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COUNTRY'S WELFARE FIRST.

"I do not want to take up too much of your time upon matters which may be discussed more fully in the near future, and particularly in the Legislature. I am here rather for the purpose of meeting and greeting you, of making the acquaintance of those whom I hope will be my new constituents, than entering into a discussion of public affairs at any length. However, there is one point that I wish to make, the government of which I am Premier intends to give the people of this province a business administration. We are not going to place our own personal interests before the welfare of the country. We are going to take up each and every question upon its merits and not place legislation upon the statute books that will be for the benefit of private individuals and contrary to the public good.—Premier Foster at Grand Falls.

WAR HORSE PURCHASES.

The long delayed report of Commissioner Sir Charles Davidson on the activities of Mr. A. Dewitt Foster, ex-M. P., as a purchaser of war horses for the Dominion Government, in Kings county, N. S., has been made public at last. It was shortly after the outbreak of the war that the Borden government placed some \$80,000 at the disposal of Mr. Foster and gave him carte blanche to go through the county which he then represented in Parliament and purchase horses for war purposes. He bought every old plug that was offered for sale, including one that had previously been exchanged for two ducks and a drake, and another that had been rejected on account of old age at the time of the Boer war. These and other astounding facts brought out by sworn evidence at the time created a great sensation throughout Canada, and resulted in Mr. Foster being forced to resign his seat in Parliament.

Commissioner Davidson in his report acquits Mr. Foster of peculation, but condemns him for having been weak in administration methods and financial supervision. The report shows that only 383 horses were accounted for out of 428 actually purchased and paid for with the people's money. No information is given as to the number which found their way into a glue factory, but the commission finds that 50 or 60 should have been rejected as unsound. He comes to the conclusion that Todd C. Woodworth, who acted as buyer, is short in his accounts to the extent of \$2,224, and F. J. Keever, the partner of Woodworth, is shy the sum of \$2,968. These men immigrated to the United States soon after the transaction was completed, and so far as known are still there.

The Commissioner, in summing up, says:

"It does not appear that there was any interference with buyers or veterinarians. The average limit of price allowed by the department was \$179. Horses of the highest class were not, of course, securable at these figures. The prices paid for sound and serviceably sound horses were reasonable. Of 383 horses, concerning which definite proof was obtainable, 39 were between 12 and 15 years old, 16 were between 15 and 18, and 5 were over 18. My appreciation of the evidence leads me to the conviction that of the 383 horses, between 50 and 60 ought to have been rejected for unsoundness. These figures have in one or two cases been inclusive of the over-age horses."

The whole transaction was a disgraceful one from start to finish, and responsibility for it must rest upon the Borden government.

At a mass meeting of the students of Boston University, in the interests of preparedness recently, President Murlin, who presided, outlined the purpose of the meeting, and gave the introductory address in which he said:

"I have no love for war; I abhor it as a dreadful scourge; but if a high-way bandit and outlaw stations himself in front of my door, despoils my property, seeks to dismember my family ties, shoots the women and little children of my family, tells me he proposes to keep up this policy indefinitely, has the fixed purposes of propagating others of his kind and fasten that type of 'culture' not only upon them but upon my children for generations to come, then I have no alternative; I must come down to his level and fight, fight, fight, till he is driven not only from my door and street, but from the face of the earth forever and ever."

EDIT
Chatham World—Silence on the part of the \$2,000,000 shipbuilding company promoters may mean nothing doing. We understand that inquiry showed that plates for a ship could not

be delivered inside of two years by any steel plant in Canada, and that the project had fallen through. The Miramichi ought to build wooden vessels. There is, it is true, a lack of large timber for framing, but iron or steel might be used to reinforce the timber we have. Composite frame and wood planking ought to make a good seagoing craft.

Potatoes which have been holding at \$8 a barrel for the past two months at Caribou, Me., slumped Saturday to \$7.25 and \$7 a barrel, which is expected to be the beginning of the end of the season, buyers having been notified that the Florida stock is coming into the Northern markets. Prices will continue to drop on Maine table stock.

