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"TO THINE OWN SELF
BE TRUE!"

Since the war commenced one of Canada's busiest industries has been the "making of excuses." If many men had given the same ingenuity and devotion to a whole-hearted effort to win the war that they have spent in discovering pretended reasons why they should not do their part, the war to-day would be much nearer truly won.

Every new call for patriotic effort or service has caused a boom in the business of the Excuse Factory, and just at present there seems to be a special demand for the cleverly-designed but flimsy goods turned out. The request of the National Service Commission for information that may lead to the better organization of the industrial resources of the country has brought forth many new designs and a re-vamping of many old ones. The trouble with these goods, however, is that THEY WILL NOT STAND THE WEAR.

For instance, as a reason for refusing to give the Government the necessary information asked for on the National Service Cards, one man hands out this second-hand piece of goods: "That the workingman should not bother his head about countries, because there is no difference for him in any country, all countries oppressing him and using him unjustly." It would be interesting, perhaps, to hear the heartfelt opinion of a deported Belgian worker on this manufactured article. In no enemy country dare a worker even voice such a suggestion. In Germany they have even instituted "preventative arrests," whereby men are taken into custody and later sent to the front line trenches because they are "SUSPECTED" of being about to commit disloyal acts or utter disloyal words." There is so vast a difference between the freedom and the privileges accorded men in different countries that it would seem that in a country like the British Empire where liberty and right are founded for all and broadened year by year for all that every man would give the deepest devotion and fidelity to the institutions that guarantee him these blessings.

The truth is that all the products of the Excuse Factory are simply excuses after all, though sometimes repeated so often that men half believe them. This war in its essence is a battle for the rights of the weak—for the redemption of the deported Belgian worker, no less than for the right of the small nations to exist unmolested. It is the first great war "by the people, of the people and for the people." It is a conflict between a System and Democracy. If Democracy wins, the worker has everything to hope for. If it loses, he has lost all the slow gains of centuries.

Loyalty to the free institutions of the British Empire is but loyalty to one's self. No honest man can escape the clear fact that in return for the benefits of citizenship he must be ready to accept the discharge of some responsibilities. To take all and to give nothing is the policy of a piker. If men will but be true to their own consciences in this matter, they will do their duty fully and fairly in the war. "To thine own self be true, and it shall follow as the day the night thou canst not then be false to any man."

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade is called for Friday evening of this week, and a big attendance of interested citizens is specially desired on this important occasion.

THE PORCUPINE'S MILLING CAPACITY

The following tabulation gives the present average daily tonnages of the seven mills of the Porcupine Camp and compares these with the records of last January, showing the increase both in tons and percentages:

	Daily Tonnage Nov.	Daily Tonnage Year Ago	Inc. in Tons.	Inc. in Per Cent.
Hollinger Cons.	1,796	1,524	272	17
Dome	1,300	1,020	280	27
McIntyre	600	290	310	107
Dome Lake	200	40	160	400
Porcupine Crown	180	125	55	44
Schumacher	140	100	40	40
Porcupine Vipond	140	130	10	8
Totals	4,356	3,229	1,127	35

FIRE CHIEF RESIGNS
WISHING ALL THE
SEASON'S GREETINGS

New Head of Brigade Went Home for Christmas and Will Not Come Back.

At the Council meeting Monday morning Councillor Globe brought out the fact that Fire Chief Dey, who had gone home to Collingwood for Christmas, had later sent in his resignation, saying that he did not intend to return, but nevertheless he wished the Council's "honorable body" the best wishes of the season. No reason was given for the resignation, but it is understood that he returned to Collingwood to take his former position there as Chief, the brief stay here having brought a better salary at Collingwood. It is also said that Mr. Dey bought only a single ticket when "going home for Christmas," and also that he took all his effects with him on the trip.

In touching on the matter Councillor Globe expressed some displeasure at the way things had gone in the Fire Department of Council. The fire hall was nearly completed, yet there seemed to be no effort to get anyone in it yet. Christmas Day, for instance, there was no fire in the building, and the engine was standing there freezing. About \$20,000 of equipment was in jeopardy in case of fire. Councillor Globe also said that the Dept. should be so organized that if the man at the head took sick or left there should be a "next-in-charge" to automatically take his place. In all of which, Councillor Pierce expressed his concurrence.

Councillor McInnis replied that though he was not formally even a member of the Council at the time, he had taken steps to see that everything went along all right when it was learned that the Fire Chief was not coming back, and steps had promptly been taken to fill his place, recommendations being asked for from Mr. Latimer, of Ottawa. There was now a man constantly at the fire hall, and Mr. Hill was acting chief.

