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## COUNTRY'S WELFARE FIRST.

"I do not want to take up too much of your time upon matters which may be discussed more fully in the near future, and particularly in the Legislature. I am here rather for the purpose of meeting and greeting you, of making the acquaintance of those whom I hope will be my new constituents, than entering into a discussion of public affairs at any length. However, there is one point that I wish to make, the government of which I am Premier intends to give the people of this province a business administration. We are not going to place our own personal interests before the welfare of the country. We are going to take up each and every question upon its merits and not place legislation upon the statute books that will be for the benefit of private individuals and contrary to the public good.—Premier Foster at Grand Falls.

## A DEATH BED CONVERSION

The Borden government with the hope no doubt that it might avert the disaster which is soon to overtake it at the polls, has accepted the American offer of reciprocity in flour and wheat, and has ordered the removal of the duty. This action will result in the removal by the United States of the countervailing duty imposed in 1913, when the Wilson tariff bill became law. Although free wheat and flour comes as a sort of death bed penance from the Borden government, it is undoubtedly a sensible move and will be welcomed by the policy of the Liberals as outlined by country to whom it will be a measure of relief, at a time when the cost of living is excessive and every dollar counts. The government in removing the duty from wheat has stolen the policy of the Liberals as explained by the following resolution moved in the House of Commons by Sir. Wilfred Laurier three years ago:

"That this house is of the opinion that in view of the prevailing economic conditions of the country, it is advisable to place wheat, wheat products and agricultural implements on the free list; and that without doing any injustice to any class steps should be taken to alleviate the high cost of living by considerate removal of taxation."

The government's service following, fearing the wrath of the milling interests, spoke and voted against the above resolution and it is satisfactory now to note that they have been compelled to abandon the position then taken. They lacked the capacity to formulate a policy of their own to meet the situation and had to steal the policy of the Liberals. But they can plead in extenuation of their act that the end justifies the means. The tariff in wheat and flour was a tax and its removal means the lifting of a burden from the shoulders of the consuming classes.

The west has been clamoring for free wheat for years, and the farmers of that section will rejoice that they have at last compelled the high protectionist Borden government to swallow its principles and adopt a policy which it has always strenuously opposed. The "No Truck or Trade With the Yankees" slogan, used so effectively by Tory barnstormers in 1911, has gone by the board together with the old cry that a reduction would divert traffic north and south and thereby work injury to the Canadian Railways. "Any port in a storm" now seems to be the watchword of the degenerate successors of Sir John Macdonald and Sir. Charles Tupper, who now hold the reins of government.

Toronto Globe: On the editorial page of yesterday's Globe there appeared a group picture of the members of the Imperial War Council, with Canada's "Hon." Robert Rogers occupying the most conspicuous place in the front row. As usual, when the Premier and the Minister of Public Works appear together, the former meekly plays in the picture the part of a subordinate, in accordance with the well understood relationship established between them in actual life by Mr. Rogers himself. In the same row are Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour, General Smuts, of South Africa, Premier Massey, of New Zealand, Sir Robert Borden, and others who do credit to the places they occupy. Nothing could show more clearly than this picture does the wrong inflicted on this Dominion when Sir Robert chose Mr. Rogers, first as a member of his cabinet, and later as his fellow member of the first Imperial War Council. This is an offence that will not easily be forgotten or forgiven by the Premier's fellow-Canadians.

The Woodstock Press, organ of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming, in the course of a rather vicious and uncalled for attack on Mr. James Burgess, ex-M. P. P., gets off the following: "Neither will Mr. Burgess' co-religionists of Irish descent be particularly pleased at his conduct in resigning. According to population, they had not their proportionate share of members in the new House and that number is still lessened by the resignation of Mr. Burgess." What has become of the menace of the "Acadians and their church" which the Press and other organs of the defunct government were howling about a few weeks ago? If the position taken by die-hard organs on that occasion was sound, why do they scream now, when Mr. Burgess, a Roman Catholic, gives up his seat to Premier Foster, a Protestant?

