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WHAT THE DEADLOCK MEANS TO CANADA.

Never has Ottawa held the
attention of the country as it
holds it at this writing. Sel-
dom has the political news in
the papers been as faithfully
read. For there has at length
entered the arena of federal
politics an issue worthy of a
quarrel, worthy of the best
that is in the country. We do
not at all sympathize with the
people who try to make out
that the tactics of the Liberals
are unworthy. Their view-
point apparently is that the
Conservatives should be al-

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lowed to go through with their
proposals without any oppo-
sition whatever. They see no
room for debate. They would
like the country to think that
the Conservative party at Ot-
tawa had discovered the one
and only proper course for
Canada to pursue. But they
are mistaken. Canada faces a
crisis, and we trust every Can-
adian will be given an oppor-
tunity to express his feelings
on the subject, says the non-
political Canadian Collier's.

We have long been in doubt
whether sufficient interest
could be roused in the question
of Empire defence to justify
an election, but the interest
the country seems to have
taken in the deadlock which ex-
ists at the time of writing
shows that they are indeed
ready and will vote earnestly
and with much thought. Had
Premier Borden demonstrated
clearly that there was an
emergency, it might then have
been desirable to pass the pro-
posed money grant without

making it a party issue; but
the emergency has not been
proved, and indeed does not
seem to have had the slightest
foundation in fact. Under the
circumstances there is no need
for the hurried policy of the
Hon. R. L. Borden, but, on the
contrary, the country should be
allowed to choose between that
and a real policy of a Can-
adian built navy.

The Laurier government
made a big mistake when it
did not propose a big Canadian
naval program a few years ago.
Undoubtedly Sir Wilfrid was
influenced in choosing that
policy by his belief that the
whole question of Empire de-
fence was prematurely brought
up, and that the best he could
do would be to obtain a small
navy which would provide tem-
porary satisfaction for the
jingoists. He was mistaken.
The jingoists were not satisfied
and the way was left open for
the Conservatives to bring in
their present policy.

The Liberals have been
forced now to bring forth a
real naval policy, and we think,
despite their earlier mistake,
it is the true Canadian policy.
We hope and trust that the
Liberals will succeed in forc-
ing the government to the
country, not so much because
we think the country likely to
support the Liberal proposals,
but because the Canadian
voter will have the first chance
he has had in many years to
decide on a real matter of prin-
ciple. Reciprocity was not de-
cided on its merits. The people
of Canada were deliberately
stampeded by a flag flapping
or confused by the juggling of
statistics and economic argu-
ments. In this question of
contribution or a Canadian
navy the issue is clear.

Will Fly to Victoria

If an enterprising aviator car-
ries out his present plans, visi-
tors to the coast next summer
may travel from Vancouver to
Victoria by aeroplane. There will
be a charge of \$25 for the trip.
No extra charge, we presume, for
sea bathing en route.—Edmon-
ton Journal.

Courthouse for Quesnel

After some considerable delay
for the prosecution of necessary
enquiries into the cost of labor
and materials, etc., the Govern-
ment has awarded the contract
for the erection of the new court
house at Quesnel to Mr. Henry
Joyce of Quesnel, whose tender
was at a price of \$22,000. Work
on the contract will be initiated
almost immediately.

BEGINNING MINING ON SILVER CREEK STRIKE

Several Holes Going Down but No
Reports of Rich Pay.

Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—
A despatch from Silver Creek,
scene of the new gold strike, in
Northern British Columbia, via
Nahlin, was received today as
follows:

"There have been a few ar-
rivals here each day for the past
week and all the newcomers are
well equipped. Most of them
have come from the north, but a
few are from Vancouver and Se-
attle. From Vancouver, two
prospectors, Wood and Dean,
have arrived, and a man named
Buche, partner of Seattle pros-
pectors already in, is also here.
At fraction of claim No. 30, above
the discovery on Silver Creek,
the owners have sunk a shaft
fourteen feet, but have been
stopped by water. They are now
sinking on the first south fork of
Silver Creek and expect tangible
results shortly from the nature
of the gravel deposits.

Traders Sinking Holes.

"Smith and Geddes, traders
from the Pelly district, are sink-
ing holes. They expect to erect
a store at Teslin and have two
steamers on the route from
Whitehorse to Teslin district.

"Pete Gabriel, formerly a
blacksmith at Atlin, is bringing
in a small sawmill. McLean, Mil-
ler, Copeland and Forbes, from
Pelly district, who have been
prospecting there for several
years, have staked a number of
claims here and will spend the
summer in this district.

"There are several hand sleighs
making easy stages from Atlin,
taking ten days to the trip, and
they can carry 250 pounds each.

Severe Cold Weather.

"Fuller and McCullough are
sinking holes on Johnson Creek
and its tributaries, but have not
reached bedrock to date.

"There has been some severe
cold weather during the last
week, and the thermometer has
been 30 below zero. With this
temperature the work of thawing
out the ground is slow. All the
trails are in excellent condition
and there are said to be sixty men
now on the way in from Atlin."

ONLY FOUR DAYS MORE, AF-
TER TODAY, IN WHICH TO
REGISTER. LIBERALS, STEP
LIVELY.

BEAVER AGAIN UNDER OFFICIAL PROTECTION

Trapping Will Not Be Permitted
Until Close Season Closes on
November 14.

Chief Game Warden A. Bryan-
Williams has reported to the At-
torney General's department that,
owing to the season for beaver
being open last year and the num-
ber of pelts placed on the mar-
ket very large, it was deemed ad-
visable to declare another close
season until November 15. An
exception was, however, made in
favor of the Indians on the
Stikine, Liard and Peace Rivers.

While it was as well to be on
the safe side, it appears that the
number of beaver trapped last
season was by no means larger
than the supply warranted. Num-
erous complaints have been re-
ceived of damage done by beaver
to farm lands. In some cases
these have been found upon in-
vestigation to have been simply
excuses of those who wished to
trap, but in the majority of in-
stances the complaints were
found well founded and trapping
permits accordingly issued, the
invariable condition being that
one-third of the price realized from
the sale of the pelts should go
to the government.

As the provincial stock of
beaver is now larger than neces-
sary, it is intended that trapping
shall be again allowed when the
present order-in-council expires
on November 15. Licenses for
the trapping of beaver last year
produced a revenue to the prov-
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Moving Pictures in Ontario

London, Ont., March 29.—The
owners of moving picture houses
in this city will protest against
the proposed amendments to the
act governing picture houses
which is being considered by the
Provincial Legislature. It is
proposed to impose a license fee
of \$500, with no license to be
granted to any picture theatre
not on a corner with a 15-foot
driveway at the side. The con-
tention of the houses here is that
it would put them all out of bus-
iness if they complied with the
proposals.

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