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PEANUT POLITICS.

If the members of His Majesty's loyal opposition in the Legislature would only practice what they preach, the people would have more faith in their bona fides. Early in the session Mr. Tilley, acting director of National Service, strongly urged his colleagues on the Speaker's left, to see to it that their criticism was of a constructive nature. A few days later, in discussing a matter beyond the scope of the Legislature to weal with, Mr. Baxter declared that "the constitution shriveled up in the face of events." Now we find the ex-Attorney General losing sleep over the fact that two government supporters in the House had neglected to resign petty offices to which they were appointed several years ago. He is so deeply concerned over the matter that he has given notice that he will move that it be referred to the committee on privileges. If this is not peanut politics it is pretty hard to properly designate it. The fact of the matter is, no member of the House holds an office of emolument under the Crown to which a salary is attached, but it seems that two government supporters, Hon. Mr. Murray and Mr. A. A. Dysart, and an opposition supporter, Mr. Peck, hold petty offices, which if they perform the duties attached to the same, would entitle them to collect fees. Mr. Dysart, it seems, was named as a parish court commissioner, but was never sworn in, and never acted, and the other gentlemen, so far as known, have never collected a cent in fees since becoming members of the Legislature. Then, what is the use of trying to create a mountain out of a mole-hill at a time like this? If it is wrong for a member of the Legislature to hold petty offices within the gift of the government, let the law be made sufficiently clear on the subject, so that there will be no opportunity in future for lawyers to differ over it. If Mr. Baxter, when Attorney General, had given the matter his attention and remedied the defect in the law, if one existed, it would not now be possible for him to waste the time of the Legislature discussing a matter of such a trivial nature. Mr. Baxter's sincerity might well be called in question in view of the fact that he permitted a lawyer member of the last House to draw \$100 direct from the provincial treasury for his services as counsel under the Liquor License Act, without even a word of protest.

SAVE SURPLUS VEGETABLES.

The shortage of labor and the scarcity and high price of tin cans has very materially reduced the output and increased the cost of canned vegetables; so much so, in fact, as to make some lines almost prohibitive to the average family.

There is little reason, however, for any Canadian family not providing a sufficient supply for next winter. Home canning of vegetables is a simple matter; when put up in ordinary glass jars, securely sealed, they are equal if not superior to the factory brand, and the cost is much lower.

Peas, string beans, sweet corn, and pumpkins, beets, tomatoes and all vegetables which will not keep without cooking, may be canned.

After cleaning and preparing the vegetables to be preserved, they are enclosed in a cheesecloth bag and parboiled for five minutes. They are then dipped in cold water, packed in glass jars, boiling water poured over them to fill up all crevices, and the lids loosely adjusted. The jars are then placed in an ordinary boiler filled with water, with plates or dish covers to prevent the jars touching the bottom of the boiler, and are allowed to boil steadily for three and a half hours. When lifted from the boiler, the lids must be screwed down tight, and the jars allowed to gradually cool, care being taken that they are not exposed to drafts, as a sudden cooling may crack the glass.

Vegetables thus canned will keep and be a welcome addition to the table in lieu of the high-priced canned goods, and the surplus supply of vegetables, which otherwise might be wasted, will be conserved.

The following from the Halifax Herald is a fair sample of the political uncombed being sent out from Ottawa

these days to the Tory press: "Of the Maritime Liberals two, A. K. McLean and Frank B. Carvell, will desert Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Those men are making no attempt to disguise their disgust and contempt for the pitifully demagogic and unpatriotic part that Sir Wilfrid has played during the past few weeks. They openly declare that they are sick and tired of Quebec domination and ready to smash their party and ally themselves with Conservatives rather than longer submit to the increasingly intolerable yoke of French-Canadian factionist tyranny."

Hon. E. L. Patenaude, one of the Nationalist members of the Borden cabinet, has resigned on the conscription proposition. He was Tory organizer for the Montreal district before entering the cabinet. It is likely that Messrs. Blondin and Sevigny will go next.

THE BRITISH LOSSES WERE NOT HEAVY

London, June 10.—Referring to exaggerated German statements in regard to the number of British casualties in the battle of Messines Ridge, Reuter's correspondent says that up to Friday evening the number of men of all ranks who failed to respond to roll call on the British side was just about 10,000.

Judging from past experiences, sixty per cent. of these are men wounded so slightly that they are able to walk and of the remainder a number will be able to rejoin their regiments later. As compared with this, the Germans lost 7,000 in prisoners alone.

