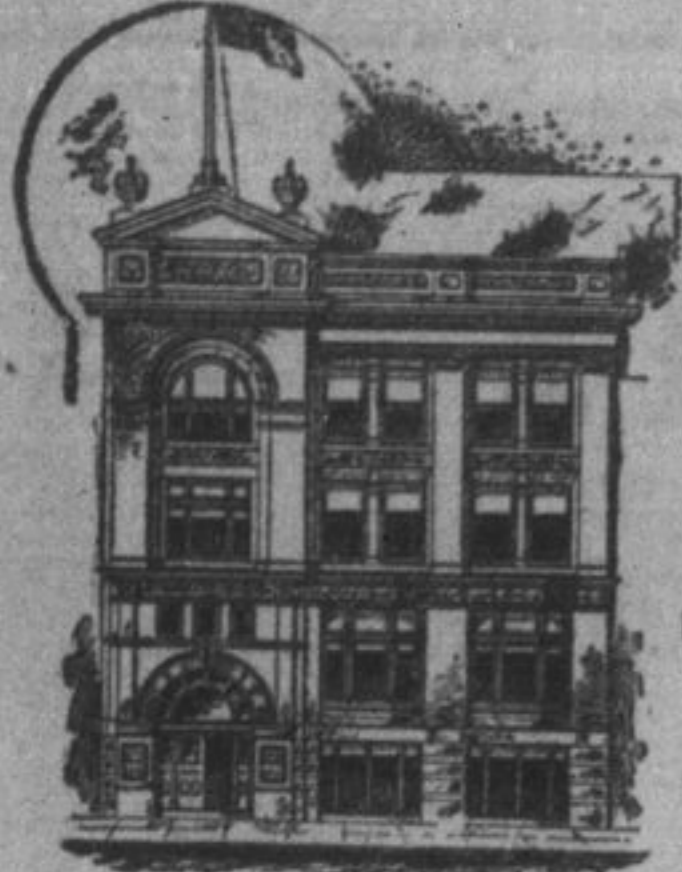


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The circulation of THE BRITISH  
WHIG is authenticated by the  
Audit Bureau of Circulations.

When German workers ask for  
bread they get machine gun bullets  
Nice place, Germany.

If this coal shortage continues  
classes for instruction in the use of  
the axe and the buck-saw will be in  
order.

Social Item: T. Roosevelt and  
Billy Sunday had tea together in  
Washington. We'll bet the conversa-  
tion cracked some of the tea cups.

The suspension of industrial ac-  
tivity will bring home to the people  
a realization that we are at war. It  
will be the first real sacrifice that  
many of us have been called upon to  
make.

The late John L. Sullivan once  
said that he made two million dol-  
lars in the fighting business, and  
that he spent one million of it in  
buying drinks for himself and his  
hosts of admirers.

The Kaiser probably said more  
than his prayers when he learned  
that it was the Hamburg-American  
and North German Lloyd steamers  
that carried to France the American  
army which is to help encompass his  
defeat.

Patriotism demands that we all  
co-operate with the fuel controller to  
relieve distress. The citizen with  
an abundant fuel supply should  
share up with those families who  
may be in want and who are suffer-  
ing as a consequence.

A bill has been introduced at Al-  
bany aiming to give women in New  
York State the right to serve as  
jurors. It is argued that if they are  
to have the privilege of voting, they  
should also bear some of the respon-  
sibilities of government.

Hamilton's mayor has had to lock  
himself in his office to escape the  
clamor of citizens who are unable to  
get coal. He should remember that  
responsibilities accompany most  
honors, and do some of the hustling  
that characterizes our mayor.

American troops are now holding  
a section of front line trenches in  
the Lorraine district. If they decide  
to emulate the dash and enterprise  
of the Canadians and Australians—  
which they probably do—there will  
be something doing on that front be-  
fore very long.

When a member of the Toronto  
Globe's editorial staff tells a Mont-  
real audience that the Liberals who  
supported the Union Government  
now see their error, he does not  
rightly interpret their view. That  
may be his individual opinion, but it  
is not the opinion of those Liberals  
who voted and worked for united  
effort in vigorously prosecuting the  
war.

