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CONSCRIPTION IS COMING The recruiting is slow, and getting slower, not only in Kingston but all over the country. In Montreal, for instance, Brigadier-General Wilson declares that there are thousands of young men who are not disposed to do their duty, and, what is more regrettable there is "a noticeable atmosphere of apathy on the part the people." Conscription is regarded by him as inevitable.

In Hamilton, following the spectacular entry of the 205th Tiger Battalion into the recruiting field there has been a slump in the enlistments and something must be done to stimulate them. But what?

In Kingston, the 146th Battalion is in need of several hundred more men, and it is not apparent where they are coming from.

In Toronto, Lieut.-Col. Cooper, of the 198th Battalion, said, at a re cent meeting: "There is no doubt in this country we are trying to hans on to the voluntary system, a system that is obsolete, and we are all afraid of a word. That word is conscrip tion. I never was afraid of it. A the men in my battalion are conscripts. Their country called them They did not want to go, but they realized it was absolutely necessary, and they have conscripted themsel-

It is only a question of time until the English method of recruiting men will be adopted. It would not be surprising if action in that direction were taken at the present ses sion of the Dominion House.

A VERY SERIOUS CHARGE.

In the Vancouver election Sir Hibbard Tupper appeared as a supporter of the Liberal candidate. He was anxious, it is said, to see an opposition in the local house. A gislature without a critic-and in the last general election there was no a Liberal elected-is bound to go wrong. There is no restraint upon the government, and the results are bound to be bad.

The Bowser Government has been been severely called to account by the Ministerial Association whose expert compiler of facts acted as an official for a long time and was fam- abandoned as unfit and useless? structive as the assertions of Sir Surely not. Hibbard. In a speech, on the eve of the election, he said:

"I charge, in this election, you corrupt practices. They may ge

mine led to a rivalry between two men, and I am bound to give Bowser his due. He outdid Sir Richard Mc- 324,790 men for emergencies under Bride. Sir Richard allowed a rakeoff dealing with the Songhees Reserve of \$75,000, but \$45,000 of the be \$98,000,000 a year, but the explunder disappeared. But that was pense of the military establishment only \$75,000! So the great William in the first year will be \$118,000,-J. Bowser arose and pulled off \$80,- 000. The outlay will increase with 000 on the Kitsilano reserve deal."

Sir Hibbard said nothing against the Minister of Finance, A. C. Flummerfelt, who appears to be an able man, a financier of distinction, and so independent that even he com- the Toronto Recruiting League, remented disparagingly upon certain ferred to him "as one of Canada's acts of the government. But he en- most honored, respected, able, and dorsed the Bowser record. He was faithful servants," and the London willing to take office under the man Free Press is greatly tickled. who is in bad repute, and he went regards this as a snub to the partidown to defeat.

Mr. Stevens' resolution, regarding Oh. my! prohibition, provides for a test of the military vote one year after the That means that he does not want as a nation which is in danger of prunes, and make your life sublime. not approve of the marking of bal. attack from any source. "God forlots in the trenches.

FEDERAL PROHIBITION. Stevens, of Vancouver, who introduc- sentatives of the race, must not ed the resolution, had fortified him- pire to command the forces self with arguments of the most ef- America. fective kind. Canada was not only under the influence of a powerful temperance wave, but the time had come when, for self-protection, for the sake of those engaged in national defence and for economic reasons, the waste of money in drink should be stopped. All classes of the peo- bricks to the farmers, but Henry business prosperity is indicated ple favor it, and more especially the Ford will pay \$400,000 for peace par- clearly in the statement made public laboring classes, whose leaders and ties. unions had been expressing them-

selves towards it in a most forceful Compensation was referred to, and very properly so, since those who have investments in the business to the amount of over \$43,000,000 are entitled to some consideration Should these be put out of business, and made to lose their savings or estate without some recognition? Mr. should be a law against this. Stevens recalled the fact that there was \$1,204,000,000 represented in the industries of the country, and (Daily Edition)

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> A splendid seconder to the resolution was Hon. Charles Marcil, who announced himself as a convert to Ottawa Citizen prohibition through a study of the question. The men at home can afford to give up their whiskey when their sons are giving up their lives in the cause of the Empire. Economy, too, was demanded now. An the aboltion of the drink traffic must cause a saving of over \$87,000,000 per annum, or over \$10 per head. Mr. Marcil sketched the progress of temperance sentiment in Canada, and said that a great change had come over Quebec since 1898, when the last Federal referendum had occur red, and with an adverse vote in this province. The opposing opinion in Parliament was weak, very weak. It was largely reflected by William G.

the manufacture of denatured alco-

wasted on the farms of the country."

