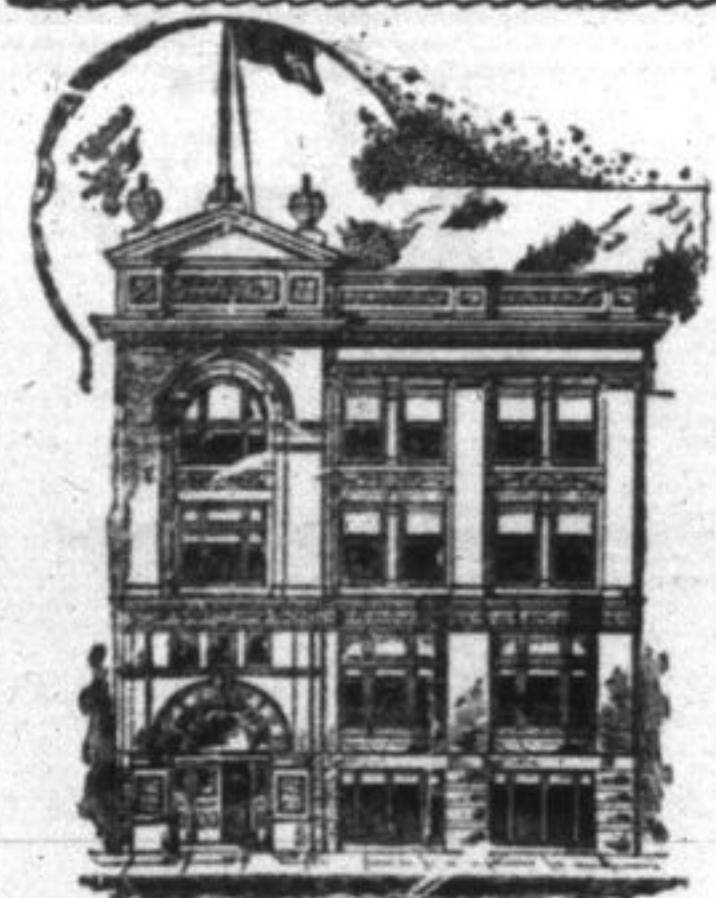


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CANADA NEEDS RECRUITING.

The needs of the Empire, the part that Canada must play in the war—not the part that it has played, notable as this has been—were presented by Premier Borden at the great patriotic meeting in Toronto. Sir Robert confessed that he was unable to adequately depict the situation as it had been revealed to him across the sea.

He saw how seriously the Mother Country was affected. He felt the throbbing of the Empire as it was expressed by Parliament and the people. He realized, in the trenches, the pressure of the enemy and the Herculean task which was forced upon the Allies in order to beat the enemy back. He saw where the heroic dead slept, their deeds recorded in imperishable history. He visited the wounded in the hospitals of Britain and France, talked with them, and heard the story of their gallantry.

There was no ground for reflection upon any Government for its unpreparedness for war. Britain was not depending upon its military system for success. Hers was a policy of peace, and she was, outside of her splendid navy, unready for the greatest of all wars. She had only about 150,000 professional soldiers, which she flung into the fighting line when this was necessary, and began the recruiting of a great army of over 3,000,000, a large proportion of which is now upon the firing line.

Premier Borden paid a handsome tribute to Canadian heroism, and in doing so aroused the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest pitch. Canadian troops, unexpectedly, found themselves in deadly conflict with the enemy, and had resisted it at great sacrifices and with unexampled courage. That exhibition was but a sample of the valour which can be expected from all the Canadians, and some 80,000 of them are now in France.

As many more are at home fitting out for the work that lies before them. Sir Robert Borden did not say that the campaign would end speedily. On the contrary, he was quite sure that a hard struggle lay before the Allies, that probably the bitterest experience was yet to come. He intimated that it was to the advantage of the Allies that the Germans be driven out of the trenches they had been converting into a series of fortifications. In these trenches they seemed to be safe, and the boast had been made that from them they could not be dislodged. They were being chased back, and into their own country, and not until then can the Allies rest, as they must, and in the spring resume the campaign.

The best use will be made of the time at the disposal of the Allies before this winter sets in. Recruiting must go on, and with an ever-increasing impetus. Our people must take the word of Sir Robert Borden for it, that the country needs it, that the country desires it, and that the country must have it at any cost. Mr. Asquith's pledge on behalf of the British people was this—the last dollar, the last man, and the last drop of blood, but victory. What Mr. Asquith has said Sir Robert Borden can say, and with the assurance that it will find a response in the heart of every loyal Canadian.

The distribution of troops—a Company here and a Company there over the Province—may be a good thing for the men whose names are on the patronage list, but it is not a good thing for the troops. How can any commanding officer handle a regiment well that is divided into sections and scattered over several towns?

