

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

### War-election or—War?

At the time of this writing the Government has not spoken.

Ontario is to have seven licensing districts. This is suggestive of the seven seals.

Have you helped yet to make more tolerable the condition of the wounded? The need is great and urgent.

Of course a Rogerized newspaper wants a Rogers election. It has to want it. The man that pays the piper calls the tune.

Chief Justice R. M. Meredith is no David Harum. He required a night of reflection to disentangle a horse deal coming before him for settlement.

There is one way to end all this war-campaign talk, and only one. Let the Prime Minister, who alone is responsible, announce that there will be no war-election.

If there are no claims for damages through the accidental death of mine employees who are alien enemies it will give them a preference over Canadians in the labor market.

The Government of Canada has a great task before it. That task—the raising and the equipment of an army—ought not to be laid aside while an unnecessary general election is held.

Dr. McCullough does not favor the Buffalo plan of employing women to sort garbage in the carriers on its way to the incinerator. Some would regard it an occupation dangerous to health.

When the folk from the Fatherland who live up in Waterloo, Perth, and Huron learn that poison bombs are being used upon Canadians at the front they will turn the Kaiser's picture to the wall.

De Witt Foster, M.P., has resigned. If he holds the prevalent delusion that an election is a kind of penance that purges men of political sins and stops criticism and attack he may intend to run again.

"To say that all the money raised by taxes was for graft is not playing the game." Certainly. And to say that The Globe ever said that, or anything remotely like that, is—well, is not speaking the truth.

The possibility of war debt repudiation is discussed in The Outlook. Public debts are the debts of the many to the few. They do not indicate wealth or poverty, for the wealth of the creditors is the poverty of the debtors.

Two colleges of Oxford University will follow the King's example and exclude alcohol during the war. It is expected that the entire University will soon adopt the same course. The war may leave a compensating legacy of abstinence.

Theatres in American cities complain because restaurants give competing performances. The theatre pays such higher taxation than the restaurant. Using theatres as a means of taxation is among the more wasteful of indirect methods.

Cities on international waters will probably be required to treat all sewage. This may be a money-saving operation, and it may afford the additional benefit of saving lake cities from the cost of filtering the world's purest supply of water.

Some western subdividers are seeking to reunite the multiplicity of areas into farms. This is in accordance with the need of production. It is impossible to cut a piece off a land value to feed or clothe the maker of the subdivider's automobile.