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## ONE OF WAR'S TRAGEDIES.

It has been decided on the highest judicial authority in the Empire that the Court of King's Bench in Manitoba has the authority to grant divorces. Within a short time after the decision was published, over eleven hundred applications were before the court, nearly all of them from returned soldiers. This increase in the number of divorce applications is one of the sad sides of the war. There has been much talk, no doubt a good deal of it, perhaps, merely gossip, about the way many young married women were behaving in the absence of their husbands overseas. The applications for divorce in the Manitoba court is the most direct evidence which has yet come out concerning the matter. War is now and has ever been demoralizing to the whole community and has carried in its train many tragedies that were not of the battlefield. About the lowest conceivable type of human being is the woman who, while her husband is abroad honorably fighting his country's battles, brings disgrace upon his name at home. Nothing could be lower in the human scale, nothing more completely putrescent, no evil with less excuse than this; an offence, in fact, which calls for special legislation, with special and severe punishments. It is to be hoped, however, that the great majority of the thousands of petitioners for divorce in Manitoba will find their suspicions unjustified by the facts, and that the leering gossips will be found out as those who have not scrupled to give false witness against their neighbor. We have too much faith in Canadian womanhood to believe a tithe of the tales told of a nature insulting to it and degrading the stay-at-home manhood as well. The large number of cases before the Manitoba court, it is to be hoped, will give the quietus to this sort of gossip.

## CARLETON-VICTORIA.

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, who has been nominated as a farmer candidate in Carleton-Victoria, seems to be going strong, and at this distance looks like a sure winner. Mr. B. Frank Smith, M. P., is very anxious to go to Ottawa as a Unionist, but as the water is rather chilly these dull September days, he hesitates to take the plunge. Mr. Smith thinks that he might stand some show in a three-cornered contest, and in an effort to bring about a situation of that kind he has employed a graft newspaper to hand out bouquets to Mr. George W. Upham, ex-M. P., with the hope that he might be persuaded to enter the field as a Liberal candidate. It is a nice little game, but a very old one, and altogether too transparent to deceive anybody. The Liberals of Carleton-Victoria owe nothing to Mr. B. Frank Smith and they have no intention of assisting him to secure a seat in Parliament.

## CANADA'S FINANCES.

Canada's war expenditure, exclusive of pensions, still totals roughly half a million dollars a day. For the month of August it was \$14,087,000, a reduction of four and a half millions as compared with August last year. Since the end of March, the beginning of the present financial year, capital expenditure on war account has totalled no



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less than \$121,487,189, almost double what it was for the same period last year. It is pointed out, however, that the figures, which are taken from the monthly balance sheet of the finance department, represents only receipts and payments which passed through the books of the department during the month. The five months' expenditure for this year would include payments referring to a previous date.

A graft newspaper tries to make it appear that the presence of Premier Foster and some of his colleagues was responsible for the rather small attendance at the formal opening of the Woodstock Exhibition on Tuesday evening. It says that the people remained away on the opening day, but next day attended in thousands. It may be explained for the benefit of the graft organ that the comparatively small attendance on the opening day was really due to the fact that it was not generally known that the Premier was to open the exhibition. The manager of the exhibition failed to make arrangements for the opening ceremony, and at the eleventh hour the matter was taken up by the president and board of directors. The Premier and his colleagues cheerfully consented to step into the gap, but there was no time to make a public announcement of the fact.

It is rather singular that up to the present moment nobody, not even the Fredericton graft organ, has urged the claims of Hon. H. F. McLeod, M. P. for York-Sunbury, for the vacant portfolio in the Federal cabinet caused by the resignation of Hon. F. B. Carvell. Mr. McLeod has been in public life for eleven years, and before going to Ottawa was a member of the provincial cabinet. In addition to his long service to the Conservative party, he has to his credit four years of overseas service, which ought to count for something. Mr. McLeod is still on the shady side of fifty, and with a cabinet vacancy existing at Ottawa, there are many people who would like to know why his name is only mentioned in connection with a county court judgeship which is not vacant.

