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THE MATTER OF TITLES.

The attitude taken by Sir Robert Borden in Parliament on the resolution calling for the abolition of titles in Canada created a great deal of surprise throughout the country, and no satisfactory explanation has been offered by the press supporting the government. It was Mr. W. F. Nickel, of Kingston, a supporter of the government, who brought the matter before parliament in the form of a resolution calling for the abolition of hereditary titles in Canada, and as the debate proceeded it became evident that the resolution did not go far enough to meet the views of the members, and Mr. R. L. Richardson, another government supporter, moved an amendment calling for the abolition of all titles in Canada. The resolution with the amendment incorporated, read as follows:

"We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled, humbly beseech that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to refrain from conferring any titles upon your subjects domiciled or living in Canada."

The amendment by Mr. Richardson seemed to meet the views of members on both sides, and as the question was not a party one, it would undoubtedly have been adopted by an overwhelming majority had it not been for the intervention of the Premier. The latter moved as a sub-amendment that the following words be added to Mr. Nickel's motion:

"Except in accordance with the principles enunciated in the order-in-council approved on the 25th day of March, 1918, and laid on the table of this House on the twenty-first day of May, 1918."

Sir Robert in the course of his remarks, made this rather remarkable statement:

"I can only say, so far as I am concerned, that if the House does not propose to accept the course which I have asked them frankly and with much respect to take, I should consider that I am relieved from my duty of carrying on any longer the government of this country, and I should ask His Excellency the Governor General to seek other advisers."

The strong stand taken by the Premier had its effect upon the House and the sub-amendment was carried by a vote of 103 to 71. Three supporters of the government, viz., Hon. Mr. Fielding, Mr. Nickel and Mr. Foster, of Toronto, notwithstanding the Premier's warning, stood by their guns and voted for the amendment. They can very well plead justification of their course on the ground that the Union Government was elected to carry on the war and not to build up a titled aristocracy in this country.

In commenting on the incident referred to above, the Toronto Saturday Night, an independent paper, condemns the action of the Premier in the following terms:

"The recent methods of the Premier in dragging the House into accepting his amendment re titles, was unworthy of the man and the high position which he holds. This question of abolishing titles, or at least hereditary titles, in Canada, came originally before parliament as a non-party question, and there it should have remained. However, Sir Robert Borden forced an amendment to an amendment re titles down the throats of the members, on the threat that he would consider the rejection of his amendment as a want of confidence vote, and would resign forthwith. Unquestionably it was this threat which carried the Premier's amendment, for the members of the House, by a large majority, were undoubtedly favorable for more drastic measures than his amendment provides, but at the same time they were unwilling to bring on a political crisis at this time.

"The Premier might well have left this entire question to the members of parliament individually, without making a party question of it and threatening to take his dishes and go home if the honorable members of the House did not play his way. It is

quite possible that Mr. Richardson's amendment went too far. It is also certain that Mr. Nickel's motion did not go far enough. But between the two there was a reasonable compromise, whereby titles could have been sparingly given for eminent public service, to soldiers, sailors, philanthropists and scientists, for instance, and stop there, in place of giving it to everybody who has made a million dollars out of the war.

"The lid appears to be still on the O. B. E. box at Ottawa. Whether these four hundred Orders of the British Empire are now to be distributed, remains to be seen. Now that the Premier has taken this title and order business under his own personal direction, the people to the contrary notwithstanding, the responsibility rests entirely on him as to whether or not we are to be further bedevilled."

One advantage in being a minister is that ministers have the privilege of using flaming language which laymen are cautioned to avoid. For instance, Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, head of the National Social Service of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, said at a dinner in New York recently: "The Kaiser is the most diabolical monster who ever blighted the face of the earth. Our business is to drive him back to hell, where he came from."

The name of R. Bourassa, of Windsor, P. Q., appears in a late casualty list as wounded. It is quite evident that this man does not take much stock in the disloyal utterances of the notorious anti-British agitator who bears the same surname.

Through Our Sieve

Sometimes it is faster to go by aeroplane and sometimes it is faster to walk.

The human race was running to pretty poor material when it produced a nation capable of bombing hospitals.

Almost anybody in Germany's blood stained boots would hate to stop fighting and begin thinking.

Anyway, one of the principal joys of being a railroad president was having a private car and traveling to places.

You can always tell a man and woman who are newly rich. They know the parts of an auto better than the parts of speech.