Weichel, of North Waterloo, who, with his supporters, harped upon the effect that the proposed legislation would have on individual liberty. His raillery against the Church and the temperance men represented the feelings of an angry man. Gossip, he said, had ruined more reputations than whiskey. This is doubtful. Whiskey has killed more men than

Prohibition has more deeply af fested the Commons than many peomeasure, limited as to time, may be passed, goes without saying The provinces will be strengthened at least by legislation which will prevent the importation and manufacture of liquor when the people have voted against it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hon, T. Chase Casgrain is against Regulation 17, and says that should go. He adds that "Ontario the bottomless pit. It is spread has violated both constitution and treaty with regard to this matter. The discontent among the French-Canadians is evidently spreading.

Why equip any of the Canadian units with Oliver outfits, at \$18 per man, when in England they are langorously into the arms of a porfliar with the government's accounts. | the continued loss of \$40,000 per His statements were damaging, but regiment of 1,100 men something nothing be said was as direct and de which can be tolerated indefinitely? baths several times a year with all running for office look like somebody

has no use for the people who talk have evidence that you have been of moral reforms. He has a great governed in this province by a cor- contempt for the man who would rupt government. By men, to their suggest what he should eat and shame, who have lent themselves to drink. His is the old argument, the surviving sample of the burnt cork oratory that prevailed many "This pilfering of your money and years ago.

The United States will raise 1,the Hay army bill. The cost will subsequent years to \$140,000,000. This is going some in a military

An admirer of Hon. R. Rogers, in zan papers that have been saying harsh things about its patron saint.

Mr. Bryan is astonished that anybid," he writes, "that any American

army or navy may be placed under | new taxes must chiefly fall. Many The discussion of prohibition in the command of a foreigner to fight however, will find a field for critithe Federal Parliament was both il- in a European war." A hint that the Federal Parliament was both il- in a European war." A hint that its most active and productive form tuminating and impressive. Mr. the Germans, or hyphenated reprethat is to be taxed, while inactive

A Costly Service. (Ottawa Times.)

The Curtain of Fire, (Toronto Globe.) day to be the drop curtain in the great war tragedy.

There Certainly Should (Port Arthur Chronicle.) dren has enlisted. We believe in couraging recruiting, but there

Pay In Glory. (Ottawa Times.) would come in a little faster if the soldiers weren't expected to take so large a part of their pay in the form

(Toronto News.) In repealing the bi-lingual clause now exceeds the handsome sum of of the Manitoba educational law no \$7,500,000. ing of alcohol for industrial pur- constitutional Act is violated and no "A gallon of alcohol," said protest from the Federal authorities ts to be expected. A Courteous Act. (Ottawa Citizen.)

No Law Broken.

adjourned a council meeting to en- the earning power of the company petrol now imported. Moreover, able their Liberal conferes to join in that holders of five-year dividend a welcome to Hon. G. P. Graham. hol for industrial purposes will pro- This was either courtesy or a bit of receive larger dividends in 1916 vide a use for many products now

CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

Dear Col. Allison.

After reading how Col. Allison had induced American time fuse makers to accept \$1,600,000 less than they originally asked, how he had nufacturers into accepting \$33 for goods for which \$37.50 to \$42.50 was demanded in Canada and how he had saved Britain \$1,066,240 on motor trucks, to say nothing of his success in getting Canada thousands of Colt revolvers from the makers at a preference, we feel compelled to ask the authorities to lock up the colonel. A man with his hypnotic power might wander into some of our large financial institutions and precipitate a crisis by the mere flutter of an

COMMERCIAL PRESS.

A Tax That Hurts

"Ordinarily a Finance Minister in Canada relies chiefly on Customs and Excise tariffs as the readiest means of providing revenue. 'Sir Thomas White, it appears, has come to the conclusion that these tariffs are now working to about their full capac'ty as revenue producers, and that necessary, and he has chosen a business tax as the most suitable form. wealth, for much of the wealth of | ing damage to the amount of about the country is invested in business \$60,000. There was some grain in

cism in the fact that it is wealth in wealth escapes. Business activity, as of represented by the capital employed in industry, is to be taxed, but the wealth that is in the form of mortgages and bonds remains free."

