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**PATRIOTISM AND TAXATION.**

On Thursday next all the British Empire will be asked to make exceptional efforts for raising funds for the British Red Cross Society by a special request from His Majesty the King.

Having received notice in good time the governing bodies of many cities, towns and hamlets all over the Empire are taking into consideration the best means of raising this money.

What may be suitable to one community would not prove adaptable to another and while many will without doubt contribute a large share as a personal sacrifice there will be others who will shirk the duty and pay nothing.

At such a critical time as the present it may seem harsh to utilize the word shirk but rather than beat around the bush the plain fact should be admitted and whatever methods can be adopted to minimize the numbers of shirkers should be carried out.

Locally the attitude of the two governing bodies of the Porcupine Gold Camp seems to be one which is the very best applicable for the conditions and circumstances which exist here.

The Timmins Council are strong for subscription by taxation, as indicated in a report elsewhere and, although they have not formally given their decision it is to be expected that they will decide on donating a sum of money to the British Red Cross Society from the Town.

It is understood that the Tisdale Township Council will assume the same responsibility and also vote an amount for the same purpose.

By this method all who are assessed property owners and income tax payers will have to bear the brunt of their fair share, and what is more they will not be asked to pay this until next year.

On the other hand if a Tag Day had been held a great many who will now be compelled to pay their quota would have escaped a canvass; some because of their daily duties; some for the reason they would be absent and others because they would have made it their business to shirk.

The system of "tagging" seems to have been overdone in recent years and a more reliable, less expensive and sure way of securing an amount with even division of shouldering the burden is in taxation such as our local ruling bodies advocate.

They may create a precedent but the precedent would be a good one and well worthy of bearing fruit in many other quarters.

**CENSOR THE ENEMY.**

We have no doubt at all that the military censorship has been responsible for as much evil as would more

than compensate any good it has done.

The palpable absurdity of some of the decisions, in fact, many of them, has tended to bring the whole business of supervision into contempt among those who are aware of the facts, while the tendency has been to create a great apathy among the public generally who have been prevented from knowing the facts and understanding the vital features of the situation.

There is not the slightest doubt that recruiting has been seriously retarded by the stupid methods of the censor. An instant response has been observed when the facts of any battle have been published. But all the interest is usually nullified by deadening delays.

We are not objecting to a proper military censorship at all. But what object can be attained by refusing to say that General Hamilton is in charge of the troops at Saloniki for a week or more after German and Italian papers have published the fact?

What object was served by censoring the name of the aviator who brought down a Zeppelin? What sense is there in refusing permission to English papers to reproduce news which is published in American and Canadian newspapers?

It is quite right to prohibit publication of the movement of troops or of ships, or of plans for future campaigns, or of details of armies or recruiting or of the hundred and one other matters that pertain to the future of military operations.

All this is legitimately within the scope of the military censorship. But of things that have happened, censorship, days, weeks, sometimes months later, is unalloyed folly.

The British people are wise enough and strong enough to know what is going on, whether for good or evil, without injury to themselves. No nation is the better for being treated like infants.

But the censor has consistently behaved from the beginning, not as though his business was to keep intelligence from leaking through to the enemy, but as if it were to keep the news from his own public. After the event we may be sure the enemy is as alert as ourselves. It is before the event that the censor should exercise his diligence.

**EDITORIAL COMMENT.**

Suspicious are often worse than facts.

You can't reason a man out of anything he hasn't been reasoned into.

The French are now using absolute as an explosive. It is now blowing up their enemies instead of themselves.

A vagabond is a person who goes from place to place. The man who takes up the collection does that, but it would be unfair to conclude that the name fits him.

Ontario hotelkeepers are becoming devoted readers of the daily papers. Every day they get a warning of something they mustn't do or they will lose their licenses.

It has been publicly announced that another twelve battalions from Canada will go to England and into camp at Aldershot. In view of the present turn of affairs, it might be well to send twenty-four of the battalions now in training instead of twelve.

If Canada did a little less bragging

about what it has done and less anti-athematizing of the enemy and more work in building up forces to defeat him decisively we would be farther ahead in the long run. This country could do many times what it has done if it set about it.

Despite the visit of and opinions expressed by the License Commissioners to the gold camp recently booze is still coming in and recently has been drunk very freely. Any observant resident can verify this if he has half an eye and consequently the old ad answer to the query, "how can we stop it" is "stop the manufacture." But there is the blank wall.

A conspicuous feature of the recruiting during the past two weeks has been the absence of comment on the part of those enlisting as to "alien enemy employment in mines," the now worn out slogan used by the average agitator. And another conspicuous absence itself is that class of agitator among the recruits.

The accumulation of piles of rubbish is a prolific source of fires. There may be as much negligence of this kind in cities as in rural districts, but cities are protected by fire brigades. "Conservation" advises the use of a small electric torch rather than the lantern or the lighted match. Bonfires are dangerous, and a small crematory ought to be constructed for burning rubbish. Life and property might be saved during the opening winter by acting upon these hints.

