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FOOD PROFITEERS.

The Toronto Saturday Night, which is closely watching the enquiry being made by a royal commission into the affairs of the William Davies Packing Company, in a recent issue publishes the following interesting review of the testimony:

"One thing has been definitely established from the testimony given so far before the royal commission appointed to investigate the William Davies Packing Co., Ltd., and other concerns, which is that the Davies Co. garnered into its treasury war profits on a scale undreamed of hitherto by the proprietors of the business. It has been clearly established from books of the company, that Sir Joseph Flavelle's contract with the British War Office netted his company many millions of dollars. The shiploads of bacon consigned to England by this one business immediately raised the status of the entire concern. The Montreal and Toronto factories were rushed to handle the volume. The William Davies business was scarcely of a size to cope with the enormity of the situation caused by the war, and there was an embarrassment of riches coming into the treasury. This was so marked that the company was rather put to it to dispose of the big profits made. One method resorted to was the adoption of a policy of "writing off," which was done with a very lavish hand.

"With the advent of the war and the sudden demand for foodstuffs of all kinds, for English and home consumption, the era of big dimensions began for the William Davies Company. The total assets of that company in 1913 were four and a half million dollars. In each of the next two years the assets swelled by another million dollars, and by 1917 this company could claim assets nearly three hundred per cent. in excess of what they were in the year just prior to the war. By 1917 the assets reached the proportion of \$13,384,948.27. The profits likewise jumped into the big business column. The William Davies Company made a modest \$178,000 in the year 1913. This would represent a very nice personal profit for Sir Joseph Flavelle, who owns 10,067 hundred dollar shares of the total 20,000 shares outstanding in connection with the company.

"Next year the profits had doubled, and in 1915 the profits were almost a million dollars. In each of the fiscal years ended March 30, 1916 and 1917, upwards of two million dollars additional profit was made, and the profits in question are those that show on the books of the William Davies Company, to which the accountants of the commission had access."

There is no doubt that the Davies concern is largely responsible for the large increase in the price of meats throughout the country. It should receive early attention at the hands of the union government.

"I have scanned the horizon intently," said Premier Lloyd George in an interview the other day, "and can see no terms in sight which will lead to an enduring peace. The only terms now possible would be an armed truce ending in an even more frightful struggle. Beware of people who try to sow dissensions, distrust and suspicion. The enemy is trying to rattle our nerves. Keep steady, and we will win." The British Premier declared that if the war should be renewed after thirty years more of scientific application, it would mean the end of civilization. "Brute force," he said, "must be dethroned forever."

Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World, who is a great admirer of Sir George E. Foster, thinks it would be a mistake for the Minister of Trade and Commerce to seek election in a New Brunswick constituency. Says the Commodore in his paper: "Our constituencies are fickle, and the constituency that elected him now might reject him in the next contest. New Brunswick constituencies want more nursing and jolly than Sir George's nature permits him to dispense. He had better hold fast to the Toronto riding he won in fair fight and has held against all comers."

Hon. A. K. MacLean, K. C., of Halifax, has entered the union government without portfolio, as the representative of Nova Scotia Liberalism. Although not taking office at present, he will be chairman of an important committee of the cabinet. Hon. Mr. MacLean is a former Attorney General of Nova Scotia and has long been known as a sturdy Liberal. He was elected M. P. for Halifax six years ago along with Sir Robert Borden, and has acted as financial critic of the opposition.

The campaign for the union government was opened at Winnipeg last evening, when five thousand people were addressed by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. T. A. Crerar. They made a stirring appeal for support on behalf of the union government, and were greeted with great applause.

Premier Lloyd George made the interesting statement yesterday that more than twice as many German submarines were lost in the first ten months of this year than in all of last year.

At a Liberal meeting in Regina last night, the union government was endorsed, and it was decided to tender a nomination to Hon. J. A. Calder, the Minister of Immigration.

Through Our Sieve

Yes, Fitz started in life as a boy.

The less a man says the more guessing his wife has to do.

A good dinner has about the same effect on a man that a good cry has on a woman.

Germany later on will thank the democratic nations for knocking its imperial block off.

Run for office and read the opposition newspapers if you would see yourself as others see you.

One reason why the Germans may hesitate about taking Petrograd is that it is a long way from home.

Sometimes a woman asks her husband's advice, so that she'll be in a position to take the opposite course.

"She listened," writes a Chicago novelist, "to his explanation with a cold, unappreciative eye." Not everybody can do that.

When the war began Germany hit the enemy where the enemy was the strongest. Germany's latest campaign against Russia shows a distinct change of procedure.

TAXING OF RECRUITS IS CRITICIZED

Marysville Town Authorities Target for Several Shots--Not Much Harm Done--Personal Mention.

Marysville, Oct. 23. — Mrs. S. B. Wass of Fredericton was the guest of Miss Alice Harrison at the parsonage yesterday.

Mrs. Ivan McKiel has returned from visiting friends at Nappan, N. S.

