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Nothing violent lasts, said Strachey. That is something to be thankful for these days.

There are five candidates in sight for the mayoralty campaign in Kingston. It looks as if Mayor Newman's experiences this year have led others to envy his position.

The Lindsay Board of Trade is now considering a scheme of housing relief. Here's hoping they have a more sympathetic council than Kingston has.

When it comes to real contentment, the man with enough to pay his way, enough work to do, and a little home to rent in, is closest to possessing it.—Montreal Herald.

A year ago to-day Kingston was celebrating the signing of the armistice. The best way to celebrate the anniversary is by signing your name on a Victory Loan subscription form.

The mayor of Rochester has been elected for the seventeenth consecutive term. Tommy Church of Toronto has to travel a long way yet before he equals that record.

Since 1911 the population of Quebec has increased more than four times as fast as that of Ontario. This state of affairs ought to provide Ontario with much food for thought.

An American clergyman condemns the tendency toward extremes in woman's dress as "both immodest and immoral." But mere man's words of criticism, we fear, will have no effect.

Many people are anxious to know how it is that the country can afford to buy out the Grand Trunk Railway, and yet cannot afford to give any further assistance to the veterans. The veterans themselves ask that "they be known."

Even the most rabid opponents of titles could find no fault with the knighthood conferred on Major-General E. W. B. Morrison by the Prince of Wales. His honor was fully deserved for his brilliant war service.

We are told by some people that the best work of the city council is done at their committee meetings. But what of the committees that never have any meetings? We have at least one of that kind in Kingston, and perhaps two or three.

The position of county jailer ought to go to a returned man. Joseph Hawkey, ex-reeve of Kingston township and a man who served long and faithfully in France, is deserving of the appointment. His claim to it ranks high above all others.

"Stand by Canada," was the advice that Col. C. G. Williams gave to the people of Kingston at Friday night's rally. The best way to stand by Canada to-day is to buy all the Victory Bonds possible—and then some.

The proposal of an alderman to place the gas and water departments once more under city control is a dangerous retrograde step. These are not days when political control of public services will be tolerated by the people. The city council to-night will act wisely if it refuses to be stampeded.

Organized labor in Kingston must be wholly dissatisfied with this year's council when it proposes to place aldermanic candidates in every ward. The veterans contemplate similar

action. It is a hopeful sign, and augurs well for the future of the city. Hitherto there has been a lamentable lack of interest in public affairs.

The Bolsheviks have decreed that children shall be given no Christian names but shall be designated by numbers. But when it came to the Smiths, wouldn't the Bolsheviks run out of numbers?

United States manufacturers are establishing branches in nearly every other Canadian city except Kingston. Why should this be so? Is no organized effort being made to induce these factories to locate in this city?

Among other effects of the reaction from war, in Berlin and Paris, especially, according to news despatches, have been gambling and extravagant spending. But isn't extravagant spending as much a vice in Canada as in Europe?

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is certainly following in his father's footsteps. He was elected last week by the largest majority ever polled in the district of Oyster Bay. It would be a strange coincidence if he should one day reach the presidency of the United States.

Western Ontario towns and cities have organized Chambers of Commerce, have appointed industrial commissioners and are thus able to furnish prospective industries with all the facts they require as to labor, raw material, freight rates, etc. Kingston lags behind, and suffers accordingly.

Returned soldiers all over the country are after the scalp of Dr. J. W. Edwards, the member for Frontenac. Between the United Farmers and the veterans, the doctor will have a hard time the next time he comes up for election. But perhaps he will be elevated to the Senate before that time comes.

THE VICTORY LOAN. The objective of \$300,000,000 that was set for the Victory Loan was oversubscribed on Saturday by \$18,000,000, and with the announcement comes the call from the headquarters in Toronto for \$100,000,000 additional.

This is a cause for great satisfaction. The people of Canada, particularly those in the Province of Ontario, have shown a determination to stand by the country in a time of financial stress, and there is a strong probability that the additional \$100,000,000 will be raised without any difficulty.