Some official at North Bay is reported to have publicly stated that a list of men whom the police consider eligible for service at the front will be posted up and those who do not enlist will be presented with a white feather. If he was correctly reported he surely must have been able to discern the ridiculous character of his statement. The police, no better than any other man in the street, are able to judge as to a man's capability or ability to enlist and if such a procedure was attempted it would do more to retard recruiting than anything else.

**Public School Opened At Iroquois Falls**

Tuesday of this week was quite a Red Letter day for the children of the new town of Iroquois Falls as it was the occasion of the opening of the new Public School there.

Despite very bad meteorological conditions and the accompanying excessive mud over sixty children turned out under the charge of Mrs. Grant the teacher. Miss Helen Libbey assisted and the function proved a great success. Chief Constable Shelton was present more because of the auspicious occasion than because his official services were necessary, and the ceremony of the opening was greatly enjoyed by the youngsters. The help which Mr. Leahy, General Manager of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, in regard to the town is highly appreciated.

**EMPIRE MANAGEMENT APOLOGIZE TO PATRONS.**

It was indeed unfortunate for the Empire Theatre at Timmins last Tuesday evening that, owing to the generator for the lighting of the pictures having been burnt out the programme had to be concluded earlier than should have been, but this was one of those unforeseen and uncontrollable instances which are liable to take place in the best of regulated shows even as the Empire is. The management deeply regret the occurrence but the fact that not one complaint was heard is indicative that the packed gathering appreciated the six pictures which were presented. Connection is being made for a few days with the transformer of the local light company but a new one, much stronger than the old, will be installed in a few days.

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**Interesting Items From Porcupine**

Mr. Murray Glazier spent Tuesday in Matheson on business.

Mrs. H. M. Porteous has left for a visit with friends in Haileybury.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bannerman spent Thanksgiving Day at Matheson.

Mr. Wm. Pollard spent the week-end on business at Cobalt.

Mr. Solomon Shankman of Timmins was in town Monday visiting his brothers.

Mr. Gordon H. Gauthier who has been attending Court in Haileybury returned home Wednesday.

Rev. W. A. Morrison of Iroquois Falls was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Mr. H. H. Maclean and gang of Englehart have been in Porcupine the past week doing some repair work on the station.

Mr. C. M. Piercy attended a Masonic meeting at Cochrane last Friday and had the honor of conferring the 1st degree in Cochrane's new lodge.

Mr. J. H. McLellan who has been in Kowkash for the past three weeks returned home Saturday last and reports prospects in that locality as very good.

We understand that Mr. P. Allison has enlisted for the front. We are sorry to lose Percy but we congratulate him upon his loyalty to the Empire.

Mr. R. M. Garrow has among many other improvements put a new front in his store and we are pleased to say when the inside fixtures are installed he will have one of the best general stores in the north country.

The many friends of Councillor J. C. Rowe are congratulating him upon having enlisted for the front and they are all waiting to hear of something doing when Paddy gets across the ocean.

Mr. T. H. Bell, Grand Organizer for the Orange Mutual Benefit Fund was in town Wednesday night for the regular meeting of Porcupine L.O.L. No. 2323. A large number of policies were written.

**Meeting of Local Red Cross Society**

The Local Red Cross Society met Tuesday, October 5th, the attendance being unusually large.

The following accounts were read:  
Bill from Todd ..... \$1.30  
Bill for pens and ink ..... .45  
Bill for hamps ..... .35  
Bill for Sewing ..... .90

Moved by Mrs. Houston, seconded by Mrs. Simms, that the Society hold a Halloween Dance, with programmes and favors, on Friday, October 29th. Motion carried. The details of the dance were left over till next meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Saneton, that the present supply of knitted socks be kept and additions be made till the number will provide three pairs for each Schumacher or Timmins volunteer. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Chapman, seconded by Mrs. Houston, that approximately \$300 be sent to the Red Cross headquarters. Carried.

The President read a letter from Mr. A. W. Reid, protesting against raffling a Ford car as a means of raising money for patriotic purposes, as considerable resentment has been aroused in Canada by Mr. Ford's references to the "Anglo-French Commission." As it was thought that the plan had been abandoned, no action was taken in the matter.

The meeting adjourned till October 12th.  
L. C. LONGMORE,  
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**SCHUMACHER**

Methodist Church—Pastor, Rev. J. C. Cochrane.  
Sunday School - 2.30 p.m.  
Evening Service - 7.30 p.m.

**SOUTH PORCUPINE**

Presbyterian Church—Pastor Rev. C. A. Malcolm.  
Morning Service - 11 o'clock  
Sunday School - 2.30 p.m.  
Evening Service - 7.30 p.m.

Anglican Church—Mr. Callan in charge.

Morning—11 a.m.  
Evening—7.30 p.m.  
Sunday School—2.30 p.m.

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Presbyterian Church (Empire Theatre)—J. M. Allan, Pastor.  
2.30 p.m. Sunday School in school room.  
7.00 p.m. Service in Empire Theatre

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