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DAYLIGHT SAVING.

In discussing the objections raised by farmers of the eastern provinces of Canada with respect to daylight saving, the Montreal Journal of Commerce has this to say:

"The Daylight Saving bill in the United States has been signed by the President. A similar measure for Canada is to be taken up in earnest by the Federal government and pushed through. Public opinion generally is unquestionably favorable to the measure. The only very serious objection raised has come from farmers' societies of Nova Scotia, who claim that in the very early morning hours the climatic conditions of the Maritime Provinces are not favorable for farm work. It is said that in the early morning, owing to the atmospheric conditions prevailing, the land cannot be ploughed with facility, the harrows gum up with sodden earth, and it is almost impossible to work to advantage until the sun is well up. They contend that hay in cock and grain in stack cannot be spread out to dry in the early hours of the morning, and this will become necessary if the hands of the clock are set forward another hour. No doubt there is some foundation for this, or the farmers would not raise the objection. But the farmer can in most cases suit the time of his work to his own convenience, without embarrassing others. No matter what the clock may say, he can begin his work when he is ready for it. In the case of many other classes, however, especially in the cities and towns, something like uniformity of working hours is necessary because there is need of co-operation between the various classes. If the hands of the clock be set forward an hour the farmer will have to remember this when he goes to the market town. But so far as his own work at home is concerned, he will be free to rest as he does now, and begin work nominally at a different hour, though in reality at the same time as at present. Daylight saving will be a great benefit to many, and will do no harm to farmers."

Many farmers in this province are opposed to the daylight saving bill on the ground that it will interfere with the working hours of hired help, but, as set forth in the above extract, we believe that their difficulties can be overcome. In cities and towns there is no reason why the change should not be popular and advantageous.

Australians are opposed to the bestowal by the Imperial authorities of hereditary titles upon residents of the Commonwealth. Recently Sir John Forrest, treasurer of the Commonwealth, was created a baronet, and the executive of the Labor Party passed the following resolution in protest:

"This executive strongly resents the attempt to establish an hereditary aristocracy in Australia by the appointment of an Australian citizen to the British peerage, in the person of Sir John Forrest, and considers it a direct affront to our democratic interests. We trust that the first Australian lord will be the last; furthermore, we submit that the time has arrived when no title should be bestowed on any Australian citizen."

Winnipeg Free Press: After nearly four years of war it ought not to be necessary to interpret to the public what this offensive means. It means that once again the human rampart of flesh and blood and iron resolution is opposing itself to the pagan hordes; this alone stands between all that we have and hold dear and the devastating tide of paganism. It is a solemn hour for the world—for those especially whose kindred are battling for the world's future in the indescribable filth and carnage of the greatest battlefield in history. If the German assault fails—as we must believe it will—it may change the whole face of the war; and bring the only peace that can be considered, a long step nearer.

Ottawa Journal: "We think the people have grown weary of being preached at. By estimable women and capable men they have been told to diet, save, work and fight. And the people

do work, fight, save, diet and all the rest of it. They do all this because their good sense and knowledge of conditions tell them it is the right thing to do. Much of the preaching has become superfluous. Often, too, the man who does much leading and preaching, leans on the hoe and looks at the moon, while the perspiring crowd plants or weeds the vegetables."

The London Chronicle relates that two Canadian soldiers were talking. One said "I hear the Australians were in Jerusalem on Christmas day." To which the other replied, "Betcher the shepherds watched their flocks that night."

The situation on the western front is still very serious, but the Allies are evidently holding the Germans in check. Von Hindenburg planned to be in Paris by April 1st, but he is not there yet, nor is he likely to be.

General Foch, a brilliant French strategist, who was largely responsible for the victory of the Marne, has been placed in supreme command of the Allied forces on the western front.

News of the destruction of a Paris church by a shell from the German long range gun, and the loss of seventy-five lives, was no doubt received with "joyful pride" in Berlin.

Through Our Sieve

The Day—April 1st.
 Mr. Earl Y. Robin has arrived.
 The Easter hat went over the top.
 March went out like a nice I'll lamb.
 Even the hen is doing her bit—to increase the cost of living.

The Easter tie occupied a prominent salient north of the vest buttons. All was quiet on the rest of the front.

Interprovincial traffic in fire water stops today; but of course many persons have prepared for the change.

We can guess why farmers don't like daylight saving. Under that plan they lose their reputation as the only early risers.

It is easy to find nine people out of ten who are willing to do the shouting while the tenth does the work.

It is usually about three weeks after he has faced the parson that a young man begins to think seriously of marriage.

We have noticed that any man who can think up a plan to rescue the farmers can make a good living explaining it to everyone but farmers.

