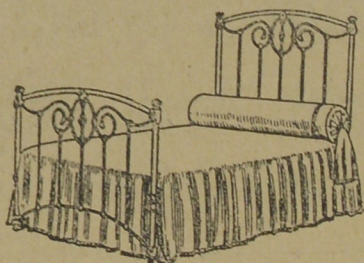


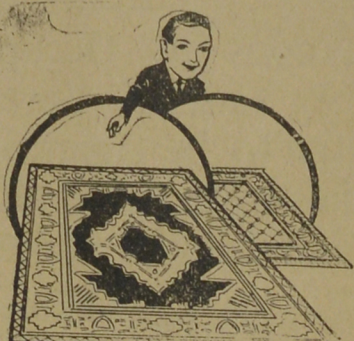
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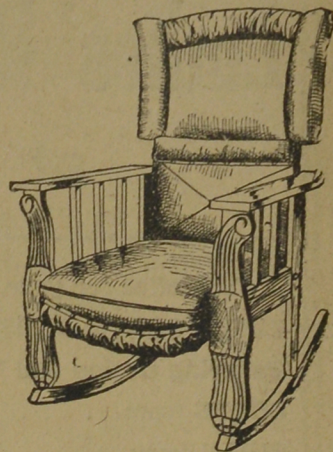
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### THE LOSS OF BAILLIEU A SERIOUS BLOW TO BRITISH

May Lead to the Evacuation of Ypres and Passchendaele---Comment of Leading London Newspapers on the Situation---Germans Drawing on Their Reserves in Russia.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, Apr. 17. — There is no inclination here to minimize the seriousness of the loss of Baillieu and the possibility that it may lead to the necessity of evacuating Ypres and Passchendaele.

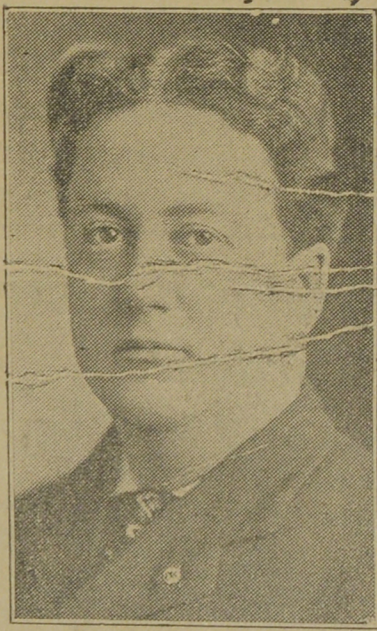
Under the heading "They still advance", the Daily Mail says that up to this time in their advance the Germans have been in marshy ground. Yesterday they captured the first of the important ridges by storming Wysschaete, being aided by the fall of Baillieu, and thus "the security of the Ypres section, so long the bulwark of our left and touched with such immortal memories to us, is imperilled."

The Daily Graphic thinks it would be wise to withdraw the British troops from Ypres and Passchendaele "to avoid the risk of their being cut off and compelled to surrender." It continues:

"That the situation is made more serious by the loss of Baillieu is obvious and it would be useless to pretend otherwise."

#### Dr. Hetherington

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be nearly so great. He felt that the hon. minister deserved a great deal of commendation for the energetic and unsparing attention he had given to his department. In the county of Queens he could say that more money had been expended and less wasted than had been the case for a number of years. The roads of the county were not used to exploit the political fortunes of himself or his colleague, as every man, regardless of politics, had the opportunity to work upon them. When his hon. friends opposite were in power, it was necessary for a



DR. HETHERINGTON.

man, in order to secure employment to have a long Conservative pedigree. In the year 1913 there had been expended on the roads of Queens county by the government the sum of \$7,

The paper adds however, that as long as the Allied armies remain unbroken, Germany's purpose is not gained while she is exhausting herself in order to force a decision.

Correspondents on the front say the Germans have used up 120 of their 200 divisions in the west and have been able to bring another two divisions from Russia.

"These unpleasant reverses must be faced steadily," says the Times. "Their significance must neither be minimized nor exaggerated. Far more serious than the loss of ground is the revelation of the growing weight of the German pressure."

"We hear far too much of the enemy's losses, mistakes, difficulties and of their failure to reach appointed objectives on particular days and not half enough about the serious fact that they are still bringing fresh divisions from Russia."

The Times says the enemy will continue drawing on their reserves in Russia until "Allied statesmen stop dreaming vain dreams about Russia and do something practical to compel the enemy to cease depleting the Russian front."

232.82, in 1914 the amount was \$5,694.10, in 1915, \$7,560, in 1916, \$7,933, while last year the total was \$14,749.74.

MR. SMITH (Carleton)—"Was that amount expended from ordinary revenue?"  
MR. HETHERINGTON said that \$11,784 of the amount was from ordinary revenue. He was familiar with every road on which work had been done, as he had given up his private affairs and had devoted his whole attention to the roads of the county. He would state further that no appropriation was given to any supervisor to spend until he had inspected the road and made a recommendation with reference to it.

Hon. members who had preceded him in the debate had said a lot about permanent roads. It seemed to him silly for grown-up men to spend their time taking about a thing that did not exist, as there was no such thing as a permanent road. The apparent object of hon. members opposite was to put the government in wrong with the people through the medium of their party press.