Manchester Despatch: A soldier recently writing home to his people described how he had been buried alive for a couple of hours in a demolished dugout, but eventually was extricated by his comrades. He added by way of consolation: "I had the satisfaction of sending five of the Germans to h—." The censor, in passing the letter, had drawn a line through the sentence, but wrote underneath: "It is not permitted to refer to the whereabouts of the enemy."

Sir. Lyman Melvin Jones, Canadian Senator and head of the Massey Harris Company died at his home in Toronto on Monday after a brief illness. He was a native of York county, and of Welsh descent. He was a Liberal in politics and in the early days was mayor of Winnipeg and afterwards became Provincial Treasurer of Manitoba under Hon. Thomas Greenway. He was called to the Senate in 1901 and was created a Knight bachelor in 1914.

The Jamaica Legislature has passed a bill providing for compulsory military service. Four members who opposed it said that they were not opposed to the principle, but thought that the volunteer system was working well enough. Registration, under the law, will soon begin. No man between the ages of 18 and 41, who is fit for military service, is allowed to leave the island except as a soldier.

Hundreds of tons of peach and apricot seeds which have been heretofore thrown away every season by the canning factories in the great fruit districts of California, are now sold as fuel, and bring \$2.50 a ton retail. The seeds were formerly considered too hard for fuel, but recently it was found that when heated in a stove burning hard coal they burn with an intense glow and are practically smokeless.

The Liberals are not forcing an election in the Dominion, but they are not afraid of one, and they will not for one moment forego the right and the duty to protest against Government corruption and extravagance, war or no war, a corruption and an extravagance all the fouler, more objectionable, more dangerous and more disgraceful because of the war and its sacrifices.

## Through Our Sieve

New Brunswick always has a great spring drive.

The whole northern half of the world is now getting a place in the sun.

Strange as it seems, Argentina is getting all heated up by lack of fuel.

It's odd how proud a really successful doctor or lawyer or merchant can be of a perfectly punk game of golf.

Hindenburg still seems to be getting considerable help in his retreat from the British and French.

Submarines and raiders will take the place of sharks and sea serpents along the coast this year.

Michiavelli finds himself admirably reincarnated in the modern junker statesman.

Living in an autocracy saves wear and tear on the brain. The reversed upper classes do the thinking.

Sometimes, in bloodthirsty spasms, we almost wish that the Kaiser would take a hint from the German gunboat at Guam that blew itself up.

A man whose brains won't get him into print may always grab some publicity for his kidneys by signing a patent medicine testimonial.

## MAYOR SNOWBALL.

Chatham Selects W. B. Snowball for the Ensuing Year.

Chatham, N. B., April 17.—W. B. Snowball was today elected mayor by a majority of 47 votes over Dr. W. Stuart Loggie. There was only a fair vote polled, and it was one of the closest elections in years. The totals were: Snowball, 297; Loggie, 250.

The Council was returned by acclamation.

## MONARCH OF FOREST WALKS TO DEATH

Bull Moose Breaks Through the Ice And Meets Its Fate in The Taxis River.

Boiestown, April 16—Immediately after being rescued from his position on the fast rotting ice in centre river here yesterday a giant bull moose again made his way onto the ice a few yards further down river. He was seen to break through, struggle gallantly for a moment and then be swirled away beneath a jam of ice to be seen no more.

When this moose, a resident of Taxis River, who should have known better, decided on a walk yesterday he chose to walk down the ice of his native stream. Just above the covered bridge here the water is very deep and the ice is very rotten. When he reached this point the big fellow was in trouble. Then he stood fearing to move in any direction.

It was then that the citizens of Boiestown went to his assistance. Planks were brought to the river bank and a narrow bridge was hurriedly thrown across a glade about fifteen feet wide between the shore and the centre ice where stood the monarch. He still stood while other planks were actually placed between the widely spread front feet. Gingerly he tested the planks. The crowd stood back a respectful distance. Slowly, as a king should, his majesty treaded that bridge and stalked ashore. Then disdainful of cheers and well meant advice he walked on to his death.

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Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	97

## C. J. MORRISSY ELECTED MAYOR.

Tax Reform Candidates Went Down to Defeat in Newcastle.