Somehow a married man always feels that if he smartens up his boots and his neckwear and puts on both gloves, in order to go out with his wife, his friends won't recognize him.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Miss Bessie Everett is spending the Easter vacation in St. John. The Misses Beverley entertained at a dance on Saturday evening for the Not Outs in honor of Miss Olive Gregory of St. John.

Mrs. Gilmore Brown of Rothesay is visiting Mrs. Pugsley at the Queen Hotel.

Misses Dolly Brown and Phyllis Taylor are spending the Easter vacation with Mrs. C. P. Holden.

Cards have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phillips of Oak Point announcing the birth of a son.

The Misses Van Buskirk are entertaining this afternoon at a tea in honor of Miss Olive Gregory of St. John.

Mrs. McIntosh of Andover is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wallace.

Mr. H. C. Heans of St. John, is at the Barker House.

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SITUATION IN QUEBEC IS NOW UNDER CONTROL

Unruly Element Want Troops Withdrawn—General Lessard Now in Charge of Situation.

Quebec, April 1—Peace has been restored in this city at least temporarily. The unruly element which has been creating trouble here has assurance given to the people by Armand Levergne, the noted nationalist politician that they desire to be free from attacks by the military they must not disturb the peace. Mayor Levergne has also given the military authorities to understand that the patrols of the streets by outside battalions should cease, as these military demonstrations antagonize the people. The leaders of the rebellious faction have virtually served an ultimatum on the government that out of town troops which include Toronto and western units, must be withdrawn and that the personnel of the Dominion Police which has been supplying the military service act must be changed. Some of the men who appear to have a great influence with the crowds have mentioned that the government would be given two days in which to make the conditions described.

Today while the military authorities agreed to any pact whereby troops would be withdrawn, except in the neighborhood of the arsenal, the approaches to which have been wired off, no soldiers are on the streets.

Beyond the broken windows of the offices of the registrar under the Military Service Act, the Daily Chronicle Publishing Co., and L'Evenement and the hardware stores pillaged by the mob for firearms, the city appears to have assumed its ordinary character. No crowds were on the streets.

Mr. Lavergne said that he informed General Landry, commanding the local military district, that he had given this advice to the officials of Department of Justice.

Denies a Report.
 Mr. Lavergne denied today that he had stated in a speech he made to a mob last night that he had exacted conditions from the military to withdraw the outside troops.

This morning General Lessard, who has been temporarily in charge of the Halifax military district, reached the city and took charge. He stated that the situation seemed to be well in hand, but pointed out that no definite statement could be made by him for some days.

The Toronto and western troops sent here to supplement the local force arrived yesterday afternoon. The Toronto men consist of the second battalion, C. O. R., under the command of Major E. Gooderham Mitchell, of the general staff, Toronto.

Import Trade

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 Dutiable 1,100,235

Total value \$1,201,802
 Duty collected \$162,304.31.
 Year ending March 31, 1917—
 Free goods \$57,591
 Dutiable 687,601

Total value \$745,492
 Duty collected \$111,658.98.
 Increase in value of goods imported for year ending March 31, 1918, as compared with last year, \$456,410.

Increase in duty collected for fiscal year ending March 31, 1918, as compared with previous year, \$50,645.33.

Express Business.
 Number of freight and express manifests received in 1917-18, 3,279; number received in 1916-17, 3,504.

Number of entries in 1917-18, 1,953; number of entries in 1916-17, 2,155.

Number of express packages under \$50 in value entered in 1917-18, 2,499, on which \$6,654.35 was collected in \$7,259.89.

Number of express packages under \$50 in value entered in 1916-17, 2,502, on which \$6,654.34 was collected in duty.

The increase in the express business in recent years is shown by comparison of the duty collected on express parcels during the past five years, as follows:

1913-14 \$3,501.17
 1914-15 4,103.36
 1915-16 5,515.64
 1916-17 6,654.35
 1917-18 7,259.89

Number of postal parcels received in 1917-18, 2,760, on which \$2,367.83 was collected in duty. Number received in 1916-17, 3,207, on which \$2,411.61 was collected in duty.

Increase in Ten Years.

Duty collected during the past ten years, as follows, shows a phenomenal increase in the business of this port:
 1908-09 \$54,457.53
 1909-10 58,730.85
 1910-11 50,204.35
 1911-12 56,728.24
 1912-13 85,587.36
 1913-14 75,421.50
 1914-15 69,804.88
 1915-16 90,095.21
 1916-17 111,658.98
 1917-18 162,304.31

Mr. R. K. Tracy, of Centreville is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. James D. Thompson of Ottawa is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. C. G. Milne of Toronto is registered at the Queen.

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