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INCREASING LIABILITY.

The expenditures from the Canadian Patriotic Fund in Kingston have so far amounted to \$44,000, or about \$7,000 in excess of the collections. This is due to the rapid development of the account. As Kingston is a recruiting centre the number of persons added to the list exceeds the number expected by nearly one-half. The cause of this is obvious. The dependents of the soldiers are registered where the men enlist, and these dependents are either relieved financially while here or they are transported to England, there to reside during the war, and in this case they cease to be a charge on the fund. The number of persons not belonging to the city is perhaps one-third of the whole, and causing one-third of the expenditure, which is now over \$4,000 a month. This fact should be remembered when it becomes necessary to supplement the fund at a later date.

The personal representative of the Minister of Munitions will not stand for attacks from any source. He is making great sacrifices in coming to Canada at the invitation of the Imperial Government, and all who come in contact with him must recognize his business ability. He is not making contracts for the Imperial Government. That is not his business. But the Imperial Government will be guided by what he says.

PATRIOTISM IN THE SCHOOLS.

Dr. Chown appeared to be in advance of the times, and almost alone, in his suggestion, that the pupils of the schools be invited to engage in some patriotic movement, one having for its object the work of the Red Cross or some other patriotic society. But he was not alone and not singular in his appeal. He was really in accord with public sentiment as it had been aroused by Lord Lansdowne, in his appeal to Canada, and by the acting Minister of Education in his appeal to the schools of Ontario. The statement of Hon. Mr. Ferguson creates the impression that he has been acting in the interests of the Red Cross Society, that he has caused a circular to be issued, to the schools of Ontario, asking them to bestir themselves and to make Oct. 21st "our day for soldiers and sailors" one to be remembered. Such a circular does not seem to have been received in Kingston.

The local movement is not primarily nor principally a Red Cross one. The idea is to interest the school pupils in the war, and to induce them to take some active interest in the comforts of the soldiers. This movement may widen in its relations later on. Dr. Chown is quite ambitious with regard to it and feels that it should spread and perhaps become provincial in its character.

The first act will be to inaugurate a league or society or union by meetings of the teachers, or teachers and pupils, and, when a lively interest has been engendered, to launch some plan by which the scholars and the heroes may be brought into indirect contact. The enterprise is certainly born of a moral heroism which cannot be too much encouraged in its development.

The Canadian Vickers are building three hundred chasers or German submarines. These craft are seventy-five feet long, can cross the ocean under their own power, and make twenty nautical miles an hour. They can cut figures around the average submarine and sink her with their three-inch guns. Canada is looming up larger in its aid to Britain in the war.

CHANGE IN THE COUNCIL.

The City Council has decided that the present term of the aldermen is too long. It has also decided that its membership is too large, and, with the concurrence of the people, there will be a radical change. Ald. Nickle precipitated the issue by giving notice some time ago of a motion which was voted upon at the meeting on Monday evening. It provided for a Council of eight members, these to be elected by the whole people regardless of ward divisions.

That proposal has not carried, but it has suggested a counter-proposal which Ald. Newman submitted. It is to the effect that at the municipal elections in January the people shall be asked to approve or disapprove of the reduction of the Council's membership to two representatives from each ward, and these to hold office for one year each.

The people will probably endorse this change, and for the reason that they have lost faith in the present system. A three years' term was expected to produce members who disliked canvassing and annual appeals to the electors. It was anticipated that some of the best business men in the city would be induced to become candidates and serve as aldermen.

The anticipated result has not been realized. A better class of men, on account of the longer term, has not been secured. Security from annual appeals or elections has not strengthened the aldermen in their good purposes. It has not increased their zeal and activity. On the contrary the interest of the aldermen has diminished, and the city has never been as badly served as under the three-year system.

Any change is desirable, and the proposal of Ald. Newman will merit the careful attention of the electors, in the referendum, and it will probably be favorably received.

