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THE FREE WHEAT BOON.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Tory leaders during the reciprocity campaign of 1911 declared that free wheat would be ruinous to Canada, the Borden government, by order-in-council last month, placed wheat, flour and semolina on the free list. It will be noted that the change was not made by an Act of Parliament, but by an order-in-council under the War Measures Act. No doubt the milling interests of the country have received an assurance from the government that the abolition of the duties was not intended to be permanent, but would continue only while the war lasted. On the other hand, the farmers of the West are being urged to support the government because it has given them the boon of free wheat which they have so long been clamoring for.

The Liberal party in parliament has for years advocated the removal of the duty on flour and wheat, while the Conservative leaders have strenuously opposed it. Free wheat was an issue in the campaign of 1911 and perhaps its most outspoken opponent was Sir George Foster, now Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Borden government. Speaking on the subject in the House of Commons in that year, Sir George said:

"I intend to maintain that the supposed advantage that the Canadian farmer is being led to believe he would obtain at Minneapolis (by free wheat) is largely if not wholly illusory."

Speaking on another occasion, Sir George used these words:

"My count against this measure, stronger and deeper than any, is that it threatens the best and highest production in this country, that it threatens thereby the stream of inter-provincial trade which is absolutely the life and essence of the country as a whole. It also vitally affects and changes the direction of the channels of trade and the great transportation system east and west, does not require any argument."

If free wheat in 1911 was to inure the Canadian transportation system east and west, what is to hinder it from doing this identical thing today? The fact of the matter is the Tory leaders opposed free wheat in 1911 in order to get the support of the milling interests, and its recent action in abolishing the duty was done with the object of currying favor with the wheat growers of the west, who are to have a much stronger representation in the next parliament than they have in the present one.

As pointed out by an Ottawa correspondent in another part of this issue, the boon of free wheat is likely to be short lived, as the United States government is likely to impose upon it a tax of ten per cent. It seems that the Borden government waited too long before taking action, and as usual got in wrong.

THE CRISIS AT OTTAWA.

The serious situation which confronts the Borden government is indicated by the Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Standard, who states that some members of the cabinet are willing to efface themselves in order to make way for Liberals who favor conscription. In other words, the Tory government having made a mess of things, now wants the Liberals to help them out of the hole. The idea is a very good one from the Tory point of view, but the Liberals, being blessed with very fair eyesight, are likely to see the point of the hook. A proposal for a coalition cabinet at the beginning of the war might have been received with favor, but it is too late now. Having got along so far without the advice of the Liberals on matters pertaining to the war, the Borden government must now face the situation which its bungling has created, without their assistance.

The claims of the Young Men's Christian Association for public support were ably presented to this city yesterday by Capt. Best. He spoke at several of the city churches and in the evening addressed a mass meeting at the Opera House. He paid a well-

THE SEAT SALE FOR "TWIN BEDS"

SEAT SALE FOR "TWIN BEDS." Seats for the engagement of the London and New York success, "Twin Beds," which comes to the Opera House on Friday and Saturday of this week, will go on sale at Ryan's drug store tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, and as scarcely anything but "Twin Beds" is being talked about in local circles, just now, the chances are the seats will go with a rush. Business Manager Willen, of the attraction, has been visiting the city today and was successful beyond expectation, having secured subscriptions enough to ensure the success of the undertaking. One of the elements which makes "Twin Beds" so successful in its present transcontinental Canadian tour is the heartiness with which it is presented by the excellent company. Laughter is never forced and is never courted by an approach to vulgarity. The players seem to enter completely into the fun of the thing and to enjoy it as much as the audience. Their spirit is unflagging and their perception of the possibilities of every situation complete.

Some beautiful gowns will be worn by the ladies of the company in the course of the play. They are the handiwork of some of New York's most fashionable modists and are sure to delight the eye of Fredericton's fair sex. The complete scenic production intact, and the entire original New York and Boston company, including Lois Bolton, the dainty ingenue, will be brought directly here, thus ensuring the same performances the chief Canadian cities have witnessed.

Through Our Sieve

Now is the time to put 'em on—No, no—fly screens.

War is supposed to have terrors for even a man who has moved five or six times.

Once in a while a man wonders if some fellows don't enlist to escape spring housecleaning.

Donning her overalls and grabbing the hoe and spade, Maude hastens into the gardenette and plants a croquette.

Perhaps Germany is trying to exhaust its enemies by making them worry about Russia all the time.

