

### The Canadian Legion in Timmins News and Views of Legionnaires

BY THE HON. SECRETARY-TREASURER

**GOD SAVE THE KING.** This is the appropriate commencement for the weekly letter as will be explained by the following letter received this week from Provincial Headquarters: To all branch secretaries. Dear Sir and Comrade, We have been advised by the Dominion Command that His Majesty the King has graciously consented to become the Patron-in-Chief of the British Empire Service League, and the following cable has been forwarded to His Majesty by the Dominion President, General Sir Percy Lake: "Canadian Legion deeply gratified by His Majesty's gracious consent to become Patron-in-Chief of League. Trusts Empire Council in humbly thanking His Majesty will express Legion's participation in uni-

versal feeling of loyalty to his throne and person." This is concrete evidence of the world-wide character of the British Empire Service League, and not only indicates the growth but also clearly points out the permanence of the wonderful organization founded by our revered leader, the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. Definitely and decidedly the Royal patronage has conferred upon the legion the recognition of the value of this loyal and useful league with its branches in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Newfoundland, India, Egypt, Palestine, Rhodesia, etc. All members of this post are aware (or should be) of the remarkable success met with in obtaining members since our inauguration in February,

1927. And I would point out that in the Province of Ontario the increase of membership since March 1927, to the present time is, according to the card and badge numbers issued to us this month, rather more than 16,000. If, as I hope, this rate of progress is being paralleled by other provinces of Canada, as well as in all parts of the Empire, there soon will be but very few ex-service men outside of the legion. Again I would stress how vitally important the legion is to every veteran, and the urgent necessity in their own true interests of every ex-service man joining without delay,—we are not here to-day and gone to-morrow.

I take off my hat to comrade P. N. S. Craik, of the Hollinger Stores. Some few days ago he promised to obtain some members for the Legion in Timmins. And that promise he has kept in that, on Saturday last four new applications were handed in. The Hollinger Stores staff are very strongly represented in the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion, there being besides Mr. Craik, comrades J. W. Weighman, H. J. Moore, etc., all members in good standing and not afraid of helping us along, as witness the tickets they are disposing of for us, in connection with the Vimy banquet and the Bazaar and Draw, as well as in many other ways. Nor do we forget the splendid monetary gift to our Poppy Day fund received from Mr. C. G. Keddle, the able and efficient manager of the Hollinger Stores, who this year is doing yeoman service for the community as president of the Kiwanis Club of Timmins. Mention of the Kiwanis brings me to the application of Mr. John Watt, baker, of Third Avenue, Timmins. What a number of good members and good friends we have in or near the Hollinger Stores,—Mr. C. G. Keddle, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shragge, Mr. John Watt, etc. And we are penetrating—peacefully—the ranks of the Kiwanis themselves. Dr. S. R. Harrison, Councilors P. Dougall and Geo. S. Drew, W. A. Langdon, the president of the Timmins Board of Trade, S. A. Caldwell, the crown attorney, are some of the Kiwanis we are proud and honoured to have with us. And if there are any more—application forms from Sauve's Pharmacy.

Ora et labora. While this may not be the motto of the Rev. Fr. O'Gorman yet no one can dispute the fact that in prayer and work he typifies the spirit of that old Latin quotation, and so we welcome, as the first padre of the C. E. F. to join our ranks, this most notable addition to our ranks. We are optimistic to believe that the gallant padre's and hon. captain's example will be followed by many others. One may take it for granted that we shall be honoured by his presence at the Vimy banquet, as last year. This news should delight F. J. B., D.C.M., M.M., who at the last monthly general meeting deplored the lack of someone to pray for us—I wonder, Francis, is this imputation that we need praying for, nice? or only true?

Congratulations to Comrade J. A. MacDonald, undertaker, 78 Third Avenue, Timmins, on the new undertaking he has undertaken. The genial Mac. has always been one of our enthusiastic members, and we wish him a long and happy married life.

