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THE SPIRIT OF CANADA.

Many loyal men and women were disheartened and oppressed last week by the spectacle of a Parliament wasting time on freak legislation like the Daylight Saving Bill while vital measures went unattended. They were discouraged beyond words at the divisions and the petty quarrels between parties while the fate of Canada hangs in the very balance. The childish, senseless, petty squabble of it all seemed to take away hope and faith. But these people may this week turn to a brighter sight. They may turn to see the true spirit of Canada appear. They may see men renouncing leaders and parties and divisions for principle's sake, for Canada's sake, for Britain's sake, for the world's sake. "Canada must come first—not Ottawa; the country—not the party; not in the trenches of Flanders alone—in the Canadian parliament as well. And for Canada's sake, and the world's, free born Canadian Liberals in Massey Hall stand for and advocate the conscription of men, and of money and of all the services of the whole nation." Thus speaks The Toronto Globe. In moderate words, but no less firm, The Toronto Star makes it plain that leaders may come or go, and parties live or die, but above and beyond all, the interests of Canada, the honor of Canada, the duty of Canada, must be supported regardless of all other considerations. The same high tone of patriotism is evident in The Mail & Empire and The News. "Canada and the Right"—regardless of party—that is the new motto. Throughout Canada to-day there is the gladdening sight of men—once divided, once differing, once opposed,—uniting now in the earnest and fervent determination that Canada shall do its fullest duty to herself and to the world,—regardless of party, of creed, of cost or of convenience. The war is the first issue, the greatest issue, the only real issue now. It must be settled first, and then lesser things may be attended to. This is the spirit of Canada to-day advocated and emphasized, at a cost they know, by the great newspapers and the great public men of

whom lesser journalists may well be proud.

After all the agitation against Conscription, against Coalition, against the other political expedients of the day, may be a blessing in disguise if it thus bring out and develop and extend in this year of Canada's jubilee as a nation the finer, truer spirit that should be Canada's—the spirit that unites all true Canadians wholeheartedly in Canada's cause and the cause of Humanity and the Right.

MORE HOLLINGER EXPERTS FOR FRONT

Messrs. Emery and Culbert Honored Prior to Going Overseas.

Two more of the Hollinger staff have sacrificed the best positions and the brightest prospects to answer to the call of duty, thus adding to the ever-growing Honor Roll of the Big Mine. The two latest experts from the Hollinger to enlist for overseas service are Mr. V. H. Emery, underground superintendent of the Hollinger, and Mr. Victor Culbert, the Company's geologist.

Mr. Emery, who has been awarded a commission in the mining branch of the Canadian Engineers, was entertained by his fellow members of the Hollinger staff and a few personal friends to a farewell dinner at the home of Mr. A. R. Globe, assistant general manager, on Saturday evening. On behalf of the staff Mr. Globe presented Mr. Emery with a Service Pattern Engineers' compass. A similar gift was also on hand for Mr. Culbert, who has also been awarded a commission in the Canadian Engineers, but who was unavoidably absent owing to a minor operation he is having performed before proceeding overseas.

In making the presentation Mr. Globe referred to the many previous occasions on which the boys had got together to bid farewell to some of their number. The boys had always promised reinforcements and surely the Staff has made their pledge good. Mr. Emery was not going for the honor or for gain, Mr. Globe said, but as a straight matter of duty. The wish of the boys was that his compass would guide him in his new work, locate and destroy the enemy and ultimately direct him back to the Hollinger.

It is interesting to note in connection with the great voluntary sacrifice of men like Mr. Emery and Mr. Culbert, the very valuable services such men give to their country and the great cause at this time. In the wonderful work accomplished last week at the Messines Ridge, for instance, the Engineers had a leading part, and the services of the Canadian Engineers were especially singled out for mention;—also, among the Canadian Engineers were many Porcupine men whose expert knowledge and skillful devotion to duty were valuable beyond mere words to express.

A public meeting will be held in the Miners' Union Hall, Timmins, tomorrow evening, Thursday, June 14, at 7.30 p.m., when James Lord, President of the Mining Dept. of the A.F.L. will give an address. On the announcements the Union extends a welcome to all.

The Presbyterian General Assembly adopted by standing vote a strongly worded resolution endorsing selective conscription for the battlefield and universal conscription of the talent, wealth and energy of the Canadian people.

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feel it a duty to give and give gladly and generously to provide for a little comfort and a little pleasure for our brave defenders overseas. Contributions, he concluded, may be made to Mr. K. F. De Long, treasurer of the Y.M.C.A. fund for Timmins.

