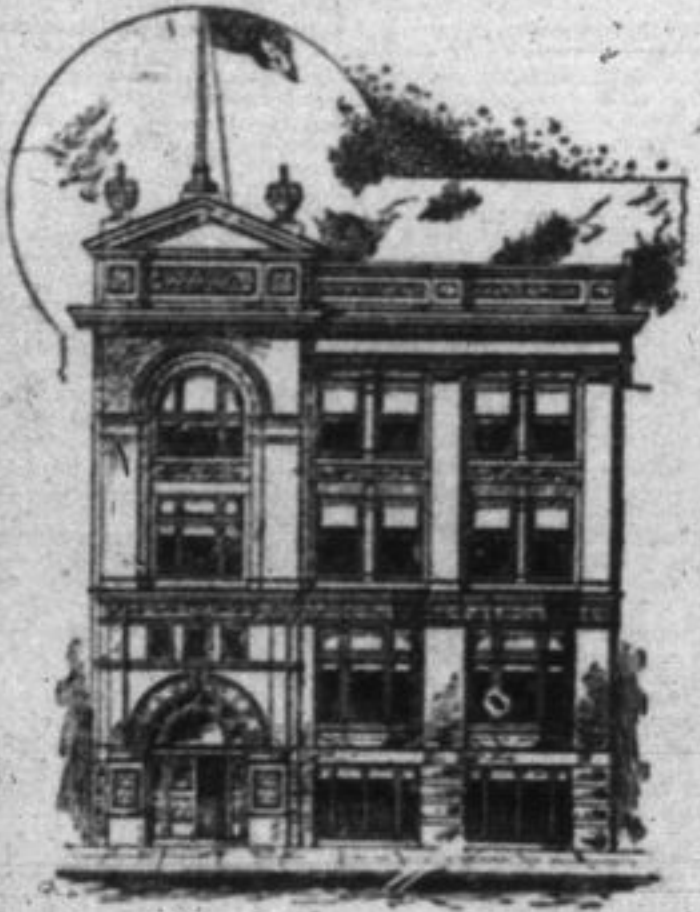


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THE SUPPORT OF PARENTS. Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, in Toronto, and before an appreciative audience in Trinity College, paid a tribute to the Irish school teachers. He pointed out how largely they enjoyed the confidence and support of the children's parents. This parental support is of the very highest consequence, and the teachers of Kingston know how much they may depend upon it as a rule. Of course there are exceptions. There are some parents who are prone to find fault unreasonably, and with the teachers, under these circumstances, the Whig sincerely sympathizes.

Occasionally, too, a teacher errs, and the writer recalls the time he had in hearing the grievance which certain parents ventilated because one teacher from Ireland, by the way, going back to Ireland soon after the affair acted somewhat imprudently. She detected the odour, one day, of onions, and insisted that any pupil who had been eating them should make a confession of the fact. In fear and trembling a little girl admitted that she had partaken of them at dinner, and the teacher intimated that there had to be a change of diet at her home, and at once. It is hardly necessary to add that for once the Irish teacher forfeited the respect and confidence of certain parents, and it is safe to say that she will not again, if now teaching, ask any one what she has taken for dinner.

SCANDAL UPON SCANDAL. Mr. Galland, M.P., (representing Carleton county, and a supporter of the government), figures in the Auditor-General's reports, in a most unpleasant way. He is not a tenderer for government supplies—he cannot be—but he has in his service one Powell whom he named as the agent for Bauer & Black, Chicago manufacturing chemists, who had dressings the Militia Department wanted. Such supplies are usually ordered from the government contractors in Britain, but Mr. Galland introduced the traveller for Bauer & Black to the director-general of military supplies, and intimated that he wanted the order to go to Powell, his employee. In the discussions that followed it was learned that the cost of the dressings were 18c. each, and when the goods were billed at 23c. the director of military contracts refused to certify to the accounts. Then Mr. Galland, the disinterested employer, called at the department and declared, "with emphasis," that Powell, the clerk, was making, at 21c., only 5 per cent. on the cost of the dressings, and at this rate the accounts were certified as "fair and reasonable." Subsequently, however, the director of military contracts learned that Powell's profit was 31 1/2 per cent., and in excess charges on two accounts, of \$11,863 and \$7,200, a refund was demanded of \$2,827.

