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Protect the birds and there won't be so many caterpillars and other harmful insects to destroy.

If you can't dig a trench at the front, dig a garden at home. Get busy.

The first shipment of hard coal of the season has just arrived in Kingston. But the article is as hard to get as ever.

The food you grow in your own garden or allotment is going to be your best friend in the months to come.

An accused murderer in Detroit killed himself by dropping his bed on his head. Most of us prefer to drop our heads on the bed.

Free-trade Britain is the only country in the world which is paying its way in this war as it goes. That is something worth remembering.

Make your garden keep your larder well stocked with wholesome vegetable food and you'll be doing a patriotic duty and yourself a good turn.

The boys who once defied their parents and climbed trees and telegraph poles and did circus stunts in the barn, are now in Europe doing airplane stunts over the German lines.

Following the war of 1870 Germany collected an indemnity of a billion dollars from France. This sum, with interest thereon, should be included in the indemnities which the Huns will be forced to pay at the close of the present war.

The Y.M.C.A. suffered a \$500,000 loss as a result of the recent retirement on the western front. All the more reason why the association's present appeal for funds to "carry on" should meet with a generous response.

The British navy does not believe in watchful waiting. Rather it believes in watchfully waiting for a chance to pounce upon the Hun and give him a good drubbing. The spirit of Nelson and Drake and other of Old England's fighting seamen is still alive.

The Turks at Kut-el-Amara erected a monument to commemorate the surrender of General Townsend and his army. Their action was a trifle premature. The British now in possession of the city laugh good-naturedly at the "ironic humor" of the obelisk, writes an American author.

The Quebec Telegraph, of which Hon. Frank Carroll is publisher, has issued a "Unity" edition of 56 pages and cover, printed on coated paper. A handsome colored cover depicts Quebec holding a reception for the sister provinces and grasping the hand of Miss Ontario. The whole edition breathes a spirit of unity, concord and harmony.

The question of Lord Kitchener's fate is again revived by a Brantford man, Chief Petty Officer P. A. E. Smith, who was serving on the H. M. S. Hampshire when she struck a mine and sunk. Kitchener entered boat No. 3, which was not seen again. Smith affirms his belief that the great soldier was rescued and taken to Germany as a prisoner of war.

THE FINAL FLOPPING. Writing home in regard to the present German offensive, a Toronto officer says: "I've got a feeling that it's the final tremendous flopping of a caught pig. He's thumping and banging around in the bottom of the boat. Pretty soon somebody will pull up his sleeves, pick up the stick you have your feet on, and administer the pike one or two solid slugs on the bean, and so into the frying-pan."

BEST OF LAND LAWS. "The land laws of Ireland," declares Rev. Father Minehan, of Toronto, "were, in my boyhood, the worst in the world; to-day they are the best. In other departments, too, great changes have taken place. The British democracy, which was not responsible for Irish conditions in the past, is now showing a determination that Ireland shall have an opportunity of developing her national genius under the protection and encouragement of what is the most liberty-loving government in the world to-day—the government of Kings George V."

REPAIR CLARENCE STREET. Last fall the new pavement on Clarence street was torn up in no less than seventeen different places to make sub-surface repairs. After the blocks were removed and the repairs effected, the excavations were filled in with cinders and other material. In that state they still remain. Passing vehicles have thrown much of the filling out of place and seriously damaged the paving blocks on the edges of the openings. Negligence such as this is expensive, while at the same time the holes in the roadway are dangerous to traffic. The city engineer should explain why repairs have not long since been made. A good pavement was laid down on Clarence street, and it should not be allowed to deteriorate for lack of proper attention.

REDUCTION OF POLICE. The Temperance Act has lessened the duties of the police force to such an extent that the Whig understands the Police Commissioners may not fill the positions vacated at the end of the month by four constables who have sent in their resignations. About \$2,000 would be saved the city treasury during the balance of the year as a result, and this amount would more than take care of the expenses, in connection with the fuel controller's office. The Police Commission would be quite justified in allowing the balance of the force to do what police patrol work is necessary. The Whig believes that a smaller force can perform the police duty required in Kingston.

MORE HOUSES ARE NEEDED. The progress of this city is being seriously impeded by the lack of all kinds of houses for rent. Practically every available house is occupied, and many new families find it impossible to secure a residence. Such a condition rears upon the business and mercantile life of Kingston and therefore forms a fitting subject for the attention of the Board of Trade and the Retail Merchants' Association. There has been a steady influx of people to the city during the past year or two, while during the same period building operations have as steadily fallen off. A considerable number of new houses, to rent from \$15 to \$30 a month, is urgently required. They must be supplied without delay if the city's development is not to be arrested. Here is a chance for some public body to perform a service of real and lasting benefit.

THE SERVICES OF INVENTORS. If it were not for cold storage England would have been starved into submission long ago. Only by means of cold storage have the British been able to pile up food supplies that make them safe for a considerable period against anything the U-boat may do in its work of sinking food ships, passenger ships, armed ships and every character of ship that sails the seas. The inventor of cold storage was a modest Frenchman. He died a few years ago of starvation. What a tragedy! The man who gave more of food through the conservation of food to the world than any man who ever lived dying for the want of food!

If it were not for the inventions of John P. Holland and Simon Lake Germany would be without the submarine, the most effective weapon the Teuton has had to employ. If it were not for the cotton gin and the spindle and the loom and the sewing machine the world would not be able to clothe itself as it is clothed to-day, and no such war as that now waged would be possible. If it were not for the genius of Bessemer and Holley and other master men in the field of metallurgy no such guns as now carry wholesale death would afflict mankind. But for the mastery of the air by the brothers Wright we might not have warfare in and from the air. Wonderfully, terribly the inventions of science add to the immensity,

the intensity and the appalling costs in life and property in war. There are those who argue from these facts, as those who argue that any labor-saving device is an injury to labor, that it would be better if we had no such inventions. Those who argue so argue badly. It is the misuse of the creations that have flowered in the brains of men of genius that appals us to-day.