But when we look over the published returns from the various districts we find that many have failed to attain their objective, Kingston and Frontenac county being among them. Nor is this all, but we are behind such places as Kenora and must feel called upon during the remainder of this week to not only overtake the objective originally set, but also meet any new figure that may now be set.

There is not the slightest doubt that the people of Kingston and Frontenac County have the ability to take up their share of the loan, and we must appeal particularly to the individuals who are able to buy bonds of denominations of \$50 to \$100, and up to \$1,000 to come forward and assume their proper share.

This is not asking for anything, but only placing before them the direct benefit that will come from the possession of these bonds. Such an investment may not come again for a long time, and now when the opportunity is open no person able to buy these bonds should allow it to pass.

The call for the additional \$100,000,000 was not unexpected, particularly when the \$300,000,000 was obtained before the expiration of the allotted time, indicating that the people had the ability to carry the loan, and there is no doubt that it will be taken up before the end of the week.

Kingston, however, must wake up to her duty and her opportunity, and not only go over the top but help reach the new mark set for Ontario.

THE ONTARIO FRANCHISE DISTRIBUTION. The result of the recent provincial election in Ontario, which swept the Farmers Party into power and defeated both of the old parties, has revived the idea that the present distribution of the franchise throughout Ontario is hardly fair to the people who live in the cities and towns. So long as the farmers can keep together it will be utterly impossible for any other party to have a say in the government of the province, although by population they are by no means the largest class.

Looking over the 111 seats in the provincial house, it is found that 75 of them are what might be called rural seats. That is, the members for these constituencies are elected by rural voters. In contrast to this, there are only 36 seats for the cities and larger towns of Ontario.

This is hardly fair to the cities. According to population, there should be a few more city constituencies than rural ones. The population of the cities and larger towns of Canada, and of what might be called industrial districts, comprise almost sixty per cent. of the population of the whole province. Thus, in order to give equal representation to the rural and urban districts, there

should be at least as many city constituencies as rural. Under the present system, the farmers are in power, although their total vote was much less than that of either the Liberals or Conservatives. In the first returns sent in, out of 667,063 votes cast in sixty per cent. of the ridings, the Liberals secured 225,083, the Conservatives 188,802 and the farmers 166,350. These figures show just what the populations represented by the various parties amount to. It is, of course, too much to expect that the farmers will make any attempt at redistribution of seats, but in fairness to all classes this is what should be done.

PUBLIC OPINION

Can't Starve and Milk Her. (Philadelphia Ledger) Respectfully submitted to strike committees everywhere: If you starve the cow, you can't expect to milk her.

Not Even An Excuse (New York Telegram) Dry law breeds Bolshevism, is Gompers' view. No doubt of it, but the dry law isn't the only thing to blame for sedition, Mr. Gompers. Nor will it be permitted to be used as an excuse.

A Difference. (Toronto Mail and Empire) One thing can be said for Leader Drury, and that is, he did not send a bold ultimatum to the Lieutenant-governor claiming the premiership. H. H. Dewar has the doubtful distinction all to himself.

Pretty Stiff. (Vancouver World) When it is known that those striking miners demand "a working period of 25 or 30 hours a week, and an increase of 60 per cent. in pay," according to the New York Sun, sympathy for their cause is liable to suffer serious shrinkage.

The Best Paid Army. (Los Angeles Times) Canada expects to increase the pay of her private soldiers to \$3 a day. She doesn't need much of a standing army; but at that rate it will be about the best paid one on earth and will displace the American army in that respect. Of course, there are Bolshevik forces that are supposed to be getting \$60 a day, but they have to print their own money on presses and it takes a bale of it to buy a doughnut. When it comes to discussing organized armies they don't count.

A Wide Gulf. (London Advertiser) There is a wide gulf in these days between the high ideals that the public set for the profession of the school teacher and the actual value that they place upon those ideals as measured by teachers' salaries. In a time when the whole of the industrial class is moving forward by leaps and bounds in the matter of increased reward for its labor, the teachers, in common with one or two other professions, notably the ministry, have gained so little that they have become a by-word for meager income and straitened conditions of life.

