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THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Public Accounts submitted yesterday in the provincial Legislature reflect the effects of the war both as regards economy and expenditure.

In the fourth year of the war with the cost of everything in the ascendant, this must be considered remarkably satisfactory financing.

The other department which shows a considerable increase is the Department of Education, where the excess over estimates amounts to \$4,452.37.

These two items more than account for the difference between estimates and expenditure. It is a wonderfully satisfactory showing and proves conclusively that the Government has exercised the greatest economy in the general administration of the affairs of the province.

If the government had been allowed to carry out all its proposed retrenchments at the last annual session of the legislature, even this deficit would have been avoided.

It may be added that the position of the province financially shows a marked improvement, the liabilities as at December 31st, 1917, representing an improvement of between four and five hundred dollars.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Much has been said this year about the inefficiency and the inadequacy of our transportation facilities, and much criticism and much faultfinding indulged in because our railways and our ferry were unable to carry our produce away as rapidly as we would wish.

when sailing vessels carried produce from every port, big and little, in the province in addition to what our different lines of steamers were carrying.

The statement has been openly made that our transportation facilities are not as good as in the old days when steamers plied daily between Charlottetown and Pictou, Summerside and Point du Chene, and between Island ports and Cape Breton and Newfoundland.

Take the shipments made during the present winter for example. The railway books show that between the date of closing of navigation, December 14, and last Saturday, April 6, there were 247 cars of potatoes, approximately 100,000 bushels shipped from this province to the Mainland, a thing never before heard of and never before possible.

FARM TO FAMILY

A contributor to the Conservation Bulletin suggests a movement towards direct dealing between the farm and the city home, to save both from the middleman.

It is an unquestioned fact that there are too many middlemen not only between the farm and the ultimate consumer but between the factory and the consumer.

The article to which we refer says: "Now there are middlemen and middlemen are necessary and some are not, and the best way to find out whether a given middleman is necessary or not is to try to get along without him."

The article proceeds, and the suggestion is worth considering:

"The farmer and the city householder are generally supposed to be the worst victims of the middlemen and, if the victimizing can be lessened in this case, there should be some hope in others.

NOTES

If there are those among us who are feeling down-hearted let them think of the splendid bravery and poise of the French people who are once more driven out of their homes.

In an address at a meeting of the Ottawa Arts and Letters Club, Hon. Sydney Fisher said: "Canadians must willingly go back on the farms if we are to keep the Allied nations from famine and the spectre of starvation that is today beginning to menace Europe."

Dr. C. J. Hastings, Medical Officer of Health of Toronto, at a recent meeting of the City Board of Health said: "Every Board of Health and every Board of Trade in Canada should interest itself in the food problem. If we have a lean harvest this year it will mean a world-wide famine, because all the nations of Europe are depending upon Canada and the United States for their food supply."

GERMANY PLANNING FOR NEXT WAR

If an Englishman should now write a book discussing the possibilities of the next war, asserting that war is the best occupation for mankind and that to prepare for it we should among other things be very careful to preserve the aristocratic idea, he could, in the first place get nobody to publish it.

Germany is One

Its importance is such that it is a duty to impress upon the public the significance of this work. It confirms an opinion that has been more than once expressed in these columns, namely, that the Germans must be judged as a people, and that to make distinctions between the Kaiser and the Junker class and the rest of Germany is both idle and vicious so far as militarism is concerned.

League of Nations a Joke

It seems incredible that after this war Germany should still have taste for slaughter, but it is plain that Baron Freytag-Loringhoven is acting on this belief. There is only one point in the German mind which will not surrender and a League of Nations that will constitute itself an armed band of Germany for a generation and more to come.

More Militarism Wanted

Freytag spreads the gospel of war among the German people. If he has any regrets as a result of the developments of the present war, the chief is that the Germans have not sufficiently studied war. He quotes with approval the words of Frederick, who wrote in 1768: "The military art demands continuous study if one desires to attain a thorough mastery of it."

No Peace by Agreement

As regards the practical lessons learned from this war, the Baron says that in future there must be a great increase in the number of machine guns to a company. Cavalry ought not to be proportionately increased, but a considerable force will be necessary. The system of training must be made to include men, not the subject to it. In fact, every male, able-bodied or not, must have military training.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

(From our Own Correspondent)

OTTAWA, April 9.—The House re-assembled yesterday after the Easter recess. The anticipations of those who expected a full dress debate over the rioting in Quebec were not realized, as the proceedings were confined to a short statement by Sir Robert Borden and a few remarks by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

It is confidently expected that before the week is over the tragedy in Quebec and all the circumstances leading up to it will be thoroughly threshed out in the House.

A series of questions is to be sent out to all persons exempted under class one of the Military Service Act. These questions after being answered are to be returned to the official Registrar. The penalty for failure to take this action is the forfeiture of exemption.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson

SCATTER SEEDS OF KINDNESS

Boys and girls especially, be kind and gentle with your parents. Treat them with reverence and we respect with tenderness and solicitude. Remember that there will come times when you will look back upon what you have said and done.

