

December 21, 1916.

TWO BILLION CREDIT VOTED IN COMMONS

One Million More British Soldiers Provided For—New Government's Bow—Enormous Outlays

A supplementary estimate issued last week provides for an additional 1,000,000 men of all ranks for the army service during the present financial year. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men.

Mr. Bonar Law announced that Parliament would be prorogued on December 22 for a period not yet determined. The sessions of both the Lords and Commons were attended with unusual interest.

Andrew Bonar Law, flanked by the Ministers of the new Administration, occupied the bench just vacated by the Asquith Ministers across the aisle. The Chancellor said the total amount of votes of credit since the outbreak of the war was \$1,323,000,000, including \$200,000,000 for extra administration expenses.

In moving the vote of credit Mr. Bonar Law said that, assuming the rate of expenditure was the same as at present, the vote would carry them until February 24. The total for the financial year would be \$1,450,000,000. The Budget estimate of the financial year, he said, was exceeded by \$350,000,000. Loans to allied Governments amounted to \$400,000 daily.

ROUMANIAN ARMY SAFE

Take up Sereth River Line Under Pressure—Buzeu Captured

London despatches on Tuesday said: The main Rumanian army is now safely entrenched behind the Sereth River and in Bessarabia, where it is being regrouped and refitted for further operations. The entire Rumanian front south and southwest of the Sereth line is now being held exclusively by the Russians, reports add. It transpires that ever since the fall of Bucharest and Ploesti Russian infantry and cavalry forces have been holding back the armies of Mackensen, while Ferdinand's troops have been hastily falling back to and beyond the Sereth line. The temporarily unsuccessful stand of the Czar's troops before Buzeu gave the Russian offensive front.

London despatches on Monday said: Mackensen's troops are steadily forcing the Rumanians back to the Sereth line of defence. Yesterday both wings and the centre of the Ninth German Army thrust forward to the east and north of Buzeu, while the Danube army moved northward from the sector east of Bucharest and the Bulgars pressed the forces of Sakharoff into the northern part of the Dobrudja. Mackensen captured Buzeu, the great railroad and grain centre of northeastern Wallachia and forced the retirement of the Russo-Rumanian force from the Jablonitz River line, northeast of Bucharest. The fall of Buzeu, which is equidistant from Bucharest and Braila, on the Danube line, was announced by Berlin last Friday. It deprives the Rumanians of their last railway communication with Wallachia. Ferdinand's troops must now retire at the Sereth line of defence without making a further stand in Wallachia.

FOR SENIOR OFFICERS

Canadian Colonels May See France Before Return Home

London reported last week: The Canadian Associated Press is authoritatively informed that the breaking up of the ranks of the Canadian force in England by sending drafts as reinforcements to the battalions already in France is a military necessity. The casualties among the men have been great, and the divisions at the front must be kept supplied with men and junior officers. Naturally the commanding officers keenly feel the disappointment. It is suggested that arrangements be made to give as many as possible a chance to go to France in order that they may personally witness the operations there before returning to Canada. Some may be given employment in England, but many will go back to Canada.

Cost of Living Higher

Labor Department Also Reports November Wage Increase

Another big jump during November in the Labor Department's index number showing the cost of living emphasizes the increasing troubles of the wage-earner. The index number for November was 198.4, as compared with 187.2 for October, and 158.7 for November of last year. The average cost of a weekly budget for food in a workingman's family is now \$10.05, an increase of sixty-five cents per week over October, and of \$2.08 over November, 1915. The reports to the Labor Department tell of many increases in wages, particularly in coal mining and transportation. These increases vary from five to ten per cent.

Killed Seventeen Americans

Seventeen American muleteers have been killed and eleven of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14. The British Admiralty made the announcement on Monday.

McWilliams

The weather has been cold this last week, with but little snow. Ebenezer Sunday School closed on Sunday for the season. On the Friday evening previous they held what they termed Sunday School at night when a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. Mrs. Rev. Bowes gave a thoughtful and instructive talk on the Life of Paul.

Mr. Thos. Weir gave a couple of songs in his usual pleasing manner. Other members were also contributed to the evening's programme. Prizes were given to all the pupils who were registered on the cradle roll were remembered. Miss G. Stephenson received a first prize for being there every Sunday and for saying the greatest number of verses. Some others also showed a good record. The officers and teacher for 1917 were elected. Lunch was served about the

middle of the program, when all enjoyed the tea and cake provided by the members of the school. The following are the officers and teachers for the coming year: Supt., W. R. Watson; asst., P. A. Harrison; secy-treas., W. L. Dixon; asst. secy-treas., Miss E. Dixon; teachers, Mrs. A. Tucker, Misses E. Dixon, G. Tucker, F. Hooper; cradle roll supt., Mrs. A. Tucker; asst. Mrs. W. R. Watson.