Viscount Morley, in his "Recollections"  
—and he was always sym-  
pathetically disposed toward Ire-  
land—reveals a curious but characteristic  
national opposition to all efforts to-  
ward reform: "Both north and south  
you must look for the incalculable.  
One day there happened to be a con-  
siderable faction-fight in Cork. I  
asked at the Castle what it was  
about. 'Oh, it was the old quarrel  
between the two earls in the time of  
Queen Elizabeth.' Here was the  
fatality of history, indeed. What

was the special quarrel, I had not  
time to identify then or since."

**VIOLATING THE BY-LAW**  
Complaints are made that some  
cab and taxi men are charging pas-  
sengers higher fares than the by-law  
allows. A demand is made for fifty  
cents for a single person when the  
by-law provides that the fare shall  
be twenty-five cents. It is recognized  
that the old fares are not sufficient  
since everything else had gone up in  
price, but they remain, and the cab-  
les are liable to the penalty of the  
by-law for overcharging. If they  
want a change in the prices they will  
have to petition the police commis-  
sioners to revise the tariff. Accord-  
ing to the by-law, a cabman is allow-  
ed only twenty-five cents for driving  
a person from any point within the  
city limits to any other point within  
the limits. It is considered that this  
is not enough when one is driven a  
distance of two miles or more. The  
suggestion is made that the fares be  
revised and based upon distance and  
time.

**BEEF FROM CHINA**  
An item in a Pacific coast paper  
records the fact that not long ago  
one million pounds of beef grown  
in China arrived in San Francisco.  
The shipment of beef was originally  
intended for the Philippines, but was  
not needed there and was forwarded  
at once to the United States.

This importation of beef into a  
great beef-growing country, shows  
something of how world conditions  
are altered from normal. And es-  
pecially so in view of the fact that  
the million pounds of beef were  
really needed.

At present the United States is  
trying to feed herself and her Allies.  
She seems to be getting away with  
the job fairly well, although some-  
what clumsily. Now she appears to  
have an assistant in China. A million  
pounds of beef, added to the amount  
saved by the proper number of beef-  
less days, makes a worthy total of  
perfectly good meat for those that  
need it most. And China may have  
more another time. Certainly  
there's plenty of food in the world  
if distributed with fairness, intelli-  
gence and wisdom.

**RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.**

Some years ago the Retail Mer-  
chants' Association of Kingston was  
a strong and aggressive organiza-  
tion, and was responsible for the  
passing and putting into effect of  
certain by-laws for the betterment  
of the retail business, and indirectly,  
for the general good of the public.  
But the association fell upon too  
prosperous days, when the need of  
united action was least apparent, and  
it died of inattention and neglect. But  
now conditions arising out of the  
war have demonstrated the necessity  
of such a public body, and at a meet-  
ing called for Monday next, the as-  
sociation will be revived. Such a  
body, composed as it must neces-  
sarily be, of the foremost retail busi-  
ness men of the city, possesses great  
opportunities for usefulness. Not  
only can it safeguard the interests  
of its members, but by friendly and  
aggressive co-operation largely ex-  
tend the retail trade of the city.  
It can also lend its united support  
to all movements looking to the ad-  
vancement of the city along every  
line of commercial activity. The pro-  
posal, therefore, to resurrect the as-  
sociation, and place it once more on  
a solid and enduring basis, is to be  
heartily commended. No other one  
class of our citizens are perhaps so  
influential; none other pay such a  
large proportion of civic taxation.  
They have a right—nay, more, a  
duty—to make their united voice  
heard in matters of civic legislation,  
no less than in the narrower field  
of matters that pertain solely to  
problems confronting themselves as  
a distinct business class.