Mrs. Herbert Brewer and Miss Ellen Heron left yesterday morning for Waterville, Me., having been called there by the death of their brother, John Heron.

Pte. George Gray who recently returned home from England is visiting his former home at Nasarworth.

Mrs. Murray Rutter of Fredericton, is visiting friends here.

Considerable criticism is being offered in some quarters re the action of the town council in having the executions issued against a number of local men who recently enlisted with overseas units. The executions were placed in the hands of the town marshal but after ascertaining that the boys had donned the khaki he was of course, unable to proceed further. While it is a difficult matter to evolve a system for the prompt collection of all taxes it would appear that the authorities were tardy in taking the steps to obtain payment in these cases as the sentiment which is aroused by action of this nature must necessarily have a reactionary effect. Viewing the action in the light of sentiment it seems harsh and uncalled for; but on the other hand the young men were not caused any great amount of inconvenience and it seems the disposition in some quarters to make a mountain out of a molehill.

Mr. S. J. Smith of Chatham, Ont., is in the city.

S.P.C. PERFORMED VALUED SERVICE DURING YEAR

Annual Meeting Yesterday — L. C. Macnutt Re-elected President—Inspector Roberts Active.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty was held at the President's office, Customs Building yesterday afternoon and among those in attendance were Mrs. J. H. Brookes, Miss Gregory, Mrs. A. V. Rowan, the secretary-treasurer, Miss Jeannette Beverly, Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Mr. J. W. Spurden, Mr. J. H. Fleming and Mr. L. C. Macnutt, the president.

After the usual routine, Miss Beverly presented the financial report for the past year, and conditions in this respect were found very satisfactory. The balance showed:

Receipts.
Balance from previous year\$54.50
Proceeds of pantry sale 57.55
Members' dues 123.75
Total\$235.80

Expenditures.
Agent's salary\$100.00
Advertising 1.82
Horse hire 4.00
Other expenses 1.00
Total\$106.82

Balance to credit of Society ..\$128.98
The Society had a membership during the past year of over one hundred, including four honorary members, viz, Mr. Archibald Fraser, Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, Mrs. C. A. Palmer and Miss Greta Macnutt, who each contributed \$5. The ordinary membership fee is \$1.

Inspector's Report.
The report submitted by the inspector, Mr. James Roberts, was quite as satisfactory as the financial statement, and showed that he had been exercising great diligence in administering his office. Besides numerous calls which were not recorded, he investigated and dealt with nearly a hundred cases, and his executions extended to various parts of York and Sunbury counties, as well as looking after all business offering in the city. As a result of his efforts no less than fifteen old and worn out horses were put out of misery, besides other animals that had been starved and otherwise ill used. The inspector was always on call, and the manner in which he discharged his duties drew expressions of admiration from members of the society. Mr. Roberts acknowledged valuable assistance he received from Dr. G. C. McCoy, V. S., whose services the society greatly appreciates.

Election of Officers.
On motion of Mr. Spurden, last year's officers were unanimously re-elected, as follows:

President, L. C. Macnutt.
Vice president, Mrs. J. H. Brookes.
Secretary-treasurer, Miss Jeannette Beverly.
Solicitor, J. J. F. Winslow.
Agent, James Roberts.
Executive committee, Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, Mrs. W. P. Keenan, Mrs. A. V. Rowan, Miss Gregory, Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Mrs. C. A. Palmer, Messrs. J. W. Spurden, J. H. Fleming, G. N. C. Hawkins, George A. Taylor, Rev. J. S. Sutherland and Dr. G. C. McCoy.

The society decided to hold a pantry sale during the present autumn, and a committee consisting of Miss Beverly, Mrs. L. C. Macnutt, Mrs. A. V. Rowan, Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. J. H. Brookes and Miss Gregory was appointed with that object.

After these appointments the meeting was adjourned.

PENSIONS FOR SOLDIERS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED

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The allowance amounts to \$8.00 per month, or \$96.00 per year for a totally disabled soldier or sailor, forty cents less per month being paid for each decrease of five per cent. in disability.

General Increase
"The widows of those holding the rank of sub-lieutenant in the Canadian navy, or lieutenant in the Canadian expeditionary forces, or lower ranks, will be entitled to a flat increase of twenty-five per cent. pension. Thus, the widow of a private who previously received \$384 per annum, will now receive \$480 per annum.

"If the widow is drawing allowances on account of the children she will be entitled to a flat increase in their allowance of thirty-three and one-third per cent. For instance, a private's widow with four children, will receive \$40 per month, for herself and \$32 per month for her children, instead of \$36 per month for herself and \$24 per month for her children.

"A flat decrease of thirty-three and one-third per cent. has been made in the allowance for orphan children. They will receive \$16 per month each instead of \$12 per month each.

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Kenn.....	32½
Marine Com.....	27½
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Rubber.....	57½
Studebaker.....	40
Bethlehem.....	94½
Wool.....	47½

MONTREAL

Civic.....	71
Detroit.....	106½
Quebec.....	15
Toronto.....	63
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