

The War Needs of Canada THE NEED THAT CONSCRIPTION BE BY SELECTIVE DRAFT

By Benjamin Apthorp Gould.

The Militia Act has been the law of Canada for more than a dozen years. It recognizes clearly, as does the Military Service Act of 1917, that in time of war all citizens are liable to be called upon for service. It also recognizes that the defence of Canada may require the services of Canadian soldiers outside of Canadian territory. It recognizes the possibility in what this war has proved to have developed into an actual fact, that the first line of Canadian defence lies in the trenches of France.

of men who enlisted, because the needed support of the army required their services at home. If the provisions of the Militia Act should be put into force it would be merely a matter of chance whether the men drafted were not doing greater injury to Canada by leaving their positions than good by serving in the army. There exists in no sufficient means for selecting the men for the draft other than their physical and mental qualifications to serve as soldiers.

in Canada have been about five per cent. of the population, whereas in Great Britain the number of men serving in the army and the navy amounts to nearly thirteen per cent. of the population. In spite of this fact, after the original mistake of accepting men under a system which was not selective had been remedied the nation has been able, with the splendid assistance of its women, not only to maintain its total production, but to double the output of peace times. Accurate figures of this production are of course not at present available, but I think that I am conservative in saying that Great Britain is producing twice as much as before the present huge armies were created.



VISCOUNT ISHII, WIFE AND DAUGHTER. Unusual photo of Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese Mission which recently arrived in the United States. The Viscount is in uniform in the centre of the group. At his right is his charming wife and on his left is his daughter.

The Man on Watch

Yes dear people there has been no meeting of the council for ever so long and the old town is running just as well as if it never had a council. Let the tussock moths eat the leaves of the trees, says a Williamsville man. They will save the city's tree trimmers much trouble. For the land's sake Mr. Food Controller, please do not urge the rooming-house keepers to make a further reduction in fuel. Close up the churches first.

GERMANY'S CLIMB DOWN REGARDED SUSPICIOUS

Guarantees Given to Argentine Can Be Very Easily Dodged. London, Aug. 30.—The news that Germany has decreed no further Argentine ships containing only food stuffs shall be submarined has excited the liveliest interest here, but the full text of her guarantees is awaited before final judgment can be passed upon their value, even on paper. A breach with Argentina would eventuate in allying all the remaining South American states against Germany, with the possible exception of Chili, which could not long maintain such a position of isolation from all surrounding states. That is the contingency from which Germany shrinks.

Ottawa Glimpses

BY H. F. GADSBY

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—Now that the alleged stumbling block in the path of union government has been removed, to wit the Hon. Bob Rogers, it transpires that union government is just as far away as ever it was. The real obstacle is the disinclination of those approached by Premier Borden to wrap themselves in a winding sheet, tie weights to their feet and jump overboard. If you don't like that metaphor then think of union government as the drowning man's clutch which drags the rescuer under too. In short nobody is willing to take chances. Get too far away from practical considerations even when pursuing such a high ideal as union government with a slight sedition of ex-Liberals—if any such can be caught. Bob Rogers goes out of the Cabinet but he remains Minister of Elections. Bob is a good sport. He will play the game and stand by the machine. Daddy's on the engine—don't you be afraid. Bob's reward is coming. While Bob is firing up and getting all black in the process Premier Borden stands out the pure white patriot, all shining like Lohengrin in his quest of the Holy Grail. Somebody in the outfit has to look well and what's the use of being premier if you don't take the first crack at it? Similarly Premier Borden did not really lose the Nationalists the other day when he read that letter saying they were "unpatriotic in the present war." He simply left them in the parcel room to be called for later. The Nationalists are not lost for keeps. They are simply gone before. Premier Borden will meet them on the other shore after the next general election. Meanwhile Henri Bourassa's newspaper has increased its size and decreased its subscription rate for the next three months, and the question naturally arises from what slush fund the debonaire Henri is deriving his nourishment. Just as in 1911 so now in 1917 Henri has a great nose for the fish pots at election time. Another obstacle to union government is the people Premier Borden has working for it—notably Sir Clifford Sifton. The lessons of history are all against calling in a man like Sir Clifford Sifton to help form a union government. Not to go too far back what happened to the ancient Britons when they invited the Angles and Saxons in to drive out the Picts and Scots? Well that's the Sifton idea of union government—the helping hand helps itself to everything. The Conservative party would probably be more afraid of Sir Clifford Sifton than it is of the Winnipeg convention hadn't shown that he was pretty dead.

