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WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS.

Everyone welcomes the announcement that the returned soldiers, those who have done their bit, who are no longer qualified for military service and are still willing to work, should be given a preference whenever possible.

It is not enough that some kind of registration should be kept, and that as opportunity offers they should be given public appointments. That implies a most dilatory method of giving these men employment, and unless changes in the public service take place more rapidly than usual the waiting lists may be very long.

The Whig recalls what occurred in England when the veterans of the war became numerous. The government, through some department, called out of the public service those who could do military duty and did not enlist, and filled their places with returned soldiers. No one saw in that proceeding a wrong or an injustice.

The Canadian and the provincial governments must revise their lists. The National Service Commission, as a first act, should scan the records at Ottawa, and elsewhere, and see where they can replace fighting men with men who have performed their part.

Yes, the returning soldiers deserve the consideration of the government, and that consideration is not to be limited to a few pleasant words and promises.

The wine and beer agitation has been killed. The defeat of the conservative candidate in south-west Toronto, with this as his programme, is enough. The minister with his ear to the ground has evidently heard something.

MR. DEWART COMES BACK.

When Hon. Arthur Meighen discussed the nickel question in Toronto, as the representative of the federal government and the International Nickel Company, he made two principal points: (1) That the nickel trade, outside of Canada, was practically under the control of the British Admiralty, and (2) that the London agents of the International Nickel Company, the Mertons, had been changed by the elimination of their German members. This was regarded as the last word upon the subject.

But Hartley Dewart has come back. He quoted from the cablegrams of Lord Cecil and Bonar Law (no doubt asked for), to the effect that it was the Canadian government, not the British Admiralty, or the British government, which had made an "arrangement for re-shipment to American plants." He quoted from cablegrams sent to the London Mail, Lord Northcliffe's paper, and conservative, that Hon. Mr. Hughes, the premier of Australia, refused to believe that the Germans, Langback and Schwartz, had left the Merton firm in London. They had simply changed their names and called themselves Lang and Staiton. These, cabled Hon. Mr. Hughes to the London Mail, "are still enemy subjects, except for the cloak of naturalization."

Hon. Mr. Hughes went further and said of these London agents of the International Nickel Company: "I do not hesitate to say that Merton's is an enemy firm, the naturalization being a shallow artifice deceiving nobody who is not anxious to be deceived. The Commonwealth government refuses to recognize it."

Evidently the last word has not been said on the subject that has been stirred up a feeling that cannot be swept away by Mr. Meighen's artful philosophy.

NATIONALISTS IN EVIDENCE.

There is a suggestiveness in the riotous meeting in Montreal which the Borden-Bennett party addressed. Very naturally there was a large attendance, as any public meeting in connection with the war, and at a time like this, is bound to be. But it was unfortunately staged. There was too much nationalism about it, and the presence of men who, in the election of 1911, had preached antimilitarism, had a tendency to arouse hostility.

The question flung tauntingly at Mr. Patenaude had a sting in it, "Why don't you enlist?" This, with a boos and other expressions of unfriendliness, was followed by calls for Mr. Blondin. He is the ill-starred representative of the nationalist party who so far forgot himself in the election of 1911 as to say that holes should be shot in the British flag. He has, since the war broke out, made some attempt to explain away the effect of that insulting phrase, but he has never made the unreserved apology for which his offence called.

The premier would have gone far towards raising his popularity had he removed from the cabinet and his counsils the men who have made recruiting in Quebec impossible. Patenaude and Blondin are certainly not at patriotic meetings calculated to win the applause of the people. Their retirement has been demanded by one public meeting in Ontario which has had the disabilities of the government under consideration.

Quebec is not going to have total prohibition. It may have the abolition of the bar—Rowell's policy again endorsed—and restriction of liquor to cafes and restaurants. The stand-up bar, the common menace of the times, is bound to go.

NEW FARMERS' PARTY.

Sir Robert Borden, who proposes with Mr. Bennett et al, to make a hurried trip across the continent, in the interest of national service, will be just in time, as they pass through the western provinces, to catch the inspiration of the new farmers' party. Its organization was effected at Winnipeg on Wednesday, and its plan is to enter a propaganda which will have the effect of organizing branches of the party in every province, and in every county of every province.

It is to be a greater political movement than the farmers have ever attempted, with a platform so comprehensive that it is safe to say that nothing like it has ever been advanced. The campaign in connection with it is to be conducted along independent lines, and for the reason, presumably, that the political parties would queer it if they could. The theory is that the farmers can, if they will, control the political situation of Canada. The difficulty is to consolidate the vote, and cast it en bloc, when farmers' interests are at stake.

There have been farmers' movements, and they have not succeeded because they lacked in solidarity. Both the Grange and the Patron parties were well designed. They were supposed to be co-operative in their tendencies, and there is no doubt that had they been true to their objects they would have accomplished great things for their members. Unfortunately there were those who were not true to their pledges as they were expected to be, and when elections came around they found themselves voting the old ticket as usual. Disintegration followed.

It remains to be seen whether the new party can educate its members to try out the new platform, in every detail, in the face of counter attractions politically. The ideal is always attractive until it is submitted to the test.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Toronto World has it that a political crisis is on. It would not be surprising to hear that a dominion election has been ordered before the end of the year. So soon as that?

