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THE AUTHORITY AT HAND.

Why a Conscription Bill should be introduced, with the Militia Act at hand, and amended some years ago in order that the men recruited under it could be sent overseas, has passed the Whig's comprehension.

The discussion upon the Militia Act in 1904 revealed some men in a peculiar light. Bourassa, for instance, was the stalwart advocate of that broadness of view which would not hesitate to send out of Canada the troops that are wanted in the British empire, anywhere, in defence of Canada.

The Militia Act can be the more conveniently enforced because parliament is in session, and it can confirm the act of the government or the order-in-council which may be passed.

Why did not the premier recommend several members of his government for knighthood. It would soothe them in retiring them from cabinet offices, and the care of their honors would have been all they could attend to for the time being.

FORCED INTO THE FIGHT. The anti-conscriptionists in Toronto have had a scare which will do them good. Their meeting was ruthlessly broken up, and some of them, before the fury of the invading soldiers, had to beat a hasty and unceremonious escape from the hall.

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It has been stated that at least 5,000 boys and 2,000 girls from the high schools of Ontario have gone into the country for service during the summer.

HONORS OF THE KING.

The King's birthday has been marked by more than the usual distribution of titles. His Majesty has been influenced in the annual disposition of favors by the various governments which represent the empire.

In the exigencies of war many men have performed notable services, and it is gratifying that they have been duly honored. It is a satisfaction to wear decorations that have been won in the field of action, or in the activities granted for heroic self-sacrifice in defence of the empire.

The democracy of Canada, which has been addressed so much of late, and by some very distinguished men, may not take kindly to these decorations. It is not likely that they will.

The Orange Sentinel says that Alberta will have only two members in the legislature representing the 37,000 voters it has in the army.

PRESIDENT ELLIS.

The Montreal Conference has honored the pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, and itself at the same time, by electing Rev. John D. Ellis as its president.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hamilton Spectator cannot understand why the premier at Ottawa does not fire Hon. Robert Rogers. Why? Because the honorable minister of public works will not let him.

The minister of customs has promised to appoint a returned soldier, who is qualified, to the collectorship of Montreal. Here is a snap for some one, and before the government can forget about its promises.

Sir Joseph Ward, of New Zealand, speaking in Winnipeg, said Canada will have to conscript the wealth of the country as well as the men.

John R. Rathon, of the Providence Journal, the man who did so much to reveal the plots of the Germans in America, cannot accept, as it was thought he would, the invitation of the Canadian Club to speak in Kingston.

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Bay of Quinte League. Cobourg, June 5.—A movement is under way in the Bay of Quinte district for the organization of a baseball league consisting of Deseronto, Belleville, Cobourg and Port Hope.

HOW TO STOP NEXT OUTRAGE

London Mail. There stands upon a lonely hill a glorious cathedral, less known than that of Rheims, though it gave the real birth to France—Laon.

Sooner or later we shall have to call for a reprisal which we actually mean to take. Cologne Cathedral is the easiest mark in Germany.

If William II. destroys Laon Cathedral he will destroy the Hotel de Ville of Brussels and its Palais de Justice. He will stop at no crime, and the only way that we can stop him is by making it perfectly sure that we shall smash to atoms that which he most cherishes, whether it be the statue of Germania on the Rhine or the Valhalla on the Danube.

Random Reels

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

PLUMBING. Plumbing is an expensive attachment to a new house which serves forever after as a meal ticket for the members of the Joint Fitters' Union.

There are two kinds of plumbing, open and concealed, the only difference being that with concealed plumbing it becomes necessary to take down the house in sections in order to locate a clog in the drain pipe, while with the open kind it can be found almost instantly after two or three days' search by the head plumber.

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Rippling Rhymes

MADE IN GERMANY

There was a wondrous war machine, the most tremendous ever seen, with cannon, gun and submarine, and it was made in Germany. "A place we're seeking in the sun, and with our sword and bomb and gun, we'll rule the planet ere we're done," the boast was made in Germany.

—WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



not spare the cathedral of Laon, which is of no value as a military post any more than the Chateau of Coucy, there can be only one result. But what has to be done has to be done at once. The ultimatum must be given with the note of the trumpet.

SEEKS SAFEGUARD FOR OWN TERRITORY

Amsterdam, June 2.—The semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin declares that Germany desires no extension of territory for the purpose of aggrandizement or of political or economic accretion of power.

Germany wishes solely to defend her own territory against foreign plans of conquest, the newspaper says, and, moreover demands such guarantees as will serve for the purpose of her future defence and self-protection.

After a continuous service of forty years, Rev. A. A. Chaine, treasurer of the Separate School Board of Education, Arnpror, has retired. The office of Main street, Arnpror, has been decided upon.

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(By F. Raymond Ward, M. D.)

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