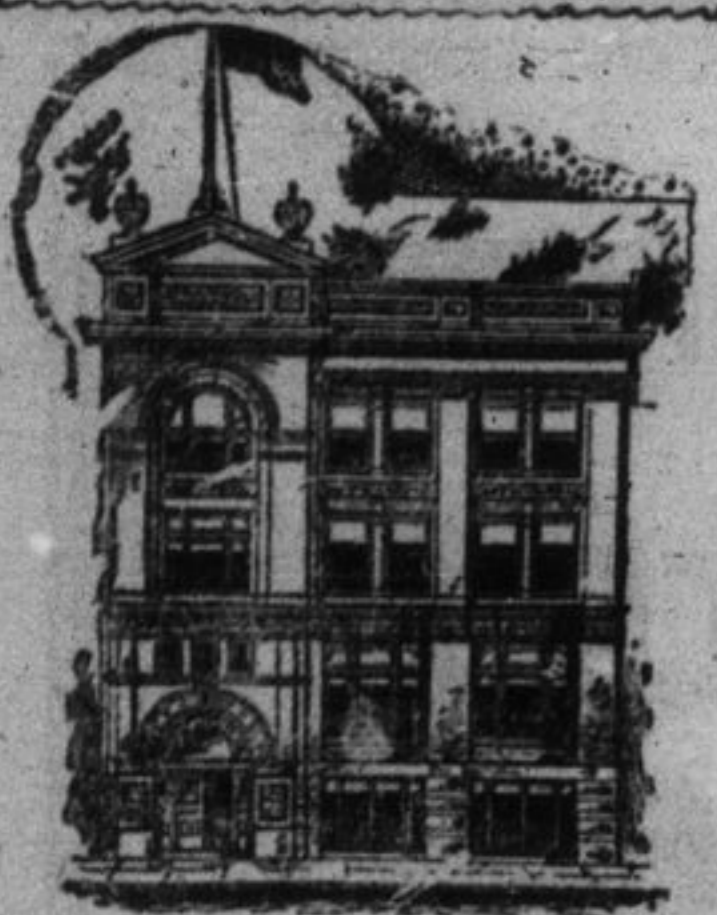


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SUCCESS IN RECRUITING.

Large meetings, with martial music and stirring addresses, will do much to help along recruiting. But the one essential is consecration in the individual. Sir George Foster put the issue squarely some time ago when he said that the highest service to the State was that of national defence, and that no man could give up his life for a loftier purpose than while serving his King and country. That idea is not borne of a moment. It does not sink into the heart at once. Its real meaning is not understood at the first. It only grows on one, and into a positive conviction a fit is seriously meditated upon. In Canada there is nothing outside of the patriotic spirit that incites one to service. In England recruiting has been stimulated by Lord Derby's registration scheme, and by the promise of the Premier that if the Act fails, resort will be had to conscription. Men rushed to the recruiting stations and enrolled in order to avoid the humiliation of being forced to do so. The Englishman's pride was touched. In Canada there is nothing akin to this influence and experience. The only hope is that the young men who are eligible will be led to consecrate their lives to the service of the State, and with the understanding that there is nothing higher and nobler, and nothing more certain of its rewards.

MAYOR RICHARDSON.

The Whig supported Alderman Dr. Richardson for the Mayoralty, and for the last week it became apparent from day to day that he was a winner. He made a manly and cheerful campaign, and certainly made many friends as he canvassed among the people. He did not seek the high and honorable office. It sought him, and he accepted the gauge of battle willingly, feeling that it was his duty to serve the municipality in any way he could. His election by a handsome majority—over three hundred—will hear him in the performance of his onerous service. It is an expression of confidence which he must appreciate, and his way of showing his gratitude to the people will be to put the energy, of which he has an abundance, into his various relations with the Council, and make a record for himself. Supposing that he was only two years in the Council, this has counted for more than the nine years of his opponent, and when the Mayor of last year ran for office he had only two years in public life, and no one preferred this as a disability against him. Why this phase of a fruitless subject was so much discussed cannot be imagined. It had little effect in the campaign. The people judged between the candidates on personal grounds, and expressed a preference for Dr. Richardson. This is a compliment to the successful candidate, while it does not detract from his opponent.