FRENCH TO CANADIANS.

The Canadian soldiers everywhere, in France, in England, and in Canada, will appreciate the words which Sir John French had occasion to address recently to the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. He acknowledged that the Canadians had rendered three great services:

- (1) They had rallied to the colors promptly "and showed a magnificent example to the whole Empire."
(2) They had riveted the bands that bind the great Empire together in a way that will never be sundered.
(3) They had entered into the campaign eagerly and suffered tremendous losses. As Festubert and Givenchy they had fought hard, helped the British to win ground, and maintained their splendid reputation.

This commendation is cheering and must have been earned in order to be so willingly expressed. The Canadian officers and men must have been not only well-fitted but courageous and they could not, at the front, have distinguished themselves as Sir John French says they have. And his praise, so unstintedly given; stands out in strong contrast with the hurtful criticism which constituted the larger part of the address of Sir Sam Hughes at Barriefield Camp last week. The troops at a time like this need encouragement and inspiration, and both have been sadly missing from the talks of the Minister of Militia.

One thing more was said by Sir John French and it is important, namely, that so far cavalry have not been in demand, and some of the mounted men in order to participate in the campaign were obliged to leave their horses in England. The C.M.R. may have a similar experience. But the cavalry have the assurance that their day is not over. Sir John French, the highest authority, says it will come again in the war and then the horses will be sent for and the cavalry will perform, no doubt, the part which is assigned to them.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Canadian Ford Company finds serious fault because some politicians are trying to ruin their business, and all because of Mr. Ford's indignant talk. Why don't they muzzle the man? Or why don't they dry up and talk sense?

The Chinamen are to vote on whether they want an Emperor or a President at the head of their Government. Which is the safer in view of Europe's experience with the smaller kingdoms? If the people of Greece and Bulgaria voted upon the question would Constantine and Ferdinand be their choice?

The petition of the women of Manitoba for the franchise, which the new Government has promised it, has been signed by 17,000 persons. And the names are still going down. The "Bill of Rights" will, when it reaches the house, be a ponderous and imposing document. It will require an athlete to handle it.

Hon. Walter Scott, the Premier of Saskatchewan, in passing through Toronto, predicted, to an interviewer, that the temperance wave would surely sweep over the whole North

American Continent as it had swept over Alberta and Saskatchewan. Mr. Scott is a journalist, in the rise and prosperity of whom the profession has been honored.

"Sir Edward Grey may be forced out of the Government." This is a cable announcement, and one which is based upon the attacks of certain London newspapers upon the Foreign Minister. Sir Edward sacrificed to party bigotry? In the political war that is now going on some one may be the victim. But it is not likely to be Sir Edward.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

The barge Iowa is loading 11 tons of phosphate at Richardson's wharf for Montreal. There were fifteen cows grazing on Albert street to-day.

Dr. E. Ryan has been selected as surgeon for St. Patrick's Society. Queen's students are talking of securing the new skating rink for a gymnasium.

BOUNTIFUL RETURNS

Advertising is like seed; Plant a bit, You will be surprised indeed, At the most abundant meed That you get.

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Seeking Damages. Stephen A. Butts has entered action against Druggist Charles Ellis, Clayton, N.Y., to recover \$10,000 for the death of his son, Eli Butts, claimed to have been fatally poisoned through drinking from an unlabeled bottle purchased at defendant's store.

Sleepytime Tales

The Hands Family.

Once upon a time there was a large clock which stood on the floor in the hall and on this clock lived the family of Hands. There was father Hand, mother Hand, and their little child named Second Hand. Father was old and slow and moved around the clock face just once in twelve hours. Mother was smarter and raced around once an hour and little Second hand danced about very fast so that it often heard the children say: "I will wait a second and not any longer." So Second hand knew it was always going very fast. Sometimes it tried to go faster and then its father would say: "If you do that, someone will come and fix the clock and then none of us will be able to keep up with the time as we should." "I won't do it, then, for father goes slow enough as it is," thought Second hand one day. One week a man came and fixed them up with a key, which was just the same to them as medicine, as it made them

NURSES REQUIRE FOOD

THERE IS A POOR SUPPLY AT LEMNOS ISLAND.