Visitors to the city today include Prof. Cumming of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The professor has rendered yeoman service in Nova Scotia in the interests of the greater production campaign, and his object in visiting Fredericton at the present time is to attend the conference called by Premier Foster and the Hon. Mr. Tweeddale. He will certainly be a valuable acquisition to the list of speakers at today's gathering.

The hilarity of the aldermen was aroused at a recent session of the Montreal City Council by Ald. Turcotte's tale of how a city magistrate sent a chauffeur, with one of the city's swell automobiles, on a journey to purchase a one cent newspaper. It appears the cost of the oil consumed and the salary of the chauffeur would literally have purchased scores of papers.

Some of the business and college men of Oberlin, O., are getting their shoes shined four or five times a day and girls are the bootblacks. It is part of the mechanism of the Oberlin College Women's League finance campaign, which is undertaking to raise \$75,000 in three years for a new woman's building and dormitory.

Rev. S. R. Mayer-Oakes, pastor of the Hadley Congregational church at Springfield, Mass., was granted a war leave by the church and a continuation of salary for the period of the war on condition that his wife serve as pastor during his absence. The pastor leaves for service in the French Red Cross.

St. John Times—There were no arrests by the police in St. John yesterday. That was a good beginning for prohibition. Of course that record will not hold, but the experience everywhere under prohibition, when it is enforced, is that the number of arrests is much reduced.

Through Our Sieve

Save daylight? Great guns! has day light jumped in price too? !

Don't expect the potatoes to volunteer. Conscript a acre of them.

Hundreds of desk farmers are puzzling how to tell spinach from weeds.

The Russian calendar contains 86 holidays. Pretty soft for the tired bank clerk.

Did you ever see a "tired business man" too tired to talk about his business?

The spring weather is holding back so as to give all the new farmers an even start.

The Germans having been driven to firing glass bullets, may shortly have no other recourse than to throw stones.

Governments afraid to act for fear of the wrath of the electors generally get it in the neck for not acting.

All property belonging to the erstwhile Czar has been confiscated. But it is likely that the neighbors will bring him in some food.

Make it wasteless days, and then there will be no danger of meatless days, or potatoless days, or breadless days.

Daylight saving would be an excellent conservation move. The long mornings seem likely to be again wasted in bed.

You will note that one great necessity has not risen in price—the daily newspaper. It is more necessary than ever too and costs more to produce.

DEMAND RESIGNATION OF RUSSIAN MINISTER

Petrograd, May 4.—via London—Detachments of soldiers have gathered in front of the palace which is used as the headquarters of the provisional government, carrying red flags with inscriptions demanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Milukoff.

Major Tilley, M. P. P. of St. John, acting director of national service, is at the Queen.

Mr. C. W. Leger, M. P. P. for Westmorland, is a guest at Windsor Hall.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, May 4.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

INFANTRY.

Killed in Action.

W. B. Woodworth, Rockland, N. S.

J. L. Oram, St. John.

J. E. Richards, St. John.

J. E. Richardson, Sussex, N. B.

A. Dixon, Rockport, N. B.

L. A. McDougall, Mineral, Carleton county, N. B.

F. G. McDonough, Norton, N. B.

T. A. MacMurray, St. John.

Sergt. P. Clayton Till, St. John.

G. Arsenault, Moncton, N. B.

J. Bois, Dundee, N. B.

H. Bryenton, Bryenton, N. B.

G. Chapman, Amherst, N. S.

W. A. Davis, St. John.

R. B. Frye, St. Stephen, N. B.

I. A. Henderson, Golden Grove, St. John.

G. Lovely, Narrows, N. B.

Died of Wounds.

Sergt. B. B. Raymond, Bloomfield, N. B.

Wounded.

J. H. Beck, Elgin, N. B.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in Action.

J. Parkinson, Moncton, N. B.

ARTILLERY.

Died of Wounds.

Gunner G. A. Drake, St. John.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Wounded.

