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FRENCH-CANADIANS.

Mr. John Boyd, author of "The Life and Times of Sir George E. Cartier," recently contributed to the New York Truth an article in which he replies in vigorous terms to some criticism of French-Canadians lately published in the New York Times. Replying to the statement that French-Canadians are "mediaeval" and "uneducated," he cites an incident which occurred in the Canadian House of Commons during the present session, and incidentally pays a tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Here is the way he puts it:

"French-Canadians have excelled in statesmanship, in art, in literature and in oratory. In oratory, specially, they have no superiors and few equals. One striking illustration: When the eloquent Viviani and the genial Balfour recently addressed the Canadian Senate and Commons, what man amongst all the hundreds of members was able to reply to each in his own language in perfect form and eloquent phrase? It was a French-Canadian, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the nestor of Canadian public life. And what Laurier did could have been done by many another French-Canadian public man, the product of 'mediaeval,' 'uneducated' Quebec, whereas there was no English-Canadian public man in the whole assemblage able to reply off-hand to Viviani in the French language, nor was there one in the whole congress of the Great United States of America. Comparisons may be odious, but fairness sometimes demands them."

WASTE OF FOOD STUFFS.

Do not waste a slice of bread. There is an old saying, "Many mickles mak' a muckle," and if there are many individual savings the total gain will be great. Do not be too proud to notice whether anything usable is being wasted; do not be too proud to use odds and ends which might otherwise be cast into the garbage can. In Chicago recently the garbage was reduced from 400 loads per day to 200 loads a day, due largely to the preachments of economy. Economy in the use of foodstuffs should be practiced by all who live in the country as well as by those who live in towns and cities. Get the real vision of economy and put it into daily practice. Every individual must realize the food shortage in all its magnitude, and he must realize what want and famine would mean and then he must put forth every effort to prevent it. Do not leave it to the other fellow. Do your part. In this matter prevention is a thousand times better than cure. Eliminate all waste in your household.

Chatham World: The evidence that has been taken in the Valley Railway inquiry has not afforded a little proof in support of the supposition that the contract was given to the contractors in consequence of their payments to W. B. Tennant, of \$120,000. Directors, engineers and contractors unite in saying that there was no government interference, and that the contract was awarded to the lowest tender. Nothing but "darned" foolishness, hypnotism, or a flim-flam game of the most deluding sort, is apparent as an explanation of the payments by the Nova Scotia Construction Company to Mr. Tennant, who seems, by the evidence, to have had nothing whatever to do with letting the contract or fixing the prices to be paid to the contractors.

The Canadians during the recent severe fighting near Lens, clashed with the Fourth Division of the famous Prussian Guards, the crack corps of the German army, and "put it all over them." Here is the way a press correspondent refers to the incident: "All were beaten back, and the conflict will become famous both as one of the bloodiest incidents of the war and also because the troops which suffered were the Fourth Division of the Prussian Guards."

A foxy old politician is Hon. Bob Rogers. Knowing that there was a demand for his scalp all over the country, he dashed off a few notes to Premier Borden and resigned. Should the Borden government survive the elections, he will probably be rewarded with the High Commissionership.

Three hundred women in Sydney and vicinity have volunteered to assist in gathering the apple crop of the Annapolis Valley. The wages offered are \$19 to \$25 a month, with board and lodging.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star, in writing of prospective cabinet changes, says: "From the Maritime Provinces, F. B. Carvell and A. K. McLean are mentioned as possibilities. However, the chances of Mr. Carvell are believed to have suffered from the recent victory he achieved over his political opponent in Carleton, N. B., former Premier Flemming." It will strike many people as rather strange that the action of Mr. Carvell in exposing a boodling transaction in which ex-Premier Flemming was involved, should lessen his chances of obtaining a place in a non-partizan win-the-war cabinet.

The payment of the large sum of \$111,000 in taxes on the current year's assessment before the expiration of the discount period is a wonderful showing. The amendment to the assessment act, which permits the city to charge interest on unpaid taxes, no doubt had a wholesome effect. The collection of \$34,000 in a single day constitutes a record. Ald. Reid, the energetic chairman of the finance committee, has every reason to be proud of the showing made.

"Upon the sworn testimony of Representative W. W. Venable of the Fifth Congressional district," reads a dispatch from Meridian, Miss., "the Dauderdale county grand jury has returned an indictment against William, Emperor of Germany, charging robbery, arson, murder, plotting, bribery and conspiracy, 'all against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.'"

The Chicago Tribune says the only way to make conscription a success is to eliminate politics, pull and favoritism. If the Borden government does this it will have to mend its ways.

Through Our Sieve

Soon we shall hear again the patter of the oyster patty.

Now that we have meatless days, why not ice-creamless nights?

Many a modern gown which is called a "creation" looks like all creation.

Rule for the new civilization: "Tell the truth and shame the Kaiser."