Sir Clifford is, in fact, as dead as Lazarus, but he hasn't begun to smell himself yet. He has a pretty little notion of union government—split the West, split Quebec—and then unite afterwards! Something like a lobster shedding a claw and growing another. The strange thing about Sir Clifford is that when he came back from England he was strongly pro-Laurier and said so. According to him nobody else had a chance. But he took a trip to New York, saw Lord Northcliffe there and changed his views to suit. Lord Northcliffe is a masterful man. They say he rules England through his newspapers. He would now try to rule Canada through Sir Clifford Sifton. Time was when Canada resented Downing Street rule and struggled free, but Fleet Street would be a damned sight worse. Meanwhile the way to administer a rebuke to Lord Northcliffe for butting into our domestic politics is to give Sir Clifford Sifton a swift kick in some definitely localized spot. Rumor has it that the Government will drop its little plan to pay the Toronto group of looters par for C.N.R. bonds which they bought in England at forty cents on the dollar. The pledges of the common stock, six hundred thousand shares, all water, will probably have to take it out in water. The little scheme by which Sir Joseph Flavelle's pet bank and a couple of his trust companies were to get \$60,000,000 for their worthless goods, didn't go very far before the Opposition saw through it. For a skilled player like Sir Thomas White the C.N.R. bill is really raw work. The Government shows considerable hesitation in enforcing the Military Service Act. By the time this article sees print the Governor-General will have signed the act with his own fair hand and selective conscription will be the law. But I doubt if anything will be done about it right away, unless perhaps in Quebec. The Government doesn't want much to do with conscription until after a general election. All that is expected of the Military Service Act during this season of suspense is a few riots in Quebec, and a few Liberal meetings broken up by returned soldiers in various parts of the country. The idea is to help the voting. This idea is further carried out in the Military Voters' Act which gives the franchise to the soldiers' wives, mothers, widows and other female relations. To this part of the act there is no objection but the clauses which give a soldier and incidentally his wife the right to apply the soldier to the polls are distinctly objectionable to the Govern-

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The Lampman

The Lampman is asked if the Sunday school attendance at Portmouth has dropped since the golfers moved their links beyond the village. The Portmouth lads are said to be great caddies. The Mowat Hospital staff will have to keep its black bear "Paddy" home and not allow it to make jaunts to bug the Bath Road girls. They say the Cataract girls are awaiting a visit from "Paddy." The W.C.T.U. members need not get on their spectacles to criticize the midway of Bushell's fair. The midway will be all right. Robert is a very strict Calvinist, having been brought up on the Shorter Catechism. The worth of the Whig's recipes has been proven. The Lampman met a man who was out at a little affair the other night and who survived two pieces of eggless war cake. Here's the latest joke: The British Government having placed an embargo on Canadian apples, the Dominion Agricultural Department is much worried and is trying to recruit apple-eaters in Canada. It's the apple supply that needs to be recruited.

PETROGRAD MILITIA SUPPRESSES REVOLT

Anti-Government Propaganda Said to be Due to Shortage of Food. New York, Aug. 31.—"The militia of Petrograd is busy to-day suppressing anti-government and counter-revolutionary activities," says a special cable to the Jewish Daily Forward received to-day from the Russian capital. "Posters calling the population to an armed uprising against the Government were torn down and attempts to start street demonstrations are vigorously quelled. The main reason for the strength of the anti-government propaganda is shortage of food which is very keenly felt over the entire country." The cable added that Chernigov Jews were searched and maltreated under the pretext that they were concealing provisions. Twenty persons are dead at Moscow, and many more are dying, it was stated, as a result of over-drinking. The liquor was stolen from a nearby railway station. MAY TAKE FOOD HOME. U.S. Customs Relaxation For Tourists Returning From Canada. Washington, Aug. 31.—Americans returning from Canada may bring free of duty \$100 worth of canned goods and other foodstuffs under a ruling announced by the Treasury Department. The ruling was designed especially to meet a situation which had resulted from the summer stay in Canada of numerous Americans, many of whom canned their winter supply of fruits and vegetables while there.

Hurt in Auto Accident

Belleville, Aug. 31.—As the result of an auto accident which occurred at Foxboro village last night, Miss Elizabeth Miller, of this city, is in the hospital here in an unconscious condition owing to injuries she received about the head. The car swerved at a corner of the road and collided with a telegraph pole. Miss Miller's head came in contact with the pole. Three other parties in the car escaped injuries. The auto was badly wrecked.

Public Library Bulletin

List of books on a vital subject of today—how to economize in food and yet keep up the necessary health and strength of the family. Food Analysis—A. G. Woodman. Feeding the Family—M. S. Rose. Dietetics—Alex. Hrycz. Human Foods—Henry Snyder. Better Meals for Less Money—Mary Green. Food and Health—Kilne & Cooley. Letters to Young Housekeepers—Jane Frick. Pure Food Cook Book. Boston Cooking-school cook book. Practical Cooking—J. McK. Hill. Eat and Be Well—E. Christian. Household Accounting—W. A. Sheaffer. House Sanitation—M. Talbot. Preservation of Food—Home Canning—Ont. Dept. of Agriculture.

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