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GROUCHES AND THE LOAN.

These are abnormal times. Five years of nerve strain have brought the inevitable reaction. People are less phlegmatic than formerly, less cool, less disposed to listen to both sides of an argument. Most men who before the war were ready to "surer fools gladly" now will not suzer them at all. In the opinion of the average man all who disagree with him on any public or private issue are mentally touched. Judging by common talk, there never was such a crop of fools.

But it would be unwise to allow this perfectly natural irritation to distort our thinking on fundamentals. Even if it could be proved that the public leaders of the nation were a gang of self-seekers, that the business men were conscienceless exploiters, that employers were tyrants and workers were rascals, the fact would still remain that the soldiers must be given their pay and allowances and that the surplus wheat crop must be sold.

Let it be admitted then, without cavil or objection, that the 1919 Victory Loan is a necessity. Let it be also admitted that the only way to "put it across" and maintain the solvency of national and private business is for every citizen to take all the bonds he can afford. There will be plenty of time to indulge one's pet grouch, whatever it may be, after the necessary money is subscribed. If you have not already placed your order with the canvassers for your district, do so at once.

THE OPPOSITION CONVENTION

Discussing editorially the Opposition convention to be held at St. John on Thursday, the St. John Globe, an independent paper, has this to say:

"Heavier even than this black cloud of doubt there hangs over the convention the shadow of the timber limit scandals which drove one leader from public life and of the potato and Valley road transactions which forced the opposition in the Legislature to declare another leader neglectful, or incapable, and guilty of making improper returns to the Auditor General to cover up public transactions which should have been spread on the records. Although the representatives who spoke and voted for the most severe arraignment a New Brunswick party has ever made of a party leader, permitted that leader to immediately take up leadership, it is by no means certain that the party following will so tamely submit to a stultifying and humiliating position. One voice of protest raised at the St. John primaries is suggestive of what may be expected at the convention when all sections are represented and the door of opportunity is opened for a free and frank discussion of party principles and party management."

Announcement is made that Premier Foster has been able to induce the Prudential Trust Company of Montreal to relinquish control of the balance of the Valley Railway trust funds placed in their hands by the Flemming government in 1912. The company claims the right to retain \$120,000 and set off the amount against the now celebrated Gould loan, negotiated just prior to the local election of 1912. The bulk of the Gould loan, it will be recalled, was turned over to Premier Flemming as a boodle fund. The province will have to take this loan over and seek to recover the money from Flemming through the courts.

The fight for the Federal seat in Carleton-Victoria being now over, Mr. B. Frank Smith, of patriotic potato fame, appears to have recovered his nerve. He has issued a call to the electors of his county to rally and elect delegates to the Provincial Opposition convention. In the recent by-election Col. Melville was looked upon as the candidate of Mr. B. Frank Smith. Unlike Mr. Smith, however, he had no political sins to answer for; yet he was snowed under to the tune of 3,500, and forfeited his deposit. What they would have done to Mr. Smith under the circumstances can be now easily guessed.

Toronto Globe: News from the sister province indicates that the door of opportunity—the portal to achievement—opens for the stalwart and able French-Canadian. He has already drawn about him a loyal group of earnest and progressive young Liberals, eager to follow where he leads. Ontario is anxious to know better Quebec's new leader. Ontario will benefit by the acquaintance. And so will Ernest Lapointe.

Toronto Globe: One Toronto firm of jobbers in boots and shoes made a profit of \$190,000 last year, and a net profit of \$800,000 between 1912 and 1919, according to the evidence before the Board of Commerce. This, the Globe argues, confirms the view that the middleman, standing between the producer and consumer, is responsible for much of the high cost of living.

The Hearst government, defeated at the polls on October 20th, tendered its resignation to the Lieutenant Governor on Saturday, and Mr. E. C. Drury, the leader of the United Farmers group, has been called upon to form a new administration.

It will not be necessary for the Opposition convention which meets at St. John on Thursday, to select a new leader. Mr. Frank L. Potts, M. P. P., has already attended to that feature of the program.

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Has Accepted Position

Capt. A. L. Barry has accepted the position as representative of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in the Employment Office, at New castle and entered upon his duties last week. Capt. Barry is a Fredericton man but has been living on the North Shore for some years.

Variety Shower.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rickard Jr. Bakers' Point was the scene Friday evening of an enjoyable variety shower in honor of Miss Margaret Flowers, who is to be married on Tuesday, November 4th, to Mr. Arthur Cogswell of Oromocto. A large number were present and the bride-to-be received many valuable and beautiful presents. The usual parlor games were indulged in and during the evening light refreshments were served which added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mysterious Mishap

St. Croix Courier: Andrew Cawley left his home in St. Stephen at an early hour Tuesday morning to catch the workmen's train in Calais for Woodland. He took the "short cut" through the old Murchie wharves and just what happened afterwards is not known. A little later he was seen coming from the wharf, with his head cut and bleeding. He was taken to the Andrews hotel, where aid was administered, and was then conveyed to his home, where he has since been unconscious and unable to give an account of what happened.

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COBB PARTY
HAD FINE TIME
IN THE WOODS

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party stated that they had greatly enjoyed their outing and had made up their minds to return to the province on some future occasion. "We certainly had a fine time" said Mr. Cobb and enjoyed every moment of our stay in the woods. You have a magnificent game country and the scenery is grand. We hope to visit you again and see more of your province on some future occasion. As a guide and host Harry Allen is a top notcher."

The party left camp at an early hour on Saturday morning and made Mr. Allen's home at Penniac in time for dinner. This meant that they covered about eighteen India rubber miles in six hours. "Payson Weston is not in our class" said Mr. Cobb in speaking of the hike from the camp. "We are certainly the champion pedestrians. I took a header into the stream on the way out and believe me the water was cold as well as deep."

Asked in regard to the run to Penniac by the Canadian National Railway, Mr. Cobb said that the train officials had treated them with every courtesy and did everything to make it pleasant for them.

Before coming to New Brunswick Mr. Cobb and his party hunted in Nova Scotia as the guests of the C. P. R. They visited the New Brunswick Woods on the invitation of the provincial government extended through Premier Foster.

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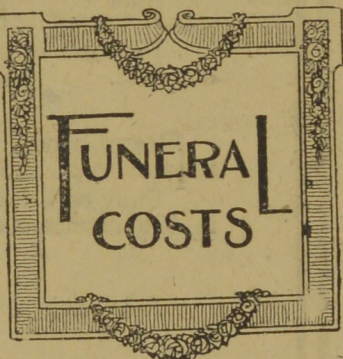
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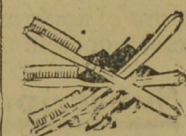
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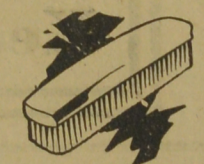
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