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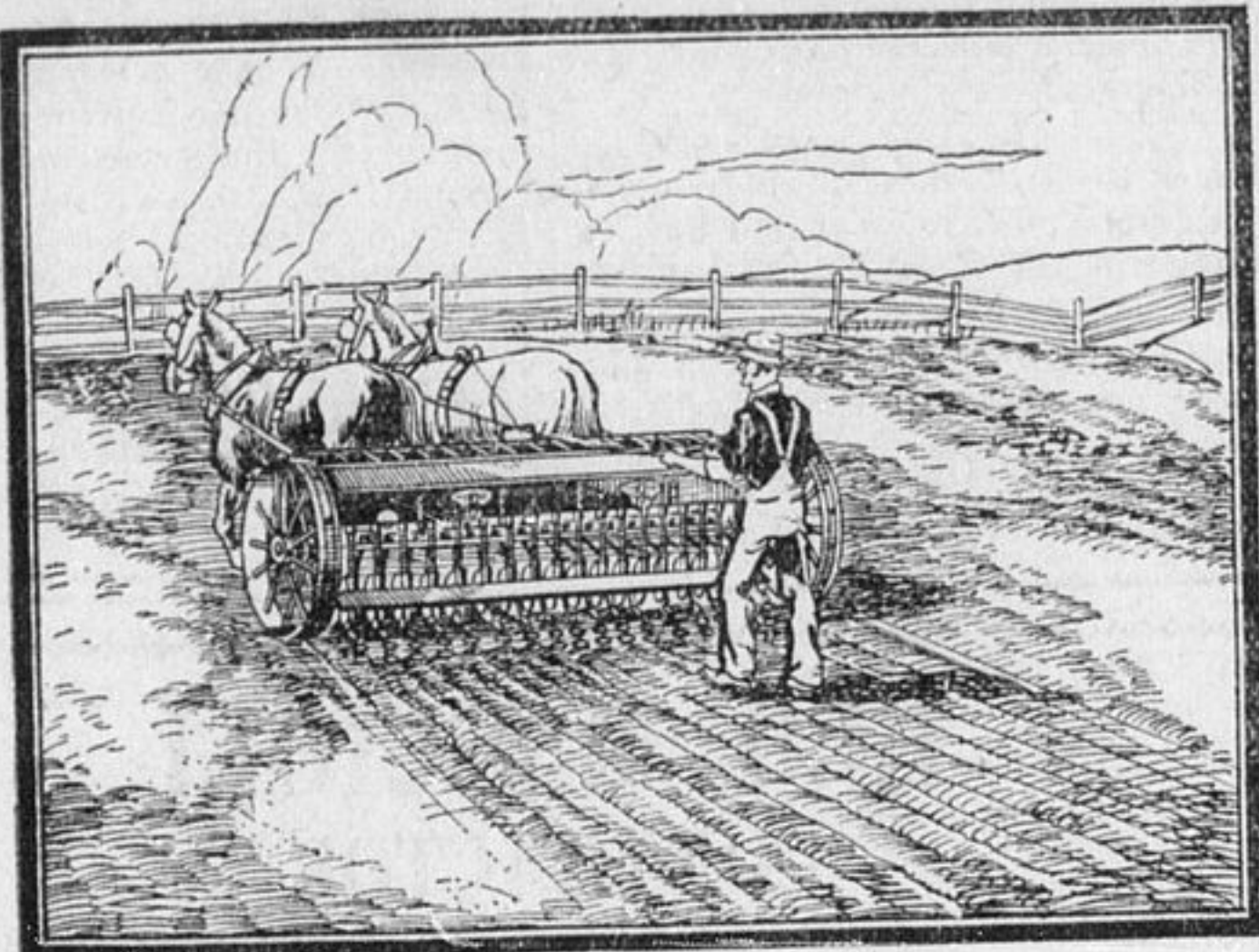
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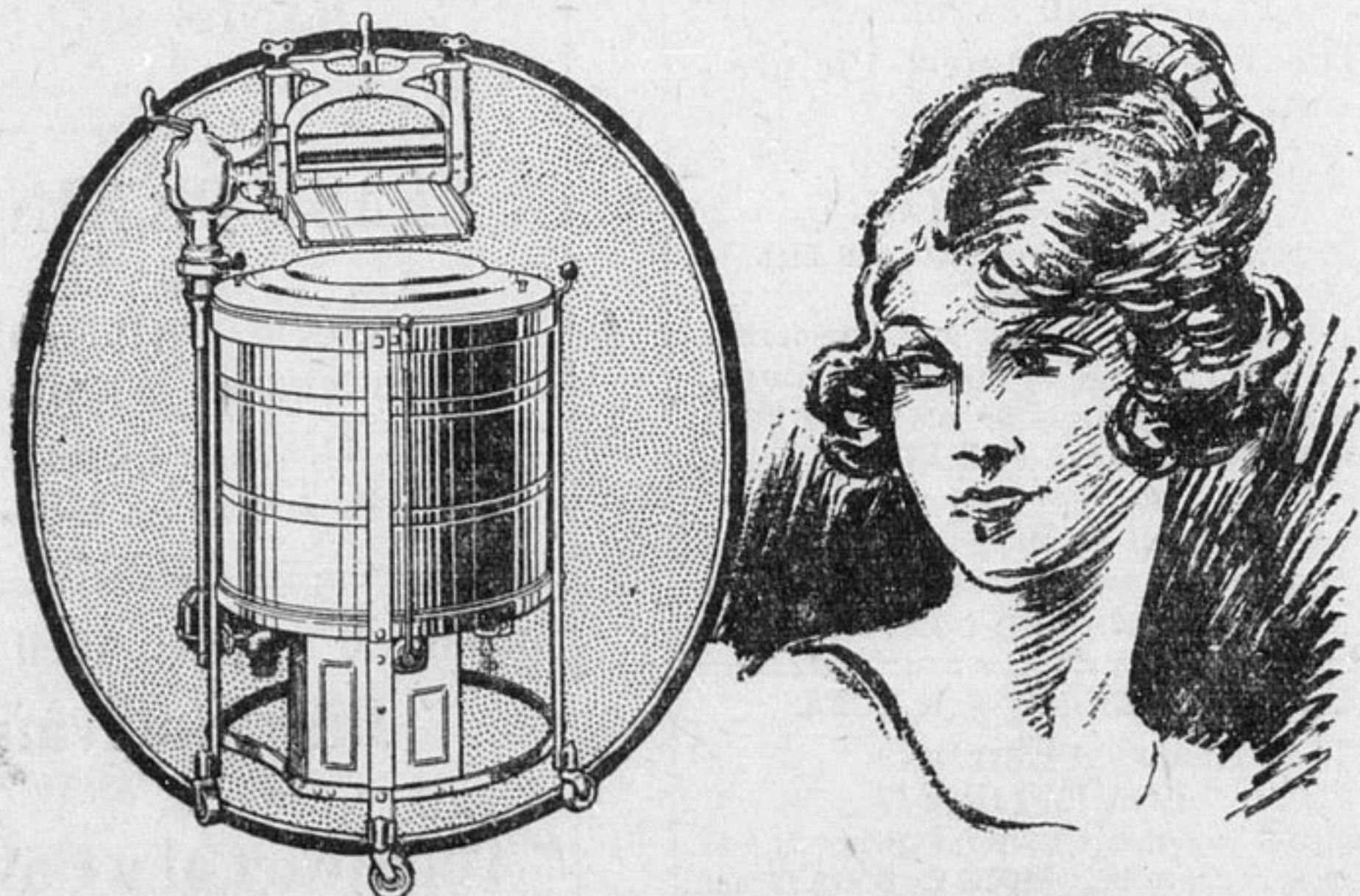
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general meeting will be enclosed an application form—now, boys, do your stuff! The more there are of us the merrier we'll be. There are two good reasons for ALL veterans outside to come in at the present time, and they are (1) The Canteen Funds (how dry I am), and (2) The War Memorial hall, of which more anon. Already quite a number of application forms are in, and I earnestly appeal to every legionnaire to bring in at least one new member this month. And bring him or them to the monthly general meeting in the town hall, Timmins, on Friday, April 13th at 8 p.m. Thanks!