Newspaper Advertising. (From Newspaperdom) Newspaper advertising benefits producer and consumer alike by facilitating quantity production. The buyer of articles regularly advertised in the daily newspapers is often able to get them in retail quantities at less than he would have to pay for wholesale lots but for the rapid turnover the seller secures by creating an active market for his wares through good publicity.

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Institution of a benefit and pension fund for the Brantford police will await action by the Legislature. Mayor MacBride, I.L.P. member-elect and a member of the Police Commission, has indicated that he will present a bill at the next session to have pensions granted at the end of 25 or 30 years' service to policemen.

There is almost a foot of snow in the west and north sections of York county, N.B., as the result of this week's storm. In some places there are five-foot drifts.

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Rippling Rhymes The world outdoors is white with frost, at morning, when I leave the hay, and I, regardless of the cost, put up a glad and brave hooray. The frost is gleaming on the hills, and glittering along the valleys, the dew could put it up in pills, the druggist weighs it on his scales. I praise it in the highest terms; it is more precious than our rolls; for it's the stuff that kills the germs, and makes the microbes hunt their holes. A mortal loses all his pep when blistered by a summer sun; he toils along with weary step, and feels as though he weighed a ton. A slight exertion makes him groan, he's always in a grumpy mood; in every snow, every bone, he feels a beauteous latitude. But when the autumn frost appears, and eager winds his whiskers nip, he rolls his shirtsleeves to his ears, and looks for some one he may whip. The languor of the summer time, the weariness of stifling heat, no more oppress him when he'd climb around the tower on busy feet. In August I am beauly old, as old as graybeards ever are; but when the frost lies on the world, I'm younger than a movie star. —WALT MASON.

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Canada—East and West Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

BATTLE OF CHRYSTLER'S FARM On Nov. 11, 1813 the British won a decisive victory over the American army at Chrysler's Farm when Colonel Morrison attacked and defeated two armies of Americans who were attempting to reach Montreal. The invaders had divided their force at the head of the Long Sault rapids and marched on. Morrison saw that it was a splendid opportunity to strike. Had the two forces united the story of the conflict might read differently in Canadian history. It was a smart fight that took place on the 11th of November. The advantage went to the British who, out of an army of 800 men, lost in killed and wounded, about 180, while the Americans, with 2,500 men, suffered casualties estimated at over 300 men with an additional 100 taken prisoners.

The invaders were thus cut off from Montreal, where they had hoped to be victors and to establish themselves for the winter. They were in consequence forced to retreat just as winter was coming on. Their line of march was harassed night and day by the British patrols and in this way over one hundred sleigh loads of war stores, chiefly food and munitions, fell into the hands of the British as prizes. This was in itself a great victory as the army of the King was none too well equipped for winter and the conflicts that the spring would certainly bring again. The biggest effect however, was not in the prize stores or in the number of men slain or put out of action or even in the freeing of Montreal district from the threat of the enemy for the winter. It was in the shaking of the morale of the foe who hitherto had deemed himself almost invincible and who held rather a supreme contempt for the small armies that were seeking to arrest his activities in the British domain. In even greater proportion it cheered the Royal forces and gave them greater confidence in the appeal to arms for 1814—destined to be the year of final victory.

FATHER BADLY INJURED SON IN HUNTING PARTY William Rifenberg, Aged 23, Accidentally Shot While in North Woods. Saranac Lake, N.Y., Nov. 11.—While hunting along the lake shore with his father at Willsboro, William Rifenberg, aged, 23, was accidentally shot in the arm and shoulder by his father. Rifenberg was hurried out of the woods by his father and taken to the Champlain Valley Hospital, Plattsburg. His condition is serious, his physician, Dr. L. G. Barton, states.

Father and son left the village of Willsboro to spend the day in the woods and carried with them rifles with which they hoped to bag some game. Late in the afternoon the accidental shooting occurred. The rifle ball entered the young man's arm and shoulder. The wound bled profusely, which weakened him.

Both of the men are well known in Willsboro and the father is grief-stricken over the shooting of his son. The elder Rifenberg accompanied his son to Plattsburg and will remain there until the seriousness of his condition is passed.

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