

THE MAN ON WATCH

The National Anthem seems to be replacing the doxology at the close of church business meetings in Kingston.

According to the official report, passed by the clerical censor, the Lampman notices that a Kingston church meeting the other night "broke up" with the singing of the doxology. What caused the row over the singing of that ancient praise?

The county council started off to be economical, the Lampman sees, by appointing each and every member, eighteen in all, to make deputations to Toronto.

Apparently all trades and professions look alike to the dear old Frontenac council, which fixes the salaries of the jail surgeon and the high constable at the same figure—viz. \$200.

The Germans, the Lampman thinks, might show themselves to be at least human by changing the title of their "Song of Hate," to "A Song of Trust."

The police commissioners had better behave or they will find themselves out of their jobs, if Councilman Nickle gets after them.

It appears to the Lampman that the mayor had an object in asking the town councilmen to leave their "smoking" at home. Some of them would no doubt want to get back to it, instead of wearying away in the council room.

The bad prisoners who threaten to kill are brought to Portsmouth to try their skill on its keepers, who seem to be made stand the prison banging for the whole Dominion. Does the department of justice think the Portsmouth guards have wooden heads?

The old man Truax, who has just died at Bay City, Mich., aged 97 years, was not known to be hanged, although he was close to the rope when incarcerated in Fort Henry in '38. He was only rebelling against rotten government, and deserved to live.

The Lampman would like to know if the members of the Nationalist club ever think of feeding the birds in winter. They may know a lot about bird life, but the Lampman is of the opinion that those good people who throw crumbs from the back-door love the birds more. He knows of one old lady who mixes pepper with the bread so as to make the birds warm inside.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

A GUARANTEED MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets are a good medicine for little ones. They are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely free from opiates and narcotics found in so-called "soothing" mixtures. They cannot possibly do harm—they always do good. Once a mother has given them to her little ones she will use no other medicine. Concerning them Mrs. Jos. Desrosiers, St. Albans, Que., says: "Baby's Own Tablets saved my little one's life when he was suffering from worms and I would not be without them." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c. a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

For the first time since the reopening of the London Stock Exchange the Bankers' Magazine has published a comparison of the aggregate value of 387 securities dealt in on the exchange, showing a depreciation during the past six months of £68,690,000, or 2.2 per cent.

LADY ROSS CANADIAN FUND

Will Each Canadian Give 25 Cents to Cause.

Lady Ross, wife of Sir Charles Ross, has undertaken a work for wounded soldiers in France which must appeal to everyone. She has taken over to France four motor ambulances to help in conveying the wounded from the front to the hospitals. She has also organized a band of women workers who meet at the stations along the route the trains carrying the wounded, and who refresh wounds, give hot bovine milk and render such other aid as can be given at the moment.

Already many lives have been saved, and misery and suffering greatly lessened.

In the hope of enlarging her work, Lady Ross has given it a definite name, and is appealing for further funds to supplement those being expended by herself and her husband.

There will be no expenses connected with the administration of the fund, as she is going herself to France to do the work, and thus every cent contributed will go direct to the relief of the soldiers. Any sum, large or small, will be gratefully accepted. All contributions may be forwarded to Miss Mabel Gildersleeve, 45 Gore street, Kingston.

This work is especially worthy of support, as, in spite of the magnificent and untiring efforts of the regular army and Red Cross surgeons and nurses, such great numbers of wounded come constantly from the front that it is quite impossible to give sufficient care to all. Just think for a moment; this very work may mean relieving hours of suffering or even saving the life of some one belonging to us.

PENSION IS SUSPENDED

Allegations That Irish Separatist Leader Is Disloyal.

London, Feb. 6.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the house of commons today that Sir Roger Casement's pension had been suspended pending an investigation of allegations that he was disloyal.

Reports last November that Sir Roger, the leader of the separatist faction in Ireland, had gone to Berlin and conferred with the German imperial authorities caused a sensation in England. A despatch from Berlin, which was attributed to the German foreign office, said that it was Sir Roger's intention of opening negotiations between the German government and the anti-English party in Ireland.

FORMER MAYOR DEAD

Got World Fame For Activities In Municipal Socialism.

Frankfurt, Germany, Feb. 6.—Dr. Franz Adickes, former mayor of Frankfurt, is dead. He retired from office in 1912. For many years he was the most prominent mayor in Germany, owing to his activities in municipal socialism. His last important achievement was the establishment of the university of Frankfurt.

