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Unless appearances are deceiving, many a self-made man has cheated himself.

Often a co-respondent is sorry not to have been more careful as a co-respondent.

When a man comes home and finds his wife tearful he is likely to get an earful.

Political economy is not synonymous with what the politicians do to the country.

There is one business that seems to be overdone—that of getting into the spotlight.

Some matrimonial barks seem to have too much displacement for the sea of matrimony.

Nature seems to have fallen down in not providing enough ether wave lengths to go around.

You can't tell about motives, and it may be that Eve was just trying to keep the doctor away.

In a small town, feminism manifests itself only as an anxiety to pay off the debt on the church.

Lennie says he can't sleep. Some of his own make of nightmares, we suppose, came back to haunt him.

The U.F.O. can't remove all the farmer's troubles, however, unless it can get control of the weather bureau.

What we can't understand is how the small investor so unerringly picks out the swindlers to handle his funds.

Germany in discovering that she can pay when the claim was made that she couldn't. Few things are impossible.

How strange the papers appear these days without any war news. But the bandits do their best to provide the thrills.

All plans to save the country begin with the assumption that all things are possible to one who has access to the treasury.

When one's arteries begin to harden, about the only pleasure left is that of scolding about the way the young people dress.

Europe's opinion concerning armament seems to be in entire harmony with the theory that a hair of the dog will cure the bite.

When a car can't pull through, they say the engine is missing; when a bank can't pull through, they say the cashier is missing.

In Utopia all reformers are on the country pay roll, and everybody lives a blameless life in the hope of getting a government job.

Once upon a time there was a man who remembered to buy a new tube of toothpaste on the day his supply gave out. Now you tell one.

What makes our girls run around so? "wories a leading club woman. Maybe hunting mother, answers the Augusta Herald.

To the lay mind it appears that great men waste a great deal of energy trying to pick out the most difficult way of solving a problem.

MAJOR LEWIS' TAX BILL.

Major Lewis has a bill before the Ontario legislature to tax churches, hospitals, orphanages and cemeteries. There is little hope that it will succeed, as it goes too far. The Whig more than a year ago announced itself in favor of taxing church land and it is still of that mind. It would go further and tax every bit of land in a municipality, but would exempt church, hospital and educational buildings. It is quite fair and proper to tax even the land on which schools and hospitals are built, just as public utilities are taxed, for those institutions are kept up by the municipalities anyway.

If the Kingston church lands were taxed, the Protestant churches would pay taxes on about \$80,000 and the Roman Catholics on \$13,500. If all church, hospital and educational lands were taxed, the total would be over \$300,000. Tax-exempt land in Kingston totals a little under a million and a quarter dollars. If Major Lewis would press for a general land tax he would be more successful. The Whig would not go further than that.

ARE HOUSEWIVES SPENDING THIRTS?

Agents who have been investigating the living costs of wage-earners report that Europeans are more thrifty than we are. We have been told that before, but it is rather surprising to find them placing a large share of the blame on our wives, whom they accuse of lacking the spirit of thrift. In support of the charge, various traits alleged to be characteristic of our housewives are cited. One which seems especially worthy of consideration is that we are willing to pay whatever is asked for an article, but Europeans will not pay more than in their judgment the article is worth.

It is repugnant to our self-respect to haggle with shopkeepers. In many parts of the Old World, especially on the continent, dealers customarily ask more than they expect to receive, and prospective purchasers offer less than they expect to give; dickering then ensues until a bargain is struck. Perhaps this system is more productive of thrift than ours; the fixed price plan probably does conduce us to pay, without question, whatever is asked.

"Take it or leave it," is the shopkeeper's ultimatum, and if we want the article badly we are tempted, perhaps, to give more than we can afford. But there is an alternative; we can go to other shops and see if the article can be procured more cheaply. And probably it has been most persons' observation that women, and especially housewives, are more accustomed to doing this than men.

It is a good plan to compare prices, either by visiting the shops, or by studying the advertisements, before making a purchase. Not infrequently, considerable variation will be found.

THE SESSION AT OTTAWA.

By the end of this week the first session of the fourteenth parliament of Canada will be on its way, and the politicians, new and old, will be in their places, ready to tackle the problems which lie before them for consideration. There are many features which will make this session a unique one, and during the next three months, many momentous questions will be decided by our ruling legislative body.

The position of the government headed by the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, while not precarious, it is at least fraught with many uncomfortable possibilities. With slightly less than half the house on the government side, the new premier and his colleagues must walk warily, for, although it is not likely that the opposing forces will unite solidly against the government, it would be decidedly embarrassing were such a situation to arise. At the same time, there are many matters which will require courageous handling. The financial problems ahead of the government are difficult ones, and in reflecting the many economies which must be made, it will be impossible to avoid offence to friends as well as to opponents. The great mass of public opinion, however, is in favour of drastic retrenchment of public expenditure, and he would be a daring politician who would oppose any measures to cut off some of the expensive appendages of government. The railway problem is a difficult one, and will require careful handling. Another pressing matter is that of trade and commerce, coupled with the tariff, and this looks like being the most contentious of all the matters which will be under review. It is on this subject that the government will meet with most danger, but the Liberals are alive to the needs of the situation, and in their politics they will always be able to attract Progressive support.

The growth of the Progressive party in federal politics is a new factor, the effect of which will not be fully apparent until the session is well on its way. Although refusing to unite with the Liberal government, the Progressives have, to a certain extent, given tacit agreement of support. Just how far this agreement will go is as yet uncertain, but it can be said with assurance that so long as Liberal policies are in line with the established principles of Liberalism, the Progressives will support them. MacKenzie King probably realizes this, and his legislative programme will show how far he has been influenced by it.

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