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A PURELY CANADIAN ISSUE.

It is said that Canada's Premier will ask the Minister of Munitions if he desires the shells' business to be considered, and if the question is put one can imagine what the answer will be.

MR. SCOTT'S CHALLENGE.

After the fall of the Roblin Government in Manitoba the Toronto News intimated that something akin to this upheaval would occur in Saskatchewan.

for the fund there is kept alive the patriotism that is so essential to the life of a people who are at war.

The sentiment of the old song is very appropriate. "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and there is no way in which this can be done without adding the necessary fuel from time to time.

Yes, there is something in these appeals for contributions to the Patriotic Fund which is really inspiring. The spirit of the movement is missing in Kingston just now, because it is proposed to raise a certain sum by general taxation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Lord Derby's is a name to conjure with. He is one of England's greatest men. The Conscription Act has made him famous.

Conscription has been endorsed by the British Commons and by an overwhelming majority, 383 to 36. Now watch the British army grow.

Power at \$25 per H.P. means that present rates can be cut in two. With this as a special feature in civic life, we can understand why business centres should go ahead.

Suppose objection was not raised to the pensions when reported to Parliament a year ago. They are objected to now because their inadequacy has become very apparent.

Kingston is not suffering from any financial depression. The people have thousands to put into public entertainments, and it is always a sign that they are living on Easy Street.

Ontario contemplates the establishment of a Municipal Department. It has been often demanded by the press and public men. An evidence that governments are impressed by public opinion.

The Ottawa Free Press has satisfied itself that the work of the Bertram's Shell Committee is alright. The more reason why the Committee should be vindicated through a public investigation.

PUBLIC OPINION

Canada should wash its own dirty linen without appealing for help to any member of the British Government. Lloyd-George is not personally concerned in the shells' scandal, and should not be dragged into it on any account.

A King's Experience.

King Constantine of Greece is having something of the fine old time which a king ought to have who tries to govern a kingdom off his own bat.

Life in Belgium.

Von Bissing warns the Belgians in effect that for any act more energetic than threatening that breathing death is to be the penalty.

A Contrast.

"Oh, the United States!" a witty, if malicious Englishman is quoted by a work as having said. "They began with the Mayflower and ended with the Lusitania!"

No Shirker.

Among the men who came to town the other day to don the uniform of a private was one who threw up a job that brought him eight dollars a day. He's no shirker.

The Retort Courteous.

A contemporary is brightening and intellectualizing its editorial page every day by reproducing editorials from the Star. It is a good idea. The articles sparkle like cut glass on a pine table.

Bank Interest.

With the Canadian chartered banks paying stock dividends all the way from 8 to 14 per cent, the proposal of Mr. Lapointe, M.P. for St. James, Montreal, that depositors be paid 4 per cent, instead of the present rate looks reasonable indeed.

A Tip In Time.

Young girls who marry soldiers are warned that there will be no separate allowances for them unless the soldiers made application for such before they enlisted. Girls who marry the men here now will not be

put on the allowance list. There will be nothing for them while the men are at the front.

LIBERAL PRESS.

Liberal Policies Endorsed.

Some of the leading policies of Mr. Rowell and the Ontario Provincial Liberal Party are endorsed in the recommendations of the Government Commission on Unemployment which was published this week. They suggest, for example, the establishment of a Department of Labor. One of the Liberal planks in 1914 was "The creation of a Department of Labor to study and promote legislative and administrative action for the betterment of the conditions of the workers."

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Hard On The Government.

Ontario does not share the anxiety of Oliver Wilcox, M.P. for North Essex, as to whether or not the Ottawa Opposition will accept the leadership of Hon. William Pugsley, who demands enquiry into the work of the Shell Committee, or of Sir Wilfrid Laurier who is indifferent to the need for such an enquiry.

Ontario will be shamed and humiliated not by the Laurier Opposition's rejection of a Laurier leadership in favor of a Pugsley leadership, but by the Borden Government's surrender to a Laurier leadership.

At Sir Robert Borden's protestations of patriotic fervor; are Sir Robert Borden's heroic declarations of a resolve to have enquiry through the heavens fall; are all the verbal virtues of the Conservative party in Opposition to end in Sir Robert Borden's decision to be governed by the whitewashing precedents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to enquire into South African war expenditures?

Will Stay In Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Rev. Charles A. Williams, who received calls to three Toronto Methodist churches, said to be Metropolitan, Central and Timothy Eaton Memorial Churches, announced to his congregation in St. James' Methodist Church that in response to a resolution passed by the Church Board he had decided to remain in Montreal with St. James' Church until 1921.

The first days receipts of the three day campaign of Toronto and New York Patriotic Fund yielded a total of \$900,000.

