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STREET CLEANING.

An editorial in The Canadian Engineer on "Modern Street Cleaning," which incidentally remarks that street dusts are prolific breeders of various ailments, declares that flushing is the only absolutely sanitary method of keeping streets clean, that it is a proven success for all kinds of pavements, and that it does away with the "white wings" and preserves the self-respect of the cleaners or operators. An outfit of flushing machines, continues the article, "would do three things for any municipality: It would lower the death rate; it would save thousands of dollars for its citizens through loss of time on account of sickness; it would abolish a vile job which someone otherwise must perform."

The combination flusher and sprinkler first throws a sprinkling spray which wets the surface dirt, and then a flush strong enough to carry even heavy deposits into the gutter. This machine is employed by many American municipalities and gives general satisfaction. Another type is a combination sprinkler, flusher and squeeze—the latter device carrying the dirt to any given point. This combination machine is in the experimental stage. One has been constructed according to designs by Commissioner Featherston, of New York City. It is termed a flusher-sweeper-trailer, and has a tank with a capacity of 1,800 American gallons, an electrically-driven pump, and an electrically-driven squeeze or broom. The latter feature is regarded as unnecessary by certain authorities, who are, with other interested persons, awaiting the results of the New York tests with interest.

Says the Standard: "There is a demand for a union government and administration to be conducted on non-partisan lines and with but one policy—to consecrate all our resources to the task of winning the war." This talk of non-partisanship from an organ of the Borden government is certainly rich. The Borden government has but one policy, and that is to make it easy for its friends to feather their own nests at the public expense. Why it cannot even appoint a returning officer for a Scott Act election without making it a matter of party patronage. In two elections now pending in this province the "non-partisan" spirit was manifested by ignoring the sheriffs and sending the writs to party henchmen recommended by the patronage dispensers.

St. John Globe, (Ind.): A North Shore lumberman is quoted as saying "the conditions in New Brunswick do not warrant the vast increase in the stumpage rates which has been passed by an order-in-council enacted by the Local government." Did they warrant the payment of vast sums to the old government under the guise of an election contribution, but really to prevent the stumpage raise now announced? The payments the lumbermen themselves made stand as an irrefutable argument that old conditions were wrong. The lumbermen provided both the reason and justification for the increase, and the government deserves credit for its decision.

The second reading of the military service bill was moved in the Senate yesterday by Sir James Loughheed, the government leader. He made a strong speech, in the course of which he attacked Sir Wilfrid Laurier for favoring a referendum. Hon. Mr. Bostock, the opposition leader, in the course of an able speech, replied to the letter of Sir Clifford Sifton appealing for a union government, and expressed approval of the stand taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A vote on the second reading of the bill will probably be taken in the Senate tomorrow.

An interesting interview with Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, on the crop situation, will be found in another part of this issue. Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, who is a practical farmer, is displaying wonderful energy in the administration of his department, and his aim is to make it of real value to the farmers of the province. He has in Secretary Reek a competent assistant who is doing splendid work for the province.

The war news from the western front today is of a most cheering nature. Another British drive has been started, and is meeting with most gratifying success. Many important posts were captured from the enemy and a substantial advance made by the British on a wide front. It rather looks as if the Allies have something big planned in celebration of the third anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

The cost of living problem engaged the attention of Parliament yesterday. The report of Commissioner O'Connor on the operations of cold storage companies was discussed, and caustic references to war profiteers brought cheers from both sides of the House. The government will be expected to deal with the profiteers in a drastic manner.

The new timber land regulations adopted by the Provincial Government become effective today. As a result of the change, the lumbermen will pay a largely increased rate of stumpage, but the money thus secured will go into the revenues of the province and not into a strong box in the town of Woodstock.

The total number of men enlisted in New Brunswick for overseas service since November, 1915, is given at 13,503. St. John stands first with 3,857, York second with 2,047, and Westmorland third with 1,728.

The big storm in Quebec on Tuesday is reported to have done damage amounting to thousands of dollars. Several large bridges were washed away and much damage was done to growing crops.

Through Our Sieve

Some girls promise to marry a man and some threaten to do so.

The noise that comes out of Spain shows signs of having been run through the muffer.

Sunlight will kill the ordinary germ and it is none too friendly to the fat man in July.

Along about the middle of it, the average life begins to feel like a poker game full of I. O. U's.

The potato bugs are here. Don't wait to see the whites of their eyes before shooting.

You can't tell by the taste of the water how many hundreds go in bathing near the intake—just go up and take a look some hot evening.

D'Annunzio recently dropped eighty four sonnets on the Austrian lines. Ruthlessness is not confined to one side after all.

The young wife fears every woman who looks at her husband is trying to lure him away; some older wives hope so.

Repatee is the bright thing you think of when everyone has gone to bed and you're taking your shoes off for the last time.