Mrs. Parsons in an eloquent address touched on the work of the Red Cross and the Y.M.C.A., and made earnest and stirring appeal to all to do their part to help win the war. Despite the recent big victory reported, and the many other victories of the past few months, the end of the war was not yet in sight. The need was for men and more men. There was a noble army of Canadians overseas, but not as many as there could be and should be. Surely, the speaker said, we would support our own brave men overseas,—not only with our money to give them comforts and aids like the Y.M.C.A.,—but also with all the manhood that could yet go to support them in the battle line. She contrasted the safe, comfortable evening in Timmins with the life overseas, and asked how any one here at home could hesitate in giving or doing anything to bring some little recreation or amusement or comfort to the soldiers who fought for us. Speaking of the thin line of khaki that held back the foes of civilization, the speaker said that for all our comforts, our safety, our pleasures, our very lives, we owed all to the brave soldier lads. "Why do you have this theatre?" she asked. "Because," was her reply, "you know that relaxation and entertainment are necessary to relieve the strain and stress of life and give renewed vigor and courage for the battle. How much more then should you see that through the noble work of the Y.M.C.A. some measure of recreation and relaxation be provided for those overseas in our cause."

The soldiers overseas appreciated the non-denominational, non-sectarian, all-embracing work of the Y.M.C.A. for their comfort and help. "Give the boys a little taste of home," she said, "by supporting the Y.M.C.A. and thus making it possible for the Association to continue and extend its beneficent work." Speaking of the war in general, Mrs. Parsons said there were critical days to come. "Our men will never come back," she said, "unless we send them support and help. We must back up our men with living forces." Every man, woman and child had some part in the great cause. We were only fighting now with half our strength. We must drop politics and race and creed and everything else to win this great struggle for Humanity and Right. "It's a man's blessed privilege to fight for his country," she said. Those who had worked at home for patriotic causes she urged to renewed and increased effort and sacrifice. The soldiers at the front had no rest from the conflict, and there should be no slackening in the work of those at home. She commented on the number of young men she had noticed in the North Land, more than she had seen in any similar population in any other part of Ontario, she said. "I know that this district has sent a very large number of brave men to the front," she said, "but they have not gone in YOUR place. No one can do YOUR duty but yourself." In stirring words of eloquent appeal, she concluded by exhorting all,—in the name of those who had fought and suffered for our sakes these two years and more, those who were prisoners in the brutal camps of the enemy, and those who had laid down their lives that we might live,—to give and give quickly and without stint of time, of money, of effort and of manhood that the great cause might be supported to victory.

Lieut. Trivett with what he called his "Little Ford" moving picture machine also showed a number of interesting scenes in France and Flanders, illustrating events and conditions in the war zone.

Mrs. Appel furnished good music at the piano for the occasion.

