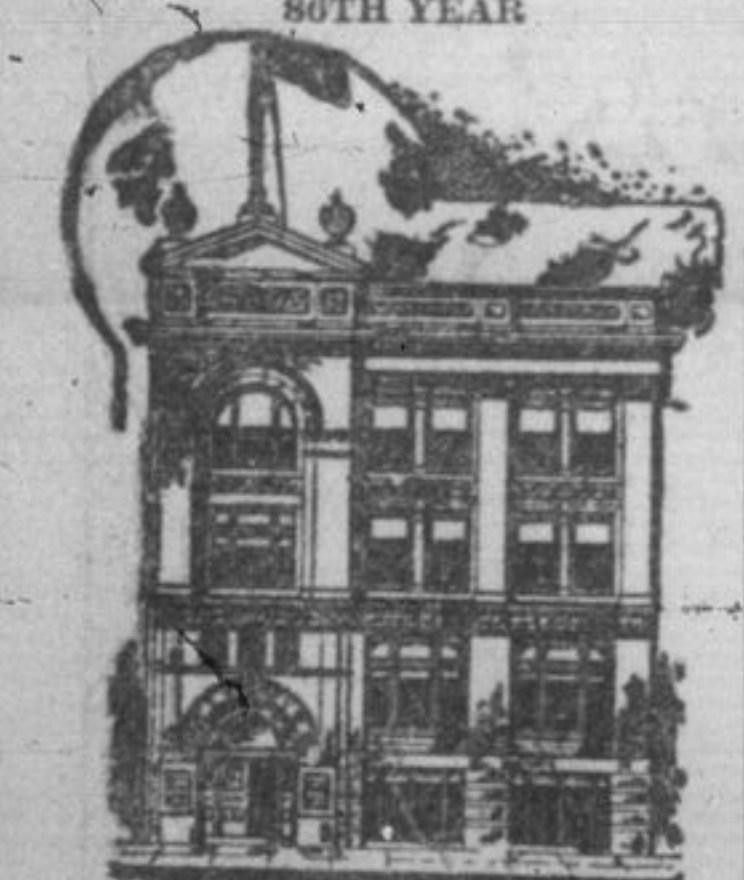


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The value of Ontario's mineral products fell from \$31,574,591 in 1918 to \$18,759,829 in 1919.

The advent of fall usually means an increase in the cost of coal. But who cares, as long as that other luxury—the palatable pumpkin pie—is still forth-coming?

The present session of parliament will be known to history as the "extra indemnity session." Above all other things, it demonstrates the weakness of Sir Robert Borden as a ruler.

The demand for an extra \$2,000 gratuity bids fair to result in a split in the ranks of the returned soldiers. Such a breach in their ranks will be sincerely regretted by all their friends.

South Africa and Canada have both ratified the peace treaty. Great Britain and her dominions can have a very respectable league of nations all by themselves whether anybody else joins or not.—Buffalo Express.

Those who are pessimistic regarding the future of this country should take note of the fact that the field crops of Canada this year, for the third time in the history of the Dominion, promise to have a value of more than \$1,000,000,000.

The Union government has passed at least one order-in-council that will meet with public approval; it has set aside Oct. 9th as a fire prevention day throughout Canada.

The London Post points out—and we hope our American friends will make a note of it—that England doesn't grant self-determination to Ireland "for the very same reason that justified Abraham Lincoln in denying self-determination to the South."

The ascent of the American aviator Rohlf to 24,500 feet, a height never before reached by a heavier-than-air machine, was a wonderful accomplishment, but the utility of the performance is questionable. What good purpose did it serve? The man risked his life with no beneficial object in view.

There may be fifty-seven varieties of weather in Canada, but the finest brand of them all is in evidence whenever Manager Bushell decides to hold the Kingston Industrial Exhibition. Luck, or fate, or providence, or whatever one chooses to call it, appears to be on his side. May it ever be so.

One of the greatest industrial conflicts in the history of the United States, that of organized labor against the big steel interests, is now being fought to a finish. The first day of the strike witnessed the loss of several lives. Both sides remain stubborn, and, as usual, the innocent public will suffer most.

