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RATHER EXPENSIVE.

Mr. Lanctot, a Liberal M. P. for Laprairie, handed out a few plain truths in a speech in Parliament the other day. He takes the view that while people on all sides are being urged to economize, the Government at Ottawa does not show a disposition to do likewise. He accused the government of extravagance in the matter of war expenditure, and in the course of his speech cited the following specific cases:

"But is there a sensible man who will call it good business to have soldiers at \$9,500 a year?" asked Mr. Lanctot. "At least the people of Quebec are not that sort of business men." The member for Frontenac said that the late Postmaster General was not well received in Montreal. Well, the people of Quebec no doubt remember some of his statements in 1911 and also the salary he is receiving as a soldier. The Hon. Mr. Blondin will not do much recruiting in Quebec. He is too well known.

"Mr. Blondin left Quebec with the British flag to raise a regiment in Quebec. That was the flag which in 1911 he wished to shoot full of holes to breathe the air of freedom. He went to put it back at the Monument National, and he was perhaps badly received—but that was only natural."

Passing to the Minister of Justice, the member for Laprairie-Napierville said there was another man who had done much for the Empire. He said he had been asking the Government how much the Minister of Justice had cost the country, and the government had been ashamed to tell him. However, he had obtained the figures and found that the Minister had cost since 1911 in salary and pension the sum of \$101,166.60, and still had a habit of getting sick.

There was another soldier of the Empire, said Mr. Lanctot, one who was now retired. Sir Charles Peers Davidson. When he was appointed as investigator in certain war purchase cases the papers had stated that he was doing the work for the Empire. He began to work on June 7, and he worked to November 30, a total of 177 days, and was paid \$8,000 for 169 working days, some of which must have been Sundays.

Judging by the keen demand for the seed wheat imported by the Provincial Department of Agriculture, New Brunswick will not be altogether dependent on Ontario for its flour this year. It will be remembered that the late Hon. H. R. Emmerson, when premier of New Brunswick, strongly urged the farmers to grow more wheat and the government of which he was the head inaugurated a system of bonusing flour mills. As a result of this policy, we have a number of modern flour mills in this province today which can turn out a brand of flour quite as good as the imported article. The four thousand bushels of seed wheat which Hon. Mr. Tweeddale has brought in and distributed should produce under anything like favorable conditions, a good many thousand barrels of flour.

The Halifax Chronicle has issued a special shipbuilding number which is highly creditable to that enterprising journal. It contains a number of special articles on shipbuilding, including one from Mr. Wallace Downey, a Nova Scotian who has had a successful career in connection with the industry in New York. Another interesting feature is a number of half-tones of Nova Scotian clipper ships built in the sister province, and which carried the British ensign to all parts of the world. The list of contributors included Collector L. C. Macnutt, of this city, who writes interestingly of shipbuilding in the old days on Cobequid Bay.

The Standard continues to hand out a lot of buncombe about the defeat of Mr. Baxter's amendment to the address. The fact is that Mr. Baxter's amendment was nothing but a resolution of want of confidence in the government, and as such was very properly bowled out. It is not necessary to say that returned soldiers will receive much more generous treatment from the present government than

they received from the dry-rot combination which was kicked out of office on February 24th.

Advices from Ottawa are to the effect that the Borden government has made up its mind to force an extension of parliament. As far back as the year 1914 Hon. Bob Rogers heard the people calling in tones of thunder for an election, but now it seems that the government is for putting off the evil day as long as possible.

Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, director of National Service, advises his colleagues on the opposition side of the House to refrain from acts of petty partisanship. In view of recent developments he might now go a step further and ask them to refrain from putting to the government questions which have no basis except street gossip of a cheap brand.

The greater production movement is being taken hold of seriously here by all classes of citizens, and the indications are that there will be few vacant lots fit for cultivation that will be allowed to remain idle. The recent boost in the price of flour has given a decided stimulus to the greater production campaign.

It is said that the opposition in the Legislature had already sent out an S.O.S. call to Minister Hazen at Ottawa, and if there is not a response very soon a delegation will leave for the capital to spend the week-end.

Through Our Sieve

There is no painless method of fighting a war or meeting the costs.

Eventually the weather may manage to catch up with the calendar.

Presently, if unheeded, it will knock with the mailed fist.

Opportunity now knocks at the doors of our young citizens with gloved knuckles—

"Ordinary common sense," Percival, is not necessarily tautological, but there ain't any such thing.

Russia should be careful not to ask the enemy to come in and make himself at home.

We care not who writes the songs of the nation—nor who plants its potatoes, so long as they are put in.

Just as many poets write about spring as before, but they are discreet enough to select misleading titles for their effusions.

