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OUR YOUTHS AT WAR

The attendance at the Collegiate
Institute at this date is not as large
as it was a similar date last year,
and when an explanation was asked
for the principal said that about sixty
of the young men now at the front
would be in school but for the war.
A tribute to the enthusiasm of the
youths and the spirit that has moved
them towards a patriotic action. It
may be said that they were influenced
by the excitement of the moment
rather than by the serious thought
that active military service involved.
But there is a record which shows
that some of them carried themselves
with the courage of older men and
that, in engagements with the enemy,
they earned the commendation of
their superior officers. These young
men compare favorably with the
young men who have been thrust
into the battle by the Kaiser, the
last line of the reserves on whom
the empire trust, for the very best
service. Considering that military
service is not compulsory in Canada,
the manner in which the duty of the
hour has impressed itself upon the
youth, is remarkable. The earlier
recruits were sent greetings by the
Board of Education and the later
recruits are to be praised in that they
have cheerfully entered upon a mili-
tary career with the assurance that
they will, in any crisis, give a good
account of themselves.

The bilingual school controversy
is largely affected by the real mean-
ing of Regulation 17, and the purpose
which it was supposed to serve. The
one man who is mysteriously silent
upon the subject is Dr. Byrne, and
he has received the credit for fram-
ing up the Regulation in question.
What is his interpretation?

WAR TAX CHALLENGED.

Toronto has challenged the right
of the Ontario government to impose
the duty upon them of assessing the
people and collecting from them pro-
vincial war taxes. The provincial
treasurer realized that he had in
some way to make up for the losses
in provincial revenue, and so he pro-
vided for an impost of a mill on the
dollar, the amount looked for in the
Queen City, and upon the present as-
essment, being \$582,021, Toronto's
officials to do the work at the cost
of the city.

The mayor, familiarly known as
"Tommy" Church, has disputed the
authority of the legislature to direct-
ly tax the people. It was usurping
the function of the municipality, and
he for one, the leader of the council,
resented this. It cannot be said that
Mr. Church is actuated by political
motives, as he is usually a supporter
of the local government. As a
Conservative he owed his election and
re-election to the support he received
from his party.

To be sure, he is an independent
occasionally, and when he assumes
the role of a protestant or a prophet
he uses strong and sometimes sensa-
tional language. Mr. Church is not
only against the provincial govern-
ment at present, on account of this
war tax, which is not, according to
an alderman, to be used for war pur-
poses, but he is against the federal
government for asking or expecting
the municipalities to assume war ex-
penses in the outfitting of the army.
This outfitting should belong to the
government and be paid for by it.

The Queen City, of all the munici-
palities in Ontario, has questioned
the prerogative of the local govern-
ment in this matter. No other has
collided with the province in resist-
ing the operations of its law, and in
carrying the contests to the courts,
even to the highest. Toronto can

afford an expensive proceeding of
this kind, and can at the same time
demonstrate whether the law is
within or without the power of the
legislature.

All other civic bodies can afford
to look on and wonder at the temer-
ity of Toronto's civic council. Mayor
Church is willing to gamble legally
upon the result, and he carried the
members of the council with him in
the proportion of two to one.

THE TIME TO STRIKE

The community, or home trading
movement, is growing. We see the
evidences of this every day. The
community builder is realizing that
the success of the city depends upon
the extent to which he supports
home trade. He is buying at home,
and encouraging the merchants to
secure and keep the stock which he
desires.

Our cartoonist punctuates the
motto of the day. "The cartoon la-
belled "The Hour is Striking," car-
ries a great meaning with it. The
time has arrived when the home
trading movement is in a most im-
perative way. The hands of the
clock point to the time when there
will be a unanimous and emphatic
declaration in favor of "First Our
Town" and those who are true to
the slogan, (and the number is in-
creasing), will have no time to think
of any other place.

There is a side to this home trade
which must be kept steadily in view.
It is only that by a loyal and pledged
support can our merchants cater for
the patronage of the people. One
can afford to look up the newest
things in clothing, in foods, in
house furnishings, and house decora-
tions, when he finds that his enter-
prise has been appreciated; and this
study of public tastes and public ap-
proval are shown in the gradual de-
velopment of local business. Let us
hope that this reciprocity in good
feeling and service will continue un-
til it is realized that not a dollar is
expended abroad which can be ad-
vantageously expended at home.

The Montreal Mail, Conservative,
says a better mutual understanding
has been reached through the moder-
ate and dignified manner in which
the bilingual question has been dis-
cussed in the Commons. It would
have been a serious reflection to
think of any other result.

IRELAND'S MISFORTUNES.