Sir Robert Borden's motion with respect to the peace treaty was adopted by the House of Commons at an early hour this morning by a straight party vote of 102 to 70, a government majority of 30.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Talk is cheap—it's votes that count.

This is the close season for hanging signs.

You never can tell—even the light sleeper may prefer to sleep in the dark.

Trouble comes to some people simply because it's too much trouble to avoid it.

It doesn't cost half as much to live as it does to make a favorable impression on the neighbors.

About the only way to convince a girl that her sweetheart is not an angel is to let her marry him.

But few men ever make their way through the world on the strength of their phenological developments.

When a girl marries a worthless young man to reform him the only uncertainty in her future is how much her father will do for her.

Note to parents: Don't mind it if daughter makes an awful lot about getting the house ready for her "simple home wedding." It's the last time she will ever care how the old home looks, and afterward Dad can be as untidy about newspapers and pipes as he likes and mother can shell peas or darn stockings in the parlor if she pleases.

BILL SHARON  
A WINNER AT  
WOODSTOCKSTRAIGHTS FOR THE  
FREDERICTON HORSE

Victoria Won Named Race—  
Three Races in Straight  
Heats at the St.  
Stephen Fair.

Woodstock, N. B. Sept. 11—It was unmistakably demonstrated today that the St. John Valley Exhibition has developed to proportions that have made the large surrounding country sit up and take notice. With the weather conditions still unfavorable over 14,000 people were at Connell Park enjoying the well arranged programme of an energetic and hustling management. Our American cousins were here in force, Houlton, Fort Fairfield Presque Isle and other Aroostook points were well represented. It is estimated that 800 automobiles were parked during the races. Not the slightest confusion occurred as the long procession of cars rolled through the approach to the grounds. As one enthusiastic Yankee said "This is a whale of a show."

When Starter McKee announced the first event on the racing program the grand stand was packed to capacity which means more than 2000 persons. The racing was full of excitement, especially the 2.20 trot and pace which was won in a close finish by Black Peter.

The summary is as follows:  
2.30 Trot; Purse \$400  
Bill Sharon, S. J. Boyle, Fredericton ..... 1 1 1  
Sam McKinney, P. H. Reed & Son, Fort Fairfield ..... 2 2 2  
Old Glory, J. A. Dewitt, Presque Isle ..... 3 3 3  
Our Peggy, P. Doherty, Houlton 4 4 4  
Jay Man also started.  
Time—2.21½, 2.21¾, 2.18¾.

Trot and Pace, Purse \$400  
Black Peter, E. Avery, Woodstock ..... 2 1 1 2 1  
Bravos, P. H. Reed & Son, Fort Fairfield ..... 1 2 2 1 2  
Ormond Wilkes, J. Murphy, Canterbury ..... 3 3 3 3 ro  
Time—2.21½, 2.20¾, 2.19¾, 2.20½, 2.28.

Named Race, Purse \$200.  
Victoria, Dr. McAllister, Sussex 1 1 1  
Tony D., P. H. Reed & Son, Fort Fairfield ..... 2 2 3  
Conseuogue Kate, C. L. Dewitt, Presque Isle ..... 3 4 2  
Addie B. Peter Carroll, Moncton 4 3 4  
Time—2.26¾, 2.25, 2.21¼.  
Starter, R. J. McKee; Judges, J. W. Gallagher, Grieg Bryson, M. Ness, Montreal; timers, F. T. Thompson, F. D. Tweedie, A. R. Dewitt.

St. Stephen Races  
St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 11—This has been a record day for attendance at the Charlotte county exhibition. There were about 12,000 people in the grounds. Crowds came in from all sections and every department of the exhibition was apparently a centre of attraction. The races drew immense crowds to the Park.