Mr. Roy Lawrence is again busy with his sawing outfit. Messrs. W. R. and Reuben Watson got quite a pile of poles cut.

While attending the sawing bee at Mr. W. R. Watson's, Mr. Bert DeVolder, who was working for Mr. C. Harrison, was seized with a severe pain in his side. Dr. Sneath was phoned for, and pronounced it appendicitis and deemed an immediate operation necessary, and on the arrival of the noon train on

Wednesday a successful operation was performed by Dr. Groves, assisted by Drs. Smith of Droemore and McLean of Priceville. We hope to see Bert around again in a little while.

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lawrence gathered at their home on Wednesday evening of last week and presented them with a couple of easy chairs on the eve of their departure from their old home. We wish them many happy years in their new one.

Mr. Henry Tucker and Miss Gladys are spending a few weeks in Toronto.

Nurse Campbell of Swinton Park is attending Mr. Bert DeVolder at the home of Mr. W. R. Watson.

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Goods selected will be kept until the proper time, and delivered if required.

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Save Your Coupon

WHY DOES THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND REQUIRE SO MUCH MONEY?

This question is often asked, by persons and by municipal councils, when the matter of liberal giving to the Fund is brought before them.

They are entitled to the most complete answer, for the Fund is the people's. They created it, and it is they who must maintain it.

Now for the reasons. There are 149,230 of them.

The Fund asks for so much money because Canada has given her men so lavishly to the Great Cause. Between 300,000 and 400,000 have volunteered. If their families need help, this Fund provides it. In October 53,693 families did need it. These families comprised 149,230 persons, nearly all either mothers, wives or children. Is it any wonder that so Great a Need requires so Great a Fund?

HOW GREAT IS THE NEED OF MONEY?

The sum expended in October, 1916, was.....	\$891,514.00
The average payment to each family was.....	16.29
The average payment to each person was.....	5.73
The cost of administration was.....	15,464.00

(In above averages, sums paid for broken periods not included.)

Pay special attention to the figures concerning cost of administration—including expense of campaigns for raising money. It is the ambition of the managers of the Fund to keep the cost of raising and disbursing it below that of any voluntary fund ever created in Canada. Their aim is to hand to the soldiers' families as nearly as possible one hundred cents for every dollar subscribed. They succeed in handing 99½ cents. The sum received in October as interest on moneys in banks was about \$11,500. Take this from the cost of administration. The remainder is \$4,000. And that, therefore, is all that had to be deducted from sums paid in.

That is to say, of every \$100 paid by generous givers, \$99.46 reached the families.

Is not that economy which should give confidence to every subscriber?

Does the magnitude of the Fund, as well as its importance, begin to impress you, Mr. Citizen-who-is-being-asked-to-subscribe \$100, or you, Gentlemen of the Municipal Council, who are being urged to vote \$100,000 for 1917? Does the REQUEST look as large as it did now that you know something more of the NEED?

Since the war began the people of Canada have subscribed to this Fund.....	\$16,495,000
For 1917 they will be asked to give—and will give.....	12,500,000
Of this sum Ontario is being asked to guarantee—and will guarantee—at least.....	6,000,000

This is one million more than in 1916, but every dollar will be required for Ontario's families. Not much chance for individuals or counties to economize by cutting down their contributions, is there? On the contrary, the giving must be on a scale more generous than ever. And why not? If we can't FIGHT, isn't it a Privilege rather than an Obligation to PAY?

ONE WORD MORE:

No man should ignore his personal responsibility towards the families of those who are fighting for him, simply because his Municipal Council is taxing him slightly for the same object. He owes these people far more. Perhaps he is too poor to pay more. If not, it is up to him to give a generous cheque to his local Patriotic Fund Committee, or mail it to