We rejoice to hear of the legion members' activities in and around the Paymaster Mines. Now, I wonder—Dr. J. E. Barry, M.C., is there now! Also we have at the Paymaster Mr. L. F. L. Da—dash it, I shall be in the lion's den if I comment on this valuable comrade of ours, whose heart is bigger than his body, e'en though his body is no mean one.

Finally, if in need of application

forms, drop into Sauve's Pharmacy, next to the post office.

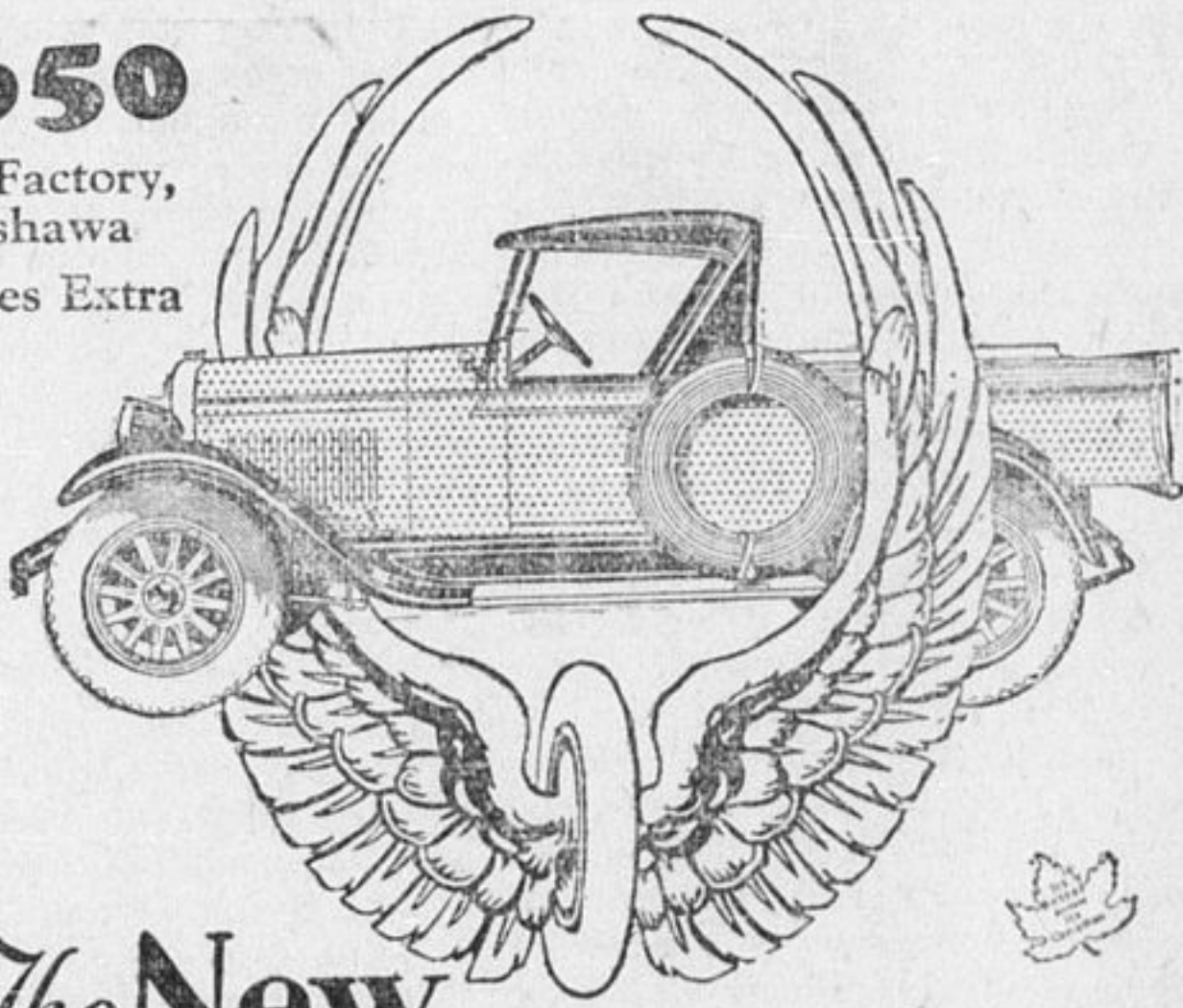
The Birth of a Nation—Vimy Day, April 9th.—T.F.

### CARCASSES OF DROWNED CATTLE SOLD FOR MEAT

At Englehart last week there was a case that may be of more than passing interest, and the result may be a reminder to others to "watch their step" in the matter of the sale of food stuffs to the public. The Englehart case involved a man from Marter, who was charged under the public health act with offering for sale meat unfit for human consumption. The meat was from a heifer and a steer that had been drowned. The accused pleaded guilty and was fined \$20.00 and costs.

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