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THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

There has been some complaint of extravagance, or too much generosity, in connection with the Patriotic Fund, and the Montreal Gazette's Ottawa correspondent explains:

"Wives and dependent relatives of Canadian soldiers at the front are in receipt of money from one, two and sometimes three sources. In most cases a proportion of the husband's statutory pay from the Militia Department is assigned to them. In addition to this, there is the separation allowance for wives. When these resources are insufficient additional aid is granted from the Patriotic Fund."

The Gazette is not correct in some respects. The sources of income of the wife and family of a soldier at the front are various. The man may assign some of his pay to his dependants. Most of the soldiers have made these assignments. But they are not taken into account by the Canadian Patriotic Committee, and because this is the ruling of the Militia Department, the Fund allows a wife \$1 per day, or \$31 for a month of thirty-one days. She is allowed a certain amount per day for each child, the rate being according to the schedule of age. There is in addition the separation allowance of \$20 per month.

The Gazette correspondent errs when he says the deficiency is made up by the Patriotic Fund. The Fund advances the first item, and the separation allowance comes next, and is subtracted from the monthly amount from the fund. The assigned pay is not taken into account in any case.

ANNUAL COUNCIL DEFICITS.

There is a section of the Municipal Act to which the city auditor has called attention—an amendment of 1914—and a section to which the council has paid very little heed. It directs that no expenditure shall be undertaken for which ample provision has not been made in the budget. The legislature had no doubt information with regard to a practice that is all too common, namely, that of a council incurring debts which it cannot pay. These debts are left to a succeeding council and the law says that they are illegal, or illegally contracted.

The question follows: What is the penalty for an infraction of the act? Every alderman should be interested in the answer. It is better that he should be cautious than that some one should take action against him, and the minutes of the council contain the record of his imprudence. In the Finance Committee's report there is the repeated recommendation that certain amounts be paid for which funds have not been provided in the budget. There is the evidence. The auditor is exempt from censure. He has done his duty when he has called attention to the violation of the law.

These annual deficits of the council are depressing things. They are legacies which should not be left by one council for the embarrassment of another. One body has no right, by an inadequate budget, to force another to meet its indebtedness by an increase of the tax rate, and this has been done over and over again. The legislature has aimed to end the practice, and the sooner the attorney-general makes an example of some municipality the better.

MAKE CAREFUL SELECTION.

Service in the council, to be effective, must be based on experience. There is no more reason to expect that a man can, without training, enter a chemist's shop, an electric works, or a gun factory, as a manager, than that he may become a member of the council and successfully direct the people's affairs. Business men can pass upon some details with

judgment, because their training makes them cautious, makes them investigate, makes them ask questions in order to understand what is before them. The people are to blame when they part lightly with the aldermen who are willing to serve them and have given evidence of their capacity. There is a sort of lifting process now going on. Some of the members of the council are retiring. Some others are being opposed. The mayor's chair will be vacant at the end of the year, and one aspirant for it is in the field. Another may presently be announced. An acclamation is seldom endorsed, except in the case of one who has been a signal success, and whose continuance in office is desired for the good that he can do. In connection with all these positions the electors have a duty to perform. It is to lay aside politics—which is the bane of society—and remember that a council is a community of men whose interests are so local and domestic that anything which operates against the peaceful consideration of them is not to be commended. The debt of the city is high enough. It must be limited by a restriction of city's wants to what is absolutely required. The taxes are high enough, indeed, too high, and nothing should be undertaken which can have a tendency to drive them higher. This annual economy must be preached by the people, and it is for them to elect the representatives who will give an assurance of their purpose to retrench wherever and whenever it is possible.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Women are doing excellent execution in connection with the army in Britain. They are teaching the recruits how to shoot. And they can do it too. They are crack shots.

Toronto University has fired its German professors. At least they have been relieved of duty for the balance of the season at full pay. They do not suffer, then, on account of their culture.

Collier's cannot be reconciled to the light punishment inflicted by an American court upon Siegel for a major offence. Justice must be blind when she discriminates so much in favour of a great offender.

The Ford employees, who share in the past savings of the car works, must be married, single men of industrious habits, or supporters of dependent relatives. These men are not giving any of their time to pool or poker playing.

Perth county will give the Patriotic Fund the benefit of one mill on the dollar on next year's assessment, or a total of \$32,000. They will pay it out in monthly instalments of \$1,400. Perth county does things on a princely scale.

How can the Second Contingent absorb the two hundred surplus officers who are coming home from Salisbury Plain? Most of the appointments have been made. The officers should never have gone out of the country unplaced and unattached.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

Laborers are to-day engaged in cutting ice off the crossings and making them passable.