Newcastle, N. B., April 17.—Mayor Charles E. Fish, who stood for tax reform and strict enforcement of temperance laws; Alderman Henry Harvey Stuart, who stood for the same and for abolition of property qualifications for public office, and Ald. C. C. Hayward and Ald. T. A. Scribner, and Messrs. D. W. Stothart and Clare P. McCabe, also expressly endorsed by the Town Improvement League, were all defeated in the town elections today. Three hundred and ninety electors voted, less than half those registered.

The results were: For mayor, ex-Mayor Chas. J. Morrissey, 216; Mayor Fish, 167. For aldermen—John H. Troy, 233; Ald. Dennis Doyle, 226; ex-Ald. David Ritchie, 182; ex-Ald. John Russell, 165; Perley Russell, 162, all elected.

Ald. H. H. Stuart, 154; D. W. Stothart, 149; Ald. C. C. Hayward, 141; Ald. T. A. Scribner, 129; Wm. Stymiest, 125; Clare McCabe, 121; R. Waldo Crocker, 120; A. Stuart Demers, 110; Ald. S. W. Miller, 101, all defeated.

Many a man has to pocket his pride so often that his trousers get baggy. Lots of people who have opinions but no convictions ought to be convicted for having such opinions.

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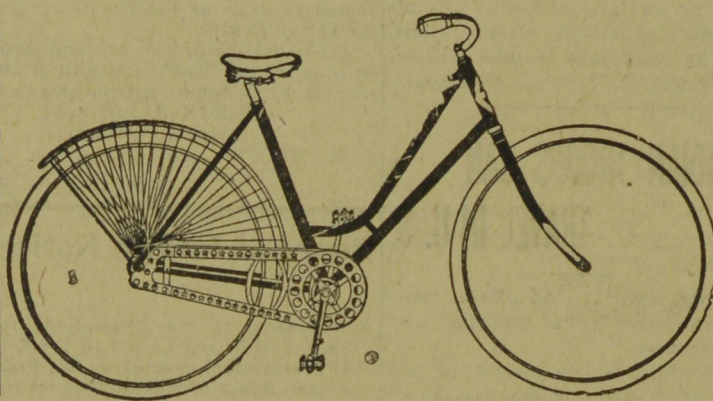
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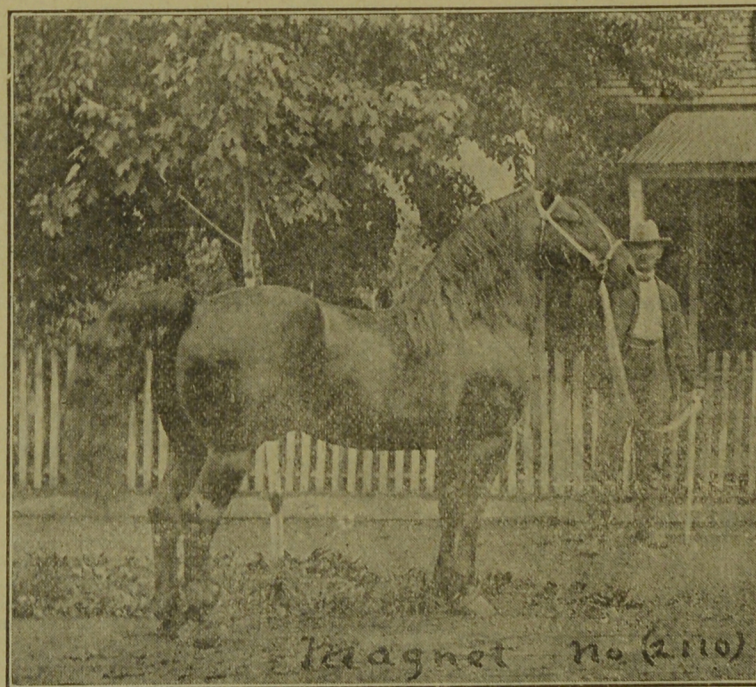
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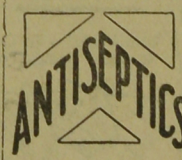
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