H. J. Gillespie, St. George, N. B.

HULL GOES DRY BY A LARGE MAJORITY

Ottawa, May 3.—By a majority of 1,181 the electors of Hull have decided for prohibition, after one of the hottest campaigns which has been waged on the liquor question in Canada. Of a possible 4,432 electors, 3,810 cast their ballots. Of these seventeen were spoiled, and with these eliminated the final vote stood: For prohibition, 2,487. Against prohibition, 1,306. Majority for prohibition, 1,181.

Seven hotels and three liquor shops will be cut off. Although licenses have been granted for the year commencing May 1, 1917, supporters of prohibition believe that the Quebec provincial government, in view of the overwhelming vote, and the conditions that exist as regards Hull and its proximity to the capital of the Dominion, will immediately rescind the licenses and grant immediate prohibition. In the meantime the hotels will open their bars, and the liquor stores their doors tomorrow morning, and unless the government takes action will remain open until May 11, 1918.

POSTAL SERVICE FOR GERMANS RESUMED

Copenhagen, May 4.—via London—Full newspaper and postal service from Germany was resumed last night. This indicates that the necessity for special secrecy, for military reasons or in view of the labor situation has passed.

STOCK MARKET

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C. P. R.....	157
Crucible steel.....	61
Erie.....	25½
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	78½
Union Pac.....	134
U. S. Steel.....	114½
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	45
Marine Com.....	27
Reading.....	89½
Rubber.....	56
Studebaker.....	87
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	48½

MONTREAL.

Civic.....	79
Detroit.....	113½
Quebec.....	28
Toronto.....	80½
Braz.....	40½
Cement.....	59½
Iron.....	60½
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	15½
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	93½

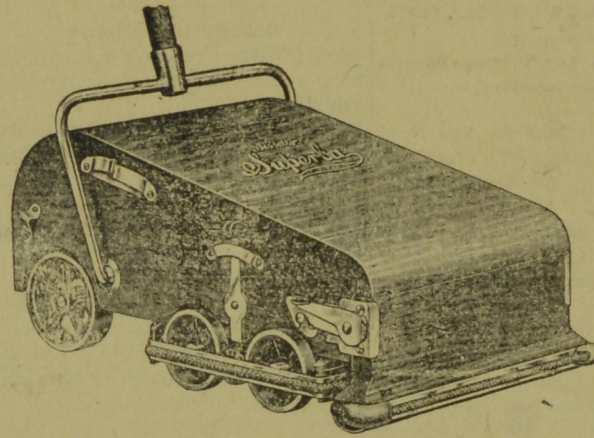
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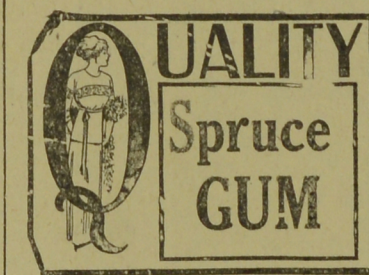
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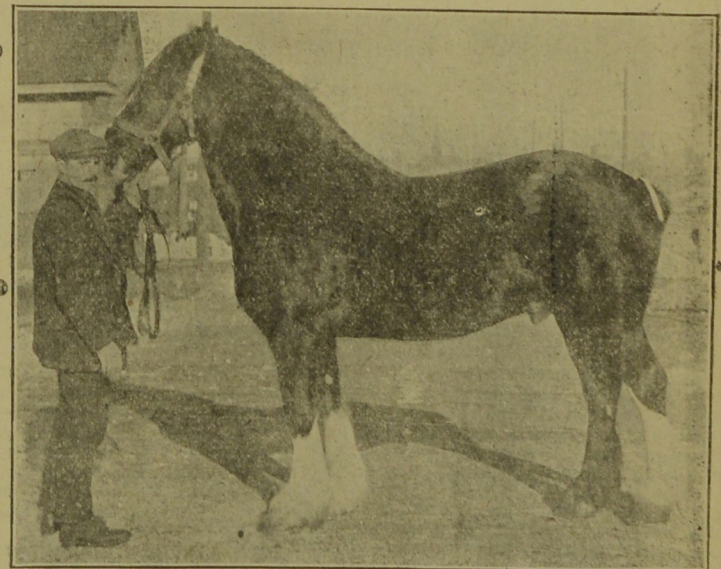
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