The House of Lords passed the second reading of the military service bill without division.

RANDOM REELS

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

THE PHILIPPINES.

The Philippines are a cluster of lowlying islands inhabited by people of the same temperament. They are located on bare ground in the middle of the Pacific ocean, which is a large, restless body of water held in leash by the Japanese Empire. The Japanese leash is one of the best forms in use, having stout, aggressive jays and noiseless, ball-bearing action, together with a clause calling for special and general execution at the option of the party of the first part.

The Philippines are ideally situated, being bounded on the north by the bubonic plague, on the east by the Japanese merchant marine, on the west by the Igorot breech clout and on the south by the 16-shot shot gun. The islands produce a satubrious and meaty climate, owing to the large number of unreformed cannibals which, are allowed to graze at will and disset the curious tourist who is interested in other things. They also produce a battle-hither and you with its little flitter and hangs red, bulbous pimples on the white visitor.

The Philippines originally belonged to Spain, which kept in print for

THE PENSION SYSTEM.

It is inadequate—Appeal To Government For Relief.

Hamilton Herald. The highest pension allowed a man of the rank and file who is totally disabled in action—who has lost both arms or both legs or the sight of both eyes or has been completely paralyzed—is \$22 a month for himself and \$11 for his wife if he be a married man. In addition he is allowed \$7.33 a month for "the constant services of an attendant;" but this is mere mockery, for a man who can afford to hire and maintain a "constant attendant" is not in need of a pension at all, and if he is not able to hire and maintain a "constant attendant" the allowance of \$7.33 a month will not go very far in helping him to defray that expense.

Inadequate as the pension of the married man is, he is better off than the single man, for his wife might draw the "constant attendance" allowance in addition to her monthly allowance of \$11, making the total monthly income of the disabled married veteran, and his wife \$40.33, whereas the highest possible income of the disabled single veteran is \$29.33. But it is a poor lookout for both married and single soldiers who are sent home from the front broken men, totally incapacitated from earning their living. What the Government allows them is far from being enough to maintain them even at a very low scale of subsistence.

Another feature of the Government pension scheme is the discrimination against soldiers who are injured on duty but not "in action or in the presence of the enemy." Unless a man is injured in action or in the presence of the enemy his highest possible pension that for total disability is only \$16 a month. Whether he is injured in action or while he is on duty elsewhere is a matter of accident; in both cases he was doing the duty assigned him, and deserves as much consideration in one case as in the other.

No matter how he was injured, his total disablement is the same to him; he is unable to earn his living, whether he was disabled on barrack duty or while being transported to the front, or whether he lost his limbs or his eyes by shell fire while charging the enemy. There should be no discrimination. A totally disabled veteran with \$16 a month from his grateful country, and with no other means of support, becomes an object of charity, for no man can subsist on that allowance. Those who responded to their country's call to duty deserve better of their country than that.

ENLISTMENT STATISTICS.

M. P. For Frontenac Trying to Get Them From Government.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Dr. Edwards, member for Frontenac, is endeavoring to secure from the Government a detailed statement as to the nationality, religion and province of the troops who have so far enlisted for service. He has placed on the order table of the Commons a series of questions asking for the enlistments by provinces, the birth-places of those who have enlisted, their religious denomination, etc., with a special table for the men of the first contingent.

The particulars asked for by Dr. Edwards have not yet been collated by the Militia Department, and it will take at least several weeks of work to give anything like accurate statistics along the lines desired.

He is indeed wise who can conceal his ignorance from others.

Bibbys Limited advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a top hat and a dog, with text: "We Sell First Quality Rubbers", "Bibbys Limited", "If you feel as if you're going to put your foot in it, you should visit the Shoe Shop", "There is no danger of your not being satisfied. We carry the most modern assortment of Men's Shoes ever designed to make folks' feet stop fretting.", "SEE OUR WORKINGMEN'S SHOES, \$3.00", "SEE OUR \$4.00 BENCH MADE SHOES", "WE SELL THE CELEBRATED JUST WRIGHT SHOE.", "New Shapes, THE CLUB, New Receding Toes.", "THE GRIZZLY BEAR, Medium Toe, Very Tidy Shape.", "THE GOIN-SUM, Button or Blucher."

Clover Honey advertisement: "Clover Honey", "In the Comb, 25c per large section.", "Extracted:", "In glasses ..... 17c & 20c", "Quart sealers ..... 50c", "2 1-2 lb. tins ..... 35c", "5 lb. tins ..... 70c", "10 lb. tins ..... \$1.30", "Also in 30 and 60 lb. tins.", "Jas. Redden & Co.", "Phones 20 and 990.", "NARROW ESCAPE WHEN ICE BREAKS.", "Cape Vincent Couple Thrown in Icy Waters—Iceboat Capsizes in Channel."