A friend of ours is in war relief work. He holds the yarn in his outstretched hands while his wife wraps it on a ball.

The fact that the Hohenzollern family has suffered no casualties in almost four years of warfare must be almost painfully apparent by this time to the German people.

That idea of the Kaiser's of hurling an army of convicts against the western allies is not so bright or so original. What the whole Potsdam gang, anyway?

A judge in fining a college girl for breaking the automobile speed laws told her that "a girl of your education should have known better." First time it ever occurred to us that education was supposed to be a bar against monkeying with speed laws.

Month Lost on Work

That a month of fine weather had been lost on the construction work of the Valley Railway this spring owing to the fact that the various contractors did not have their outfits in operation sufficiently early, was the statement of C. O. Foss, chief engineer of the road, made to a St. John Telegraph reporter last night, following an inspection trip he made over the line this week. The contractor he pointed out, had doubtless met with considerable difficulty, owing to the shortage of labor offering, but they had not got started sufficiently early to make the most of the fine weather in the early part of the season. Mr. Foss said that the contractors were now getting a move on and had their outfits at work, and, aside from the drawback of the late start, existing conditions along the line were found to be satisfactory during his tour of inspection.

CONFIDENT THAT HUN FLOOD WILL SOON BE DAMMED

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"During the night the enemy attacked the strong point known as Route-a-Keepe, northwest of Festubert, and was completely repulsed. We carried out a successful minor operation in the neighborhood of Merris, and improved our line slightly. We captured a few prisoners and a machine gun in these encounters. A party of our troops raided the enemy's trenches last night near Locon and brought back a few prisoners. The hostile artillery has been active east of Villers-Bretonneux and in the Hinges and Robecq sectors."

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THE TRAFFIC LAW

Fredericton, May 28, 1918.

Editor, The Mail.

Dear Sir:—

A recent letter in your daily asked if the Traffic Law of the City of Fredericton was being honored as it should be. A good many of us private citizens consider, sir, that it is being ignored or belittled to about the same extent as is the law passed some years ago requiring teamsters to use horse-weights or to hitch their horses to posts (not living trees) when leaving their teams alone on the streets. While on the subject of Traffic, one might as well also enquire if a City Law does not forbid youngsters driving horses or automobiles particularly when an older and capable person is not actually in charge of the vehicle. Why are so many laws allowed to be merely PIE-CRUSTS?

Yours sincerely,
O. B. Server.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mrs. G. N. Babbitt entertained at a small tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Babbitt, of Winnipeg, who are her guests.

Mrs. J. McIntosh, of Ottawa, who has been spending a few weeks here as a guest at the Queen Hotel, is visiting Miss Beverley at Grape Cottage.

MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, May 30—A very interesting base ball game between Capt. Downing's and Capt. Kirkey's teams took place at base-ball hill last evening resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of ten to four.

Mr. Chipman H. Brewer arrived here yesterday from Minto. He will undergo medical examinations very shortly preparatory to enlisting with an overseas unit.

Coun. E. H. Allen who has returned from a business trip to St. John.

Mr. Joseph Dolphin has returned from a business trip to St. John.

Mrs. Harrison, wife of Dr. W. H. Harrison and Miss Florence M. Bird are visiting friends at St. Stephen.

Mrs. John Fletcher is visiting her husband at Minto for a few days.

Misses Edith Staples and Geraldine Reid will return home this evening from Wolfville, where they recently graduated from Acadia College. Mrs. E. B. Staples and Miss Myrtle Staples who attended the closing exercises will also return home this evening.

Mr. P. J. King of Boston is at the Barker House.

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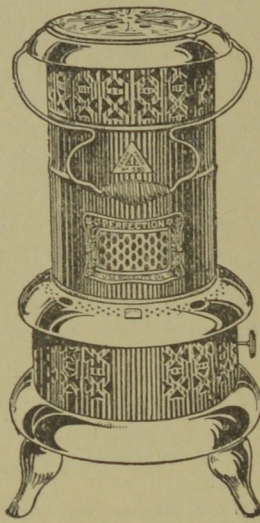
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WILL CUT IT OUT.

New York, May 29.—The Board of Education voted unanimously to discontinue teaching German in the public schools for the duration of the war.

Mr. A. T. Murchie of St. Stephen is at the Queen.

BOARDERS

It is requested that those who intend to take Normal School students to board next year, and whose names are not on the list, will send their names to Miss Lynds, 722 Brunswick street before June 5th.