectfully suggest that our soldiers be provided the people. St. Andrew's church, with a better uniform. The uniform worn at present, particularly that our soldiers look like a lot of cir- ment, was hired by the Conservatives eloquently of the patriots, revives cus troops instead of the incompar- as a campaign talker, toured

CONTEMPORARY OPINION

"Honest and Provident."

ondon Advertiser. "He is the first prime minister of Canada in the present generation who has ruthlessly, and successfully put down graft and corruption.

In these words the Toronto News refers to whom? No one would ever guess, so we give the answer-to Premier Borden!

If honesty consists in allowing profiteers to bleed the nation until the Opposition forces an investigation and an exposure, the Borden Government is honest. It is consists of whitewashing those accused but in the Dublin revolt they fought of dishonesty, the Borden Government is honest. If it consists of putting every obstacle in the way of those who wish to eliminate dishonesty, the Borden Government is hon-

If being provident consists squandering millions of the people's money on useless rifles, in paying favored firms and agents millions in excessive commissions for goods purchased and in buying railway stock, which investigators report to be worthless, for many millions rather than accept it for nothing, according to agreement, then the Borden Government is provident

If all these things are dishonest or improvident, so is the Borden Government, and the opinion of the electorate is hardly likely to coincide with that expressed by the News.

Canada in Distress.

ion, C. Marcil, in Montreal Herald. Mr. W. F. Nickle, K.C., M.P., has written a valedictory to his electors of Kingston announcing that he will not again seek re-election. Like Sir and missing totalled over 100,000 for George Foster, he regrets an election in war time, and hopes that all his constituents will rally to the support of the Government. All this was to have been expected, except the fact of his retirement. Mr. Nickle was one of the brightest men in the ranks leaving 331 direct descendants, Hard- of the Ontario Conservatives. He ly necessary to add that she was of may be intended to fill some other position. Time will tell, Mr. Nickle regrets that a substantial number of members of the Canadian Parliament refused to grant the party in office a further extension of their term. This is a matter greatly to the credit of these members. Had they consulted their own personal convenience and interest, they would have had nothing else to do but to say "Yes" to Sir Robert Borden's invitation. Too much credit cannot be given the members of the Opposition who stood up for the constitutional rights o the people of Canada to elect the men who are entrusted with the administration of public affairs. Can ada is passing through the greatest financial and political crisis in its history. If ever the country needed a strong Parliament with a fresh mandate from the people, it is now When the people have spoken the country will know where it stands.

Arthur Hawkes at Large,

ugly, little proposers that ever happened. country, delivered the goods.

CHANGE OF SUBJECT

Rippling Rhymes



I talked of war and dead men's bones till around were tired, and something else than grief and groans my weary aunts desired. So then I talked about the crops, the barley and the wheat, till people heard my soulful yawps the whole length of the street, I said, "I'll give them diver's tunes, from this, my willing lyre," and so discussed the price of prunes, the cost of baled hay wire. I spieled a while of art and song, of flowers that bloomed in spring, and thus I chirped the whole day long, of this and t'other thing. And every time I paused to draw a deep, refreshing breath, the other fellow plied his jaw, and talked of war and death. When all the world is talking scrap, and blood and snickersnees, there's no attention for the chap who speaks of buds and bees. I'd like to hand out cheery words of wisdom to the push, I'd like to talk about the birds that carol in the bush. I'd sing of sunsets in the west, that gild the crag and tor, but when I pause to take a rest, some chap brings in the war.

-WALT MASON.

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was rewarded with a roving commission, at a fat salary, to find out something about immigration. After a year or two of wandering to and fro in Europe, with expenses paid and a salary check arriving every month. he prepared his report, which he thought contained recommendations of tremendous importance.

The government hardly looked at it. It was quietly buried in the departmental archives, and that was Arthur Hawkes is one of the finest the last of it. That made Arthur rather "sore." It touched his pride. clumsy, ill-fitting outfit that makes He proposed the British-born move- He could hide his disappointment over being left out of the cabinet, the but to ignore his epochal report, the eighth wonder of the world, added

Henceforth Arthur decided to have 'no truck nor trade" with a government that could be so cruel and heartless. He would bring down the wrath of the gods upon the party he had helped to place in power. Ere long Arthur was seeking the Grit nomination from Podunk, or some place. Soon he was promoting "le bonne entente." He would swing the French-Canadians into line their same as he toyed with the British-Now he is out for indepen-

Have a care, Arthur. At present we are not concerned about Canada's The main thing is to lick the kaiser

Drowned While Fishing. Belleville, Oct. 1 .- Mrs. William Lewis, Baptiste, was accidentally drowned at Baptiste Lake, in the northern part of Hastings county. The victim was fishing alone from a boat when it is supposed she had a fainting spell and fell into the lake. Her body was recovered shortly after a short distance from shore and in about ten feet of water. She was 63 years of age, and had lived for years at Bap-

The Late Rev. Michael J. Brown-Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 28.-Rev. Father Michael J. Brown, for a period of thirty-eight years pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Hogansburg, across the river from here, is dead, having succumbed to an illness with which he had been afflicted for some time. Father Brown was born in Malone sixtyseven years ago.

Indians Demand Right to Vote. Peterboro, Oct. 2 .- In order to disouss a number of grievances, of which the principal one is that they have not been given the franchise, chiefs from the majority of the incian reserves in Ontario are to hold a conference at Chemong India 1 v!! lage on Tuesday of next week

Pte. Thomas W. G. Gummer, Lyn, who returned some weeks ago from On and after first of May the front and Miss Mary Louise Pottinger, daughter of James Pottinger, Mallorytown, were united in marriage in Brockville on Saturday.

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