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Monday, July 2nd, being observed as the Dominion Day and a Statutory holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday.

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GOOD ROADS

Next in importance to the production of foodstuffs comes the transportation of these and this can come only with good roads. In the United States and Canada today this fact is recognized and there is a veritable revival in progress the aim of which is to improve the highways, to shorten distances, to cut down grades and in every possible way to cheapen the cost of transportation.

In this province where the making and maintaining of the roads is largely a matter of local enterprise and push the thrifty communities are known by their roads; the progressive farmers give every possible assistance in making the roads what they ought to be. It is only in unprogressive districts or where the factious oppositionist withholds his assistance in order to "blame the government" for it, that the roads are neglected.

It is not yet known what the federal grant to the province shall be under the new Road Improvement Measure now before Parliament. It may be that, owing to the exceedingly heavy war requirements, the grant for this purpose will be less than that proposed in 1913 when it was so regrettably defeated by party obstructionism.

"CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH"

Realizing that direct opposition to Sir Robert Borden's Compulsory Service Bill would be fatal to the party in all the provinces except Quebec, Liberals have adopted the catch-cri "Conscription of Wealth" in an effort to stay the stampede of Liberals throughout the country to the support of Sir Robert Borden.

Table with 3 columns: Name of Taxpayer, Tax Paid last accounting period, Tax to be paid on basis of 1917 Amendment.

Table with 3 columns: Company Name, 1916 Tax, 1917 Tax.

Total tax paid by the 22 firms in 1915 ... \$ 5,296,321.30

The above figures completely refute the charge that wealth is not being conscripted and prove that the latest Liberal catch-cri has been adopted merely as a cheap political trick.

Various other vigorous measures along the line of conscription of wealth which the Borden Government has already taken might be cited. These include: (1) The appointment of a Fuel Controller, who already threatens the taking over of some western mines and their operation by a Government Commission.

(2) The appointment of a Grain Commissioner, representative of all classes in the population, with complete authority over the distribution and prices of grain.

(3) The appointment of a Food Controller with dictatorial powers with respect to the transportation, storage and prices of food commodities.

(4) The restriction of Canadian paper exports and the fixing of an arbitrary price at which the mills must furnish white paper to the Canadian publishers.

DOLLAR DAY

Dollar Day yesterday was a magnificent success and the merchants are to be congratulated both on the manner in which they carried out all their arrangements and on the splendid response by their country customers to their invitation to come and get the benefit of the bargains they were offering.

Nothing succeeds like success. Yesterday's was the biggest success scored yet in the matter of dollar days. It has laid a foundation for future successes. When the merchants promise big things in the way of bargains their customers will have pleasant recollections of the great dollar day of June 28th and its great bargains and they will not hesitate to take advantage of the offer.

SPOILING A BAD EGG

Wounded soldiers on their return from the Dardanelles spoke highly of the Turks. They found them fair fighters who played the game fairly and did not descend to the low down treachery of the Germans. Now our despatches tell us that a large number of British prisoners captured at Kut have died from want, exposure and ill treatment in Turkish prison camps.

NOTES

If reports of all these conscription speeches are shipped to the boys at the front we might secure replies that would add immeasurably to the wealth of the English language.

Hon. George P. Graham has suggested that Canada lags behind the United States in the matter of legislation regarding food control. The fact is that Canada has taken the lead and is waiting for Congress to act so that there may be joint action on both sides of the line.

PEACE NOT WAR

Sir,—It is asked by some people when will peace come? and some ask what are the obstacles to peace? This may be asked by German sympathizers. Any person of good sense need not ask that question of another. The obstacle to peace is war of aggression, conquest and desire to conquer, desire to murder, loot, burn, confiscate, enslave, betray, and ruthlessness of all kinds—Neither God or man's rights, anti-Christian in all, the War Party of Germany wants to blot all Divine Laws from the Human mind and allow the people to be at the mercy of an unmerciful man like the Kaiser of his barbarous deities.

OTTAWA LETTER

(From our own Correspondent) OTTAWA.—The close of the week saw conscription still holding the centre of the stage. The sessions of the Commons are well attended, but the attendance is not now so large as it was at the outset. This must not be taken to mean that interest in conscription is falling off, for such is not the case. The debate has been on now for over a week, and little new matter is being introduced, which fact may be given as the chief reason for the falling off in attendance.

The Parliamentary week-end saw a veritable stampede of English-speaking Liberals to support conscription. Early in the week Mr. Hugh Guthrie, one of the party's stalwarts, made the first break. The next was made by Mr. Fred Pardee, the Liberal whip, than whom there is no stronger man on that side of the House.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole running on for us. We can not carry this load until we are three score and ten. We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us at a time. Even tomorrow is never ours till it becomes today, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and good inheritance in to-day's work well done and to-day's life well lived.

strongest Liberals from Ontario, who had a chum in Mr. W. A. Buchanan, an Opposition stalwart from the west. The desertion of their leader by these men has created a political situation scarcely paralleled in Parliament since confederation. It is a situation in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier finds himself the leader, so far as conscription is concerned, of not two dozen English-speaking Liberals in the whole of Canada. The truth is that the Liberal party has been literally split in halves, the French-Canadians being in one camp and the English-speaking Liberals, with a few exceptions, in the other.

To Defend Canada's Coast Qualified Officers and Men wanted at once for service in the Canadian Naval Patrols. PAY Officers from \$2.50 a day and \$30.00 and upwards monthly to dependents.

Hay Hay We have just received into Warehouse Several Cars of Choice Hay which we offer at the following low prices In Ton lots, \$18.00 per ton In 1-2 Ton lots, \$19.00 per ton By the Bale \$1.00 per 100 lbs.

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