It is difficult for anyone away from
the scene of the trouble to under-
stand the conditions that prevail in
Ireland at the present time. Ireland
has been a national enigma. The
people, emotional to a remark-
able degree, strong in opinions and
strong in the assertion of them, and
most impressionable in their natures,
have been easily swayed by passing
events. Whatever they did was
tinged with a feeling of the intensest
kind.

Knowing of their unrest the govern-
ment has been disposed to regard
them with peculiar condescension.
Their talk, at times so alarming, has
been discounted, perhaps too much
in view of present experiences.

The politicians made a mistake
when they boasted of their willing-
ness to use armed force in behalf of
their respective courses, and while
they blustered the Sinn Fein move-
ment found the protection it desired.
The results have been deplorable. It
is unfortunate that the government
of Ireland was so oblivious of its dan-
gers, and that it did not distinguish
between the various disturbers of
the peace. The collapse of this
government at a critical time was re-
sponsible for the crisis of the day.
It may be tired over, and if it is an-
other tribute must be paid to the
courage, the ability, and intuition of
Mr. Asquith. He saw the necessity
of immediate action; and, as the one
dominant and judicial force in bring-
ing life, proceeded in person to bring
his judgment to bear upon the situa-
tion.

There can be no palliation of the
offenses of those who led in the re-
cent attempt to set up republican
rule in Ireland. The men, and the
women, too, who engaged in the re-
bellion, and caused the killing and
wounding of so many in the violent
demonstration of their authority, de-
served no mercy; and what was done
at once in the suppression of the out-
break, even to the execution of the
leading rebels, was regarded with
public approval. The mercurial
temperament of the people must be
remembered, however; and now they
are inclined to sympathize with the
unfortunate revolutionists, and to resent
the carrying out to the letter, or too
far, of the punishment which a great
iniquity has invited.

Discretion is surely required at
such a time, and the one man in all
Britain who can use is aright and
impassionately is the premier. The
success of his mission to Ireland is
ardently hoped for.

Who would not rise a little earlier
in the morning during the summer
months and go to work an hour sooner
when he would have that much
longer time added to his leisure for
after-work engagements? Kingston
cannot afford to drag behind the pro-
gressive cities of the west.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Carvell is making good. The
revelations before the Meredith-Duff
Commission at Ottawa, during the
last couple of days have been start-
ling, and the lid is not yet complete-
ly off.

A revolt in Germany is now in or-
der; and if any Irishmen undertook
the feat of Sir Roger Casement in
Ireland he would receive short shrift
from the war lords of that ill-fated
land.

Mr. Lamarche says that Quebec
has bilingual schools, bilingual
statesmen; bilingual homes, and bi-
lingual justice. No wonder the
Quebeckers are regarded as a pecu-
liar people.

The city auditor at Ottawa is
threatened with dismissal because he
does his duty. He will not pass an
account which is twice as large as he
thinks it should be. And he will
not accept the bluff.

The ex-Ambassador of Mexico is
suing Norman Hapgood, of Harper's
Weekly, for \$350,000 damages for libel.
Mexican dollars, of course.
No one would think of suing an editor
for \$350,000 of any other kind of
money.

Senator Davis' amendment to the
prohibition bill was happily conceiv-
ed, but it did not carry. He wanted
to prohibit the manufacture of liquor
in any province which adopted prohibi-
tion, and as the only way of making
prohibition effective. The
amendment was defeated.

PUBLIC OPINION

Maclean's Dues.

(Ottawa Free Press).
If Canada's railways are going to
be nationalized W. F. Maclean, M.P.,
ought to get in his application for a
knighthood without any delay.

McGill Leads.

(Montreal Mail).
By adopting compulsory military
training, McGill sets an example to
the other universities of Canada.
Montreal has additional reason to be
proud of McGill.

Munition Workers.

(Toronto Mail).
Munition workers and inspectors
are performing a patriotic service;
but much of the work could be done
by men unfit for military service, or
restrained from enlisting by family
necessities.

Fat Man's Job.

(Belleville Ontario).
Hereafter the good-natured fat
man will be compelled to pay higher
insurance rates. Franklin Mead,
the actuary, has figured it out that
he dies earlier in life than the skin-
ny fellow.

Willison's Chickens.

(Montreal News).
Sir John Willison, of the Toronto
News, is denouncing the Laurier
railway policy. He was its strong-
est supporter in 1904 in the same pa-
per. "Indian not lost; wigwag

Random Reels

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

THE PIG.