A GOOD COUNCIL.

The better class of men competed for seats in the Council this year, and one can say this without reflecting the least upon the men who sought seats around the Civic horseshoe heretofore. Alderman Corbett takes the place of Alderman McCann in Frontenac Ward, and will make a good representative. Alderman Wright goes back for a year. He was elected for three years under the old system, but now that the people have such a large majority voted for annual terms. He will have to conform to the new condition next year. Alderman Laturney was elected by a small majority in Rideau Ward, and his oppon-

ent, Dr. Nash, will realize what a personal canvass can do in an election. Percy Chown defeated the old war horse, Alderman Graham, in Victoria Ward by seventy-two votes. The aldermanic contest of the year centred in this ward and every available vote was polled. Alderman Graham may accept the verdict of the electors as a finality, and he may resume the fight next year. If he has any virtue to a conspicuous degree it is virtue of periancy. The Council as a whole may be regarded as an improvement upon the Council of 1915. It possesses one advantage. That, incidentally, of course, it is evenly matched politically, and must do business on a non-political basis.

The next age will be the woman's. War will have made the young men in some countries, including our own, so scarce that there will be an alternative but to use the women in every walk of life.

STREET RAILWAY CASE.

The people by a substantial vote, over three hundred, approved of the sale to the Street Railway Company of power at 1.20c per kilowatt hour. It is possible that some of the electors have been beggared on this subject, as they have certainly been beggared with regard to other questions. The vote means that the Commission will charge the city the difference between 1.20 per kilowatt hour and 2.09c per kilowatt hour, which the Hydro-Electric Commission says it costs to produce this power. The matter may not be settled yet.

The company in a recent meeting of the Board of Trade held that the 2.09c per kilowatt hour included overhead charges, for which they should not be billed, as the power is taken at the switchboard. The company complained, too, that, omitting certain items of overhead charges, the actual cost of the power would be 1c per kilowatt hour or less. Moreover, it is contended that the renewal of the power rate will not guarantee the running of the cars, as the road is losing money right along, and has been losing it for some years.

It is further observed that the Council and the company should have conferred, not the Finance Committee of the Council and the company, to discuss the question of providing for actual expenses of the road over and above the certified receipts. The company does not want a bonus, but it wants power at a rate that will enable it to run the cars without loss.

The college professors who desire to serve as school trustees are showing a commendable spirit. Our teachers of every kind are too exclusive for their own good and the good of the community.

UTILITIES COMMISSION.

One remarkable thing about the Utilities Commission, upon which the people have voted twice within three months, is the lack of public interest in the question. An enterprise which represents an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars should command the serious attention of every eligible elector.

Against the Commission a clamor was raised some weeks ago. It had to do with the revision of the rates with regard to which the Commissioners had the professional advice of the Hydro-Electric Commission's offices. Granted that there may have been errors, and that they were annoying to say the least, the fact remains that the Commission was in a much better position to adjust them than the City Council; and this is the judgment of the majority who voted, and would be the judgment of a larger number had they the opportunity of examining the records as the Whig has done. Possibly the Commission will have a rest now, that the agitators for a change have been twice thwarted in their plans. One who had his eye upon the chairmanship of the Utilities under the Council, has fallen by the way, and is not in a position to serve the city in any public capacity for the time being. The Commission will probably accept the two plebiscites as an intimation that some people have not been satisfied with the manner in which it has run the plants. Delays in dealing with troublesome questions have brought the Commissioners dangerously near to defeat, and they will redeem themselves if they put more business promptitude into their transactions.

