

J. P. McLaughlin and Staff
Extend to you their Warmest Greetings
with the earnest hope that the New
Year may bring to you abundant
blessings in Health, Happiness and Prosperity

Christmastide
 Nineteen hundred and sixteen
 Timmins, Ontario.

NEXT WEEK IS THE NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK FOR CANADA

Every man in Canada will have a card to fill out soon.

National Service Week is drawing very near, and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the Post Office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school-teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought. The postman in the cities gets the hard work, for he has not only to deliver the cards; he is responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales' motto "I Serve" may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

SCHOOL CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS TREE A SUCCESS

Pleasant Event at Empire Theatre Last Thursday Afternoon.

The annual Public School Christmas Tree and Concert held Thursday afternoon was a pleasant and successful event. The Empire Theatre was kindly loaned for the occasion by the management, and was largely attended by the children, who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

The program was a long and varied one, including drills, folk dances, dialogues, recitations, songs and choruses, all of which reflected credit on the teachers and pupils alike. The distribution of presents of course was the big feature for the children, Santa Claus being kept on the jump for over an hour.

Principal Dowler made a stirring appeal for the collection in aid of the fund being raised by the teachers of Temiskaming for a motor ambulance for the 228th Battalion. The collection amounted to \$25.00, the amount not being larger only on account of the few adults who were able to be present.

FRED TAYLOR PAST DANGER.

"Cyclone" Recovering From an Attack of Appendicitis.

A Vancouver despatch says: "Cyclone" Fred Taylor, the star player of the Vancouver Millionaires, who was operated on for appendicitis some days ago, was reported, according to a bulletin from the bedside at the Bute street hospital last night, to be "on the road to recovery." Further, the bulletin issued stated that "his condition is very much improved and he is now past all danger." This little item will be welcome news to his many friends throughout Canada.

Lloyd George Announces

gorous War Policy

COMPLETE RESTITUTION, FULL REPARATION AND EFFECTUAL GUARANTEES BY GERMANY ESSENTIAL TO PEACE. VENGEANCE RECOGNIZED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

Britain will insist on complete guarantees against the menace of Prussian militarism.

Peace without reparation is impossible, and to enter into peace proposals without knowledge of what they are would be putting the Allies' head into the German noose.

Abandonment of the fight without gaining the objective would be a worse error than wantonly to continue the struggle.

The Roumanian blunder, at the worst, can only prolong the war. A strong policy will be taken toward Greece, including the recognition of agents of former Premier Venizelos.

The Irish question is due to a misunderstanding, and its solution would be a great victory for the allied cause.

The Cabinet, as reconstructed, is best adapted for war purposes and will insure prompt decisions, lack of which has brought disaster in the past.

Universal national service under direction of Lieut.-Col. Sir Neville Chamberlain will be an answer to Germany's man-power bill. This will involve a great system of compulsory enrolment for industrial purposes and classification of industries as essential or otherwise.

The Government will control all shipping, as it now controls the railways.

A conference with representatives of the overseas dominions to be held soon on war matters.

Active building program, to replace merchantmen sunk by the enemy, will be begun.

A food controller is needed, because the harvests of Canada and the United States have been failures and that of Britain poor.

An appeal is made to the nation to assist the Government in distributing its resources equitably. The people as a whole must shoulder part of the burden of victory.

wreath. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Andrew, a spray. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. McCubbin, North Bay, a spray. Temiskaming Encampment, a wreath. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Collins, a spray. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore, of Timmins, a beautiful sheaf of roses. Mrs. J. A. McDougall, a spray. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byam, a wreath. Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gibson, a spray. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carson, a spray. Cobalt Masonic Lodge, a wreath. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Meagher, a wreath. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weston, a bouquet of lilies of the valley. New Liskeard Masonic Lodge, a wreath. Dr. and Mrs. Haentschell, a spray. Mrs. C. Farr, a spray. Mr. and Mrs. Ullhorn, a spray. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Derry, a spray.

After the closing of service, the remains were taken to the Haileybury Cemetery for interment.

MOST POLICE COURT CASES ADJOURNED

It was Christmas week—a time of peace—at the police court last Thursday, only one case being tried. Several liquor cases were adjourned until this week, including the cases arising out of the big shipment of invalid wine into the town.

The one case tried was one in which Alex Desjardin was the complainant, his complaint being that a gentleman named Cyer had threatened to kill him, perhaps murder him, and also take away his life, to say nothing of assassinating him and using him like the Huns used Belgium. Although Cyer had no separate graveyard of his own, nor had he done away with anybody up to date, he was discouraged from any start in this direction by being bound over to keep the peace.

On Thursday of this week, however, there is likely to be a heavier docket for Police Magistrate Atkinson. If all parties are ready to go on then, the cases growing from the shipment into town of invalid wine, shoe gin, creme de menthe, etc., will be proceeded with. In this connection it is interesting to note that according to the return made to Provincial Officer Allen by the Government Analyst, the Puritan Wine showed 17 per cent. alcohol, which is quite a bit removed from 2 per cent. when you come to think about it, or to drink of it.

Solicitor Cook is said to have entered appeal against the conviction of the dozen or more men charged last week before Mayor Wilson and convicted and fined by him for gambling.

To One and All A Happy New Year

We thank our many customers for their liberal patronage during the year that is closing, and trust that we will be favored with a continuance of the big business in 1917. For our part we promise the same

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