Mayor McLaughlin suggested that now that the Committees for the year were organized the matter could be promptly and effectively dealt with.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR

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Farm at Monteith as a preliminary step. Here the settlers will receive help and instruction particularly adapted to the requirements and needs of the North Land. According to Hon. Mr. Ferguson, the training school will be used as the starting point for his big plan to settle soldiers upon the land. After the war, returned soldiers who wish to take up farming will be enrolled at the new training school for the necessary training and instruction. The community plan is largely to be followed for social and general reasons, and when a sufficient number is enrolled to warrant going ahead with actual settlement, the training school will then be more fully opened for the use of the general settlers. The returned soldier, however, according to Mr. Ferguson, will have the first call on the school and its services and benefits. Which same is as it should be.

It is understood that the Government plans for the placing of returned soldiers on the farms of the North Land will call for an appropriation in each case of about \$1,500 to properly "set up" the men on their homesteads. This is the minimum amount estimated to be needed to buy a settler stock and equipment and build him a modest but comfortable home and a suitable barn, etc.

Work on the training school building at Monteith will be started in the spring and the work will be rushed along to be ready and equipped to handle the soldiers when the war is over.

TWO ALLEGED VAGS
HAVE DISAPPEARED

Scholar Settemeyer and Peter Watson Given Six Months Each, But They Are Away.

In the vagrancy charges against the four men recently arrested for gambling, Hugh Cole's father Friday morning said he was keeping the young man and was willing to do so. Hence he was not a vagrant and this charge against Hugh Cole was accordingly dismissed. Ben Jacobs on the same charge was remanded a week. Scholar Settemeyer and Peter Watson, similarly charged, were given six months each. They are not to be found, however, but Chief Craft claims to have a good memory and promises to pick them up to serve their terms should they ever venture to appear in the Porcupine district.

The cases arising from the sloop gin and invalid wine shipments to town were again remanded at the request of the License Board, it is said. A young man from the Dome Mines pleaded his innocence to a drunk charge laid by Constable Hurtboise. The young man had six reliable witnesses to prove he was at home in bed at the time specified. The constable was not ready with contra evidence, so the case was enlarged for a week.

Judgment was reserved in the case of Frank Plaza, Schumacher, charged with having liquor in a house where there were boarders. J. V. Guilfoyle defended the case, and pointed out that his client had gotten rid of both boarders before the liquor was taken in. The reason the police found the boarders' clothes in the house, according to the evidence of the defence, was because the one man had not gotten rightly settled in his new place, and the other had been injured and was in the hospital. The Magistrate expressed the opinion that the story looked like a "fixed-up" one.

JOHN LOUGHRIN
PIONEER OF NORTH
CALLED BY DEATH

Formerly represented Nipissing in Legislature. Later Became Judge. Then T. C. R. Commissioner.

John Loughrin, formerly a prominent Liberal member of the Legislature, representing the District of Nipissing for many years in the Ontario House, died at his home in Mattawa on January 2nd. At the time of death he was in his 64th year. Three years ago he suffered injury in a fall and never fully recovered his health, though death was directly attributable to heart trouble.

The late Mr. Loughrin was one of the outstanding figures in Northern Ontario for many years past. His companionable qualities, his humor and his ability as a man were no less evident than his faithfulness in many offices of public trust. After representing the District of Nipissing for 16 years in the Ontario Legislature with credit to himself and benefit to the riding, he was appointed Judge of the same District to succeed the late Judge Doran. Later, Mr. Loughrin served a term as one of the Transcontinental Railway Commissioners under the Laurier Government. Some years ago he retired from active public life to devote his attention to his own interests.

The late Mr. Loughrin was a prominent member of the Roman Catholic church, and for several years was a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

A widow, three sons, three daughters, three sisters and a brother survive. The widow was formerly a Miss O'Gorman of Renfrew. Two of the sons, Messrs. Daney and Wilfrid Loughrin, are on the Hollinger staff at Timmins.

The funeral took place at Mattawa on Friday, and from all parts of the North Land and the south came friends and acquaintances to pay tri-

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bute to the worth of the deceased. A special train was run from North Bay for the accommodation of the many who wished to attend the funeral, which was perhaps more largely attended than any other ever held in the district.

TO BE TRIED FOR
ATTEMPTED MURDER

Ciro Gurini, who attacked John Nolan, night watchman at the Vipond, on Christmas Eve, striking him with an iron pipe and breaking his arm, was given a preliminary hearing by Police Magistrate Atkinson at the regular court in South Porcupine on Thursday last. The charge against Gurini was one of attempted murder, and the Magistrate felt that sufficient evidence was submitted to warrant committing the accused to stand trial before a judge at the coming assizes. Mr. J. E. Cook appeared in defence of the accused, and watched his interests through this preliminary hearing. Among the evidence given Thursday night was that of Engineer McGrath at the Vipond, whose story of events corroborated that given by Mr. Nolan.

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