Kingston Nurses As Well As Their Soldier Patients Are In A Weakened Condition From Lack of Nourishment.

The Kingston Chapter of Graduate Nurses held its regular meeting in the Nurses' Residence on Tuesday afternoon. Several interesting letters were read, and there was considerable discussion about the "Eligibility Clause" in connection with the Provincial Nurses' Association.

A very interesting letter was read from one of the nurses on the island of Lemnos, Dardanelles, telling of the lack of supplies and food for the patients and nurses. The Chapter at once decided to send a box of food supplies on the first mail, and more will follow very shortly. Some of Kingston's own nurses are in a very weakened condition for want of proper food, besides the poor wounded soldiers dependent on their care. Any contributions of food or comforts, such as cigarettes, gum, games, etc., will be gladly received at any time by the secretary-treasurer, Miss F. Hiscock, 147 William street.

WAR BULLETINS.

- The Allied loan unanimously passed the British House.
The Bulgarians have made no perceptible advance in Serbia. The Germans are being held at most points.
Japan is seriously considering sending troops to aid the Allies in Asia Minor.
Official despatches indicate that British submarines continue the destruction of German ships in the Baltic.
The Russians will begin a big invasion of Bulgaria to-day.
Another big battle raged Tuesday night on the western front.

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"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Thursday. BREAKFAST: Grapes, Smoked Herring in Cream, Potato Cakes, Toast, Coffee. LUNCHEON: Kidney Beans, Salad, Cake, Tea. DINNER: Atlanta Potatoes—Boil sweet potatoes until nearly tender. Cut in half lengthwise, place a slice of bacon between each slice and fasten with a toothpick. Dip in maple syrup and brown in a hot oven. Chinese Salad—Cut cold cooked macaroni into pieces with chopped ham, half a cup and the same of cold boiled carrots. Mix with a mayonnaise. Rye Pudding—Mix half a cup of rye meal, two cups of milk, half a cup of molasses, two eggs and a heaping tablespoon of butter. Turn into a baking dish and bake three quarters of an hour, then add a cup of milk and bake a quarter of an hour longer. Use half a teaspoon of baking powder.

BEANS TENDER. Drain and chop with three pickles, three olives, and one hard-boiled egg. Pour over all a dressing made by heating one egg until light, adding half a cup of hot water, and a tablespoon of butter. Boil until it thickens. Cool and serve. BREAKFAST: Smoked Herring in Cream—Soak the fish overnight in cold water. Drain, place in a frying pan and cover with cold milk. Boil the fish until tender. Potato Cakes—Make small cakes out of cold mashed potatoes. Fry in drippings on both sides until brown. LUNCHEON: Kidney Bean Salad—Boil the

Ripling Rhymes

WET WEATHER. The rain still falls, whenever it can, and breaks the heart of modern man. The raindrops slug me in the eye, and from my whiskers wash the dye, they spoil the color of my shirt, and still they splash and drop and squirt! One fact keeps running in my brain—that people used to pray for rain! The streets are running ankle deep, and in the basement watercress creep; the roof is leaking, and the walls are dripping, as the torrent falls. The water streams down the pane—and people used to pray for rain! The windows in their frames are jammed, and can't be raised and can't be slammed; the doors won't shut, or, if they will, they stick like beeswax to the sill, and one must find a crowbar, then, if he would open them again. Such weather gives a man a pain; and people used to pray for rain. I bless the weather man, his luck; the drawers in all my desks are stuck; the grass is drowned upon the lawn, the flowers to sailors' graves have gone. One fact is driving me insane: The people used to pray for rain!