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## SETTING THE EXAMPLE

It would not be unreasonable to expect that Ottawa, being the capital city of this Dominion should set an example for other towns and cities to emulate. Anyone expecting such an example, however, will be sadly disappointed. Just as the government at Ottawa has always lagged behind the people in general in the matter of patriotic fervour and effort for the cause for which so many Canadians are risking their all, so the people of Ottawa in general appear to be far behind other towns and cities of Canada in their attitude towards the men and women who are serving. Of course, it would not be difficult to find excuses for the Ottawa attitude. Ottawa is the centre of the red tape department of the several branches of the armed services, and red tape has little regard for common sense let alone kindness and thoughtfulness and genuine humane feeling. Then, again, it may easily be the fact that there are so many "brass hats" in Ottawa these days that it is difficult to notice the ordinary men or women in the country's uniform. If there were any money to be collected for giving special thought or consideration to the rank and file of those who are on service, Ottawa would no doubt be ready to see to the matter promptly and effectively. As the matter stands, Ottawa is so busy about a lot of things that do not matter, except to the select few on the right side and in the easy places, that it is difficult to find time or heart for special thought for the men and women who are faithfully serving in the three forces.

Men and women home on leave from Ottawa often note the difference between Ottawa and other centres in regard to the treatment of ordinary sailors, soldiers and airmen. Of course, Ottawa has the facilities of the Legion, the K. of C. Huts, the Salvation Army and the other national agencies that are doing so notable a work for the men and women on service. The credit for this good work, however, must go to these national agencies and not to the spirit of Ottawa. Several servicemen and members of the Women's Auxiliaries have contrasted the atmosphere in Ottawa with that of other centres like Toronto, Trenton, and Kingston, not to mention Timmins and other places in this North where the spirit of the North holds sway. A dance or other social function for the soldiers, the sailors or the airmen, in Ottawa tends to become a social function for the particular benefit of everybody but the men or women in the services. There is a steady stream of propaganda coming from Ottawa in regard to the vital importance of the soldier, the airman and the sailor, but in actual practice the thought does not appear to carry far in Ottawa. There is no noticeable preference in Ottawa for the man or woman in uniform. It would appear that in Ottawa above all other places the people would realize the fact that the men and women on active service are not only the flower of Canadian manhood and womanhood, but also that those in uniform are vital to the safety and the future of Canada and so deserve more than passing notice. The Advance would not suggest that Ottawa should go to the extremes shown in some United States centres in regard to the entertainment and treatment of those on service, though that would be an attitude easy to justify and to forgive. But, surely, it is not asking too much to suggest that Ottawa should treat its soldiers, sailors and airmen and the Auxiliary forces with the same kindness and hospitality shown by Toronto for example. In Toronto, the people have special entertainments and social events for the men and women on service. Some theatres have special terms for those in uniform. Of course, it is in the North Land that the men and women on service receive the most cordial hospitality and the most thoughtful attention. Since the beginning of the war the Timmins theatres have given free admission to all in the nation's uniform. This is a gesture that indicates the general attitude of the people. There are other events and places where those in uniform receive special preference. Perhaps, the reason for conditions may lie in the fact that Timmins has given more men and women to the three services than Ottawa has done in proportion to population. This may explain the different attitudes of mind. In any event, the fact seems inescapable that it is other centres than the capital of this Dominion that have been left to set the example in regard to the treatment of those on service, as well as to give the right leadership in other patriotic causes.

## ABOUT POLICE COURT NEWS

In his column in The Toronto Telegram on Monday of this week, Thomas Richard Henry had a suggestion that some newspapers might do well to seriously consider in their own final interests, even though British justice, common fairness and public welfare have no appeal to them. Thomas Richard Henry refers to the habit of some newspapers to publish such items as:—"Kate Smith, 18, of Sun-

dial avenue, was arrested last night on five charges of theft, etc." The columnist explains that "Kate Smith" was not the girl's name, but that the point he was making was that a girl's name should not be published when she is arrested and charged. "It is soon enough to publish her name," he says, "if she is found guilty, otherwise she will always be under suspicion, even if she is found not guilty."

What would be the opinion of Thomas Richard Henry in regard to a newspaper that not only published names and ages and charges but also proceeded to hold a sort of preliminary trial in the newspaper, even producing the alleged record of the accused—something not permitted in actual court until a conviction is made? If the answer should be that the publication was in the public interests, then the counter question arises as to how the public was served when much more important cases were never even mentioned—not even after trial and conviction.

Recognizing the fact that too often the truth from the trial does not appear to be able to catch up with the report of the arrest of a suspected person, with the consequent injury to innocent people and their families and friends, The Advance has followed the practice of avoiding as much as possible the use of names and addresses of those who may be arrested. As Thomas Richard Henry says, it is time enough to use names when the trial opens. This usually gives everyone concerned a fair deal. British law holds every person innocent until proven guilty. Taking that theory, is it right or sensible to publish the story that an "innocent person" is about to be tried for an alleged offence?