Ex-mayor Wright, of Brockville, declares that he will oppose the present provincial member, A. E. Donovan. The latter has for years resided in Toronto, hence the desire for a representative more closely in touch with the people of the constituency. In Brockville, as elsewhere, there is much dissatisfaction in the Conservative ranks.

THE REFERENDUM BALLOT.

What is wrong with the liquor referendum ballot? After due consideration the Whig is of the opinion that the first question asking if the people want the Ontario Temperance Act repealed should not have been asked. Probably not five per cent of the electorate know what the Ontario Temperance Act is. They know that the sale of liquor is prohibited, but that is about all. In a referendum the questions should have been broad ones, and upon the vote the legislators at Toronto could have framed a new act if it were necessary. If it is true that by voting yes on the question regarding the repeal of the present act, the old bar would re-appear, then the Hearst Government has played into the hands of the liquor party, for there are many people who will vote for the repeal of the act and yet do not want the bar back, nor do they realize that by voting 'yes' to the first question means the return of old conditions. The bar is gone and it should never be allowed to re-open under any auspices. The ballot should have contained the simplest of questions something like these:

Are you in favor of the sale of liquor in bars and shops? Are you in favor of the sale of liquor in bulk under government auspices? A ballot like that would have been much more satisfactory, than the one which the Hearst Government is placing before the electors of the province on the 29th of October.

A THRONE FOR SALE.

A despatch from Constantinople brings the interesting news that the Sultan is so hard up for money that he is offering a throne for sale—not the throne of Turkey, however, which isn't worth much, but the ancient throne of Persia, captured by the Ottomans four centuries ago. It is a massive affair, made of gold and doubtless would bring a million or two under the auctioneer's hammer.

But the ancient throne of Persia is not the only throne that is for sale in Europe in this era of reversals of history. Unlike the captured throne of Persia, however, most of these thrones have a very low visibility as objects of financial value. Many of these royal seats have been relegated to the national attic in many a capital in the wide region between the Rhine and Bering Sea. Unlike the British throne, they have not been broad based upon the people's will.

And there are signs, too, that the moving period for thrones is not over yet. There are one or two thrones in Europe that are tolerated and kept furnished up as objects of pride, just as grandfather's portrait is kept by some families that have a grandfather on the family tree. But as a real seat for a ruler the throne has ceased to exist in Europe.

There are signs that in Asia also thrones are passing out of fashion. The Chinese relegated their peacock throne to the museum back in 1912. Persia's throne—the one in commission—has become more an article of curiosity than a piece of real furniture. The thrones of Japan two or three generations ago used to be the seat of a god. But that, too, is becoming less and less important by comparison with the 748 seats in the two chambers of parliament.

PUBLIC OPINION

Their Great Lack. (Charleston News and Courier) Prince von Bulow says the German statesman "lacked political art." Perhaps that was one trouble, but a more serious one was their lack of political honesty.

Settling the Irish Question. (The Veteran, Ottawa) An Irishman, on being asked what the "real trouble" in Ireland was, replied: "Well, it's this way; in the north of Ireland they're all Protestants; in the south, they're all Roman Catholics; and I wish to goodness we'd a few Atheists, then we might have a little Christianity."

Leonard Wood's Views. (Buffalo Express) General Leonard Wood, the most practical preparedness man in the United States, told a congress committee that a regular army of 350,000 would be ample. It does sound strange to hear the President assuring Western audiences that his programme guarantees peace and disarmament while his secretary of war is frantically urging congress to raise the permanent military establishment to 500,000 men—five times more than we ever had.

A Great Witness. (Montreal Star) History will see in Louis Botha something more than a great personality exercising vast influence for good upon his people in his time. From the viewpoint of the centuries he will stand primarily as a great witness to the solvent powers of free British democracy, which could in one brief decade transmute bitter foes to strong friends bound in blood brotherhood. His life will give evidence not only of the breadth of his own statesmanship, but of the power and efficacy of the British formula of freedom to solve the problems of Empire and to form the foundation for the great Commonwealth of free nations standing together under one flag.

