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### THE OTTAWA SITUATION.

An Ottawa despatch to some Maritime Tory papers a few days ago set forth that Sir Robert Borden had about completed his plans for a union government, and that an announcement might be expected forthwith. Sir Robert is undoubtedly on the hunt for material from which to form a union government, but is experiencing great difficulty in finding it. He sees no possible hope of the present incompetent outfit surviving a general election, and realizes the fact that unless some influential Liberals can be found to join forces with him, the fight is already as good as lost. The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star, who seems to have a fair idea of what is going on, sums up the situation at Ottawa as follows:

"It is difficult to see how the projected cabinet reconstruction can be effected immediately. If half of the present ministers retire, their successors could not sit in Parliament until elected, and meanwhile the majority, on the present party lines, would disappear. Ministers elected at by-elections would have to go to the polls again in a general election. These facts suggest that reconstruction will be delayed till prorogation, but on the other hand there is a feeling that what is to be done should be done with the least possible delay. There is as much uncertainty as ever as to who will figure in the new alignment. A dozen names have often been mentioned, but as regards some of them, indications point to their refusal. The elements of both sides who favor a fight on straight party lines are not to be minimized. While the situation shows signs of clearing, there is considerable obscurity yet."

If the Tory leaders at Ottawa believed they had one chance in a hundred of saving the old ship of state from the rocks, they would not be running about the country begging and beseeching Liberals to join with them. The government's conduct on all matters pertaining to the war has been disgraceful and scandalous, and the people have long ago made up their minds that the honor and good name of Canada demands a change.

Six years ago the Borden government was returned to power on a policy of "no truck or trade with the Yankees." Since that it has removed the duty from wheat and now we have the announcement that through an arrangement made by the Deputy Minister of the Interior with the authorities at Washington, farm laborers from the United States are to assist in harvesting Canada's wheat crop.

### THE MARKET PROBLEM.

The following from the Worcester, Mass., Telegram on market conditions in that city is applicable to many other cities, including Fredericton:

"The city market at Springfield has settled the daylight saving issue for a large portion of the population, without so much as marking the accomplishment. The opening morning most of the produce sellers from farms in that section of the country had sold out their loads before the formal opening at 6.30 o'clock. That means there were people on hand to meet the farmers long before the beauty-sleep corps took hold for its morning duty. The reports claim the farm products were sold at prices much below the figures quoted in retail stores of the city. For instance, possibly the storekeepers were the buyers at that early sale, buying at wholesale to sell a few hours later to the people who do not care to get out in the dew to buy direct of the farmers. It is a fair guess that much of the produce offered

in that city market was taken by dealers, who sold it later over the telephone and then delivered it in the usual way of a quart of string beans and a bunch of beets here and there all over Springfield. It is also a fair guess that the dealers paid the farmers money for the goods and sold them on orders to "charge it," and are still waiting for their pay. The people have got to do something beside establishing city markets to reform their system of getting the goods direct."

A return brought down in Parliament a few days ago shows that there are 227 militia officers attached to the Halifax district drawing salaries which aggregate \$400,000 a year. A majority of these officers are safety-firsters who have no notion of going to the front. They travel about the country on alleged tours of inspection, stopping at the best hotels and having a good time generally at the expense of the country. Most of them have servants and grooms whose duties are to polish their boots and saddle their horses. It is a most disgraceful state of affairs for which the Borden government is directly responsible.

The electors of the County of Sunbury, by a vote of 528 to 62, decided to repeal the Canada Temperance Act and adopt the Prohibition Act passed by the Legislature in 1916. Every polling division in the county gave a substantial majority for prohibition. The temperance reformers have every reason to be gratified over the fine showing made in the first county of the province where the people have been called upon to give an expression of opinion at the polls on the new Prohibition Act.

Canadian troops in a brilliant drive yesterday captured Hill 70 from the Huns, and are now in a fair way to wrest the important mining city of Lens from the enemy. The capture of Hill 70 is regarded as one of the most important events of the war. The fall of Lens would seem to be now only a question of days or hours.

At the bathing beach: Welcome to our woodpile.

Scott Act or Prohibition? Looks like one of those "heads I win, tails you lose" propositions.