Many amateur gardeners this year may discover that they have planted their beans upside down.

The great spring drive of the hen has come to the top of its efficiency, but the egg price line has only been dented in places.

"Flowers are chosen as the fairest and dearest expression of love," says a florist's ad. And it's the truth.

One good way to keep weeds out of a garden is to arrest them as soon as they have established their identity.

"Canning clubs" are recommended for high school girls. This also should encourage matrimony—at least after the war.

China still insists that it is going to declare war against Germany, but just what difference that is going to make with the price of eggs we fail to see.

Those German prisoners in Russia who struck for an eight-hour day evidently are feeling the influence of environment. Present they will strike for a vacation or transportation to the old home town.

NEW TRACTOR INVENTED

Washington, May 28.—A new type of tractor combining power, speed and ability to turn within its own length, has been developed by army engineers for hauling guns of medium calibre, the War Department has announced.

It is believed the tractor will result in elimination of artillery horses almost entirely.

deserved tribute to the Canadian boys at the front, and handed out a lot of good advice to people of both sexes who remain at home. Those who cannot don the khaki can help along the great cause of the Allies and materially add to the comfort of our gallant soldier boys by contributing of their means for the support of the Y. M. C. A. military branch.

Ottawa Citizen: Not only must the government be purified, but the nation must be made worthy the sacrifice of those who offer up their lives in its defence. The wealth of the nation must be called upon likewise and to the same extent as manhood. Production must be regulated and administered for war and not for profit, the rights of labor must be protected. Unless national service in the best interpretation of the word be instituted, conscription of manhood will become a mechanical function lacking everything which would tend to make it the expression of the national soul.

C. H. MARSHALL DIES SUDDENLY

Sergeant of Police Succumbs to Attack of Heart Trouble Funeral on Tuesday Afternoon.

Police Sergeant Charles H. Marshall of the Fredericton police force, died suddenly at an early hour Sunday morning at his home on Saunders street. Death was due to heart failure. The deceased had been on duty the night before, being relieved at 6.44 a. m. by Policeman Hughes and then going home. He went to bed and some time later was heard to groan. His wife spoke to him but getting no reply became alarmed. Neighbors were called in and Dr. G. C. VanWart was summoned by telephone. Sergt. Marshall expired, however, before he arrived.

Chief of Police Finley was informed of the sad occurrence and Dr. B. M. Mullin, coroner, was summoned by him. It was decided that no inquest was necessary, death having been caused by organic affection of the heart.

Surviving Relatives.

The deceased was aged forty-four years and is survived by his widow and one adopted daughter, also by four brothers, Thomas and James, in the Canadian northwest; George of Denver, Colo., and Robert in the United States; and three sisters, Mrs. William Nelson of Moosejaw, Sask., Mrs. Edward Hamilton of New Hampshire, and Mrs. Daniel Ross of Galt, Ont.

The funeral will take Tuesday afternoon at 3.30. Rev. J. E. Wilson will conduct the service. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

Efficient Police Officer.

The late Sergt. Marshall was a native of St. John and for a number of years was a member of the police force of that city. He was appointed to the Fredericton police force in the autumn of 1912 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant last autumn. His work as a police officer is spoken of in the highest terms by Ald. Walker, chairman of the Administration of Justice committee, Mr. William McKay, chairman of the Police Commission and Chief of Police Finley. During his residence in Fredericton he had made a large number of friends and the news of his sudden death came as a shock. The deceased was a member of the Foresters.

MRS. GREGORY DIES SUDDENLY

On Saturday afternoon about five o'clock, Mrs. C. Ernest Gregory, who has been living at the Colwell House with her son, died quite suddenly from heart failure. She had been in delicate health for some time but there was no apprehension of approaching death.

Mrs. Gregory was the wife of Major C. Ernest Gregory, O. C. Artillery Depot at Regina, and a niece of Sir Wallace Graham, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. Her only son, C. Ronald Gregory, has been a member of the Canadian Bank of Commerce staff here for the past year, but recently enlisted with the 9th Siege Battery.

The sad news was telegraphed to Major Gregory in time to enable him to catch a train coming east on Saturday night, and he will probably reach Antigonish, N. S., on Thursday morning next, where the funeral will take place.

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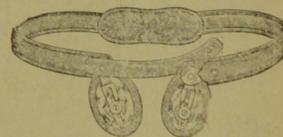
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