Of course, there are times when the public interest demands a variation from the rule suggested. There are times when the publication of an arrest is necessary for public welfare. There are occasions when such publication assists the enforcement of law and order. There are also times when the publication of the arrest will bring forward evidence that may lead to the acquittal of the accused. As a general rule, however, the average arrest is not front page news, whatever the trial may be. Seldom is there any vital public interest served by the publication of suspicions and surmises. In the cases where the public welfare appears to require publication of mere arrests, it is only fair and proper to restrict publication to known facts and to avoid sensationalism that prejudices the case one way or other. Anyone who will consider the number of people who may be charged during the course of a few short months, and then note the number of acquittals, will recognize the fact that the call of public welfare must be very strong to justify the publicity given the innocent.

There are newspapers that give too much publicity to crime, with the result that the town or city or district receives an undesired reputation. The Christian Science Monitor when it published a twelve page paper always reserved its crime news for page thirteen. Between those two extremes there must be a happy medium where the public is informed and safeguarded, without injury to the innocent or undue publicity to a type of ill-doer who glories in seeing his name and picture even in the police court news.

It is true that part of the punishment of wrongdoers often lies in the publicity their offence may receive. To that extent the public welfare may justify a certain measure of publicity. In this connection, however, the punishment should fit the crime. It is as absurd as it is unfair to give a man \$100 worth of publicity for a ten dollar fine, or a half-page for a ten-day sentence.

## THE SIXTH VICTORY LOAN

For some weeks past the local committee for the Sixth Victory Loan have been busy at work planning and organizing for the campaign that opens the latter part of this month. The work being done so earnestly now is perhaps the most difficult of the event, for its lacks the encouragement of the returns that brighten the later efforts. However, this planning and preparation is essential, and its success in previous campaigns shows that it is not in vain. It might be well for all to remember the present work and give it due reward when the actual campaign is under way. The committee of workers are at present spending their time and efforts with the greatest earnestness, because they realize they have an unusually heavy task before them. It was through such earnest effort that the last campaign was made successful. The determination now is to make the Sixth Victory Loan a success. The arguments this time are even more forceful than before. To support the war effort, as all loyal people wish to do, the success of the Sixth Victory Loan is essential. Every dollar invested in the Sixth Victory Loan is a support and encouragement to the men fighting for the Allied cause. It is also a blow at the enemy and lessens the morale of the foe. Statistics gathered by the National War Finance Committee prove that the savings of the people now idle are sufficient to take up this loan without undue difficulty or hardship. The Sixth Victory Loan is a gilt-edge investment. Thus patriotism and good business alike are canvassing for the success of this loan. There has been some false optimism in regard to the early ending of the war. Some people realize that they have been too hopeful in this matter. It is still a matter of months, perhaps, many months before victory is assured. It is well not to be too hopeful in such matters. It is better to seek for practical ways to end the battle. The surest way to do this is for each and all to do everything possible to hasten victory by all-round

effort to win it. The Sixth Victory Loan is one of the ways that opens to most people to help and inspire the Allied Nations and harm and depress the enemy.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King: "Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

During the past week, Councillor E. W. Gladstone, while busily at work, has enjoyed a well-earned rest.

After Councillor Gladstone had suffered a barrage of blows, Councillor Ellen Terry and Councillor Karl Eyre were each treated to a gentle tap on the wrist. And they hadn't said "beer," either.

The St. Mary's Journal-Argus recently did a distinct public service in calling attention to the number of boys leaving school to enter highly-paid positions that will cease when the war is over. High wages now will not counterbalance the loss of a High School education. Many of the boys will not want to return to school and they will not be qualified for the positions that may be vacant.

Announcement has been made by the Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario that there will be two periods of religious instruction each week in the schools of the province, in addition to the daily religious exercises now provided. Provision is to be made for the exclusion of any children whose parents have conscientious objection to the

## Arbutus Chapter Celebrate Birthday Wednesday Night

Nineteenth Birthday of the Chapter Celebrated with Festivities.

On Wednesday evening, following the regular meeting of the Arbutus Chapter, the members celebrated the nineteenth birthday of the Chapter under the supervision and direction of Miss Mildred Taskberry.

Eleven members of the order Mrs. Norah Nixon, Mrs. Catherine Jardine, Mrs. Dorothy Whaley, Mrs. Mary Ralph, Mrs. Kathleen King, Mrs. Mary Fisher, Mrs. Nevada Rutherford, Mrs. Annie Goodman, Mrs. Agnes Coulson, Mrs. Winnifred Skelly and Mrs. Isobel Brown presented the pageant, "Temple Gifts." Each one gave a short reading of poem symbolizing the erecting of a staunch and sturdy structure, or temple. Old members and other years were remembered; drama and visions were presented. The implements for building and the materials necessary were all on hand to lay the foundation stones of a worthy temple, wherein kindness was to dwell. As these symbolic corner stones were laid, Mrs. Mary Ramsay sang "Star of the East." During the singing of this song, the members of the pageant formed a Star which circled the room and then left the hall in a procession.

