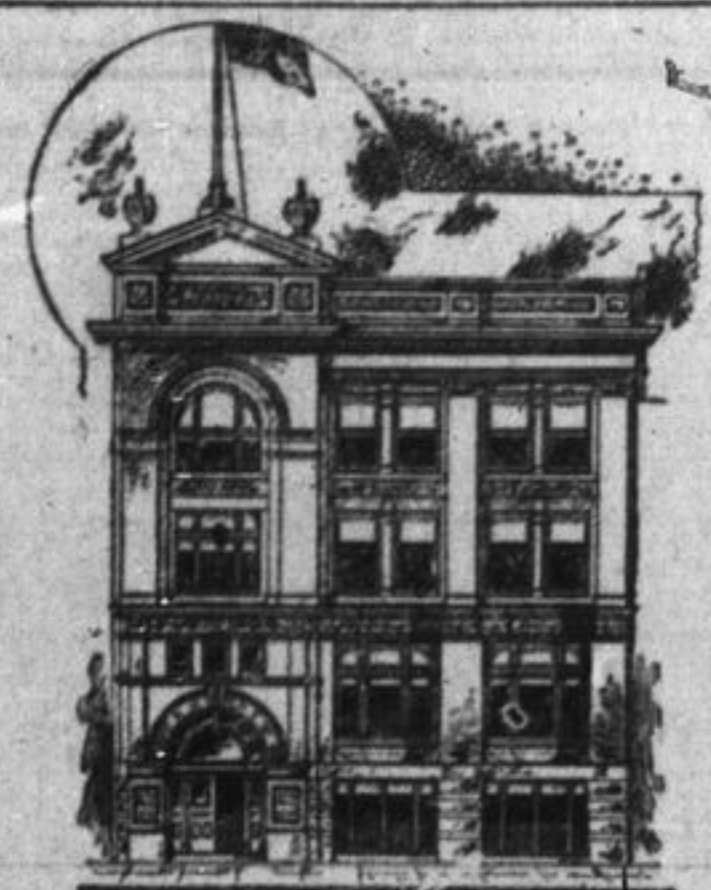


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THE REFORM IS NEEDED.

Now that a "breeze" has occurred upon the subject, that a controversy has been opened up in an abrupt and somewhat unpleasant way, it is hoped a parliamentary committee will look into civil service reform, and give it the recognition it deserves.

No one who knows him believes that he has been a partisan. He was not a politician out of the government's service, and he has certainly not become one in the service. Liberal and Conservative ministers have come into conflict with him in the discharge of his duty, and he has not flinched nor changed his course.

That necessity would be emphasized if Dr. Shortt were only invited to recite his experiences before a committee. The result would be a better understanding as to the situation, and perhaps a new desire on the part of the government to improve it.

OUR SOLDIERS IN REVOLT. The average Canadian, who has been seized with the seriousness of the situation, must deplore the conditions that have arisen in connection with our troops.

The murmurs with regard to some of the men while on Salisbury Plain were distinct enough. These men misbehaved. They were up against physical conditions which they did not expect or relish, but they were said to be insubordinate, for their positions occasionally, their respect for superiors, and had to be disciplined.

The indications of the First Contingent should have been a lesson to the Second. And yet the news comes from Toronto that they have been purposely rebelling in order to secure their release, and that some have been discharged. There will be an end of this plan of punishment when it is understood that it is a means to an end, and insubordination will be followed by court martials, which will deal with offenders severely.

GOING INTO GARDENING.

A city market gardener sensibly counsels the people to make the most of their garden patches. The necessities of war may not be so apparent in Canada as in Germany, where everyone who is not in the army, and not engaged in some useful public way, is interested in production, and on a scale not hitherto attained.

The idea is to anticipate every demand of the people and every device of the enemy to hamper it in the matter of food supply. The government leads itself in the plowing up of the great military parade grounds near Berlin and preparation of it for seeding in the spring. It may never be used as a parade ground again, for the war over men, according to prophecy, "shall beat their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks."

This war will have revived a practice of the people which has been too long neglected, namely, of cultivating their garden patches. Apart altogether from the sanitary effects gardening will produce, from the good it does those physically who indulge in it, there is the benefit in foods to the supply of which they can contribute in so large a measure.

GRAFT WITH WAR CONTRACTS. According to newspaper stories many people are making crooked money easily through commissions in selling war supplies or through use of inferior material. This will enrich a few men for the time being. But a black eye will be given permanently to efforts to sell American goods in Europe.

There is one country where it appears the war grafter works at a disadvantage, it he works at all. This is Russia. One reads a great deal about Grand Duke Nicholas, the commander of the Russian army, the man who is subduing the Germans in Poland and East Prussia, and the man who will eventually put to defeat Von Hindenburg and his aids.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The Premier of Ontario believes in the zig-zag course upon the prohibition question. Any other policy would seem to be inappropriate.

Swearing over the telephone to be punishable by a fine of \$25. Who has been guilty of this terrible offence? Who has been crude and rude enough to load the lines with his profanity?

The Toronto Telegram is wild because the government does not go out with the enfranchisement of the soldiers. Eighty per cent. of them voted, says our contemporary, for the Borden party in 1911. How does it know this?

The question has been asked. What proportion of the militia, trained annually, at a cost of many millions, has enlisted for active service? The information is not available. It may be accessible, and it would be mighty interesting.

SOON TO SAY GOOD-BYE

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 21ST. Who Have Been In Kingston Four Months—This Overseas Battalion Is Composed of a Fine Lot of Men.

About October 15th last year the order was issued to recruit a battalion of infantry in this divisional area for the second contingent of Canadians for the front. A few days afterwards, workmen were put at the buildings, that had been chosen as quarters to get them in shape.

On November 3rd, the mobilization commenced and over 900 men reached the city on that day. From that time, the citizens have realized that the 21st Battalion is composed of as fine a lot of men as could possibly be brought together.

THE OREGONIAN. The liquor restrictions were put into effect by an order prohibiting a soldier going into a bar before six o'clock in the evening. This order was accepted by the men of the 21st Battalion, and they were instructed to see that every soldier on the street was properly dressed and was behaving himself.

By November 11th, eight days after mobilization, the full strength of 1,130 men all ranks had been attained. The City Council gave the use of Ontario hall and the Cricket Field, and in a few days the old Salvation Army barracks at the corner of Bagot and Queen streets, had been accepted for the use of the soldiers.

Several inspections have been made at different times by prominent soldiers, who have been satisfied with the battalion's appearance. The Governor-General, Minister of Militia, the Cpl. J. S. Denison, brigade commander, Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance and many others have seen the 21st and in not one instance has adverse criticism been made.

On the afternoon parades the long line of khaki-clad soldiers brings forth the good opinion that the people have of the battalion and when they leave for the front their loss to the city will be severe one. While here the men in a social way have met many Kingstonsians.

WARSHIPS OF SEA AND AIR. Congress at the short session just closed did not neglect the military arm in which Americans will always desire that our strength shall be greatest, the navy.

It is gratifying to note that it has been liberal in its appropriation for aircraft too. A million dollars is appropriated for the aeroplane. The first public tests were under military auspices. The Wrights saw clearly that it was in military scouting that their invention would serve its greatest usefulness.

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KINGSTON EVENTS

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ALL THE TOURISTS NEW YORK STATE CAN SEND. An Oswego Paper Is Wrong In Saying That Canada Is Not In a Hospitable Mood This Year.

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