The free-for-all was a great attraction and proved to be one of the fastest races seen here for some time and certainly it did not disappoint the expectant crowd. The free-for-all, today, was captured in straight heats by John A. Hal with fastest time of 2.10. John A. Hal was driven by Boutillier. The same driver handled the winner, Bavius in three straight in the 2.24 trot and Touz who cleaned up the 2.24 stake. The judges took Driver Steele from Peter Farren in the third heat of the free-for-all and put W. H. Keyes up and the Farren horse nearly headed John A. Hal at the wire in the last heat which was a neck and neck finish.

The summary:  
Free-for-All  
John A. Hal, W. B. Fenwick, Bathurst ..... 1 1 1  
White Sox, G. B. Fenwick, Sussex ..... 2 2 3  
Peter Farren, D. O'Keefe, St. John ..... 3 3 2  
Exposer, H. C. Jewett, Fredericton ..... 4 4 4  
Time—2.12½, 2.11¾, 2.10.

2.24 Trot  
Bavius, F. Boutillier, Halifax ..... 1 1 1  
Barium, Corbett and Jenkins, Hampstead ..... 3 2 2  
Forefeather, D. O'Keefe, St. John ..... 2 4 4  
Betty Fennell, J. R. Higgins, Dennisville ..... 4 3 3  
Time—2.21½, 2.24, 2.22¾.

The 2.23 Stake Race  
Touz, W. G. Fenwick, Bathurst ..... 1 1 1  
Lake Be Sure, G. B. Fenwick, Sussex ..... 2 2 3  
Evelyn B. H. R. Haley, Milltown ..... 3 3 2  
Time—2.14¾, 2.15, 2.16.

The average man thinks it is up to him to purchase a larber hat every time he has ten cents' worth of fame thrust upon him.

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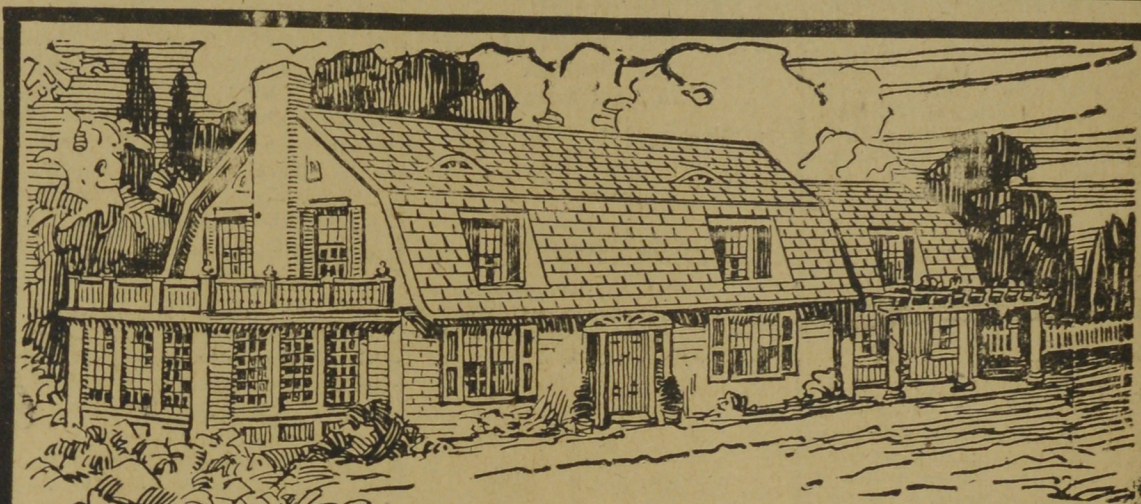
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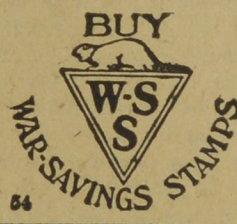
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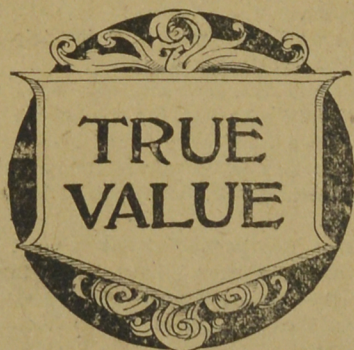
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