The Military Shoe Store Can Supply You advertisement: "The Military Shoe Store Can Supply You", "Tan Rubber Boots ..... \$5.00", "Military Boots (Slater and other makes) .... \$6.00", "Strathcona Boots ..... \$12.00", "English Calf and Hogskin Leggings, Spurs, Money Belts, Polish, Viscol Oil and many other things which are necessary to the Military Man.", "J.H. Sutherland & Bro.", "THE HOME OF GOOD SHOES."

Cape Vincent advertisement: "Cape Vincent, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Graydon Poe of this place and his companion, Miss Neller of Clayton, were dashed into the icy waters of the St. Lawrence River on Sunday afternoon when Mr. Poe's iceboat went through the surface in about mid-channel. Had not both Mr. Poe and Miss Neller been good swimmers, it is likely that a fatality would have occurred.", "Although several boats and a number of skaters were on the ice, no one was within several rods of the boat when it capsized. Another boatman saw the couple climbing onto the ice, his sails obstructed the view, when the boat broke through. Miss Neller had her skates on at the time, and as soon as she got out of the water she skated ashore, and went to her rooms at a hotel here. Mr. Poe walked ashore, and went home, leaving his boat in the water, where it was still frozen this morning. Neither of the young people was any the worse for the ducking this morning, although Mr. Poe had just recovered from a severe attack of grip, and Sunday was the first day he had been outside."

Coughs Are Dangerous advertisement: "Coughs Are Dangerous", "Use Tar and Sugar to Get Quick Relief.", "Coughs and colds are dangerous because, if neglected, they so frequently lead to more serious complaints, pneumonia, bronchitis and lung trouble would be almost unknown if coughs and colds were taken in hand in time. To be sure of getting instant relief and to prevent danger of your cough becoming deep seated you should always keep on hand a supply of bitrate of tar cough syrup which can easily be made at home for a few cents by dissolving half a pound of sugar in half a pint of hot water and then adding 2 ounces of bitrate of tar. Stir thoroughly, pour into a pint bottle and when cool it is ready for use. One or two table-spoonfuls of this simple inexpensive home made cough syrup taken every hour or two will quickly relieve the severest cough or cold, loosen up the phlegm and clear off the head in a most astonishing manner. Tickling throat coughs may be stopped by slowly dissolving in the mouth a lump of sugar of which you have first put 15 or 20 drops of bitrate of tar. Be sure to ask your druggist for the bitrate of tar as this is the only form containing the valuable remedial agents found in pine, birch, spruce and cedar, and is also very pleasant to the taste."

How to Rid the Skin of Objectionable Hairs advertisement: "How to Rid the Skin of Objectionable Hairs", "(Aids to Beauty)", "A simplified method is here given for the quick removal of hairy or fuzzy growths and rarely is more than one treatment required: Mix a stiff paste with some powdered delatone and water, apply to hairy surface and after 2 or 3 minutes rub off, wash the skin and every hair has vanished. This simple treatment cannot cause injury, but care should be exercised to get real delatone.", "Public display is often made possible by private economy."

OUR CUSTOMERS advertisement: "OUR CUSTOMERS say they cannot blame us for incessantly Singing the Praises of Our Coal", "Experience has taught them it's the best they can buy, and that it costs no more than other coal.", "Try It Once—Join in the Chorus", "CRAWFORD, Foot of Queen Street, Phone 9.", "Britain and Sweden will arrange a settlement over Britain's holding up of the mails. Warwick-Brookes, coalition candidate, was elected in Mile End by a majority of 376."

Rippling Rhymes advertisement: "Rippling Rhymes", "DOWN AND OUT", "The bum comes trembling at your door, he's starved and cold and weak and sore. Through whiskers full of snow and ice, he humbly begs you for the price. No doubt he is a lazy skater, who never tries to pay the freight; no doubt he loafs on summer days, when every busy farmer pays a handsome wage to those who'll toil, and push the plowshare through the soil. No doubt he is a chronic shipk, who has it in for honest work. No doubt the kopeck you bestow will to the frog dispenser go. Yet loosen up, nor ask the be if Rum has brought him down so low. And can the helpful moral spiel that you have wound upon your reel, all suffering to be unwound; for snow is deep upon the ground, and bitter is the winter air, and hunger means a bleak despair. Jack up the beggar man in May, if he won't help to put up hay; but when he tecters to our door, to touch for a dime or more, upon a freezing winter morn, dig up, dig up, nor point with scorn.", "Copyright, 1915 by Goodson & Co. Montreal."