Mr. Galland, shows the letter that was written to Mr. Powell, addressed the director of military supplies and said things. The main point is that "the department purchased with the full knowledge of what they were getting, and paid accordingly." This is one of the cases that caused the auditor-general to cancel the agreement he had with the Militia Department, and to refuse to pass its accounts. The result will be a reference of the whole reckless and wholesome business to parliament, to the Public Accounts Committee, or some special tribunal for the airing which it requires.

OWES SHORTT AN APOLOGY.

The venom, the malice, the vindictiveness of Hon. Mr. Rogers, in his attack on Prof. Shortt, is without a parallel. Mr. Rogers dislikes any one who does not see eye to eye with him. He presumes to be suave and courteous, but he is the political engineer of the conservative party, in elections, and he has done some things that would lie heavily on the average conscience.

The attack on Prof. Shortt came suddenly and unexpectedly. The professor had, in an address before the People's Forum, referred to the 2,000 dismissals and 10,000 appointments that had been made by the government, and Dr. Pugsley, in parliament, repeated the figures. There was an immediate explosion. Mr. Rogers, who was leading the house at the time, amid great disorder, and demands of "withdraw," "withdraw," charged that "no more dishonourable, no more dishonest, and no more unfair statement had ever been made." He based the charge of which more is sure to be said—on the assumption that the professor had not separated the "dismissals" from the "resignations."

The professor is awaiting a vindication. He only says meanwhile: "It was George H. Boivin, M.P. for Shefford, who asked the House how many government servants had been dismissed and how many appointments made since October, 1911," said Prof. Shortt. "On March 4th Hon. Louis Coderre, secretary of state, laid on the table of the House a return showing 2,138 dismissals and over 10,000 appointments. Of these dismissals only two were made in the inside service, over which the Civil Service Commission has jurisdiction; the others were in the outside service, which is controlled largely by patronage. If the government thinks I have made any misstatements I can be called before a parliamentary committee and questioned," continued Prof. Shortt. The minister of public works forgot himself for the time being and assumed that Prof. Shortt was handing out some information as chairman of the Civil Service Commission, when Hon. Louis Coderre, the secretary of state, was doing this. Mr. Rogers owes Prof. Shortt an abject apology, and it will be observed whether he has the manliness to do it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A potato famine is on in Germany.

The Canadian Criminal Code is to be amended so that frauds in government contracts will be properly punished. What a pity that the amendment cannot be made retroactive.

The Militia Department consented to a change in the boot specifications. Why? The change favoured the contractors, and they imposed upon the government.

What is the government going to do with the thousands and thousands of pairs of boots which it ordered for the military, but which the contingent cannot wear?

Ah! So the newspaper correspondents are going to the front, by consent of the British war office. The very best sign that there is something at hand that will need describing.

A conservative paper says that Dr. Pugsley is given to the firing of blank cartridges. Wonderful how so many on the government side of the house act as if he were throwing shrapnel among them.

An Aberdeen paper gives the details of the war office as to what the people are to do in the event of an invasion. They are to take of food and grain what they can carry away and destroy the rest.

The provincial treasurer has not yet apologized for calling the life insurance men "traitors." He cannot afford to insult a very numerous class of very respectable men, and the premier cannot afford to let him do it.

Will Hon. Mr. Rogers "crawl," as he ought to do, and meekly apologize for his violent attack on Prof. Shortt. The professor must have crossed him in some way. He went off on this occasion, however, at half pock.

The resolution of the Kingston Board of Trade, in favour of an enlargement of the Hydro-Electric Commission, in that other points of the province may be served as well as Western Ontario, was carried, much to the annoyance, it is said, of Sir Adam Beck.

PUBLIC OPINION

Found Another. Toronto News. With Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., "melons" are never cut out of season. Sure Sign. London Advertiser. Spring will not be really here until

til father moves the rubber plant from the parlor to the verandah.

So It Appears. Windsor Record. It is easier for a girl to throw a young man over than it is for her to hit what she throws at.

The Proper Word. Hamilton Herald. Toronto's fire department so reeks with scandal that it ought to be Toronto's fired department.

No Doubt Of That. Brantford Courier. It is announced that Countess Zeppelein was born in Ontario. As for the Zeppelein aircraft, it was born of the devil.