There is just as much difference between a man's "ideal woman" and the kind he really wants to marry as between the old-fashioned still life painting on the dining room wall and the real food.

ANTI-WASTE REFORMS

MADE IN CITY HOMES.

A careful canvass of a woman's association in an eastern city the other day resulted in the discovery that more than half of the ladies had actually introduced into their homes reforms in management suggested by the patriotic campaigns of recent times. Comment was made that, wholly apart from war service, the greater efficiency resulting from the anti-waste propaganda would have a far-reaching influence.

An interesting discussion took place as to whether the introduction of spirit of saving into so many homes where no great attention was paid to such economies before would lead to any loss of that hospitality on which Canadians pride themselves. Opinions differed. Many told of instances they knew of in which people formerly fond of entertaining had given up the practice. The conclusion reached was that, as the necessity for saving in the home became more widely appreciated, guests would not expect lavish entertainment. It was generally agreed that great progress in the education of the public had been made in recent times by such campaigns as that of the National Service Board, although much remained to be done before the people could be depended upon to save and serve. D-22.

PROFITEERS DENOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT

Government Must Deal With the Cold Storage Magnates in a Drastic Manner.

Ottawa, July 31.—The war and its successful prosecution comes first; but right after it and close upon its heels comes the cost of living problem.

Despite the almost unbearable and stifling heat, members of parliament flocked back into the broiling chamber yesterday as soon as the news reached them that the House was considering the report of the government commissioner, W. F. O'Connor, on the operations of cold storage corporations. The temper of parliament concerning the report was manifested time and again in the cheers from both sides of the chamber, which greeted caustic general references to war food profiteers, cheers which were intensified when D. D. McKenzie (of Cape Breton) directly arraigned Sir Joseph Flavelle by name. Hon. T. W. Crothers' plea that the case was "sub-judice" seemed to have little weight with members on both sides, and indications seemed to be that in the event of government failure to take drastic action, parliament may take the bit in its own teeth.

George W. Kyte attacked the subject on the government resolution to go into committee of supply. Mr. Kyte declared that the Canadian public were sick of investigations and of investigators. They demanded quick and effective action. They wanted to know what the government was going to do—and do at once—to bring down the cost of living. Mr. Kyte severely scored the appointment of the man who appeared in defence of J. Wesley Allison and the old shell committee, and in defence of the food profiteers in Ottawa city, as the chairman of the commission to investigate the O'Connor report. It was "another gold brick just like the government's attempts at coalition, trying to get a few Liberals in the cabinet while they fill the Senate with partisan appointments."

E. M. MacDonald, in a slashing attack, declared that Commissioner O'Connor had been getting too hot on the trail of profiteering friends, and he had to be "called off" while a new board of inquiry was put on the job.

BIG INCREASE IN DUTY COLLECTED

Month of July Shows Increase and First Four Months of Year an Increase of \$25,000.

The customs returns for July as furnished by Collector L. C. Macnutt show a substantial increase in duty collected. For the first four months of the fiscal year the duty collected was \$24,838.50 greater than in a corresponding period of 1916. The returns are:

July, 1917.	
Dutiable goods	\$61,729
Free goods	6,892
Total value	\$68,621
Duty collected	\$11,815.03
July, 1916.	
Dutiable goods	\$78,444
Free goods	3,090
Total value	\$81,534
Duty collected	\$10,818.18

Increase in duty collected in July, 1917, as compared with July, 1916, \$1,796.85.

Duty collected for the first four months of the present fiscal year, \$64,053.88.

Duty collected for the first four months of the last fiscal year, \$39,215.38, showing a gain of \$24,838.50 for the present year.

Was Kept in Cells.

A member of the 236th Highland Battalion who should have left last night for Valcartier with the last draft for the unit got drunk and missed the train. Last night he was handed over to the civil police for safe keeping and spent the night in the police cells. He was taken back by the rear party of the battalion this morning and will go to Valcartier later.

Mid Week Market.

There was only a small market this morning but high prices were the rule. Wild raspberries were quite plentiful and sold for 20 cents a box and 50 cents a small pail. Cultivated strawberries brought 15 cents a box. New beets, carrots and onions sold at 10 cents a bunch. Green peas brought 40 cents a quart. Butter sold at 35 cents and eggs at 35 cents.

No Western Train.

Traffic on the C.P.R. line in Quebec interrupted by the storm, has not yet been restored. There has been no communication with the west by the C.P.R. since Monday and the authorities are unable to say when traffic will be restored. A great deal of inconvenience has been caused by the storm.

Going to Ottawa.

Brigadier General McLean and Lt. Col. Guthrie will leave tomorrow for Ottawa on military business.

Mr. A. J. Gray travelling freight agent of the C. P. R. arrived in the city last night.

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