PUBLIC OPINION

One Worry Escaped. (London Advertiser) We are told that hundreds of men in Western Ontario have an income of \$100,000. But the man following us around is not the income tax expert.

Somewhat Delayed. (Toronto Telegram) The whole structure of the Franco-British defence was expected to be in ruins before the end of the first week of the German advance. The German advance is almost two days into the fifth week of its costly existence, and still wrecking the porches and vestibules of the Allied positions.

No Cause for Alarm. (New York World) It is well worth while to remember in the midst of all this conflict that the men who are least depressed, the men who have lent themselves neither to doubt nor to panic, are the men who are doing the actual fighting against the German advance. While they hold firm, the least that civilians can do is to restrain their fears.

Reason For the Call. (Philadelphia Record) We infer, not that the allied army is in danger, for England and France alone have 17,000,000 more population than Germany, but that America, France and Great Britain are trying to get enough men at the front to overwhelm the Germans and follow up the victory and hasten the end of the war.

To the Death. (New York Globe) A duel is on and it is to the death. The world is to be German-ruled or freedom-ruled. The rival systems of life and civilization cannot co-exist. This world is to be all free or all slave. Some, including the President, have been reluctant to see the simple issue, but at last he, as well as others who have held back see it in its nakedness. No other way is offered to peace except over the grave of Prussian militarism. The war, as it is the greatest in the mobilization of men, in the purest in human history. It is not for national rights, although these are involved, but for the future of the world.

WHAT ADVERTISING IS

"Advertising is the voice of business, but your advertising can't say anything worth while unless your store has something worth while to offer the public. Advertising must speak the truth and command the confidence of the people. It should not be based on a competitive but a constructive plan. Some advertising is more of a liability than an asset. Advertising has made competition nation-wide. If you want to get your feet on bed rock get it thoroughly into your mind that advertising is a system of education."—Stockdale.

Rippling Rhymes

OUT IN THE COUNTRY Let's seek the rural regions, in pastures let us stray, where costly calves, in legions, and high-priced lambskins play. Now spring with flowers is wreathing the landscape everywhere, and there's no charge for breathing the wholesome country air. The country is enchanting upon a smiling morn, when husbandmen are planting two-bushel-a-bushel corn; my thoughts I cannot utter, as I go drilling round, where wives are making butter that brings six bits a pound. The nights are growing shorter, the bright days longer grow, and hens, once worth a quarter, now bring a hick a throw. Where crystal streams are flowing, I see the cattle browse; the laughing maids are going, to milk the spangled cows. I say, "Oh, girls, I'm holler, I'll have some milk, I think." They say, "All you can swallow, at twenty cents a drink." Where sunbeams lightly quiver upon the wooded flat, I drink the brawling river—there is no charge for that. The stinging me, and don't present a bill. Let's seek the rural mazes, the lane and lonesome pike; some things are cheap as hick, and the like.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



CREDIT WILL BE RUINED

IF DRAYTON REPORT IS ADOPTED, SAY STOCKHOLDERS Called "Confiscatory" — Strong Language Used and Outright Purchase Demanded. London, April 27. — "Canada's credit in London will be ruined if the Government gives effect to the Drayton report," stated Sir Robert Perks at the annual Grand Trunk meeting. The statement was unanimously endorsed by a large meeting of stockholders.

Chairman Smithers characterized the Drayton report as extraordinary and confiscatory. Every mention of the Drayton report was greeted with cries of "shame" and "abominable." Mr. Smithers declared that Mr. Drayton's delay in granting increased freight rates was equivalent to a forced contribution from British stockholders of the Grand Trunk to the Canadian people. He referred to the coincidence that Chairman Drayton was the author of the "infamous confiscatory policy," and also the cause of the delay in the rates. The adoption of the Drayton report meant the confiscation of \$45,000,000 of British capital. He declared the Grand Trunk was the only railway in Britain or America unprotected against war conditions. The proper treatment would seem to be the policy in effect in Britain and the United States of purchase outright at a just price by the Government. There was no desire on the part of the railway to sell it, but if the Government desires it, the railway demands just consideration. The Grand Trunk suffered from Government discrimination and had a severe fight against odds.

Many expressed the view that British ownership was prejudicial in the railway case in Canada. The chairman dissented from this view. One stockholder after the meeting declared that the adoption of the Drayton report would lower Canada's credit in the London market. The suggestion to increase the number of Canadians on the directorate was not adopted. The directors were ordered to continue the fight for a just deal.

An Interesting Call. The Presbyterian Toronto, April 25. One of the most interesting calls that has been announced for some time is the call of Chalmers church, Kingston, to Dr. R. J. Wilson, of St. Andrew's church, Vancouver. Chalmers, as our readers know, is the church so long ministered to by the well-beloved Dr. Malcolm MacGillivray. It is much frequented by the students of Queen's, and if Dr. Wilson should accept the call he will find a field of a different type certainly, but of an importance equal to his charge in Vancouver.

Mrs. M. Russell, Cornwall, was officially notified that her son, Pte. William Russell, had been killed in action in France, on April 8th. Pte. Russell attained his twenty-second birthday on January 28th. "Undoubtedly every man of every class, who is medically fit, should immediately be placed in a training camp," said Hon. Robert Rogers, late Minister of Public Works at Toronto.

About sixty doctors will join the Army Medical Corps within the next month as a result of the graduation of the fifth year medical students of Toronto University. The French Republic has conferred the Legion of Honor upon Col. Noel Marshall of Toronto, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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