A Certain Cure. Toronto News. Says an honest physician: "Most people who think they need a tonic need exercise in the open air." True. Let them run after street cars.

A Rare Selection. Hamilton Times. Hon. Mr. Hearst indignantly denied in the legislature that Ottawa influence was used to get him the premiership. It seems that he was picked out from the rump by the Hon. Col. Hendrie.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Work will commence on the dry dock at once. The Chatham fire engine has only two fires in ten months. Real estate men say they are unusually busy. Constable Timmerman has been very ill. He resumed his duties to-day. During February there were seventeen marriages, thirty-five births and forty-nine deaths.

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH BOMBARDS DARDANELLES

The Fifteen-inchers of Britain's Latest Type Were Used on the Forts.

London, March 1.—The Admiralty announced last night that during the bombardment of the Dardanelles fortifications the battleship Agamemnon had been struck and that three men were killed. The admiral's announcement says that landing parties went ashore from the allied fleet, took part in the bombardment. This is the first time, it is stated, in which 15-inch naval guns have been in action. The Queen Elizabeth, a vessel of 27,500 tons, has eight 15-inch guns.

Married at Superton. The Whig's Lyndhurst correspondent reports that the marriage took place on February 25th of Miss Dina White, daughter of Edwin White and Ralph Goodbody, son of Charles Goodbody, Rev. Mr. Calver Delta, officiated at the ceremony taking place at Mount Pleasant Church, Superton. The bride was attended by Miss Marion Bertha White, while the groom was supported by Wilfrid Goodbody. The church was decorated with white bells and an arch of evergreen. The bride was given away by her eldest brother, James White. She was attired in a dress of pearl grey silk, trimmed with pointed lace and pearls. Her travelling dress was of grey tweed trimmed with velvet. She carried a large bouquet of white roses and ferns. The wedding march was played by Miss Eliza White.

Drifting to Conscription. London Mail. In the vivid phrases of which he is still an unrivaled master Lord Dosebery on Saturday, justly described Great Britain and Germany as "locked in what was little less than a death clutch." Victory, he went on, such a victory as we desire, can only be achieved "by the pushing—there is no other word—of millions of men against the millions of the Austrians and the Germans," and he finished by a thrilling appeal to his countrymen to come forward and to do their share voluntarily. "Otherwise, he added, "you will very soon see some system of conscription inaugurated."

His warning, coming so soon after Lord Haldane's admission that while the government are thus far satisfied with the workings of the voluntary system add do not anticipate its breakdown, still in time of national necessity every conscription must give way to the safety of the machinery, will make a deep impression.

Forcing the Dardanelles. Montreal Star. To-day the Franco-British warships are battering at the entrance to the Dardanelles, and a great Russian army is said to be gathered in the Crimea for transport to Midia. Should the Dardanelles be pierced, then the allied warships could hold Constantinople in power while the Russian troops landed on Turkish soil—and the dread Turkish dragon would be thrust through the heart. This would bring in the end of Turkey-in-Europe, and destroy the central organization through control of which the Enver Beys and their German master have been able to drive the Turkish peasant to his ruin.

A Sample But A Fine One. London Mail. When the war began Guatemala contained eighty-two British subjects. Since then forty of them have left and gone to Britain to enlist for the front. They paid their own passage, £65 per head, in order to offer their services to the crown. This is a sample.

Many a man deludes himself with the idea that he has the world at his feet, only to have his foot slip.

IN MILITARY CIRCLES

THE R.C.H.A. BATTERY IS NOW OVERSTRENGTH.

Marine Man Sends Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross 300 Dozen Pairs of Woollen Socks For the Kingston Soldiers At the Front.

Q. M. S. Brown and Sergt-Major Peppiatt returned on Monday from Toronto and Montreal respectively, where they have been recruiting for the R. C. H. A. Depot Battery. The battery is now overstrength and it is likely that the extra men will be transferred to the overseas battery to be mobilized here.

Major C. J. Bernier, Ottawa, is in the city.