**OUR SUPPLY OF COAL.**

Ontario and Quebec are largely  
dependent upon the United States for  
their coal supply, since these prov-  
inces are not coal producers. In  
the maritime provinces and in west-  
ern Canada, the question is purely a  
local or domestic one. The necessary  
closing down of all industries and  
public buildings in the United States  
for certain days has worked certain  
hardships and called forth much  
criticism. But, most significant of  
all, it has started a movement  
against the exportation of coal to  
Canada until their own needs are  
fully and completely met. In Illinois  
the slogan now is: "Keep every  
pound of coal produced in Illinois for  
use in this state." If, in the future,  
anybody must go short of coal, it  
should not be the people who own  
the mines, but rather the outsider.  
One cannot well quarrel with that  
position. It therefore behooves  
Canadians to seriously consider other  
sources of supply. Cannot coal be  
brought, during the coming summer  
from the mines of Nova Scotia and  
Cape Breton, or does the long freight  
haul prevent this? The Maritime  
Mining Record states that our need  
of fuel is mainly due to shortage of  
labor and lack of transportation, and  
adds:  
"Nova Scotia in the past could

have shipped millions of tons of coal  
to Ontario had there been facilities  
of transportation."

These "millions of tons" would  
have come in pretty handy just now  
and have obviated the present em-  
barassing situation. The anticipa-  
ted government control of railways  
ought to afford a solution. Ontario  
must have an assured coal supply for  
next winter, and a consolidation of  
Canadian railways under public man-  
agement can bring it about. Other-  
wise, great privation is sure to fol-  
low.

**SPENDING MONEY ON ROADS.**

In an admirable article on  
"Roads," which appears in the last  
issue of Queen's Quarterly, Prof. T.  
S. Scott, foreshadows a great ac-  
tivity of road building in Canada  
directly following the close of the  
war. Prof. Scott is a recognized  
authority on roads, and has given us  
a fine example of his work in the  
new piece of road he constructed  
last year from the end of Cataract  
Causeway to the top of Barriefield  
hill. Nero, he says, had a thousand  
carriages, but he had about all  
there were. A recent count of traf-  
fic to Barriefield showed 3,000  
vehicles a day. A highway needs to  
be well built to stand up under such  
heavy traffic.

"Our position regarding road  
maintenance, writes Prof. Scott, "has  
always been a striking instance of  
our North American prodigality and  
general thriftlessness. . . . Be-  
fore Napoleon's time France arranged  
for permanent maintenance of  
her highways. In Europe there are  
section gangs on the roads just as in  
America we have section gangs on  
the railroads. In no place in our  
civilized life is the truth of the old  
proverb 'A stitch in time saves nine,'  
so applicable as in the repairs to  
roads and road drainage.

Quite good roads and adequate drainage  
systems are allowed to be almost  
ruined for lack of systematic atten-  
tion which would pay for itself over  
and over again not only in comfort  
but in direct saving.

"As to the Ontario situation, it is  
probable that there will be great  
activity in road building. The cities  
will continue to improve their streets  
no doubt, but the main movement  
will be in Interurban Highways.

Road building may pro-  
vide one of the least wasteful means  
of distributing public money to ease  
us over the strain of readjustment  
after the war. Granted that the re-  
turned men may be in some cases 75  
per cent. efficient, if we can show  
75 per cent. value in permanent im-  
provement to our transportation sys-  
tem it will be a greater percentage  
than any other of our war expendi-  
tures which are nearly all 100 per

cent. waste. All these considera-  
tions point to some powerful, prop-  
erly organized control, similar to  
our Railway Commission or Hydro-  
Electric Commission."

The writer points out what seems  
a very pertinent fact: an argument  
in favor of the properly mixed bifur-  
cated surfaces is that 99 per cent.  
of the material is local and inex-  
haustible. They are cheaper than  
the others in first cost and suffi-  
ciently durable to withstand any but  
the very heaviest traffic. A great  
deal of a city's prosperity depends  
upon the number and condition of  
the roads radiating from it. Better  
roads mean increased traffic, and for  
this reason Kingston is vitally inter-  
ested in the good roads problem.

**PUBLIC OPINION**

**Signs of Spring.**  
(London Advertiser)  
Now comes the first report of  
peach buds being killed. If there  
were none of these rumors people  
would not realize spring was com-  
ing.

**The Nation's Treasure.**  
(New York Sun)  
The babies of the land are a na-  
tional possession more valuable than  
any other, and their protection must  
enlist the earnest support of all en-  
lightened citizens.

**Will They?**  
(St. Thomas Journal)  
The food controller announces that  
drastic measures are to be taken  
against food hoarding. Will the To-  
ronto gold storage magnates be  
touched by Mr. Thompson's decision?