It is immaterial now what they said in the depreciation of the Commission during the days it was on trial. But it will not be amiss to refer to one faulty argument, namely, that if the utilities were managed by a committee its business would be thoroughly discussed in the Council. Discussion in itself is of no advantage unless it be intelligent, and it is no reflection upon the members of the Council to say that they appear to have neither the time nor the disposition to master the business of the utilities. Unless this mastery were accomplished, talk useless talk, is of no avail, and Dr. Ross, who suggested the transfer of the utilities to the Commission, and still endorses it, knows from experience the value of that deliberation which is a characteristic of the company or the commission rather than the council.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The machine got an awful wrench in yesterday's election. It has gone into the uptown shop for repairs.

When one gets down to the fine arts of canvassing for votes, commend us to the college professors.

There will be no more tarvia sprinkled upon the streets. The man who advocates its use will in the next election experience Alderman Graham's misfortune.

England is on a hunt for the securities which were stolen by Germany from Belgium. They will be seized in the mails anywhere without regard to the country to which they may be consigned.

The Minister of Labor is taking a very drastic course with regard to the civil servants. They can either enlist for active military duty or give up their places to men who will do so, or who have already done their bit.

Will the Council administer the Patriotic Fund of \$5,000 a month? Very likely. The men who are responsible for the tax should personally administer it, or they should be represented to a larger extent upon the Patriotic Committee.

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Criticism Is Wanted.

Montreal Mail. "In discussing the coming session of Parliament, the Winnipeg Free Press advises the Liberal party to stand aside. It advocates leaving the Borden Government in full responsibility for its legislative and executive acts before the people.

"It is difficult to understand how such advice can be put forward from a sincere desire to serve the public interest. No political truce binds any one party to silent acquiescence in everything the Government does. In doing so, it would present a strange spectacle, and the condition would be a travesty on Parliamentary Government. Advice and criticism where criticism is founded on a fair assumption of wrong doing, is expected of an Opposition. That is its function.

"The object of the Free Press in putting forward this proposal is not clear. It may be actuated by sincere public spirit, although its political record gives no certain guarantee as to this. If it desires to have the Liberal party hold itself aloof from affairs so as to obtain a license for unlimited criticism, it is proposing a party course that can be taken only at the expense of the country.

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

The Machine Guns.

Montreal Star. When the Star was led to believe that supplementary machine guns were sadly needed by Canadian regiments to give them an equipment on a par with the Germans, whose machine gun squads killed most of our men, our appeal was made for money to meet the emergency. A very large amount was subscribed, some going direct to Ottawa and some coming to the Star office.

When it was officially announced that the money could not be used as a supplementary fund for machine

guns and that somebody had blundered, the Star believed the correct thing for both the Government and the Star was to offer to refund the money, and made an announcement to that effect. Since that date the Star has refunded to every subscriber who applied, and still has over \$8,000 unclaimed on deposit at interest at the Royal Bank ready for refunding to any claimants. We think the Government should have taken a similar course in restoring the money to the rightful owners, but it has thought otherwise.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Mr. Fallis Remains.

Toronto Globe. Does the Conservative Press of Ontario think that the Legislature is honored by the presence of J. R. Fallis, M.P.P., who erected a tollgate between the Government and the farmers desirous of selling horses for military purposes, thereby increasing the cost \$5,000 or more while performing no useful service? Is the member for Peel to be allowed to brazen it out?

Term of Office.

(Brantford Expositor.) The St. Catharines Journal advocates a three-year term for Aldermen. A one-year term is too long for some men.

Joe Almost Worth It.

(Montreal Mail.) Ford spent \$50,000 to send those wireless messages to the crowned heads of Europe, and the joke was almost worth it.

A Wave of Modesty.

(London Advertiser.) What is this wave of modesty that is sweeping over Berlin? The peace terms do not include possession of London, or even of the British navy.

Smiles That Come Off.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.) When he is courting her he always greets her with a smile on his lips. But after he gets her, he wipes the smile off his lips and kills it with a clove before he greets her.

Why Arrested.

(Toronto Globe.) The arrest of Dr. Simpson in England on a charge of stealing or receiving \$100,000 of the money of the Province of Manitoba supplies further evidence that Premier Norris means to clean up.

Glory in Their Barbarism.

(New York Times.) The Germans and the Austrians seem to glory in their outlaws, to be absolutely determined to make the rest of the world understand that they have detached themselves from civilization and are frankly given over to barbarism in this war.