C. Millan will contest Frontenac ward in the council.

Prof. Macgillivray, of Queen's University, has been made a member of the Quebec University Hockey Club elected the following officers: Hon. president, Dr. Henderson; president, H. H. Pirie; vice-president, N. R. Carmichael; captain, J. F. Smellie; secretary-treasurer, H. A. Parkyn; committee, S. M. Davis, C. B. Burns, A. B. Cunningham.

SIGNS ARE INCREASING.

That Germans Preparing to Retire in Flanders.

London, Dec. 7.—Further indications that the Germans are preparing for a retirement from their present battle line in Flanders before the allied offensive was seen here yesterday in reports from the continent.

Amsterdam reports declare that the German commander in Antwerp has ordered that no one be permitted to enter or leave the city during the next eight days. Such an order is taken to clearly indicate that military work is to be in progress about the city during that time. It is believed here that it foreshadows the erection of defences outside the city, to which a position of the arms in Flanders will retire.

From Rotterdam it is declared the German movement along the Yser is only a feint to cover a retirement. It is accepted that the Germans will hold Antwerp at all costs as a protection to their flank in the event of a retreat.

See-Fight Victim Found.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 7.—The first report of the discovery of the body of any of the British sailors or officers who were lost when the cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth were destroyed by the German fleet, reached here yesterday. The schooner Daviola reported that 1,200 miles south of Valparaiso she found a portion of the body of a British sailor, floating on a life-buoy from an English war-ship.

THE HALLS OF QUEEN'S

VICE-PRINCIPAL WATSON SPOKE ON SUNDAY.

The Alma Mater Society Elections on Saturday Afternoon—W. C. Johnston, of Arts, Was Elected President.

The service in Convocation Hall on Sunday morning was conducted for the first time in years by Vice-Principal Watson, who, in his text from John, iii, 9: "Who saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now."

The speaker said he did not believe in a contrast between the laymen and clergy. A religion does away with all opposition between things religious and secular. In spite of all distinctions of class and occupations, the nations of Europe and of this continent may be called Christian. By Christian we do not mean the unity of God and man, but a faith such as Luke described in his words: "O glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will towards men."

One would be led to think that Christianity is a religion not only of peace but one of force. Can it be that the character of Christianity is misunderstood? The time will come when we shall see the old Hebrew prophet's vision, a time when spears will be turned into pruning hooks, and when nations shall no longer be at war. If this be true then we must leave the old ideas and revel in the new gospel.

To understand the special meaning of the text, said Dr. Watson, we must realize the circumstances under which it was written. The first epistle from St. John was written after the end of the first century at a time when the sect of Noctists was in a flourishing condition, and who with their fanatical ideas were aiming a blow at true faith.

At this time apostles were looking for the immediate appearance of Christ, but as time passed and he did not come it dawned upon them that the enemies of Christianity were inconsistent with the outside ceremonies.

St. Paul taught that Christianity was a world-wide religion, which could not be improved upon or aided by outside ceremonies. The laxity of external organization disappeared and a new faith appeared and drew converts from all sides.

Christianity came into violent contact with the Roman religion, which the Romans thought was the only true form of religion, with the worship of ancestral gods. The Christians, however, prefer to go to the stark reality than to worship these gods of fame.

Christianity found its greatest foe in the Noctists who claimed to be the representatives of a higher form of worship. They denied the unity of God and looked upon God as the product of an inferior deity. St. John taught that Jesus is the son of God who has brought to light the true nature of God. The sinless nature can only be attained by doing the will of God.

Speaking of the present war Dr. Watson said that Christianity would emerge in the higher and truer light. "The world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he who doeth the will of God liveth forever."

A. M. S. Elections

On Saturday night Grant Hall was filled by a cheering mass of enthusiastic students who had assembled to hear the election results. The first returns came in at 7.30 o'clock and the big hall resounded to varied songs and yells until the last poll was heard from the elections were favorable to Arts as seven out of their twelve candidates were elected. Medicine elected three men and Science two. The Levens society for the most part voted solid for the Arts men.

W. C. Johnston, the Arts candidate for the presidency, defeated N. G. Stewart, (Science), by a majority of 74. J. Gilchrist, (Arts), for the second vice-presidency and Mr. Sellery, (Medicine), for the treasurer or headed the polls, each one receiving 513 votes. The closest run was for the position of treasurer, Harvey Angrove, (Medicine), defeating A. Donaldson, (Arts), by one vote.