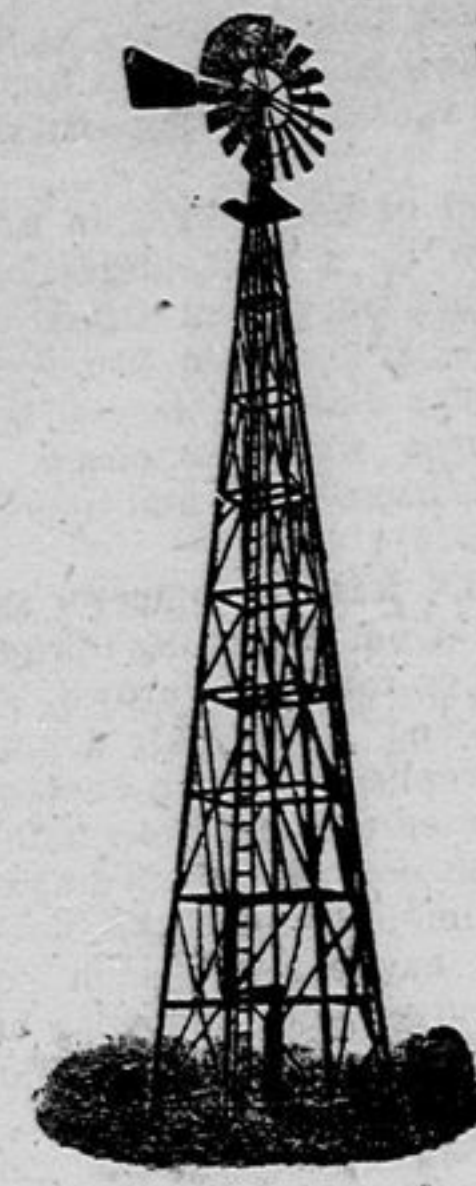
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Overcoats for men and boys—a few left at special prices. Hats, caps, shoes, rubbers, overalls, odd pants, tweed raincoats, etc. We have a special line for ladies and children in caps and scarfs to match. Call and see these. See our well-kept stock of men's shirts—some special lines in fine shirts, also an extra large stock of plain and wool-work shirts. Call early and get the best.

George S. Burnett The Ideal Gent's Tailor and Furnishings Store

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor

DURHAM, DECEMBER 21

SERGEANT MARSHALL MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Sunday morning Rev. Whaley preached an appropriate and touching sermon in memory of the late Sergeant Caldwell Marshall, only son of Mrs. Robert Marshall, who was killed in battle on the 18th of November.

The text was taken from Isaiah xxii, 2, "and God said, take thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest" and coupled with these words he referred to John iii, 16, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only-begotten Son" etc.

After pointing out particularly the goodly characteristics of the young man, who voluntarily stepped up to a good position to fight for the interests of his country, and with his face to the foe, he made a practical application of the texts chosen and endeavored to show that sin was the cause of the present crisis.

There was no uncertainty in the speaker's opinion that Sergeant Marshall, an only son, might and honorably have deferred enlistment to a later date. Though an only son, he stepped in at once to the call, having decided in his own mind it was his duty, irrespective of consequences. In many instances might be found families of five, or even more, eligible who failed to respond, whereas fight for the world's freedom. Those who went to fronted the best they had; they themselves, and it seemed fair and right and honorable that those at home should sacrifice profits of their labors. It is necessary to work, and feed the forces on the front line, but it was no sacrifice to be rich over the result of labors, while others were in order that those who were might live in affluence at the end of a flag of freedom.

The choir furnished suitable music, and near the close "Salve Arms of Jesus" was sweetly sung by Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder.

EDGE HILL

Miss Carrie McNally is spending a few days with friends in Durham. Miss Edith Edge of Stratford is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. A. J. Greenwood, who was unfortunate the other day from a fine two year old heifer from feed of turnips and chop.

Mr. Robert Ector who is summering with his brother in law, Snow Saskatchewan arrived last week.

Miss Minnie McClocklin of Edge Hill was the guest of Miss Kate over the week end.

Messrs. Lorne Kenney and Davis of Saskatchewan are in the winter with friends in the vicinity.

Miss Frederica Staples under the Doctor's care is slightly improved.

Miss Maggie Firth has position as teacher in a school at Woodford, about 10 miles from Owen Sound on the Meaford.

Mrs. Gordon Geddes was the guest of her daughter Winnie Greenwood last week. Geddes drove up for her on Tuesday.

Miss Emma Ritchie is in this week and is unable to attend her school at No. 2, Edge Hill.

Miss Margaret Mortle, teacher in No. 3, is spending this week with friends here.

The ladies met for Red Cross Thursday at the home of Mrs. Edge. Although a very large number of ladies were present, only five shirts, 2 hospital pillow slips while four made and filled with collection amounted to \$4.

A splendid entertainment in the school on Tuesday. Ladies and gentlemen from the proceeds going into the Cross funds. Too much to be given these people.

Willingly giving their talents in aid of the Red Cross. Misses Walker, Middlebrook, Graham and Messrs. T. A. T. Fallaise were there to furnish the program. Mr. Firth was chairman for the occasion.

DARKIES CORNER

We wish the Chronicle and all its readers a Merry and a Happy New Year. This festive season the front will not be forgotten.

Mr. James McGirt, at the summer in the week home Thursday of last week. Over thirty ladies met.

Over thirty ladies met at Mrs. W. Weir Friday sides the knitting done shirts were made, collected.

The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Atkinson on the Sunday School staff of No. 9 met at Mrs. C. Ritchie Thursday arrange Diplomas Certificate of merit to