Queens County Bridges.  
Referring to the bridges of his county, he said that a large number of them had been found in a dangerous condition and it had been necessary to make extensive repairs. The McLean bridge in the parish of Johnston had been steadily neglected by the old government, notwithstanding the entreaties of ratepayers on both sides of politics. The old government had promised to repair it year after year, but it had remained on the waiting list until he (Hetherington) had taken the matter up with the present minister of public works. There were several bridges in the parishes of Johnston and Brunswick which had been found unsafe for traffic but they would receive the early attention of the department. The bridges he had reference to should have been repaired under the old government but it was not done. Hon. members opposite were very hard to satisfy; they complained of expenditure and when expenditure was not made, they still complained.

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Had they looked after the bridges when they were in power and not allowed them to go to the bow-wows, there would be less need of an expenditure on the bridges at the present time.

#### Doing Good Work.

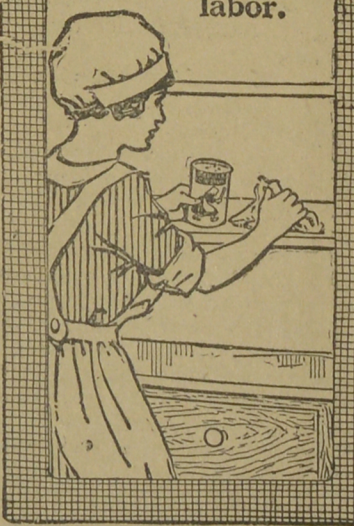
The department of agriculture had come in for considerable criticism, but he did not feel that it was necessary for him to defend that department as it was in the hands of a gentleman who was fully capable of looking out for himself. He believed that he was the right man in the right place and he also believed that the people were awake to and appreciative of his efforts to assist them through his department. The distribution of seed grain and fertilizer was an outstanding feature of the helpful efficiency of the agriculture department and he felt sure that the farmers, who were the bone and sinew of the province, appreciated the service being rendered to them.

With regard to the public health bill he considered it one of the most important pieces of legislation brought down in recent years. As a physician he knew that water was one of the chief sources of contagion, and its proper supervision alone justified the establishment of a health department. The care of babies and proper sanitation were other matters of great importance which would come within the scope of the bill. The care of the human family was deserving of at least as much attention as the care of cattle, horses and even insects.



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#### Mr. Pinder's Horse.

He recalled that during the debate on the previous evening the senior member for York had made an explanation in reference to a certain horse transaction which he had with the province. The statement which the hon. member had made was scarcely borne out by a reply to an inquiry which the hon. minister of agriculture had brought down during the previous session. It was stated in the reply that hon. member for York had been relieved of a liability for a note of \$800, given in payment of the horse by an order-in-council. It had been further stated that the horse was not suitable for the purpose for which it had been purchased and that the hon. member for York had acted in co-operation with the department in an effort to improve the stock of the country. He (Hetherington) had understood the hon. member to say that he had paid the account in full and had thrown in the sum of \$16. The order-in-council did not seem to bear out his statement.

#### A Further Explanation.

MR. PINDER said that he wished to make a further explanation. In the first place the horse referred to had

been on the hands of the department and he at the department's request had taken it over and became responsible for its care. The horse had been found unsuitable for the purpose for which he had purchased it and the government had agreed to take it back. They had settled with him for the sum of \$500, and he had paid over the money, plus \$16, when paying the interest on the Southampton Railway bond.

MR. HETHERINGTON said that the hon. member's explanation was about as lucid as the one he had last offered to the House.

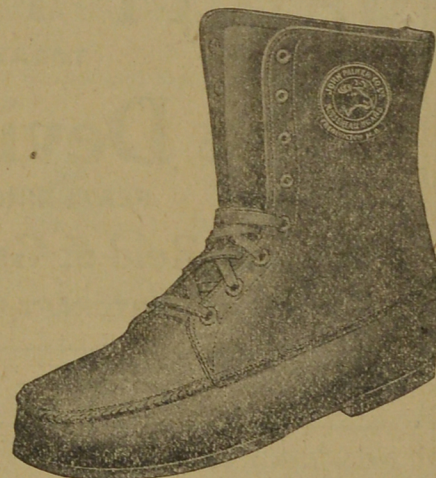
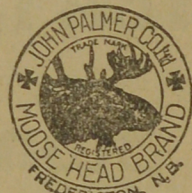
#### Exposes a Race Appeal.

MR. HETHERINGTON, continuing, said he wished to make reference to an editorial which had appeared in the Fredericton Gleaner of March 15th. The article stated that the government was bringing into Queens county a number of French families from Quebec and in co-operation with Mr. King and himself had perfected plans for filling up the county with French settlers. He was much afraid that that stainless sheet had been gleaming far afield, and it was forced upon his conviction that somewhere on the editorial staff of that spotless

publication there sat, unsuspected, a Baron Munchausen. As a matter of fact, there were a few French families in Queens who were brought in under the old government. They did not come from Quebec as the Gleaner had suggested, but from the northern counties of New Brunswick. If the hon. minister of public works had any settlement plans up his sleeve, he had failed to take either the speaker or Mr. King into his confidence, and they had been unable to detect the faintest stirring of a symptom to that end, up to the present time. He could say that they had lots of room in Queens and if the present French representation in the House was a fair sample of the French people, he saw no reason why they should not be welcome citizens. (Continued on page 7.)

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