S. J. Dickinson, Nanapanee, has been taken on the strength of No. 3 detachment, P. A. S. C.

Moving pictures only were shown in the militia Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Saturday night. On Sunday evening Rev. Douglas Laing gave an interesting address to the men. Miss Edna Singleton gave a solo. On Monday night Dr. J. G. Evans will give an illustrated address on "Valentines." On Tuesday evening, moving pictures will be shown. On Thursday evening, the choir of Princess street church will give a programme.

A well-known marine man subscribed \$5 to the Patriotic Fund, and on Saturday sent to Lieut.-Col. A. E. Ross 300 dozen pairs of woollen socks for the use of the Kingston soldiers at the front.

Nine more recruits arrived on Saturday evening for the R. C. H. depot battery.

On Sunday morning next, the soldiers will attend divine service in Queen Street Methodist Church.

A number of soldiers took communion in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday.

The Oliver equipment with which the 21st Battalion has been issued will not be used overseas. The Welsh equipment which is better adapted for active service, will be issued.

The 37th Battalion, 3rd C.E.F., is to be mobilized at Sault Ste Marie.

The militia authorities are considering the appointment of permanent recruiting officers in different parts of the country. At present the officers of each unit are responsible for that unit being kept up to strength. This work takes them away from their other duties.

ACKNOWLEDGE GIFTS

Sent to 14th Regiment Officers Wives Association.

The 14th Regiment Officers' Wives Association wish to acknowledge the following gifts for the overseas men. Gifts of socks, wristlets and small comforts, such as tobacco, cigarettes, gum, chocolates, etc. from Messdames James Richardson, Macnee, McGill, Connolly, A. B. Cunningham, Frank King, Billings, Dall, Fense, Hannaford, H. W. Richardson, Smallbridge, Sweeney, Smith, Lawson (Herbert), W. Connell, Barzay, Davison, Atkins, Ramsay, Edwards, Filtz, Litchfield, Treneer, Shangrow, Purdy's S. S. Circle, Kelso.

Misses L. Tandy, M. Rogers, I. Ross, A. Macnee, E. Fense, R. Anglin, F. McGillivray, D. Maxwell, S. Hamilton, A. Brown, G. Waldron, E. Waldron, A. Richardson, M. Jones, J. Richmond, Sanderson, W. Hague, Kidd, A. Belhouse, N. Martin, J. Duff, M. Dalton.

Also gifts to the association from Mrs. Sanford Calvin, Miss Callaghan, Miss Holt, Mrs. J. B. Matthews, Miss J. Shaw, Miss Cunningham, Miss May Ford, Mrs. Stuart Sutherland, Mrs. Ann, Miss Grace Martin, W. H. Macnee, Miss Maude Spangenberg, Denver, Col., formerly of Kingston, sent one dozen pairs of socks; Miss Martha Nelson, \$200 to help carry on the good work. Prof. Kalous has agreed to supply comforts to two men throughout the entire campaign. The secretary, E. M. Folger, will be at the office, 159 Wellington street, daily (except Saturday) from 2.30 to 4.30 o'clock; Saturday from 10 until 12 o'clock.

WELFARE OF THE EMPIRE

Demands Increased Production In Canada.

While the war and the demand it is causing for supplies, especially foodstuffs, are the main reasons for the "Patriotism and Production" campaign, the subject matters discussed have a wider aspect than the immediate present. They mean the welfare of the district, the country and the empire, both now and hereafter. With the principal European supply countries engaged in deadly conflict, there will be no produce of quantity or quality coming from thence. They will not only require every ounce for their own consumption, but will be compelled to purchase largely from neutral countries. Great Britain above all, will have to be fed and clad, and Canada being her largest, nearest and ablest ally, will have in great measure to furnish the necessities. Now will Great Britain be the only member of the empire that will need what we can produce. New Zealand and Australia will also be importers. Thus, then, the markets are assured for years to come, practically for all time, and not only for grain, but also for live stock, for, as the seasons pass, the latter bid fair to become scarcer and scarcer. Cattle cannot be bred, raised and placed on the market in one season; nor can horses; nor can sheep; hence the demand for action is instant. In short, Canada's opportunity is right now.

On Monday evening in Brockville, Rural Dean Woodcock united in marriage Henry D. Beach and Miss May Hutton, youngest daughter of George Hutton. James Dillon, Lansdowne, was recommended on the serious charge of giving obnoxious drugs to a young woman.

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