

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"Bear and forbear" is a good motto for both sides in the unemployment question.

The output of the spring poet has been distanced hopelessly this year by the lay of the spring hen.

Captain Miller, M.P., is right. There should be no revival of the race-track gambling orgy in Canada.

President Wilson says the terms of the Allies are not a "straight jacket." They would fit the **enemy** better if they were.

If the United States Senate rejects the League of Nations bill it will fare much worse in history than President Wilson.

Several hundred miles of prairie railway will be built this year. The rocks and mountains of Canada are already amply equipped.

Germany is about to make an appeal to the conscience of the world. It would be more effective if Germany would show the least sign of conscience.

It is gratifying to learn from Mr. Balfour that Canada is not a "mandatee." The burdens of war are heavy enough already without carrying that around our necks.

The officers of the Civil Service Federation of Canada demand, among other things, "affiliation with Labor." If anyone else proposed to class civil servants with trades and labor there would be a riot.

If Austria has already become part of Germany, as reported, the German Empire, except for its colonies, has become larger and more populous than before the war. Those who deride the League of Nations should bear this in mind.

When the farmers of North Ontario are told that a low tariff would put them down and out they just smile. They know that it isn't the three cents a pound duty levied on American cheese coming into Canada that keeps the cheese factory going.

Must provision for the maintenance of widows and orphans in their own homes, instead of in institutions, wait until the Ontario Government and the municipalities have fought out the question of who should pay? Mothers' pensions are sorely needed. Why dodge them?

The Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission last year maintained the road and had a surplus of \$1,980 from the fines of \$26,317 imposed upon speeders. That seems to be an excellent system of maintenance for everybody except the pedestrian who has occasionally to cross the road.

Mr. W. G. Charlton of Aylmer, Liberal candidate for East Elgin, is reported as saying at a public meeting that "the pulpit of Canada sold itself at the recent election for a mess of pottage and grovelled in the mud and filth of centralized power." If Mr. Charlton has been misrepresented he should make a correction before so unjust a statement reacts on him.

Toronto Poles say they should not be classed as **alien enemies**, and that if they are forced out of employment they should be permitted to leave Canada. These are reasonable contentions, and Poles who have been law-abiding during the war should have their requests granted. The new Polish State is an ally of the Allies, and all friends of freedom must have cordial feelings toward Poland and the Poles.