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

The Belleville Intelligencer comments upon the fact that in New York City there are \$50,000,000 of uncollected taxes, and it is proposed that the general tax this year be raised in order to meet the deficiency of revenue last year. In other words the rates of those who can and do pay must be increased in order to make up for the losses of those who cannot or will not pay. Here is a contingency that strikes one in a most alarming way. Here is an experience that fills the mind of the ordinary tax payer with foreboding. The tax rates and the tax burdens may not be equitably distributed.

The Intelligencer incidentally calls attention to the manner in which this new situation may affect Belleville. It wants to know how much additional taxation will have to be imposed in order to meet the interest—upon money which has been borrowed from the bank and because the taxes have not been paid. It can go further, and following the example of New York, have its Finance Minister figure out what the shortages would be in uncollected or uncollectable taxes and cover this shortage by extra taxation. As a matter of fact the deficiencies in taxes—the losses that are bound to occur in all municipalities in which the civic tithes are not gathered in punctually—must be met by extra taxation. The tax deficit is not specifically set forth in the budgets from year to year. It is not advertised.

In some cities—fortunately not in Kingston—the tax rolls remain in the collector's hands for several years. The records of a year are not completed when they should be, and they are allowed to remain in the collector's hands. It does not seem to be right or expedient that they should be removed from him and given to another. What the regular collector cannot secure seems to be past the power of any one else to pick up. Hence the day for the return of the roll is passed. A second season goes by and there are still outstanding accounts. Sometimes a third and a fourth go by and the rolls are yet unfinished. What the city or town can do with them then becomes a conundrum. The wrong is done in letting one year's transactions run into another, for then it cannot be righted.

It is to the infinite credit of this city that for a long time it has had a collector who has succeeded in closing up the rolls of the year within the stipulated time. This means that he has been energetic, devoted, persistent, in the discharge of his duty. It is to be feared the Councils have not duly appreciated this fact. There may have been a time when this overlapping of tax rolls was a source of anxiety, a time when the amount of unpaid taxes and borrowed money was very large. That time has passed and let us hope it may never return.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Crown Prince of Germany, for foolhardiness, has had to give up his command. Does he surrender also his iron cross?

The clerk of the weather had better look out. He predicted rain on Tuesday night and it did not fall. 'Tis well. Our friend, Mr. Bushell, of Kingston's Industrial Exhibition, is not to be trifled with these days.

Application is to be made, or can be made, by the Canadian Government to the Imperial Government for an extension of the parliamentary term during the war. And it can be granted. This is what Mr. Barnham, M.P., has been learning by a little enquiry on his own account. He has been in touch with the British Unionist leader, Bonar Law, and he knows.

Premier Borden expressed surprise in Toronto that there has been any statement to the effect that there were more recruits than were wanted, and when he learned that Sir Sam Hughes said this he remarked that he would give the matter his consideration when he got to Ottawa. Kitchener's demand is for more troops and for still more, and Sir Robert Borden will agree with him.

British Government has expressed its willingness to relieve German made goods to the value of \$167,000,000. They have been held in the neutral ports of Europe. When the American importers show that the goods have been paid for, or that they have become liable for payment, the releases will be granted. Britain is, therefore, the best friend of the American importers, though some of them do not seem to know it.

Exhibits of household furniture, tapestry, needlework, millinery, drawing, and other work of pupils of the public schools of New York, have been on exhibition, and Governor Whitman declares that over 2,000,000 children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen in that city would not be eking out a bare subsistence if their educational and vocational training had been deferred. How many are there in Kingston who could improve their position if they only tried?

Sleepytime Tales

HOW JANE HELPED HER UNCLE.

Once upon a time Jane was playing with her dolls, when all at once she heard Uncle Ned call her. "I'm here Uncle Ned, do you want me?" called Jane. "Yes, I'm going for a walk and if you want to you can come with me," answered her uncle. So they started, Jane holding tight to her uncle's hand. As they walked along her uncle told her that he was very anxious to find a certain kind of bird and wished very much to find the bird's nest.

He told her it was quite easy to find the bird as it made a funny noise when it flew but that it was a very shy bird in keeping its nest a secret. But he thought, perhaps, if they both looked very hard they could find it. This made Jane feel very happy that she could help her uncle, and she began to look on both sides of road.

Her uncle had told her a great many things about all kinds of animals and especially about birds. All at once her uncle stopped to listen and said: "There it is, Jane, do you hear it? Look on that limb and see the bird with the yellow feathered crest. That is the one I was looking for."

Jane looked where her uncle pointed and there was one of the prettiest birds she had ever seen, but as they came towards it, it flew away. For a long while they both looked for the nest but could not seem to find it, although they looked hard and poked in the bushes with sticks. At last Jane's uncle said he was sure they could not find the nest and he was going to give it up for that day. But Jane said she was going to look some more and her uncle sat down under a tree while Jane went off to hunt some more.