The Charter members, invited by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Betty MacMillan, then followed the Conductress to the west end of the hall, which was prepared by the birthday table, upon which rested a bouquet of apple blossoms. Pinned almost the blossoms were many attractive, cross-stitch handkerchiefs for the ladies, and linen ones for the men. Only four of the charter members, Sr. Rose McCarthy, Sr. Celia Easton, Sr. Kathleen King and Sr. Nevada Rutherford, were present to receive these lovely gifts from their worthy matron.

Following an address by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Agnes Gurnell sang in her own endearing way, "Darlings, we are Growing Old." Mrs. Rose McCarthy, who was the oldest charter member present, lighted the candles on the birthday cake, and also had the honour of cutting the cake, which was two tiered, handsomely decorated, made by Sr. Agnes Gurnell, and presented by her to the Worthy Matron. Mrs. Mabel Pennie, newest member of the Chapter lit the Chapter candle.

A beautiful solo, "Bless This House" was rendered by Mrs. Mary Ralph after which the birthday refreshments were served, and one more very friendly evening in Arbutus came to a very happy conclusion.

The committee in charge of the luncheon were: Mrs. Jeanne Phillips, Mrs. Celia Easton, Mrs. Margaret Shields and Mrs. Bea Drury.

## Pioneer Merchant Observes His 76th Birthday

W. Dalzell Active and Alert, After Pioneering Two Northern Camps.

On Tuesday of last week, Mr. Wm. Dalzell, for thirty-three years a valuable businessman of the North, who has pioneered two mining camps in this part of Ontario, celebrated his 76th birthday. With the mind and talent of a much younger man and with remarkable health for his years, he commenced his 77th year with some of his friends extending birthday gifts and good wishes.

With an Irishman's optimism he

describes his long life and good health to the fact that he was born in Ireland and came to Canada as early as 1907. He spent a couple of years in Toronto and then came to Cobalt, then a young camp, in 1909. He was manager of the Nipissing Stores in the boom days of Cobalt and was a popular figure through the North in those years. In 1911 he became the Northern representative of the Wm. Leishman firm of high-class tailors and for thirty-three years he has maintained that connection. Mr. Dalzell has made a hobby of the clothing business and there are few in the North, or in Ontario for that matter, who have as keen a knowledge and appreciation of cloths and tailoring as he has, while he is a recognized expert in the difficult work of measuring. Almost equal to his interest in clothing (or perhaps even more so) has been his enthusiasm for Masonry. He has high standing in that Craft being one of the few 32nd Degree Masons in Timmins; His first visit to this part of the North was in 1910,

and he later came to the Porcupine Camp as manager of the Nipissing Store here. In 1921 he came to Timmins and opened his own men's wear store here. He is also a famous cribbage player and hopes to learn all the fine points of the game in the next few years. All who know him, and he has wide circles of friends, will wish him many more years of health and contentment.

## Schumacher Fire Brigade Avert Serious Fire

Quick Response and Good Work Prevent Dangerous Fire from Spreading.

Schumacher, April 12th. Special to The Advance. Due to the quick response of the Schumacher fire dept., what might have

plan. The new instruction periods will be taken by the teachers, and are being developed along lines that have proved satisfactory in other Canadian provinces and in Britain. There is hope that if there is a new generation given specific religious instruction in the schools, there may follow another generation who will have the advantage of a general habit of religious instruction in the homes.

Russia continues to furnish the best war news of the day. The recapture this week of Odessa by the Russians should have wide influence on the general war situation. The advantage to Russia of repossessing this Black Sea port is evident on its face, while this latest Russian triumph also means that some 100,000 German and Roumanian troops are practically trapped. Those who are discouraged by the situation on the Italian front should remember that the splitting of German forces and equipment to meet the Italian invasion contributed to the Russian success at Odessa, where the enemy fled rather than face a siege.

Mayor Brunette's announcement at the Vimy Banquet that the town was planning to establish a suitable memorial for those who are serving in this war and those who gave service in the last war will meet with general approval. Mayor Brunette also showed wisdom and foresight in asking the Legion for suggestions as to the form the memorial should take. There are two schools of thought in regard to war memorials. One favours the useful and the practical, while the other is more concerned with making the memorial distinctly a monument to the servicemen. The Legion, being composed of the men of the last war and of this, is the ideal medium to express the wishes of the men themselves. The Legion has shown itself rich in practical and helpful ideas and its leadership in the choice of a form of memorial should be valuable indeed.

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been a very serious fire was averted, when fire broke out Saturday afternoon in one of the apartments in the Desaulniers Block, First Avenue. The apartments is over the Brewery Store on First Avenue. Fire broke out at 4.30 p.m., a short time before the new tenants, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, from Toronto, were to move in. The electric power was turned on and a small electric hot plate had been left on in error. The heat soon caught on to the walls. The apartment was well gutted by the flames. Damage is estimated at \$3,200. The insurance adjusters investigating the fire pay high tribute to Fire Chief Jucksch and his men for their excellent work in preventing the flames spreading to other parts of the building.

Toronto Telegram: All would be well for King Government radio speakers, if they could assemble an audience as easily as they can get the air.

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