Woman Volunteers.

(Canadian Courier.) As in England and France, the women of Canada must do more than encourage men to go to the front, they must volunteer to take over their present work. For example, the Dominion Government could use a party course that can be taken only at the expense of the country.

RANDOM REELS

"Of Shoes and Ships, and Sealing Wax, of Cabbages and Kings."

FEET.

where the blind pig is in good work.

As soon as the feet become of a sufficient size to create comment, they are taken, a shoe and jammed into a pair of shoes which were intended for somebody who could wear a double A last without fainting on the way home. This treatment causes the feet to rebel and sprout, that accursed malformation known to science as the soft corn. If persisted in, the owner of the feet will soon be decorated with a large acreage of corns which cannot be stepped upon by some outer party without calling forth a wishbone of an eleven-story building shriek of agony and a desire to murder without holding onto anything but their hat. The slack wire walker is to corns and to the human feet who aim them carefully at the middle of the sidewalk, and then have to apply the emergency brake in order to avoid running into a picket fence. This strange phenomenon is observed in every town smelling salts behind the counter.

Rippling Rhymes

THE PLUTE'S LIBRARY.

Oh, stately books, in handsome cases, all standing in their proper places, selected, with an artist's feeling, to match the turned and ceiling! Pope's, Milton's, Scott's and Shakespeare's grinding, done up in costly leather binding, and all so dismal and forbidding, that you would cry, "Aw, quit your kidding," if some one said, "Sit down and read 'em, to browse around you have full freedom." They stand in rows, all unmoistened, unread, unfingered, undigest-ed, save when a housemaid comes to clean them, from the dust and cobwebs seen the plute exhibits them to callers, and says, "They cost thousand dollars; I hired a man who knows good writers—that Shakespeare and kindred blighters—and said to him, 'Now, off your cap, and buy me books to match this paper; the libra's here, so limit.'" In my cheap shack the books are scattered around the floor, all stained and battered; they have; they have no deekle-edged ambitions—they're mostly fifty-cent editions; but every hour and day I need them, and all the neighbors come and read them.

Brothers Drown in River.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., Jan. 4.—Roy and Henry Parametter, brothers, aged 33 and 37, employed on the George C. Bolt farm opposite Alexandria Bay, were drowned while attempting to return to the farm from the bay, when their boat overturned. Their bodies have been recovered. Their home was near Colton, N.Y.

SEE PAGE 10.

Owing to a re-arrangement, made necessary at this time of the year, the two special features—"Sleepytime Tales" and "Low Cost of Living Menu"—have been removed to Page 10, where they may be found daily henceforth.

Assaults Lloyd George.

London, Jan. 4.—A small portion of the Liberal press strongly opposes Premier Asquith's reported policy in dealing with the problem of recruiting. The Nation accuses David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, of betraying the liberal traditions of voluntary service, and asserts that his influence has shifted the balance in the Cabinet.

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TEN THOUSAND MILES OF FRENCH TRENCHES

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London, Jan. 4.—There are at least 10,000 miles of trenches now in the western theatre of the European war, according to H. Warner Allen, special correspondent of the British press with the French army. He writes: "In the section of the French lines that I have just been visiting there are already, on a front of just over ten miles, 375 kilometres (or slightly over 234 miles) of trenches. To make certainly still more sure another 75 kilometres (or 46 miles) of other trenches are being dug, so that by the end of the year there will be in that neighborhood 250 miles of trenches on ten miles of front. "Elsewhere a certain division has 250 miles of trenches to look after, while a certain corps d'armee has 45 miles. Taking these figures into consideration, one will certainly be under the mark in estimating that there are twenty miles of trenches to every mile of front, so that between Switzerland and the North Sea the British and French armies have at least 10,000 miles of trenches to guard and keep in order."

METHODISTS TO CONTRIBUTE

Their Full Share To the Canadian Forces.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—One message received yesterday by Premier Borden was from the Rev. Dr. S. D. Chowne, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada. It read: "I thank God and thank you for the thrilling announcement doubling the authorized forces of Canada for overseas service. You can depend upon the Methodist Church contributing its full share of recruits until the glorious end is reached."