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE

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at the company's annual meeting in

Montreal on March 7th. The Sun Life again maintained its position as the largest of Canadian The French " curtain of fire" in life companies. Its assurances in the Verdun region may prove some force now total over \$257,000,000, policies issued during the year amounting to over \$34,000,000, the largest amount ever issued by a Canadian life company. The confidence of the Canadian people in their most representative life assurance company is indicated by an increase for the year of over \$1,700,000 in assurances issued in Canada. Assets increased by over \$10,000,000 during the year to \$74,326,000, the largest resources held by any Canadian assurance organization. From the policyholder's point of view it is worthy of note that over and above this figure the company holds a contingent Fund of securities to a par value of over \$13,000,000. Net surplus over all liabilities and capital

Sun Life of Canada policyholders received last year total payments of \$7,129,479 compared with \$6,161,-000 in 1914, bringing the total sum paid policyholders since the organization of the company to \$52,676,-Kingston Conservative aldermen 000. It is a striking indication of and reserve dividend policies will than was received by holders of similar policies in 1914. Cash income for the year totalled nearly \$16,000,000, an increase of \$920,-397 over that for 1914.

The showing of Canada's largest assurance company during the year just passed affords grounds for just pride on the part of the Canadian people and for gratification to Sun beguiled Amer'can ammunition ma- Life of Canada policyholders and shareholders.

COL. ALLISON SICK.

Is In New York And Threatened With Pneumonia.

Ottawa, March 8 .- Col. J. Wesley Allison, who acted as confidential agent for the Minister of Militia in purchases of military supplies, and whose evidence is now desired by the Public Accounts Committee, is now in New York under his doctor's care with pneumonia threatening. That, it is learned, is the reason why Col. Allison has been unable to come to Ottawa to testify in regard to his relations with the Colt Company, and to clear up other matters before the Public Accounts Committee. The last time he gave evidence in the Capital his journey here was against his physician's advice, and his condition instead of improving has grown worse.

Grain Elevator Burned.

Fort William, Ont., March. '8 .-Fire completely destroyed the grain elevator of the Grain Growers' Grain Company in Hardisty street, entail-

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

Mud is a combination of water, stone on the evening air? beeswax, gum-arabic and despair That was originally imported from thickly over the face of nature in the spring and fall of the year, and prevents the speed maniac from committing suicide by looping the loop through a barbed-wire fence. also has another noble mission, as people who are afflicted with internal rheumatism would rather bathe celain tub. Thousands of people who have never felt the deft, appealing touch of sciatic rheumatism, however, are obliged to take mud-

their clothes on. Mud is caused by rain falling on Mr. Weichel, of North Waterloo, the earth for four days and nights and refusing to run off. For some reason or other, mud always prefers to locate in the middle of the public highway, where it can clasp an approaching automobile to its bosom and climb all over the windshield. Why is it that mud will not choose some other place to lie down, like a pasture or a cornfield, instead of curling up on the highway to a depth of nine feet and causing the restless with,

tourist to breathe sulphur and brim

The most deadly form of mud found on this continent is the yellow clay variety, which is harder to remove from a pair of cream-colored pants than a wad of gum which has been thoughtlessly sat upon. It is mournful to think of the number of chirping swains who have left home in lavender panties and a top buggy. to court some fair maiden at her home twelve miles from the town How to Save in it up to their eyeballs than sink clock, only to sink up to the horse's hiplets in damp, penetrating yellow mud and have to be dry-cleaned before being admitted to the parlor.

Mud-slinging is the genteel art of making a pillar of the church who is who would rob the baby's bank on Christmas Eve. If a woman who

If mud doesn't strike any deeper than the clothes, it can be put up

Rippling Rhymes

now make people blue. The merchant carries on his books about a million debts, and some who figure to thank us as long as you live for publishing this prescription. The Valmas there are crooks, and some misfortune's pets. Some prescription by mail the above hope to play the honest game when they have got the cannot tin, and it may be they'll do that same, soon as their Geo. W. Mahood, the Kingston Drugships come in: But some ships travel mighty slow, of winds and waves the sport; some hit the reef of Norman's Woe, and never come to port. The merchants have to charge us more for everything they

sell, to cover the defaulter's score, and hence H. C. Spokane, which is in Washington of L. Whene'er you buy a pound of pills, or quart which in turn is one of the newky of pumpkin rind, you're paying something on the bills prohibition states, now lights itof those who are behind. If you, who read these self with a beverage called "carbonreturn of the soldiers to Canada. one would refer to the United States simple runes, would pay your bills on time, you'd help to cut the price of ated fizz." C. F. Looks and taskes



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