When the honeymoon is over a woman sometimes ceases to be an ideal and becomes an ordeal.

In the summer a young girl's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of her complexion.

The Kaiser, remarking that "we are victorious," strains greatly to conquer matter with mind.

One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives—and that's what makes us mad.

Heat is chiefly a state of mind. If you worry about it you'll feel oppressed. If you forget it you'll be happy. Better be happy.

Amateur gardeners will be glad to know that potato plants and the bugs which get on them can be separated by blasting powder.

By the time a woman has learned that the men don't mean all the nice things they say she has reached the age when they quit saying them.

### VALLEY RAILWAY

(Continued from page 5.)

A.—Not that much; there were no large amounts, just in spots.

Q.—What spot needed it most?

A.—I guess Canterbury, where I was.

Q.—And you were licked there, too?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then you did not contribute quite enough?

A.—Perhaps not.

Other witnesses examined were Mr. D. F. Maxwell, C. E., and Mr. C. O. Foss, C. E., then the enquiry was adjourned until 2.15 p. m. today.

## MEATLESS DAYS TWICE A WEEK IN CANADA NOW

The New Food Regulations for Hotels and Cafes Go Into Effect—Heavy Penalties Provided.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—An extra issue of the Canada Gazette bringing into effect the regulating of eating places was published today. The order in council, passed at the request of the food controller, prohibits the serving of beef and bacon on Tuesdays and Fridays, and at more than one meal on any other day. Substitutes, such as corn bread, oat cakes, potatoes, etc., must be provided at every meal at which white bread is served.

The use of wheat in the distillation or manufacture of alcohol is prohibited, except for manufacturing of munitions purposes, and then only after obtaining a license from the food controller. Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the regulations.

Proprietors, managers and employees of public eating places are liable, upon summary conviction, for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and not less than \$25, and for each subsequent offence to a penalty not exceeding \$500 and not less than \$100, or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

Any person violating any of the provisions regulating the use of wheat in the distillation or manufacture of alcohol is liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars.

The regulations go into effect with the gazettement of the order in council today. Copies of the order can be secured from the food controller's office.

## LITTLE INTEREST IN THE ELECTION

Small Vote Being Brought Out On Question of Repeal of Canada Temperance Act.

Very little interest appears to be taken in the election being held in the City of Fredericton today on the question of the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act. At noon it was considered doubtful if the vote brought out would be proportionately as large as that polled yesterday in Sunbury county in a similar election which was about fifty per cent. At one poll at the City Hall this morning only eleven ballots had been cast although the poll is a large one. Rain which threatened early in the afternoon kept many voters away.

The members of the Dominion Alliance were much pleased with the vote against the Canada Temperance Act which was polled in Sunbury county yesterday and were active in the city today. In fact the only activity displayed was shown by the poll workers of the Alliance. They claimed to be confident of a large majority against the act.

### PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Gregory of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. W. J. Underhill of Boston, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. John M. Carr of Truro, is at the Queen.

Mr. Garnet W. Wilson of St. John is registered at the Queen.

Mrs. H. W. Shaw of Toronto, and her brother, Mr. LeBaron R. Bull, are to leave this evening for St. Andrews to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shiels have returned from a trip to Albert county.

Rev. Frank Baird of Woodstock, is among the visitors to the city today.

### RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS

(Continued from page 8.)

\*Dorothy B. Hickson, St. John.

Marjorie L. Barker, Lakeville, Carleton county.

\*Marguerite I. Kirkpatrick, Rothesay.

Flora O. DeLong, Hampton Sta.

\*Nellie E. Louden, Bathurst.

\*Bessie M. Heine, West St. John.

\*M. Eugenie Hachey, West Bathurst.

\*Ena A. Higgins, St. John.

\*Calixte P. Savole, Bathurst.

\*Sadie Bateman, Bathurst.

\*Dora I. Corbett, St. John.

\*Martha E. Davis, Bathurst.

\*Mildred H. Arnold, Bathurst.

\*Grace Rogers, Fredericton.

\*Kathleen C. Ray, Moncton.

\*Gladys B. Martin, St. John.

\*Hepsy Gliberson, Bristol.

\*Myrtle M. Miller, Dalhousie.

\*Mabel E. Christie, Oak Hill, Charlotte county.

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