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SIR WILFRID'S TOUR.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Liberal chieftain, is now making a tour of the Canadian West. He spoke at Winni-

"Last night I was in the capital of Manitoba; tonight I am in the capital Hon. F. B. Carvell has cancelled his where I will speak in Vancouver. Do will assist in the restoration work in you know why I have come all this distance? It is a long distance, you distance? It is a long distance, you will admit. It's a long way to Tippe- The late Sir William Van Horne rary, and just so it is a long distance estate has been valued at \$6,331,374 from Ottawa to Regina.

answer to some accusations which at \$170,289. have been hurled at me from press and platform. My foes say that if Laurier is elected Canada will guit the war. Some of the men who have so nobly stood behind me have answered this question, but I came myself to tell you more, for it has always been my principle to be in the thick of the fray. You know, it does not frighten men to be called a traitor. I have been in Canadian public life upwards of forty years and this epithet has been hurled at me from all quarters of Canada. Six years ago I was denounced as a traitor to my race and religion. , Today I am a traitor to Canada and the Empire. One is as true as the other," said Sir Wilfrid, and the crowd laughed approval.

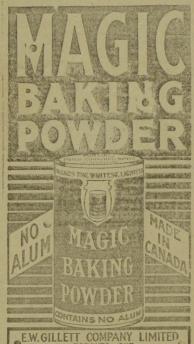
#### THE FOX BUSINESS.

The condition of most of the eastern fox companies, says a despatch, may be gathered from the report of the Tuplin Silver Black Fox Corporation, of Halifax, which has just been sent out to shareholders. The report says: "At the date of our last statement our assets consisted of 36 foxes In January we killed five. Four of the pelts have been disposed of, netting us \$1,329.30, but returns have not yet reached us from the fifth. Our net production for the year was 9, giving 40 foxes in the ranch at this date, of which 14 are females and 26 males. Your directors recommend that all foxes which have apparently passed the breeding stage be killed this fall, as it is useless to keep them when they are not producing, and it is also desirable to obtain as much cash as possible to meet outstanding obligations. It has not been possible to pay any arrears of bond interest, but with a productive season next year it is hoped that something may be done in this direction."

It is interesting to note that the security for the bonds, of which \$85,700 are outstanding, is the foxes. The accrued bond interest is \$7,713, and the accounts payable amount to \$2,212. The value of the foxes from last year is down in the assets column for \$385,-670. The company's capital stock is \$300,000.

Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the Railroads' War Board, states that troop movement figures to date in the United States indicate that the railroads have safely transported approximately 1,500,000 soldiers to training camps and embarkation points since August 1. Five hundred thousand of these men have made journeys necessitating overnight travel and have been moved in tourist or standard sleepers furnished by the Pullman Company.

Whether Union Government is responsable for the changes or not, it is noticeable that a class of men who usually hold aloof from politics are taking a very active part in the present campaign. If we are to have clean politics and good government the average citizen has got to do somean election is called on



city of Saskatchewan, and tomorrow engagements on the North Shore and I shall be seen in the largest city of has gone to Halifax, where in his ca Alberta. Then I shall go to the coast, pacity of Minister of Public Works he

Among other securities he owned "I have come here to Regina to give 1113 shares of C. P. R. stock, values

## Through Our Sieve

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It is up to somebody to put the tro

Nothing is going on in Russa—everything is going off.

Mount Lassen has quit. There was

Trotzky looks like a temporarily successful piece of German efficiency

Exercise is a good enough substitute for fuel, but exercise makes you hungry and there is no substitute for food. And there you are!

It is said that a lot of old political

Miss Carrie Robbins says after all it is easier to argue with people than it used to be, because anything you don't like, you can just call it pro-German, and then, of course, they can't say anything more.



## Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before birn, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the examption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Outario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years,

In granting the man exemption "until he coses to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons angaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal bardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sale ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917

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