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What I said November 9, I repeat now: "We shall never sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium—and I will add Serbia—recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed; until France is adequately secured against aggression; until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed."—Premier Asquith.

FINANCIAL JUGGLING.

The statement of the revenue and expenditure of the province for the period between Oct. 31st and March 9th has been submitted to the Legislature, and, as was to have been expected, shows great activity on the part of the "dash away and spend the money brigade" now in control of affairs. The ordinary receipts from Oct. 31st to March 9th amounted to \$424,473.66, and the expenditure was \$566,878.63, leaving a deficit of \$142,404.97. In the period of four months and nine days covered by the receipts, the Government was paid the half yearly subsidy from the Federal Government, amounting to \$318,988.08, which was of course the largest item of receipts. Territorial revenue amounted to \$45,176.40, and the remaining items were quite small.

The items of expenditure show that the Government, as usual, withheld the payment of accounts amounting to many thousands of dollars until after the fiscal year had closed. The bulk of these accounts were evidently in the Public Works Department, which since October 31st has paid out \$121,373.28. There has been paid out for interest since the close of the fiscal year the enormous sum of \$167,616.14. If this pace is kept up for a year the total for interest charges at the end of next October will be half a million dollars, or nearly one-third of the entire revenue. Although the exhibitions were all held during the last fiscal year, the Government since Oct. 31st has paid out in grants for this purpose the sum of \$10,000. Had the amount been paid out at the proper time the small surplus shown at the end of the fiscal year would have been converted into a deficit.

From the sale of bonds and other sources since the fiscal year closed, the proceeds amounted to \$795,753.16. This money was of course all expended and added to the public debt of the province.

The latest statement of receipts and expenditures covering a period of a little more than four months, goes to show that ex-Premier Flemming, as a juggler of finances, had very little on the Hon. Dr. Landry, the present Provincial Secretary-Treasurer. In the

Over in Charlotte county last year the Government paid five men one dollar each for rescuing a cow moose from a bog. The sympathies of the Government, especially those of Premier Clarke, naturally go out to unfortunates who happen to get caught in a bog. The Premier himself stumbled into a political bog about two years ago and he is looking forward anxiously to the day when he will be extricated and landed high and dry on the Supreme Court bench.

The Montreal law firm which charged our provincial government \$3,361.62 for services in connection with Valley Railway matters, evidently overlooked one important item. It forgot to charge for waking up in the night and thinking over the case.

light of the facts as shown by the official records, it is difficult to understand how acting Premier Murray can get up in the Legislature and tell the people that the finances of the province are in a sound position.

ON THE SIDE.

Spring was unprepared too.

Winter is expected to retreat a few meters by the end of this week.

The price of paper is going up and they may have to crowd a million kisses on a souvenir post card.

No, Mr. Simp, the Valley Railway can't sell you a ticket to the moon—nor they can't sell you a ticket even to St. John.

If there's no other news of interest this week the papers can at least tell us once more that flour has gone down and sugar and molasses gone up.

Since sweetheart letters average about twelve pages, you'd naturally

think that ink and honey would be as scarce as paper.

Now Brazil has seized 44 interned German ships in her ports—and still the United States is wondering where to get a merchant marine.

Henry Ford has now started a campaign for cheaper gasoline, and it is likely that should he be successful the country at large may forget that other thing.

Why so much fuss about the woman worth \$500,000 who cut the grass on her lawn with a pair of scissors. Any body who has worked a lawn mower would prefer the scissors.

A Brooklyn young woman must sacrifice \$7,500 if she marries—and if she meets the right man the choice ought to be easy—there's lots of men somewhere worth more than \$7,500.

GOVERNMENT REWARDED
LIFE SAVING HEROES

The Messrs Justason of Charlotte
Got \$1 Each For Rescuing Moose
From a Bog

Over in Charlotte County last year a cow moose had the misfortune to get stuck in a bog. The poor animal would probably have succumbed but for the heroic conduct of five men by the name of Justason, viz: Justin, Everett, Angus, Elmer and Barney. It was just a cow moose but its sorry plight aroused the finer feelings of the Messrs. Justason and at great personal sacrifice no doubt, they effected a rescue. These patriots, feeling that they had done the state some service and knowing that it was the policy of the minister of lands and mines to reward a heroic act, especially when five votes in his constituency were at stake, they rendered a bill to the government and it was paid. The auditor general's report does not go into particulars as to how the rescue was effected but merely sets forth that the Messrs. Justason were paid \$1 each from the public treasury for "services, rescuing cow moose from bog, Charlotte county." Whether each man rescued a monarch of the forest or whether they co-operated in the rescue of one only, deponent sayeth not, but the modest charge of one dollar each which rather strengthens the belief that only one cow got stuck on the job.