Very slowly she walked along picking flowers, but still looking for the nest. All at once she saw the bird close beside her, first hopping on some low branches and then down to the ground. "I am sure the nest is near here," thought Jane, and she began to poke among the bushes with a stick. There close beside her was the nest with four eggs in it. These were the prettiest eggs Jane had ever seen, all creamy white, spotted with brown and pale lavender.

Jane called to her uncle and he came to look at the nest. He told Jane it was just what he had been looking for any they looked very carefully to see just how the nest was made, being careful not to disturb the eggs. When the bird found that its nest was discovered it kept flying round and round, making a little whirring noise.

At last Jane and her uncle walked home and her uncle told Jane that she was a nice little nest hunter, and that she should take her with him again.

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Thursday

BREAKFAST: Pear, Butter, Pork, Graham Toast, Coffee.

LUNCHEON: Escalloped Corn and Lima Beans, Toasted Cracker, Pickled Tomatoes, Cookies, Coffee.

DINNER: Chopped Lamb en Casserole, Potato Scones, Lettuce Salad, Apple Sauce Cake.

BREAKFAST.

Batter Pork—Cut salt pork into thin slices. Fry in a hot pan until delicately brown, then dip each slice in a batter made as follows: Mix one half cup of cornmeal and one half cup of white flour. Add sweet milk to make a batter and one egg beaten well. The batter must be thick enough to remain on the pork when dipped. Fry in hot fat.

LUNCHEON.

Escalloped Corn—Spread the bottom of a buttered baking dish with minced corn, sprinkle with a little minced onion fried in butter, cover with a layer of corn, dot with butter, season with pepper, and add a layer of bacon cut in fine pieces and fried brown. Cover with tomato pressed through a sieve, and on top of this spread an inch of fine cracker crumbs mixed with melted butter. Bake half an hour in a moderate oven.

Apple Sauce Cake—Measure one and three-quarters cups of pastry flour, add a teaspoon of cinnamon, a little clove and nutmeg, a cup of seeded raisins, and a half cup of currants, one cup of sugar and half a cup of shortening. Measure a cup of unsweetened apple sauce, add a teaspoon of soda which has been dissolved in a little hot water, and beat all ingredients together until it foams. Bake about forty-five minutes.

DINNER.

Chopped Lamb en Casserole—Put two cups of chopped lamb in a well buttered casserole. Flavor with celery salt, pepper, mace, and a little Worcestershire. Add one cup of pearl barley. Pour two cups of boiling water over it and bake in a moderate oven for an hour and a half. Keep closely covered while cooking.

Potato Scones—Put two cups of mashed potatoes into a bowl, add two tablespoons of hot milk, one table spoon of melted butter, one teaspoon of sugar, quarter of a teaspoon of salt, and one cup of flour. Knead, divide into three pieces and roll one into rounds. Divide each round into four small scones, place on a hot griddle and cook five minutes on each side.

Pickled Tomatoes—Take green tomatoes, peel, drop them into strong ginger tea and scald well. For every two pounds of tomatoes use one pound of brown sugar and a pint of vinegar. Add nutmeg, cinnamon and mace in a bag, and cook the tomatoes in the syrup until they are clear.

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Rippling Rhymes

LAZINESS.

The trouble with Hiram H. Hazy, whose prospects of riches is slim, is that he is naturally lazy, and work is a nightmare to him. He sees the procession of winners, with prizes and medals bedight, and he, most dejected of sinners, remarks that his luck is a fright. He sits in the shade and discourses of war, and such topics, all day, and keeps up his spiel till he hoarse is, while others are harvesting hay. He talks of the needs of our navy, and proves that our army is punk, while neighbors are hustling like gray, and earning the shimmering plunk. And so while the others are drilling around in a praiseworthy cause, he sits by the post-office killing the time with a lank pair of jaws. He's talking of men and of measures affecting this land of the free; while others have comforts and pleasures, he's broke, as he always will be. He might have a home and an auto, 'he might have a watch and a chain, a lawn with a fountain and grove, if he would be active and sane. His friends are all tired and disgusted, with seeing him sit in the shade, but Hiram would rather be busted than banish a hoe or a spade.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Girls and the Soldiers.

(Montreal Daily Mail.) An officer back from the front was surrounded and kissed by ladies as he left the ship here. Come forward, boys.

A Man of Thought.

(Toronto Star.) Woodrow Wilson will probably live in history as "the thinking President." He retires for long intervals, and does nothing but think.

Don't Whine.

(London Advertiser.) Don't whine if you find that the war is beginning to pinch you, financially or otherwise. Your sacrifices, voluntary or involuntary, are trifling compared to those of the man who is fighting for you in Flanders.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The Locomotive Works received a contract to build ten engines for the G.T.R.

The work in connection with the erection of the new Roman Catholic chapel is progressing nicely.

The new organ is being erected in Sydenham Street Methodist Church.

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