Chaplain Led Bayonet Charge.

Petrograd, Feb. 6.—The other day during one of the Russian attacks on Borjow the front battalion, which had lost most of its officers, was led on by the regimental chaplain. He was, of course, absolutely unarmed, and was wearing an ordinary soldier's overcoat. He brought the men back after as gallant a bayonet charge as has been made in this troubled section of the Polish front.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Her Age.

Howard—How old can Miss Jones be?
Victor—Old enough to call college men "college boys."—Judge.

Just As Good.

"Have you a circulating library?"
"No, ma'am, but I can show you some nice revolving bookcases."—Judge.

The Only Time.

"Some people," observed Colonel Beaufield, "never stay at home except on election day, and then they overdo the thing."—Judge.

Woman's Way.

Mrs. Crawford—Why don't you ask your husband's advice?
Mrs. Crabshaw—I intend to, my dear, just as soon as I've made up my mind what I'll do.—Judge.



Do you think a man should divide his earnings with his wife?
Yes—if she don't get it all first.

Too Impatient.

Suitor (waiting for the lady)—Is your daughter coming out next winter?
Father—She'll come out when she's good and ready and if you get fresh I'll knock yer block off.—Cornell Widow.

A Wise Girl.

"Ah, Marie," said the ardent young millionaire, "I love you more than tongue can tell."
"Good work!" replied the demure little chorus girl. "Put it in writing, Sydney. I'd rather have it down in black and white, anyhow."—From Judge.

Reporting Progress.

"How is your son getting along to the city?"
"Fine! He's on the pool committee in his club!"—Judge.

The girl who cooked in paper bags.
Where is she now? Alack!
We fed her fodder to the vags
And handed her the sack.—Judge

Official notice is given of the removal of the head office of the Swift Canadian company from Winnipeg to Toronto.

CRITICISM IN OTTAWA

It Is Bound To Come—Things Cannot Be Covered.

Toronto Star.
It is not conceivable that in the letting of over \$20,000,000 worth of militia contracts alone during the six months of the war there will not be found room for some criticism, and considerable information will undoubtedly be asked as to the methods of letting such contracts, the specifications laid down, the existence, if any, of political patronage, the quality of the goods contracted for, etc. It will be generally admitted, for instance, that there is just cause for enquiry into the boots supplied by Canadian firms to the Canadian soldiers.

The public desires to know whether the fact that British boots have been supplied to the first contingent was due to improper specifications in the Canadian boots, or to poor workmanship on the part of the contractors. The supplying of thousands of overshoes which were afterwards returned to the troops at Salisbury, together with the provision of 30,000 expensive deck slippers for use on the voyage over, will also constitute grounds for criticism.

It is further expected that the purchasing of horses for the first contingent will require some explanation, and it is certain that considerable information will be asked for on this point. On the question also of fodder for the horses at Valcartier there is said to be grounds for criticism. How far the middleman has entered in to enhance the prices of commodities required will also be a matter for enquiry.

It is to be noted, however, that such enquiries, and the resultant criticisms, can scarcely be construed as opposition to the government's general program, and it is believed here that members on the government's own side will figure prominently in such discussion, and especially on the general administration of the Valcartier camp.

IF CITED IN ORDERS

Soldiers To Get Medals If Not Otherwise Honored.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The chamber of deputies yesterday adopted a bill to confer military medals on soldiers who have been cited in the orders of army corps or divisions, but not otherwise honored. It was declared during the passage of the bill that it probably would be the last war medal voted.

The decoration will be in the form of a cross, having a bar bearing the word "Citation," and an additional bar for each citation will be awarded. The cross will hang from a green ribbon and will be similar to the military medal symbolizing the loss of Alsace and Lorraine. The decoration will be conferred on the soldiers of the allied armies.

Given the Iron Cross.

Amsterdam, Feb. 6.—A despatch received here from Hamburg says that Emperor William arrived at Wilhelmshaven this morning. His majesty inspected the German submarine U-21, going over the vessel personally. He bestowed the decoration of the Iron Cross upon the members of the submarine's crew. U-21 is undergoing repairs at Wilhelmshaven following her recent exploits in the Irish Sea.

Wellesley College, a female institution, has put a ban on fudge, claiming that it interferes with the training of the girl athletes.