The results: W. C. Johnston, (Arts); vice-president, H. W. Whytock, (Medicine); second vice president, J. Gilchrist, (Arts); secretary, C. M. Sellery, (Medicine); assistant secretary, A. Wynne, (Arts); treasurer, H. Angrove, (Medicine); athletic clerk, W. S. Holmes, (Arts); critic, J. D. McCrae, (Acc. Arts); committee, F. W. Quigley, (Science); J. House, (Science); J. L. McKinnon, (Arts); L. R. Dods, (Arts).

A short meeting of the Alma Mater society was held after the election results had been announced, at which the medals won in the last track meet were presented to the winners.

The Q. U. M. A. Meeting. At the meeting of the Q. U. M. A. held on Saturday morning, Prof. J. F. MacDonald gave an interesting talk on the work of the Reading Camp association in Algoma. Prof. MacDonald related his own experiences of his work during the Summer of 1901 and emphasized the fact that in teaching the men of the camps to write and read, one has to struggle with them and be one of them. Unless this plan is carried out his efforts will count for nothing.

Basket Ball Games. Two fast basket ball games were staged in the gymnasium on Saturday afternoon, when the first games of the inter-year schedule were played. The junior game between '15 and '16 resulted in a win for '15 by a score of 33-22.

'15—Kull, Melleville, Lang, Laird, Courtney. '16—C. Smith, Roach, West, Barrett, Mohr.

The senior fixture between '16 and '17 was won by '16 by a score of 37-17.

'16—Roach, Dods, G. Smith, Mohr and McEfrat. '17—Hara, Rowlands, Williams.

Vogan, Earlson. Prof. Matheson refereed both games.

CHILE WARSHIP MISSING.

Germans Discovered Trying to Evade Neutrality Law.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 7.—Considerable anxiety is felt here for the warship Baquedano, sent out by the Chilean government to investigate reports that the Germans have established a base in the Juan Fernandez Islands. The Baquedano should have returned November 30th, but is still missing. The cruiser Zenteno sailed Saturday to search for the Baquedano.

Further attempt of the Germans to evade neutrality laws is urged as the result of a raid by the police on the water front. The police captured a cutter containing eight men, which carried provisions, food, and life-buoys belonging to the German transport Prinz Eitel.

The cutter was alongside the German steamer Goettinger. The German consul and the manager of the Kosmos line were found aboard the Goettinger.

GANANOQUE FACTORIES

ARE RUNNING OVERTIME ON MILITARY WORK.

The Town Market Prices — Turkeys Cheap This Year, Selling at 15 and 16 Cents a Pound.

Gananoque, Dec. 7.—The local market which has been given a new impetus during the past few weeks, was quite well attended on Saturday, by both buyers and sellers. The prices were in the main about the same as last week. Fresh eggs were very scarce and brought 35c. a dozen; butter, 30c. to 32c. a pound, dressed hogs, 10c. to 10 1/2c. Quite a large number of live hogs were also disposed of to local buyers for shipment. Dressed chickens brought from 75c. to \$1 a pair; ducks, 85c. to \$1 each. The prices on all classes of dressed poultry seems to be on the decline. It is estimated that this year the prices of turkeys will not exceed 15c. or at most 16c. a pound.

The two local harness factories, Gibson's and Acton's, are both still running overtime on military work, and with good prospects of its continuance for some considerable time, as from recent reports the estimate that the present European war will last at the least for three years means a steady and continuous supply of military equipment. This latter also affects the Skinner Manufacturing Co., Limited, very favorably. The works of the latter firm have been for several months past running seven and a quarter days a week, and has the large addition made to its brass foundry quite insufficient for the increased demands of business, and has been compelled to have some considerable amount of brass castings moulded out of town. Of course, this helps some other firms, but if the class of work that the factory produces would mean that the entire output of the town would be taxed to the limit to supply the demand. But as it stands several of the local factories can give their employees no more than three or four days' work a week. The solid nickel stirrups and bits for cavalry equipment made by the Skinner Co., Limited, are being turned out at the rate of some 2,000 sets a week.

Rev. Melvin Taylor, pastor of Grace church, preached missionary sermons on the Lansdowne circuit yesterday, the pulpit of Grace church being filled in his absence by Rev. Mr. Snell, of Lansdowne.