Are the farmers of this county ready for the new political party which, starting in the west, is expected to spread and cover all Canada with its branches? Its ideals are very high.

The Kemp election in Toronto ought to be all right. Hon. Bob Rogers and Hon. Arthur Meighen have been up to the city and left their merric touch upon the political situation.

If Canada is to be represented in the British government it cannot have a better man than Sir Hamar Greenwood. How he has developed since he acted as a reporter on a Toronto paper.

Hon. Mr. Hearst would like to make a minister of agriculture out of the member for East York, and he has been warned not to do so. Is the government so unpopular that it cannot elect a supporter anywhere?

James Simpson, the labor leader—he likes to be called Jimmie—says that a three-pound loaf of bread sells in Toronto for 18c and in Scotland for 8 1/2c. The flour is the same, of Canadian production, and the Scotland

supply has to stand the additional cost of ocean freight. This is surprising.

Lord Northcliffe, the British dictator, the man who is largely responsible for the present political condition in England, does not approve of Canada's nickel policy. He has been largely instrumental in discrediting the story that the Mertons at London, the agents of the International Nickel Company, have got rid of the German element. Changed their name. That is all.

PUBLIC OPINION

Not Enough. (Toronto News) It will take more than a Conservative majority to justify the Senate's existence.

Let Us Hope So. (Toronto Star) Frederick Palmer's annual war lecture is coming to be an event of importance. Next year, let us hope, he will be in a position to explain to us in his highly interesting way how it all ended.

Remembering the Heroes. (Montreal Star) Ambassador Gerard is said to be taking back with him to Berlin four tons of food delicacies, the gift of enthusiastic friends. Four tons of reasons for making him the most popular man in Berlin.

Oh, That's It? (Ottawa Free Press) By filling in the vacancies in the Senate the Tories are given a majority in that body. And, according to the time-honored custom in this country, senate reform is once more an accomplished fact.

Winning Glory. (Joseph Mercury) The Canadian soldiers at the front have won added glory. The young

man at home who is still skulking around and dodging the issue, is winning an added stigma to his name every time he says no.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Rev. Mr. Mackie gave his impressions of his visit to Trinidad in St. Andrew's church.

T. D. Minnes drew two glasses of water from the tap in his dry goods store, and it was as dark as that found in muddy pools.

Two divers of the Donnelly Wrecking Company are engaged adding forty-five feet to the Royal Military College suction pipe.

THE CARE OF RETURNED VETERANS

Brantford Expositor.

A deplorable oversight on the part of the militia department was brought to light at the Brantford Township Council meeting on Monday, when the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund appealed to the council to give assistance to a returned veteran, who, because of his injuries, was unable to do any work. An effort was being made, it was reported to the council, to have his name replaced on the "casualty" list, so that he might again draw pay. Canada expects that every returned soldier, invalided home through wounds, will receive such funds from the government that there shall be no need for aid from municipal organizations of any kind. The veterans so disabled have earned the right to be adequately cared for, and it should not be necessary to make appeals for charities. Wounded soldiers have well earned their pensions, and red-tape should be cut through speedily to meet the exigencies of the case.

Random Reels

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

BEER— Beer is a cold, cheering lubricant which is getting almost as hard to find as a tooth brush in Mexico. A strong prejudice has sprung up against beer as an uninterrupted beverage, and many of our leading politicians do not use it except for medical purposes or immediately after election. Some of our best politicians have weak stomachs and find that a few quarts of beer taken in a thoughtful manner before breakfast gives them new strength and courage coupled with a velvety spongy hiccup.

Beer is composed of barley, a small quantity of alcohol and seven inches of sea foam. It is made in large buildings and shipped by express to people who prefer to have it come under an assumed name. For a long time beer was sold over the bar, but in many states the saloons have been requested to withdraw and make way for liberty. This has been a great boon to the express companies and has also helped the local merchant to get part way down the alphabet with his book accounts.

Beer has never hurt anybody who didn't want to swim in it, but the trouble is that lots of people wade out too far. It is so with tobacco and coffee and dill pickles and pin olives. The safest way is to fall back on buttermilk, which never yet caused a man to want to drive eighty-five miles an hour on a crooked turnpike or send him home to his family without a dime in his pocket or a sensible thought in his head.

Rippling Rhymes

THE OLD SLOGAN The frosty breezes have emerged from lands where snow is dropping, and pretty soon we will be urged to do our early shopping. Thus speed the busy months away, by hopes and fears attended; 'twas early springtime yesterday and now the fall's near ended. But yesterday the fields were green, and buds and birds were cheery; today we're burning gasoline across a landscape dreary. The old time slogan makes me sad—but never sour or surly—when all the merchants in the grad, cry, "Do your shopping early!" For it reminds me of the fact that life is swiftly flying; Time has no pity and no tact; he wants to see us dying. 'Tis but an hour since Groundhog Day, when we were blithely skating, or when we blew our coin away, the Fourth, celebrating! 'Tis but an hour, and now we hear the Stentor loud and hurley, who roars—and jars the atmosphere—"Please do your shopping early!" Well such is life, and men and dames, and maids with tresses curly, will brace themselves against their hames, and do their shopping early.



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