**The Spirit Giveth Life.**  
(New York Commercial)  
Canada is treated as a part of the  
United States in the distribution of  
coal, another step in the consolida-  
tion of the English speaking coun-  
tries of the world to secure peace  
and freedom for all. Closer political  
union is not necessary when the  
same motives inspire all, for the let-  
ter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

**To Save Leather.**  
(Popular Science Monthly)  
Look at the sweat band in your  
hat or cap. It is about two inches  
wide and twenty-five inches long—  
a little thing, you say. It takes an  
annual total of fifty-five million feet  
of leather to put this in the headgear  
men wear. It is, in truth, one of the  
biggest little leather leaks brought  
to the attention of the public. But  
it is not a difficult leak to stop. By  
wearing hats or caps with substitute  
leather bands or bands at all, you  
can divert the leather to more im-  
portant needs.

**D.C.M. For L.-Cpl. Robt. Clark.**  
Bancroft, Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs.  
John Clark have received the news  
that their son, L.-Cpl. Robert Clark,  
has been awarded the Distinguished  
Conduct Medal for conspicuous behav-  
ior in a recent action in Belgium.

**Rippling Rhymes**

**THE UNKIND ACT**

My aunt came to me in my lair, and talked while  
I was busy; I smote her with a rocking chair, and  
knocked her cold and dizzy. The butler bore her form  
away and sent out for a doctor, and I could hear the  
sawbones say, "The blow has badly shocked her." And  
sitting there in solitude, remorse soon drove me dotty;  
I sighed, "Oh, why am I so rude, unkindlike and  
naughty? Why do I thus my temper lose, o'er every  
trifling matter, and bombard guests with chairs and  
shoes when they come in to chatter? If I had said,  
'Dear aunt, you see that I'm composing sonnets, so  
please don't talk just now to me of furberlows and  
bonnets,' I know that she'd have understood, she  
would no longer tease me, for she is gentle, sweet and  
good, and always wants to please me.' But no, I swat  
her with a chair, and make her top-knot bloody, and  
servants drag her by the hair from out my gloomy  
study. I am a brute! I should be canned! My soul  
is dark and shady! Alas, that I should raise my hand  
to such a smooth old lady!" Next day, a sad, repentant man, I went to beg  
her pardon; she soaked me with the frying pan, and chased me through the  
garden.

—WALT MASON.

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Take a Glass of Salts if Your Back  
Hurts or Bladder  
Bothers.

The American men and women  
must guard constantly against Kid-  
ney trouble, because we eat too much  
and all our food is rich. Our blood  
is filled with uric acid which the  
kidneys strive to filter out, they  
weaken from overwork, become slug-  
gish; the eliminative tissues clog and  
the result is kidney trouble, bladder  
weakness and a general decline in  
health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps  
of lead; your back hurts or the urine  
is cloudy, full of sediment or you  
are obliged to seek relief two or  
three times during the night; if you  
suffer with sick headache or dizzy,  
nervous spells, acid stomach, or you  
have rheumatism when the weather  
is bad, get from your pharmacist  
about four ounces of Jad Salts; take  
2 tablespoonful in a glass of water  
before breakfast for a few days and  
your kidneys will then act fine. This  
famous salt is made from the acid  
of grapes and lemon juice, combined  
with lithia, and has been used for  
generations to flush and stimulate  
clogged kidneys; to neutralize the  
acids in the urine so it no longer is a  
source of irritation, thus ending  
bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot  
injure, makes a delightful efferves-  
cent lithia-water beverage, and be-  
long in every home, because nobody  
can make a mistake by having a good  
kidney flushing any time.

**Military Hospital Canteens**  
Ottawa, Feb. 8.—An order-in-  
council has been passed granting  
canteens in the hospitals of the mil-  
itary hospitals commission the priv-  
ilege of selling domestic tobacco and  
cigarettes free of excise duty. This  
privilege had previously been con-  
fined to the canteens at camps  
where men are training for over-  
seas service, and returned invalided  
soldiers felt that they were being  
discriminated against.

Four cases of smallpox having  
been discovered in the Ursuline Ac-  
ademy, all the citizens of Chatham  
have been ordered by the City Coun-  
cil to be vaccinated immediately.

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