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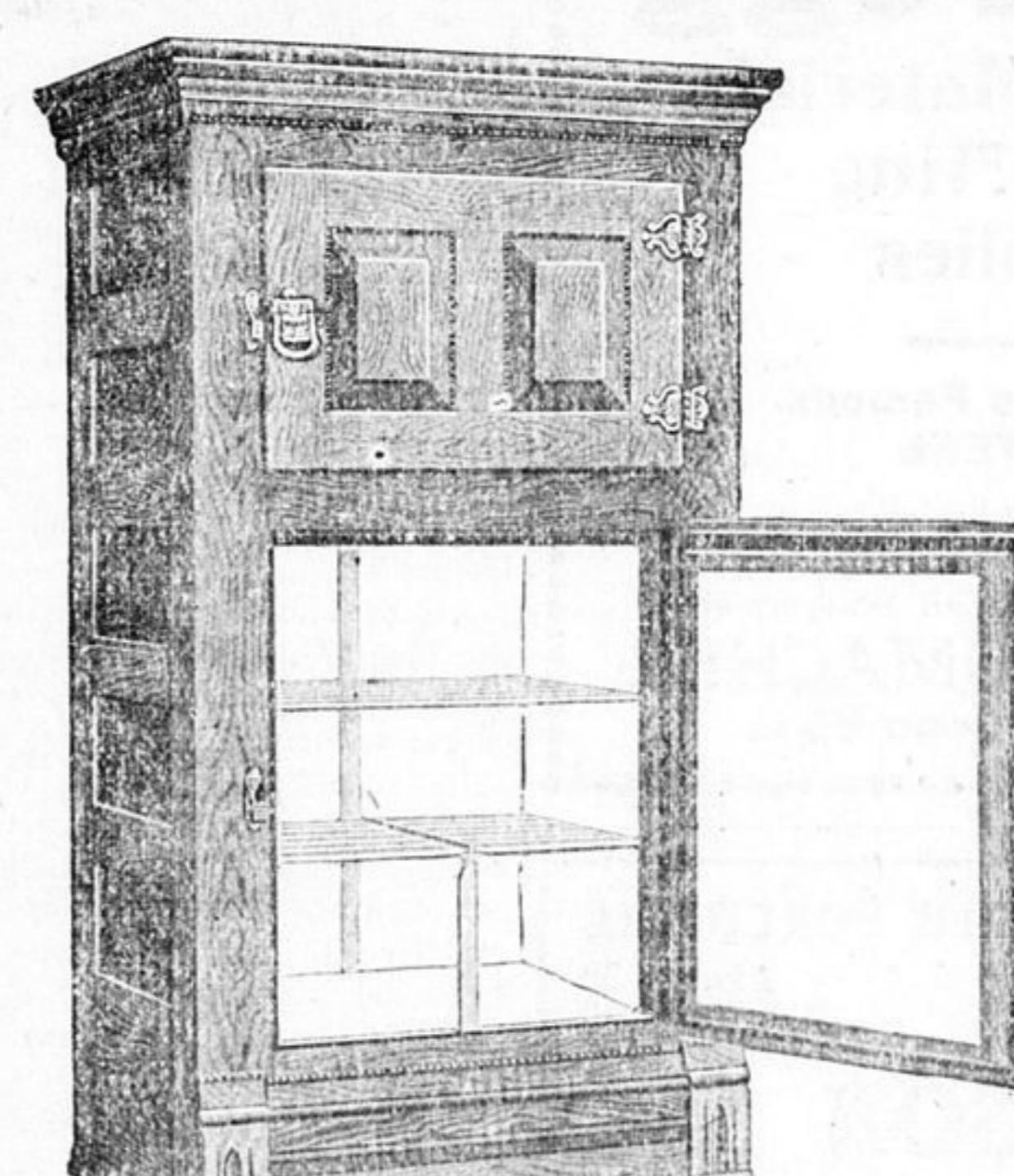
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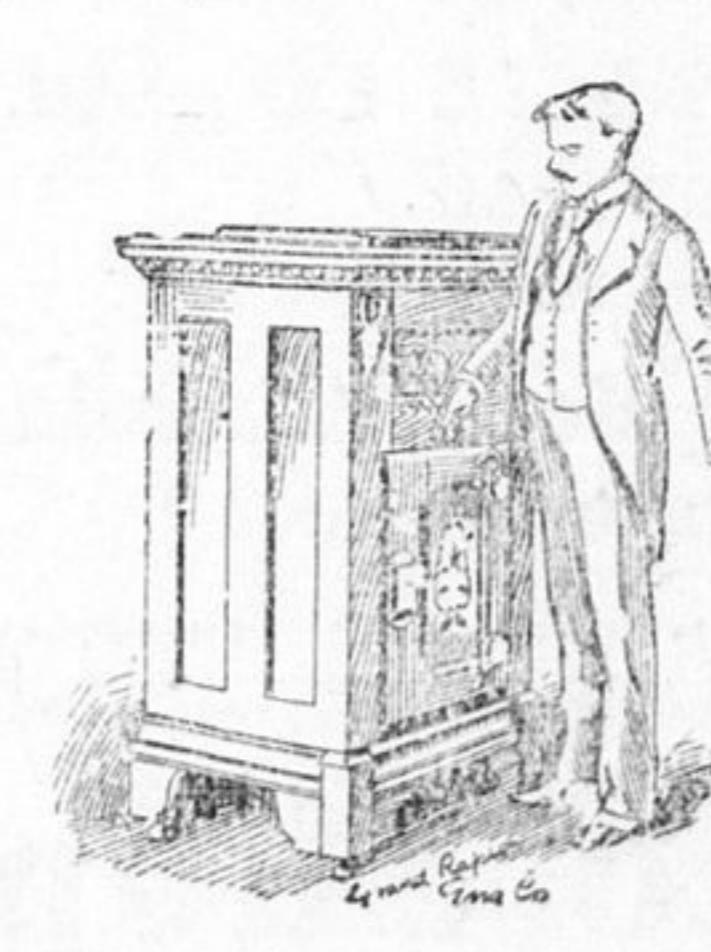
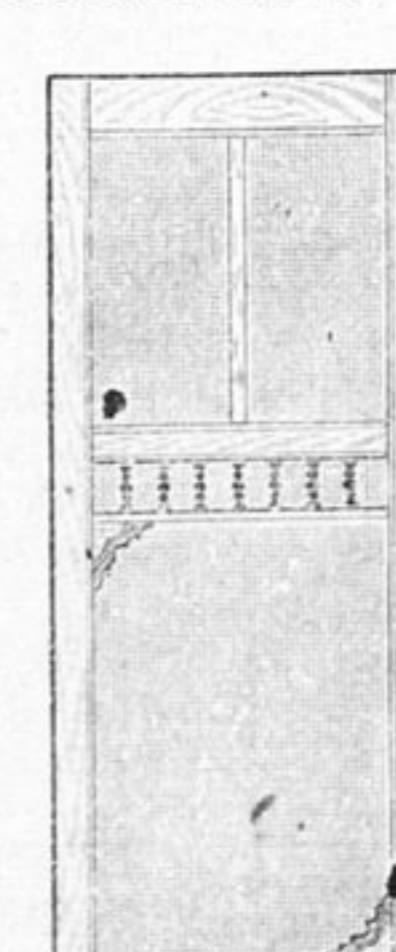
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