The pig is a coarse, illiterate animal
with a long pedigree and a short
tail which cannot be used as a fly-
killer. One of the most cruel acts
which Nature ever performed was to
equip the horse and cow with long,
flowing tails and leave the pig with-
out anything but a feeble, tightly-
curled imitation. This is why the
average pig is so disagreeable a com-
panion during fly time and has to be
mollified with a pitchfork.

The pig is purely a commercial
venture. Nobody ever reared a pig
in order to enjoy his society or to
watch the workings of his mind as
it developed from playful infency to
adult manhood. In fact, a careful
search for the mind of the pig is
about as futile as trying to locate
the melody in a bagpipe solo. No
great poem was ever written on the
pig, and he is never asked to sit for
his portrait, except just prior to a
some auction sale. If American
literature had to depend upon the
pig for its inspiration, it would not
occupy the proud eminence given it
by the state of Indiana.

Without intending to disparage
the pig, it must be admitted that in-
tellectually he is a greater disap-
pointment than grand opera in Eng-
lish. But as a business proposition
the pig makes the chewing-gum in-
dustry look like the sale of ice-cream
cones in Labrador. Almost alone
and single-handed the domestic pig
has dotted our fair prairies with
beautiful homes, electric washers,
majestic silos, musical windmills,
self-playing pianos, mechanical milk-
ers, back-firing automobiles, and
sweet content. Every time the far-
mer ships thirty-two chubby-faced
pigs to market some real money is
put into active circulation, and the
country merchant feels more like ad-
vertising and contributing to the
church.

BLowing IT IN

Of all the divers brands of joy that make our
journey sunny, of all the bliss without alloy, there's
none like spending money. It's well to put away a
wad, against the rainy weather, it's well, when hard
times are abroad, to have some coins together. But
when you've salted down a roll of sesterces and tal-
ents, then, to invigorate your soul, go out and blow
the balance. Don't let the saving habit grow, until
you are a miser; salt down a part, a portion blow
that policy's the wiser. "I like to toddle to the bank
and put some bones in pickle; I like to save, but
I'm no crank on saving every mickle. I like to take
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a lot of useless junk, just for the sake of buying.
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and make you fellows dizzy!" Of all the standard
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lost," to quote a famous aboriginal
saying.

A Significant Vote.

(Brantford Expositor).
The British House of Commons
has adopted a motion in favor of
daylight saving on a vote of 170 to
2. Legislation is expected to fol-
low immediately. With such a
powerful example before it, the Do-
minion Parliament may be expected
to follow suit.

KINGSTON EVENTS

25 YEARS AGO

Fire burned roof of Martello Tower
at Point Frederick.
Public school repair budget calls
for \$15,000.

Fire Committee looks over old
Wesley Church with a view to mak-
ing it a fire hall.

R. J. Bushell left for Sorel, Que.,
to act as purser on the steamer Al-
gerian.

Rate on Coal from Oswego to
Kingston is twenty-five cents a ton.
Dominion census shows King-
ston's population as 19,800.

LIBERAL PRESS.

What the Party Should Do.

(Toronto Star).
The Liberal Opposition ought to
grapple with the railway question,
declare boldly and clearly for na-
tionalization, and leave bilingualism
to Bourassa and his fellow-crank.
It ought to declare for federalism
in the broad sense. The Dominion
Parliament ought to do its own busi-
ness, and leave the Provincial Leg-
islatures to do their own business.
As we understand it, that is Federal-
ism, and that is Liberalism. At
any rate, it is common sense.

Sir Wilfrid's Appeal.

(Toronto Globe).
The fear on the one hand of the
strangling of the French language
and on the other of the supplanting
of English by French should vanish
like fantastic and disturbing
dreams in the light of clear under-
standing and frank debate. The do-
minion house affords a platform
from which all provinces can be
reached, but in the discussion of
purely provincial affairs it is im-
possible to avoid the appearance of
federal interference. The effect of
Sir Wilfrid's address would have been
greater if he had made it directly to
the electors of Ontario in Toronto
on some other populous centre of
the province.

INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Belcourt as "Hold-Out."

(Hamilton Herald).
Senator Belcourt, who announces
that he will not pay his school taxes
until French-Canadians in Ontario
get justice from the Ontario govern-
ment, is the same Belcourt who ad-
mitted in a public speech that
French-Canadians in Ontario have no
legal right to the educational privi-
leges which they demand. If he
and other French racists in this
province were to get "justice" some
of them would be in jail.

Every time a van girl shakes
hands with a man it gives her van-
ity a jolt if he doesn't squeeze her
fingers.
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cient—if it be the right word.

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vice to others always goes elsewhere
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Progress" is not a treatise on chir-
opody.