Moslem women in Siberia are urging that Polygamy be done away with. Thus the competitive system receives still another blow.

"Do not plant beans till the ground is warm and dry." The bean has more sense than a lot of gardeners.

YORK-SUNBURY
I. O. G. T. MEETING

Fredericton, Junction, N. B., May 17.—The public meeting in connection with the quarterly meeting of the I. O. G. T., for the district of York and Sunbury, was held in the public hall here tonight.

Rev. J. G. A. Belyea in opening the meeting spoke of the desirability of having the young people educated along temperance lines if the coming men and women would be fitted to fight the forces of intemperance and sin. The lodges should not be let go down. They were temperance schools and because prohibition had come was no reason the boys and girls should not be educated.

Mr. A. C. M. Lawson of Fredericton being introduced, gave an instructive address on prohibition, its history and present field of operation. He gave a clear exposition of the prohibitory law of New Brunswick. It was his opinion that the cause of temperance was making grand progress. He urged everybody to do a little bit more. Let all trust in God but keep the powder dry.

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Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John is at the Queen.

TORIES ARE ANXIOUS FOR AN
EXTENSION OF THE TERM

The Political Situation at Ottawa is Being Carefully Canvassed—Many Pressing Problems are Awaiting Solution—Premier Borden was in Consultation with the Liberal Leader—A Statement to be Made Soon.

Ottawa, May 17.—Sir Robert Borden and his cabinet colleagues took advantage of today's parliamentary holiday to spend the whole morning and afternoon in cabinet counsel canvassing the political situation generally, and the various important and pressing problems, the solution of which can not be deferred much longer. They had a field day with their troubles.

Sir Robert also had a short conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier today. Neither leader will discuss the subject or nature of the conference, but it is presumed that Sir Robert reported to the opposition leader some of the confidential information given to the Canadian ministers in London bearing on further war co-operation between Canada and the motherland and her allies.

In some respects at least there must be war time consultation between the two parties, and action taken on facts which cannot be made public for war reasons. It is also probable that the Premier tentatively broached to Sir Wilfrid the question of the extension of parliament, urging that governmental policies and action will depend to some extent at least on whether or not the life of the present parliament is to expire in October next.

Issue at Once Joined.

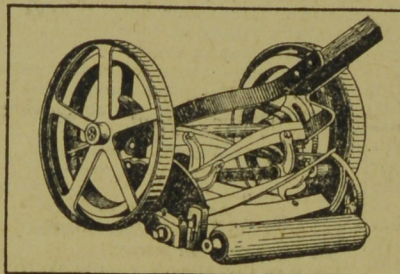
It is understood that when Sir Robert makes his statements in parliament tomorrow dealing with the war conference and his activities of the past few months, he will at the same time urge the necessity for an extension of parliament for another year. The issue will be joined at once

with the opposition. On its decision will depend to a large extent what the government does in regard to the problem of compulsory service, railway nationalization, women's suffrage, food production and food control, etc. If there is to be an election, the government is inclined to leave these matters open during the election campaign for popular decision, thus giving play for a larger variety of local appeals rather than take drastic action now on subjects which no matter what way the decision goes is bound to bring trouble from certain conflicting elements now supporting the government. If an extension were granted immediate decision on all these problems would be necessarily required since the excuse of waiting for the verdict of the electors on platform policies would be eliminated.

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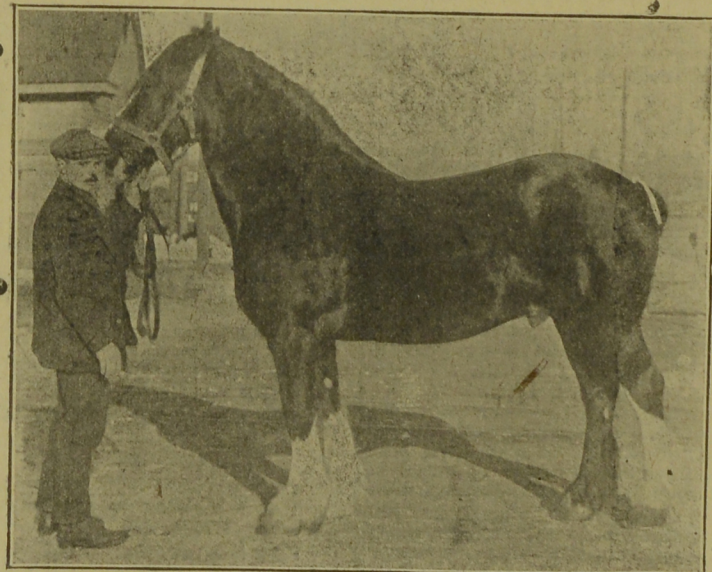
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