Minimum wage laws for women have been enacted in ten states.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

WILL PAY \$20,000,000 DIVIDEND IN STOCK.

Sears, Roebuck Co. Directors Recommend Fifty Per Cent. Stock Dividend—Capitalize Surplus.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The payment of a \$20,000,000 stock dividend to the holders of the \$10,000,000 common stock of the big mail order corporation was recommended by the directors of Sears, Roebuck company. The new shares will be issued against all accumulated surplus of approximately \$20,000,000, a large part of which has been reinvested in the business.

The directors recommend that the distribution should be made April 1st to stockholders on record March 15th. A special meeting of stockholders was called for February 23rd to approve the board's recommendation and to vote on a plan to increase the authorized amount of the corporation's common stock from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Value Of Canadian Peat.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The Journal of the Canadian Peat Society calls attention to the fact that an opportunity exists for Canadian peat bogs to take the places of Germany and Austria as producers of sulphate of ammonia, of which 1,365,000 tons were produced last year, worth about \$80,000,000.

The United States and Canada imported 53,000 tons of sulphate of ammonia, worth \$3,500,000 in 1914. Japan took 115,000 tons, worth \$7,000,000.

Of the total of 302,000 tons imported by eight countries, Germany and Austria supplied 120,000 tons.

Many Canadian peat bogs are rich in nitrogen, and therefore suitable for this industry, and inquiries have already been made by British capitalists with a view of establishing chemical works in Canada, provided that a sufficient supply of peat can be guaranteed.

Ottawa Traction Earnings.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—In a statement issued after its annual meeting, the Ottawa Traction company (Ottawa electric railway), announces gross earnings for the year as \$1,096,459. The number of passengers carried was 235,321,847, an increase of 1,333,664 over the preceding year. The amount of net earnings and dividends is not disclosed. The directorate was re-elected with T. Aherm as president and W. Y. Soper, vice-president.

New Coal Corporation.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Letters patent have been issued to the British Columbia Skegna Coal Company, Limited, a million-dollar corporation, with head offices in Quebec. The company, which is empowered to conduct general mining operations, and take over the assets of the British Columbia Anthracite Syndicate includes a number of well known Quebec men: Senator P. A. Choquette, Hon. N. Garneau, of the legislative council of Quebec; J. G. Scott, and president J. T. Ross, of the Quebec Bank.

Safety Razor Company.

Boston, Feb. 5.—Despite the unsatisfactory conditions in general business during the past year, the Gillette Safety Razor Company earnings exceeded the splendid results of 1913.

The net earnings of the three Gillette companies, the American, English and Canadian, were \$1,871,745, compared with \$1,372,373 in 1913, an increase of \$499,372, or 35.9 per cent.

Commercial Notes.

Municipal bonds sales throughout the United States in January were \$26,674,500 against \$32,025,200 in 1914.

An Ottawa report says Charles H. Schwab has bought the Canadian Vickers-steel plant, which is now advertising for 6,000 more employees, and is importing experts from the United States.

The New York Journal of Commerce estimates February dividend and interest payments in the United States at \$107,949,572, against \$109,529,964 a year ago. Aggregate maturities in February are estimated at \$37,928,753, against \$41,570,000 February last year.

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Total Assets	180,000,000

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OBJECT TO INCREASE.

Grain Interest Protest Against New Freight Rates.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The Board of Railway Commissioners will hold a session at Ottawa on Tuesday next to hear the complaint of the Toronto Board of Trade and the Dominion Millers' Association against the proposed increase in freight rates on grain and grain products from points in Ontario to points in the maritime provinces. The railways will be required to justify the proposed advances.

In connection with this, it is stated that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways have recently published tariffs, which it is proposed shall take effect on February 15th, and which generally increase the rate on grain and grain products about 1c per 100 pounds, an advance of approximately 5 per cent.

DESERTED WHILE ON "TOOT"

Privates Arrested at Brockville and Returned to Camp.

Brockville, Feb. 5.—Ptes. Pipes and Baker, of the 21st Battalion, mobilized at Kingston, came to Brockville without leave and at the request of

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Capt. Sills were taken into custody by the police, who held them until the arrival of an escort to take the delinquents back. The men say they had no thought of desertion, but, being on a "toot," thought they could come here and return without the notice of the officers.

Jeff is Absent-Minded in the Right Manner

By "Bud Fisher"

