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## THE ROSS RIFLE

Col. Sam Hughes, in his capacity of minister of militia, under the Conservative government, is sticking to the guns which he unlimbered while in opposition, and is backing up by practice certain insurgent ideas to which he gave voice before the new government came into power. Col. Sam's consistency is shown by a small paragraph contained in the militia orders of the week, which reads as follows:

"Issue of Ross rifle to replace Lee-Enfield. It is notified for the information of all concerned that as Ross rifles and bayonets become available for issue, all Lee-Enfield rifles and bayonets will be withdrawn from units, rifle associations, etc., and replaced by Ross rifles. Exchanges will not be made until the whole of the arms on a unit's charge can be replaced."

This means that the Ross rifle will in effect, be the national arm of Canada, and that the weapon, whose alleged inefficiency was used for campaign material by the Conservatives for many years, and over which there were many heated debates in the House, has now been recognized as a thoroughly serviceable smallarm for the Canadian militia. It is no doubt on the conviction which the new minister of militia always maintained, to the effect that the Ross rifle was the "best rifle in the world," that he has now acted.

The campaign against the rifle was started by Major Worthington, former M.P. for Sherbrooke, and was alleged to have been instigated by the Smallarms Manufacturing Company of the Old Country. It was contended that the rifle was unserviceable and a menace to those using it. It was the custom to magnify every accident which occurred in its use. An effort was made to show something irregular in the contract between the department, under Sir Frederick Borden, and the Ross Rifle Company. When the contract was tabled, however, it was proven to be a perfectly straight transaction. The House spent days debating the topic. But throughout it all the present minister of militia was an avowed champion of the weapon, and his attitude resulted in much coolness between himself and many of his party colleagues in opposition. It was an open secret at the time also that Mr. Borden, then leader of the opposition, had no sympathy with the campaign to make political capital from the Canadian weapon.

Hamilton Times:—During the election campaign The Toronto World raged against reciprocity as calculated to menace the solidarity of Canada by stimulating trade with the United States, north and south, instead of holding it east and west away from the boundary. The absurdity of its course then is acknowledged by its present advocacy of improving the Welland Canal and abandoning the Georgian Bay scheme. Every word which it says in favor of the new Welland Canal appeals to public reason, while it condemns its partisan policy of the recent campaign. To be consistent The World should be supporting the scheme to build the Georgian Bay Canal, cost what it may, to keep the Canadian trade away from the boundary and prevent the Yankees from having the benefit of our water-ways.

Montreal Herald:—As Sir Wilfrid listened to Mr. Borden's argument on the marriage question, he must have thought it a great pity the speech was not made in Ontario before the elections. It might have saved a lot of seats that were lost.

Winnipeg Free Press:—Just how Hon. Mr. Reid's policy of dismissing a civil servant upon the statement of a Conservative member of parliament works in practice is shown by the Bryan case in Windsor, which was discussed the other day. Mr. Bryan, a young man employed in the Customs House, was dismissed. Oliver Wilcox, Conservative M.P. for North Essex, accepted the responsibility for the dismissal. Pressed to justify his action in making this recommendation to the minister, Mr. Wilcox admitted that he had no knowledge of Bryan's political activities; but said that he had been told that he had been active in inducing electors to register. A man would not hang a dog upon evidence like this.

Manitoba Free Press:—The poorhouse is an institution which is being abolished in the State of Illinois. Already six counties have put the new plan in operation, and others are to follow. The new plan is to keep aged persons and destitute families together, mothers who need assistance being pensioned and taking care of their own children, instead of sending them to an institution.

Vancouver Province:—Dr. Mary Walker, who has worn men's clothes for half a century, is out with a tirade against the collar-button. Many more male persons, who have spent anxious moments in pursuit of this elusive but essential article of neckwear, will be disposed to sympathize with the learned doctor in her researches.

The unusual spectacle of one cabinet minister interrogating another during the course of a debate was witnessed in Parliament a few days ago. One has to go back to the famous "nest of traitors" episode of 1896 for a precedent.

St. Andrews' Beacon:—An extra assessment had to be ordered in York County this year because of the increase of insanity. They take their politics and politicians far too seriously up there.

Many of Mr. O. S. Crockett's supporters in York will no doubt be astonished to learn that he had not a word to say when Mr. Lancaster's marriage bill was before parliament.

An extended report of the debate in Parliament on the Ne Temere decree will be found elsewhere in this issue. It makes decidedly interesting reading.

The City of Toronto, the seat of the "red parlor" of Sir John Macdonald's days, gave a Tory majority at the recent election of 26,346.

New Brunswick gave a popular majority of 1,312 for the Liberals at the recent election.

## CHURCHILL WILL NOT SCARE

(Continued from page one)

London, Jan. 25.—Hon. Mr. Churchill's determination this morning causes the deepest apprehension among moderate Unionists regarding the consequences of the Ulster men's decision to prevent it at all costs. The English Unionists press is urging Mr. Churchill to cancel his visit pointing out that a fight between the two parties on the day of the demonstration in Belfast, will not put an end to the trouble. Fears are expressed in some quarters that hostilities will be carried on for weeks and perhaps months, not only in Belfast but throughout Ulster. The prospects of a fight are prompting many adherents of the Nationalists as well as the Unionist cause to visit Belfast and should riots occur, there, the police would be utterly inadequate to cope with them even the troops who have been ordered to the city will find it difficult to restore order.

The meeting was originally arranged by the master of Ellibank Alexander, W. C. O. Murray, Liberal member of parliament for Middlesex, Scotland, and secretary to the treasurer, and with him alone will rest any change of the program. He justifies the calling of the meeting in Belfast on the ground that Winston Spencer Churchill intends to outline the home rule proposals for Ireland, which the government intends to introduce in parliament. Ireland he considers is the proper place for that to be done. It is just possible that the home rule meeting may eventually be held in Queen's Hall, which is situated in the Nationalist district, Belfast. Even then, however, the Unionists may in order to endeavor to prevent the demonstration.