A precedent having been established there will be an opportunity in future for several hundred guides and others who earn their living in the woods to realize a good thing in rescuing moose from bogs and quagmires. As it is not fashionable to reward life savers with coin of the realm, the government should strike a medal and present it to the heroes who assist the cow moose out of a hole. Premier Clarke should see to it that legislation is enacted this session dealing with this very important matter and putting the work of rescue on such a basis that moose and woodsmen in every part of the province may be placed on an even footing.

GOOD GOVERNMENT

(Continued from page eight.) eight cases of violation of the Canada Temperance Act recently tried in the police court, steps are being taken to take them before the Supreme Court on certiorari as to jurisdiction. Strictly speaking, there can be no appeal in a Canada Temperance Act case but the process mentioned can be employed. It is said that such a step puts a halt to commitment to gaol.

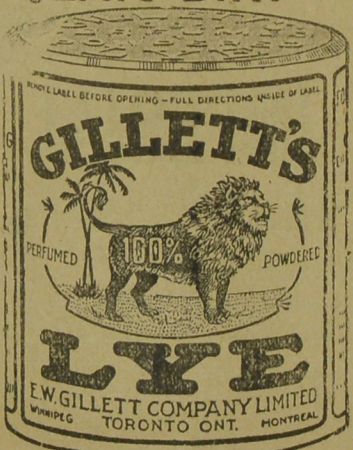
PERSONAL.

Hon. John Morrissey of Newcastle is at the Barker House.

Mr. P. H. Garneau of Quebec, is at the Barker House.

Mr. E. Maher of New York, is in the city.

Mr. H. G. Odell of St. John, is a guest at the Juven.

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THE LIMIT REACHED
BY AUGUST

The following despatch has been received from Mr. H. Warner Allen, special correspondent of the British Press with the French armies:

Up to the present there has been no evidence to upset the estimated average of German losses arrived at many months ago, and we have every reason to believe that they have lost, and are continuing to lose, an average of two hundred thousand men per month, dead or otherwise permanently disabled. From calculations that have recently appeared in the French press, and which estimate the total man-power of Germany at about nine millions, it appears that on January 1, 1916, the Germans had available, to keep up their numbers, a reserve of about eight hundred thousand, including their 1917 contingent, which has not yet been called to the colors. If the present rate of wastage is maintained, this reserve of eight hundred thousand men should be exhausted at some time during the month of April. In these circumstances, it is clear that Germany must seek for more reserves.

On November 1 last the German military authorities called up all the categories of men liable to military service throughout the empire, with the exception of the 1917 contingent. Every man belonged to the active army, to the reserve, the Ersatz reserve, the Landwehr and Landsturm (first and second ban, trained and untrained) and the 1916 contingent has been mobilized. Further reserve can only be obtained by extraordinary measures, and these measures have already actually been taken or are under consideration.

On the other hand, there is the possibility of finding a certain number of men more or less serviceable among those who have been declared unfit for service. Already the medical restrictions have been very much relaxed, as proved by the physique of the prisoners taken recently. It does not appear likely that this measure will provide the German army with many men. As a general rule, Germany rejects as unfit only between twenty-five and fifty thousand men out of a yearly contingent of between five hundred and six hundred thousand men. The smallness of the percentage thus rejected suggests that the general physical average of these men must be very low, and it would be an optimistic German who would believe that more than four hundred thousand second-line troops could be secured by this means.

On the other hand, there is a possibility that the military age limit may be raised from forty-five to fifty or even fifty-four. Death by natural causes has greatly reduced the number of men available of those ages. Perhaps an additional million might be affected by the raising of the limit to fifty years of age, but probably a good many fewer. It seems that the maximum of men to be affected by raising the age limit to fifty-four would be about 1,600,000.

There remains the possibility of calling to the colors a certain proportion of the able-bodied men who are still engaged in various important works in the interior of the empire.

We therefore, arrive at the conclusions that, by extraordinary measures, the Germans may still be able to raise another one hundred thousand

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FOR THE KIDNEYS
How They Work

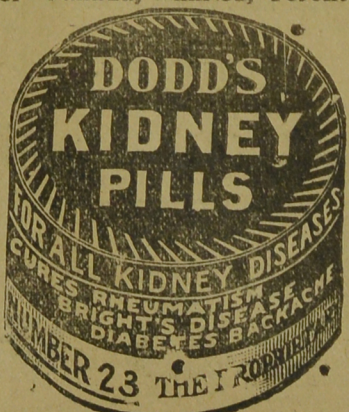
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