Canadians Sweep Two Mile Front. Part of the British official statement is as follows:

"Operations were carried out by us with complete success last night further south on a wide front from the south of Lens to LaBasse. South of the Souchez river our troops entered the German positions on a front of over two miles, and penetrated to a depth of more than half a mile. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and more than seventy prisoners and a number of machine guns captured by us. Our own losses were light. (This is the Canadian area.)

"The enemy's trenches were also entered north of Souchez river. Large numbers of Germans were killed and great damage was done to the enemy's defenses. A further 44 prisoners, including three officers and several machine guns were taken by us.

"The sector of the Hindenburg Line still held by the enemy west of Bullecourt was raided by our troops last night and a number of the hostile garrison were killed or taken prisoners."

BYNG RETIRES FROM CANADIAN COMMAND

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 10. — (By Stewart Lyon, correspondent of the Canadian Press). The Canadians in France are no longer "the Byng boys." Sir Julian Byng bade goodbye to his associates at headquarters yesterday.

Before his departure the corps commander issued a special order in which he said:

"In bidding good-bye to the corps I find it very difficult to give expression to the feelings of pride and affection which dominate all other sentiments. During the year of my command the unvarying success in battle, the progress in training and in discipline, and the unwavering devotion and loyalty of all ranks are features which stand out prominently in the history of the corps. That history will last forever, and my associations with you in the making of it is joy that can never be impaired."

The men in the ranks, as well as the officers which whom he was more intimately associated, regret deeply his departure from the command of Canada's field forces.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. R. Campbell, M. P. P., of St. a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. Edwin Walters of Chatham, N. Y., is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. F. G. Spencer of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. C. O. Foss, chief engineer of the Valley Railway, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Thomas McNally of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. G. H. Johnson of Boston, is a guest at the Queen.

THIS IS THE LIFE —WE GUESS NOT

A band of gypsies were encamped about two miles out the Woodstock road Sunday—swarthy foreign gypsies—and Sunday morning their flaring-colored quilts and bedding hung on the fence to air, and close to the highway they built their camp-fire and turned their horses out to feed on the grass.

Two gypsy queens, squatting on the ground, combed out and tidied up their frowsy but luxuriant raven black tresses; one washed her hair, with head bent close to the ground, while a gypsy princess poured over it cold water from a tin cup.

The gypsy princes, five or six of them, not clean like the bedding on the fence, with scant and nondescript attire, rambled about the road and tried to enlist the favor of any passer-by disposed to show interest in them. "Be a good feller, mister, giv' sum-ting." One little prince wore nothing but a shirt and a man's vest tied around him with a piece of rope.

The gypsy kings, not so poorly dressed, lay on the grass, covered with blankets, apparently comfortable and sleeping.

No high cost or labor problems come their way; but what provides the little that it takes to keep them is problem enough to the rest of us.

"Where are you from? Where are you going? Are you selling anything?" These questions only brought forth the answers: "To Quebec, M'sieu," and "Nutting to sell, M'sieu."

Through Our Sieve

This cynical spring is somewhat in the slacker class.

Socialism at least appears to have a genius for wrong selection.

Duty's call very seldom sounds like the dinner horn or a dance orchestra.

On a six-foot soldier in khaki a wrist watch excites no hilarity whatever.

Just what we said—the weather man started the greater production campaign—and he's on the job.

The night before the great explosion Berlin described the situation as tense—now it's past tense.

There's a lot of difference between the way a man is a "good fellow" and a woman is a "good girl."

Marriage is the point at which a girl descends from love's airplane trip through the clouds into the total obscurity of the domestic submarine.

Fredericton has a beautiful park, and give us a brass band and a pleasant Sunday and some of us will go up and take a brief look at it.

If the wife could make such biscuit as her husband's mother used to make and if the husband would buy his wife clothes like those her father used to buy, few marriages would be failures.

The Borden government's conscription bill, of which so much has been heard, is to be brought down in Parliament this afternoon.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	96
C. P. R.....	162
Crucible steel.....	81½
Erie.....	25½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	81½
Union Pac.....	137½
U. S. Steel.....	131½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	47
Marine Coma.....	28
Reading.....	95
Rubber.....	56½
Studebaker.....	81½
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47½

MONTREAL

Civic.....	76
Detroit.....	109
Quebec.....	20
Toronto.....	78½
Braz.....	40½
Cement.....	60½
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