Edna May, of musical comedy fame, now Mrs. Jesse Lewishohn, has been offered a part in a new play which Robert Lorraine is about to put on in London. Her decision has not yet been given.

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MR. LOW DECLINES  
THE TORY OFFER

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Mr. Thomas A. Low, ex-M. P., has given his formal answer to the Liberal-Conservative Association of South Renfrew. He stands by the agreement made when the Liberal party allowed T. W. McGarry to be returned to the legislature by acclamation.

He states that Hon. Geo. P. Graham is the choice of the Liberal party and that it will be impossible for him to accept the offer of the Liberal-Conservative Association to be re-elected without opposition. He further states that opposition to Hon. Mr. Graham will be a breach of faith in not carrying out an honest agreement.

The Liberal-Conservatives of South Renfrew on Friday last offered the seat back to Mr. Low by acclamation, but nominated Dr. Maloney, of Eganville, to oppose Hon. Geo. P. Graham in case Mr. Low did not accept the offer. He was given a week to decide and today sent a definite negative answer to the Liberal-Conservative Association.

## [AT THE UNIQUE

Mr. Nelson will sing the great National song "Soldiers of the King" at the Unique tonight, at the request of a large number of patrons. Mr. Nelson and Miss Storm will also sing the pretty duet "Egypt" as well as one of her single numbers. Biograph, Lubin and Selig constitute the picture programme.

Use warm water to sprinkle starched clothes and the effect will be twice as satisfactory.

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY  
TAKES FURTHER SLUMP

New York, Jan. 25.—The market opening was dull and featureless and general expectation was for continuance of dullness pending announcement of St. Paul dividend on which action was expected in the afternoon as it is improbable that announcement will be made much before close of business there was little hope of activity at any time during the session. St. Paul was perhaps strongest stock on the list but its gain was small. That there was any gain at all was surprising in view of the unanimity of belief that dividends would be reduced to 5 percent. Union Pacific showed firmness and the same was true of Great Northern, although Northern Pacific was a little heavy. Bull Trader on Reading who tried to make a bull argument out of the report that Mr. Baer would retire from active management of the property found it a boomerang.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Noon
Copper .....	64½	64½
Atchafalpa .....	106½	106½
C.P.R. ....	231½	232½
Smelters .....	72½	72½
Brooklyn .....	78½	79½
Great Northern .....	130½	130½
Reading .....	156½	156½
Penna .....	124½	124½
Southern Pacific .....	110½	110½
Union .....	167½	167½
U.S. Steel .....	65½	66½
Virginia .....	55½	56

Northern Pacific .....118 118½  
Lehigh Valley .....165 165½

## MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Bank of N. B.—1 @ 260.  
Royal Bank—15 @ 224; 1 @ 224½.  
E. T. Bank—7 @ 213.  
Bank of Montreal—31 @ 249.  
Merchants Bank—4 @ 200; 2 @ 201; 2 @ 201.  
Detroit—145 @ 65; 50 @ 65½; 25 @ 64½; 175 @ 64½; 60 @ 65½; 135 @ 64; 20 @ 63½; 100 @ 63½; 100 @ 63½; 125 @ 63½; 225 @ 63½; 25 @ 63½; 265 @ 63; 125 @ 62½; 200 @ 62½.  
Dom. Iron—249 @ 59½; 110 @ 59½; 95 @ 59.  
C. P. R. Rights—29 @ 8; 50 @ 7½; 6 @ 7½; 5 @ 7½.  
Cement Com.—105 @ 30½; 4 @ 30.  
Cement, Pfd.—126 @ 90½.  
Shawinigan—205 @ 128; 205 @ 127½.  
Power—250 @ 194.  
Paint, Pfd.—60 @ 94½.  
Woods—1 @ 122.  
Crown Reserve—2100 @ 320.  
Steel of Canada—4 @ 93; 25 @ 94.  
Rio—75 @ 113½.  
Halifax Tram—10 @ 155.  
Paint, Com.—50 @ 37.  
Canada Car Com.—2 @ 104.  
Converters—5 @ 37.

Mr. G. E. Balmain of Woodstock arrived in the city last night.  
Mr. John T. Logan of Montreal is at the Barker House.  
Mr. B. F. Smith of East Florenceville arrived in the city last night.

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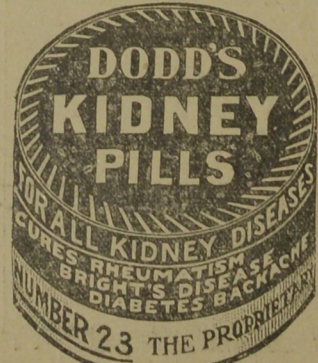
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## HAD PLEASANT OUTING

Mr. J. W. Birrell of Glasgow, Scotland, returned to the city yesterday after four months' sojourn at Guide Charles B. Love's camps at Rocky Brook. He secured his full complement of big game during the first three weeks in camp, but managed to put in the remainder of his time very pleasantly. He gave the guide a hand at trapping and managed to become very proficient in the use of snowshoes. Mr. Birrell will leave this evening in a trip to Boston where he will remain a few days before sailing for home. He expects to make a trip to Honolulu later in the year.

Dr. T. C. Allen, registrar of the Supreme Court is confined to his home by illness and has been unable to attend his office for some time. Mr. E. G. Leaman of Moncton arrived in the city last night. Mr. J. B. Allen of Portland, Me., is registered at the Queen.



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