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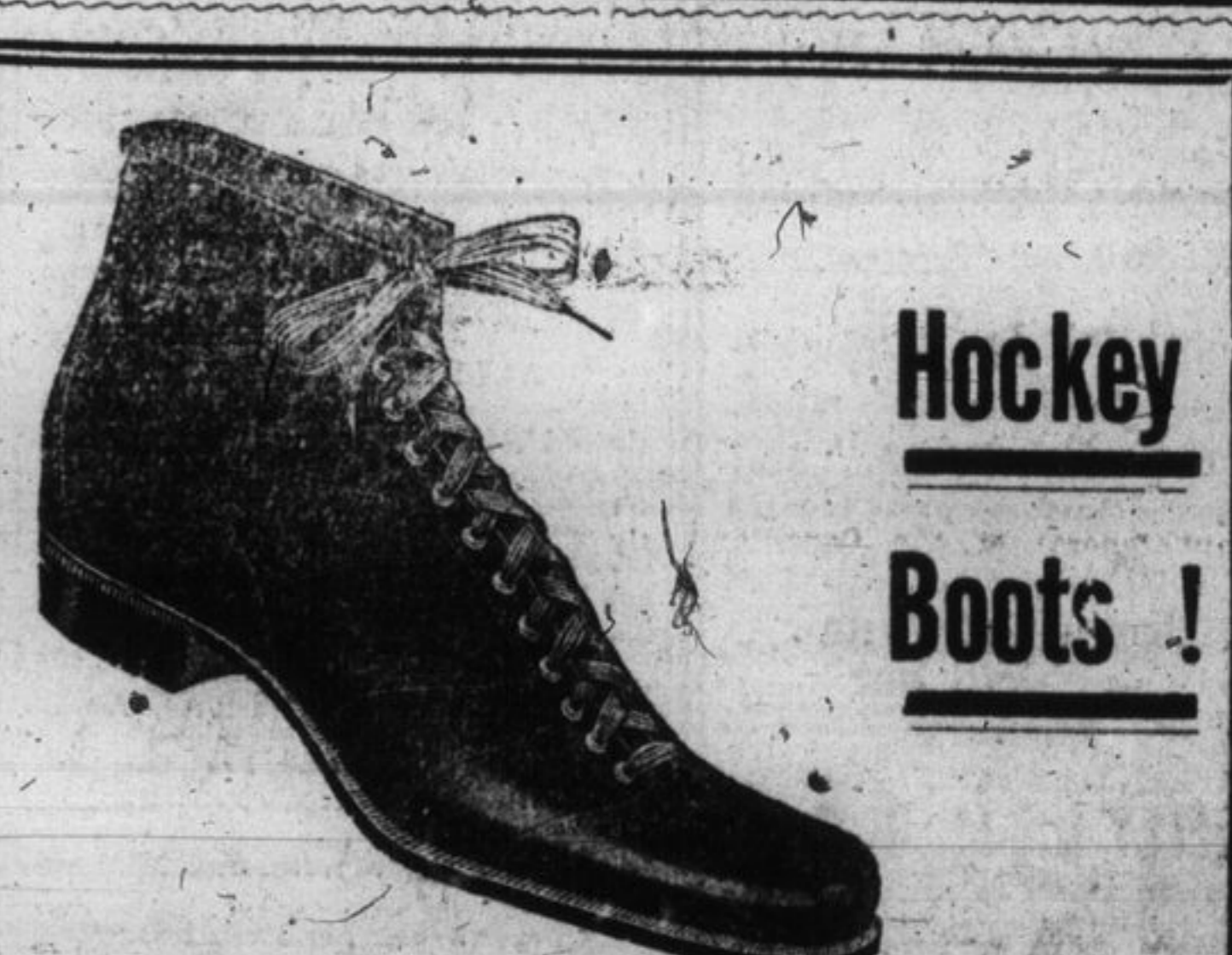
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