Why Federal Quizzers Go Mad. (Everybody's) An answer to the query why some United States Employment Service

GEN. A. E. ROSS IN CABINET

He Will Be the Soldiers' Representative—Premier Hearst Pays Tribute To the Gallant Kingston Doctor. (Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Sept. 24.—Sir William Hearst announced last night that Brigadier-General Arthur E. Ross, member for Kingston, had been taken into the Ontario Cabinet as Minister without portfolio, and would be sworn in by the lieutenant-governor this morning.

"It is our desire," the Premier said, "to co-operate with the Dominion authorities in restoring the returned soldier to civil life under the most advantageous conditions. His claim upon the gratitude of the country is paramount, hence we have organized a Soldiers Aid Commission to advise and assist returned men, and have established a soldiers settlement, where free land and training are provided. We are offering special free courses for soldiers desiring to enter teaching profession. In order that we may fully understand their needs, we have returned soldiers and give assistance in the best manner possible one of their own number, Brig-Gen. Arthur E. Ross, for several years representative of Kingston, a man with long experience in the front, who has made a deep study of soldier-problems, will be taken into the cabinet immediately."

"Brig-Gen. Ross," Sir William Hearst added, "is a soldier and citizen of national reputation, of whom all Canadians may well be proud. By his eminent services and self-sacrificing devotion, he has earned and receives the enthusiastic admiration and affection of practically every Canadian soldier who went overseas."

Sir William then detailed Gen. Ross' excellent service in the South African and the great wars. "From the moment war was declared," Dr. Ross realized, as few men did, the importance of medical and surgical attention to the men at the front," said the Premier. "Therefore he offered himself and his life to his country, and he was privileged to render such service as seldom falls to the lot of any man. From his wide experience his intimate acquaintance with conditions at the front, and his great energy and big heartedness, Dr. Ross is pre-eminently qualified for a commanding place in his profession."

Brigadier-General Ross constitutes the second Minister of the Ontario Cabinet without portfolio, the other being Hon. R. F. Preston.

BORN.

BARBER—In Picton, Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Barber, a daughter. HAYES—At Napanee, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes, a daughter. HUGHES—At Camden, on Sept. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hughes, a son. MCFARLANE—At Napanee, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McFarlane, a son. O'SULLIVAN—At Lennoxville, on Sept. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Sullivan, a daughter. PERRY—At North-Fredricksbush, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Perry, a son. POST—At Richmond, on Sept. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Post, a son. RAJES—At North-Fredricksbush, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Parke, a daughter. SILSON—In Picton, Sept. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Silson, Toronto, a daughter. TYNER—At Richmond, on Sept. 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tyner, a daughter. WALTERS—In Picton, Sept. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walters, a son.

MARRIED.

ADAMS—BOURKE—On Aug. 19th, at Church of St. Marylebone, London, Lieut. Ralph Gibson Adams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Adams, Concession, Ontario, to Olive Mary, only daughter of the late John Bourke, of Curraleigh, Ireland. BROWN—DULMAGE—On Sept. 11, at St. Michael's, Toronto, Mr. Brown, Milford, to Fanny Dulmage. CLIFFE—ANDERSON—At Gananoque, Sept. 18th, Miss Florence Pearl Anderson, to Albert Cliffie, both of Wilstead. HELMER—FARRINGTON—On Sept. 19th, at Napanee, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. John Farrington, to Harold Herbert Helmer. LAKE—GOMMER—At Napanee, on Sept. 18th, William Leon McConnell, to Caroline Gommer, Kingston. LEAVITT—MOORE—On Sept. 19th, Picton, Ina Moore, Picton, to George Cecil Leavitt, Athol. MCKENZIE—MCCONNELL—At Picton, Sept. 18th, Miss Josephine McConnell, Royal street, South Marysburgh, to George D. McKenzie, North Marysburgh, aged 71 years. WHATTAM—WOOD—On Sept. 18th, at Picton, Ida Alberta Wood to Joseph Whattam, both of Picton.