The girl who wears furs with the mercury around 99 runs no danger of brain trouble.

The universal opinion seems to be that economy should begin at somebody else's home.

Privately and quietly, when no one seems to be around, we're gonna ask someone, what is a dill pickle?

To charm a seasoned widow, call her "kitten" or "angel;" to fascinate a debutante call her a "siren" or a "witch."

Evidently Gen. Haig believes that all things come to him who waits—provided one keeps moving toward what he has set his heart upon.

This war has shown that war "experts" are as poor guessers as are professional prophets, but we must remember that both exist to keep up public interest, and not to foretell precisely what is going to happen.

STOCK MARKET NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	86
C. P. R.....	159
Crucible steel.....	76
Erie.....	22 3/4
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1/2-2
Marine Pfd.....	99
Union Pac.....	134
U. S. Steel.....	119
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	49
Marine Com.....	31
Reading.....	85 1/2
Rubber.....	62 1/2
Studebaker.....	51
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

MONTREAL

Civic.....	74
Detroit.....	110
Quebec.....	19
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	41
Cement.....	62
Iron.....	64
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	10 1/2

PRESS COMMENT ON RESIGNATION OF BOB ROGERS

Opinion Varies—Liberal Papers Say Move is Merely a Blind—Star Says it is Improvement.

(Le Canada, Montreal.)

Mr. Rogers' resignation, which was officially announced yesterday, probably indicates that the Borden cabinet will be remodelled. Mr. Rogers gives as motive for his resignation the statement that he finds that Mr. Borden is proceeding too slowly in putting conscription into effect. The real motive is probably far from being that, for most of the Conservative papers that make the announcement follow it with fresh forecasts of a union government.

In any case Sir Wilfrid Laurier is quite undisturbed; if, on the eve of general elections there are any desertions from his party the electors themselves will see that such a mistake is set right. Already their electors have given Dr. Clark and Mr. Champagne notice; and, should they lack the nobler motives, this will be a lesson for others. The week that has just begun, will see, we are told, the culmination of Mr. Borden's negotiations; but they dare not foretell in the Tory press whether it will be a successful one or not.

(Toronto Globe.)

It will take positive evidence to convince the country that the Cabinet episode has not been carefully staged by the Prime Minister and Mr. Rogers in collusion. The suspicion may do an injustice to Sir Robert Borden, but he can dispense it by proving that Mr. Rogers will not be an agent of the Government, doing its election work, with the promise of high office in his pocket if he can repeat his success of 1911.

There are obvious reasons why it would be expedient to disown Mr. Rogers during an election campaign. His name is not an asset. Sir Robert Borden must show that the separation is not a temporary make-believe, and that the reported disagreement is not a sham fight arranged so as to give the leader of the Government the credit of having plucked up a degree of courage. The events of the next few days may demonstrate whether the Premier deserves credit or not. If Sir Robert is responsible for the demission of his colleague he has removed one obstacle to the formation of a truly National Government. In any event, high-minded Canadians are glad that Mr. Rogers is out of the Ministry.

(Montreal Star.)

It is one of the weaknesses of the party system of Government that an active fighting partisan is apt to create such an atmosphere of outside antagonism against himself personally as occasionally to handicap the political group with which he is connected. By his very zeal for his party he may weaken it.

No one questions the business ability of Hon. Robert Rogers as an executive official. He has proved himself broad gauge, efficient and untiring. Few men in Canadian public life have more friends who regard him with real affection. But Mr. Rogers has always been a strong two-fisted party man. He delighted in political struggles and when he considered a blow was necessary for his party' advantage he struck it, no matter who was at the receiving end.

The result was inevitable. Not only did he make many personal enemies, but he attracted to himself most of the political lightning that is always forming behind the clouds of partisan strife. When Sir Robert Borden came to the conclusion that it was his duty as a war measure to broaden his ministry by taking in opposition and independent elements, he found this feeling a real obstacle in his path. By Mr. Rogers' own act this obstacle is now removed.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The Wednesday night casualty list contains the following:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Lt. G. D. Osgood, Ashcroft, N. B.; Joseph Boudreau, Dalhousie, N. B.

Missing, believed killed—Lieut. Acting Capt. Francis B. Winter, St. John. Lieut. S. McLean, Campbellton, N. B.

Wounded—L. B. Stewart, Chatham, N. B.; Corp. G. W. Glendenning, Canobie, N. B.; P. N. McFarlane, Moncton; Joe Chaisson, Cheticamp, N. S.; Acting Capt. J. D. McNeil, Whitney, P. E. I.; Acting Capt. W. A. Livingstone, Big Bras D'Or, N. S.; Lieut. R. M. Keswick, Buctouche, N. B.; Lieut. E. J. Lounsbury, Fredericton, N. B. Ill—Byron Murray, St. Peters, N. B.

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