Mothers and fathers and uncles and aunts, let not your sympathies be withheld from impetuous youth and wilful childhood. Be firm by all means, but be kind as well. Remember, there may come a day when you would give anything to recall those words so hastily, so unfairly, spoken to that dear one who lies beyond recall.

Let the seeds of kindness be sown far and wide. Stint not the kindly smile and sympathetic word. Let the hand of friendship be stretched out to every case of need. There is an inexhaustible store of Grace above you. No true word ever spoken is ever wasted and no good deed is ever lost.

Then scatter seeds of kindness, Then scatter seeds of kindness, Then scatter seeds of kindness, For our reaping by and by.

Tenderly yours, COUSIN D'CK

duced are not such as some ardent Unionists were led to expect. It was pretty generally conceded around the House yesterday that the Government by the action it has taken and which it proposes to take has forestalled much possible criticism.

Many Island friends will be pleased to hear that Major Goodwill, for the last year or so a valued member of Headquarters Medical staff at Ottawa, has been chosen to take charge of the Military Hospital for Nervous Diseases at Coburg, in this province, and expects to leave the Capital this week for his new sphere of activity.

Island friends of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Pope, of Ottawa, will be sorry to hear that their oldest son, Flight Lieutenant Arthur D. Pope, was wounded while flying in France the latter part of March. Lieutenant Pope was a student in Engineering at Queen's University. When he broke out in 1914 he enlisted with the Queen's University Engineers, and in 1915 went to France where he spent twenty months in the trenches.

The House is expected to rise about the middle of May. If the rate of speed developed during the first week and a half is maintained there is no reason why the expectation should not be realized. It is thought, however, that the Government "drive" will slow up when the budget is brought down.

There has been a report in circulation here for some days to the effect that the Government intended putting a tax of ten per cent on automobiles and an embargo on automobile parts. But whatever the Government may have in contemplation there has been no action taken yet.

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SPRING'S DRIVE

Spring will shortly launch her drive! All the winter long she's planned How to set the fields alive. How to free the frozen land. Soon the trenches she will storm With her gentle sun and rain, And with mornings that are warm She will win the world again.

From each field and hill and stream She will drive the tyrant strong. And her cannonade will seem Nothing but a robin's song. All her troops are marshaled now. Keen and eager for the fray. And with blossoms round her brow Spring will bravely lead the way.

Men may curse and scatter death. Men may charge with shot and shell. Men may make the world a hell. But with perfume on her breath And blossoms in her hands

Spring shall wage a lovely strife And to dead and frozen lands Bring the magic gifts of life.

Winter from his throne shall fall. Every brook that seeks the sea Shall wake at springtime's call And resume its revelry. There shall be no cries of pain No dead eyes at God to stare, Men shall find along her train Only life and blossoms rare.

FIRE RATES TO ADVANCE

TORONTO, April 9.—An increase of from 25 to 50 per cent in all fire insurance rates in Canada is now under consideration by the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association. This is owing to the severe losses experienced during the past few years and the increased cost of carrying on the business.

YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T. S. LINSOTT, D. D. (All rights reserved)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

WINNIFRED—I cannot answer your question in a direct way, not knowing the two young men who seek you; hand in marriage. I would not even venture an opinion. The Apostle James advises you as follows: "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God." Do this and you will make the right choice.

M. R. L.—The only way to quit smoking is to quit. You say it does you no harm and that you enjoy it, but that you were shocked when you overtook a young fellow with a cigar in his mouth and found he was your own son. Why should you be shocked? He is following the example of his dad, and how can you blame him? The fact that you do not want your son to smoke is an evidence that in your heart you know it is a bad habit. The only way to effectually persuade your son to quit a habit of which you disapprove is to set him the example. A father's advice is useless unless it is backed by his example. If your wife, your daughters and your sons should all smoke, they have as much right to do so as you have.

Letter of Acknowledgment

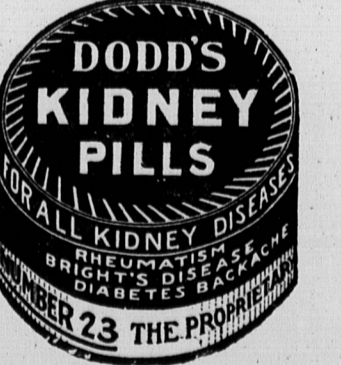
The following letter of acknowledgment has been received, which speaks for itself:

Halifax, N.S., March 26, 1916. W. W. Clarke, Esq., Treasurer of Halifax Relief Committee, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Halifax Relief Commission, representing those who suffered in the great disaster of December 6th, wish to publicly acknowledge with deepest gratitude the magnificent subscription from the people of Charlottetown and the surrounding district, totalling in value Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-seven Dollars and seventy cents.

To all those who responded to the call for help and particularly to Ex-Mayor Brown, the Chairman of the Committee, we wish to express our very deep appreciation for their thoughtful and tangible expression of sympathy.

Yours truly, RALPH P. BELL, Secretary.



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