DEED.

BERINGER—In Picton, Sept. 17th, Mary J. Owens, wife of the late Jacob E. Beringer. CULLEY—At Napanee, on Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spafford, Switzerville, aged 46 years. DAY—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Spafford, Switzerville, on Sept. 18th, Mrs. Hester O. Day, aged 79 years. LEWIS—At South Napanee, on Sept. 17th, Grace Bernice, only daughter of Joseph Leonard Lewis, aged 3 years, 11 months and 7 days. NOXON—In Wellington, Sept. 11th, Melissa Noxon, aged 90 years. RICHARDSON—At North Fredericksburgh, on Sept. 14th, Mrs. Benjamin Richardson, aged 71 years.

Mrs. Harriet Mott, widow of the late John Mott, passed away Thursday at the home of Mrs. McCormick, Belleville, at the ripe old age of 82 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some time. Capt. A. R. Hinkley, Oswego, N.Y., has announced the purchase of the steamer M. E. Phelps from Capt. Frank Phelps, Chaumont.

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Rippling Rhymes

GOLD BRICKS

Some busy fellows in our town are always hustling up and down, intent on boosting things; they want to raise a bunch of kale to put a flagpole on the jack or build new courthouse wings. They want to paint the country club; and so they come to me and say, "We need a lot of coin today, so cough up seven pounds." But always I have other use for every cent I can produce, some junk I have to buy; I line up with the easy Hicks who blow themselves for gilded bricks, or strips of azure sky. I have a gold mine up in Maine, where any man would be insane who dug around for gold; I have an ice plant on a shore where arctic billows always roar, and it is beauteously cold. I have a ranch that ought to grow all kinds of grain that moderns know, if it had any soil; I have an oil well on a hill, where high priced workmen drill and drill, and never reach the oil. I'm always buying costly shares that ought to make me millionaires, but never, never do; I'm buying shares in mills and mines, and grizzly bears and pumpkin vines, and so I cannot spare a red to help our village forge ahead, to aid the boosters; assessments always coming due, it seems to me I'm never through with shelling out the scads.

—WALT MASON.



Scene from "His Bridal Night," a comedy with music will be seen at the Grand Opera House, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26th and 27th.

Advertisement for BIBBY'S HATS and BIBBY'S SHOES. Features English Raincoats, Nifty Neckwear, and various hat styles like Derbys and Fedoras. Includes prices and store address: 78, 80, 82, 84 Princess Street.

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Advertisement for Dr. A. P. CHOWN'S. 185 PRINCESS STREET, PHONE 343. Dinner was served at the Cape Vincent fair grounds on Thursday to about twenty-five returned soldiers by the Welcome Home committee.

Advertisement for FARMS FOR SALE. Price list: 1-50 acres \$2,400; 2-75 acres 2,500; 3-75 acres 3,700; 4-47 acres 4,000; 5-112 acres 5,500; 6-150 acres 6,000; 7-100 acres 6,150; 8-120 acres 6,500; 9-203 acres 8,000; 10-220 acres 8,000; 11-100 acres 8,000; 12-175 acres 8,000; 13-100 acres 8,000; 14-105 acres 8,500; 15-200 acres 9,500; 16-200 acres 10,000; 17-295 acres 11,000; 18-200 acres 16,000; 19-397 acres 24,000. T.J. Lockhart, Real Estate and Insurance, Phone 1035W. or 17979.

Advertisement for GERALDI'S Bakery. For something good, try our Butter Crust Bread. Home-made pies and cakes. 108, Barrie Street, Phone 1098. And a Salesman Will Call.

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Advertisement for Chestnut Coke. The ideal fuel for household purposes. It is coal with all the smoke and gas producing substances removed—leaving pure carbon—no dust, no soot, little ash—lots of heat. We do not claim this to be the best fuel because we handle it; on the contrary, we handle it because it is the best.

Advertisement for Crawford. Foot of Queen St., Phone 9. The death occurred in a hospital at Kingston of Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dillabough, Cloverdale, sufferer from appendicitis. S. J. Dillabough, Athens, is a brother.