Mr. R. D. Gordon, of New York city, with her husband, is the guest of the late's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gordon, King street west, rendered a solo at St. Andrew's church, yesterday morning, and, with T. E. Shields, a duet at the evening service. Mrs. C. W. Knight entertained her class of girls of Grace Methodist Sunday school on Saturday evening. Mrs. O. W. Henoe entertained her class of boys of Grace Sunday school at her home, South street, on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Rosevear, spending the past two weeks in town as a guest of Mrs. E. O. Webster, Osborne street, was returned to her home in Kingston, Frank H. Hurd, of Kingston, and daughter, Miss Helen, spending some time past with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hurd, Brock street, returning home on Saturday. Rev. R. Serson, an old-time resident of this section, located for the past few years in Hamilton, is spending a short holiday season in town and vicinity.

Neutrality Game Mad. New York Herald. Things have come to a pretty pass when bluejackets and marines are forbidden to pipe the melodious dirge amid the swaying stretch of the long, long road to Tipperary, and all because the vicarious longing crooned in a British marching tune is solemnly ordained to be a violation of the president's neutrality, Heaven save the mark!

Longer and harder than the road to Tipperary will be the distance Secretary Daniels must cover before he convinces the people that this latest divagation is more than the merest idiosyncrasy. It may, perhaps, go far and fare well with the German voter, but it can serve only to irritate the sense of dignity and proportion of the other ninety per cent. of our citizens, worn out with vagaries and foolishness that have hurt and are continuing to hurt our good name at home and abroad.

Czar Visits Wounded. Petrograd, Dec. 7.—On a visit to Tula, Czar Nicholas on Saturday received representatives of the nobility, peasants and merchants alike. The visit of the czar, during which he distributed decorations to several of the wounded confined in hospitals here, aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Gifts of money were made by the wealthy residents of the city, while the peasants contributed humble offerings toward meeting the needs of the war.

The czar visited the arms factory founded by Peter the Great and talked with the workmen employed there.

Poverty is no crime. Many a man would rather be right than be rich.

Advertisement for Bibbys clothing. Includes text: 'Club Bags And Suitcases', 'Bibbys', 'We Meet or Beat All Catalogue Prices', 'SALE OF PURE WOOL SWEATER COATS', 'White trimmed with red, blue or green, some with collars; ladies' and misses' sizes. Regular \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 values, while they last for \$1.00 EACH', 'WORKINGMEN'S SHOE SPECIAL \$2.75', 'The Just Wright SHOE', 'Elk, tan or black, sewn and pegged soles, all sizes 6 to 11. A genuine \$3.50 shoe for \$2.75.', 'BOYS' OVERCOAT SPECIAL \$5.00', 'SIZES 28 to 33, military collar, new two-way collars, belted backs, good patterns, all wool fabrics. Genuine \$7.50 values for \$5.00.', 'BOYS' SUITS', 'New Norfolk styles, bloomer pants, sizes 26 to 33; rich brown and gray. The best \$5.00 boys' suits in Canada.', 'Club Bags And Suitcases', 'Bibbys', 'Club Bags And Suitcases'.

Advertisement for Lawrence Sugar. Includes text: 'Lawrence Sugar', 'Children Need Sugar', 'Pure sugar is necessary to the health of young or old. Good home-made candy, sugar on porridge, fruit or bread—not only pleases but stimulates.', 'Buy St. Lawrence Extra Granulated in bags and be sure of the finest pure cane sugar, untouched by hand, from factory to your kitchen.', 'BAGS 100 lbs., 50 lbs., 25 lbs., 10 lbs., 5 lbs., 2 1/2 lbs., 1 lb., 1/2 lb., 1/4 lb.', 'FULL WEIGHT GUARANTEED. Sold by all dealers.', 'St. Lawrence Sugar Refining, Limited, Montreal.'

Advertisement for Treadgold Sporting Goods Co. Includes text: 'BRIGHT XMAS LIGHTS', 'Have you seen our flashlights? If not you have missed seeing the best assortment shobba in the city.', '75c. to \$2.50. Best bulbs, best batteries.', 'We have flashlights for the boys and girls. Flashlights for service for men and women.', 'And the DeLoro Lamp for everybody. This lamp takes a No. 4 ordinary dry cell and burns for 48 hours and only costs 25c to recharge.', 'TREADGOLD SPORTING GOODS CO.', 'BICYCLES SPORTING GOODS', 'PHONE 529', '88-90 PRINCESS ST.'

Advertisement for Norman Arrow Collar. Includes text: 'NORMAN', 'The NEWEST', 'ARROW COLLAR', 'Gruhl, Peabody & Co., Inc., Makers, Sales Dept., Montreal.', 'Reports are current in Mexico City that Gen Carranza is planning to destroy the British-owned railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City by blowing up certain tunnels.', 'USE CRAWFORD'S COAL', 'CRAWFORD'S COAL'.