

Letters to the Editor

Some Political Matters.
Kingston, Dec. 10 (To the Editor): I have been a continual reader of your paper for years past, and, as such, I wish to express my views on recent events.

In the first place, I wish to express my views on the political question. You a Liberal paper for years, have gone over to the support of a Union Government, which is controlled by a man like Borden, who got into office by a misrepresented policy like reciprocity, and now desires to stay in office even though his career as a public man should have expired years ago. In fact he should have never begun one. You are now defending many of Borden's policies, which you have opposed so long. Is it over-conscription you are doing so? If so, I cannot see why you should not support the greatest statesman Canada has ever had, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He wants conscription, only by the will of the people. Did not Borden want a referendum on the policy of reciprocity in 1911? Is not conscription a more important question?

Instead you have gone over to the side that I might term the aristocrats, who are now making barrels of money from this war, and will continue to do so. You are daily in your paper increasing racial hatred. You have become as narrow-minded and as rash as many of your Conservative contemporaries. It is only short of abuse. The Borden crowd and a few of the Liberals think they represent the public. Neither are the papers supporting them. The mayor of New York won his election without the support of the papers, so will Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It seems that the press is greatly misusing their privilege of being heard, and trying to force upon the people their own way of thinking. This is impossible. The people of Canada are educated, and they are quite capable of thinking for themselves.

Now for Borden's policy. Before this I might say that many a scoundrel has hidden behind the cloak of patriotism. Conscription was not adopted for patriotism; it was the only way Borden could retain office. That was not enough, so he has a franchise act go through which practically gags the people. In other countries where questions of importance have arisen, referendums have been offered the people, or new governments were formed uniting all parties at the start—England, France, and Australia. Here in Canada Borden has been in office for six years, and complains that an election is being held. He has been three years in office too long. His government

has long ceased to represent the people. Borden's conscription act was not introduced because of the need of men. His former misrule overshadows all. Canada will continue to do her duty in the war under the sane statesmanship of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Canada under his rule will be a greater factor in defeating Germany than she has hitherto been. Canada under the Borden Government has not done all in her power for the Motherland. How could she? Money barons making fifty-fifty on all orders, scandals floating in the air, recruiting being discouraged, and all for political ends. No, Mr. Editor, it is impossible that hypocrisy shall once more grip Canada as it has done for the last six years. If the people do not seize the opportunity of overthrowing everything that is rotten in the present government, they shall have to suffer the consequences.

Hoping that you will treat this letter, which only expresses my individual opinion, without prejudice, I remain,

—H. P. PERKINS.

(Editor's Note.—Our correspondent is not always fair to the Whig, and in several instances misrepresents us. We are not now "defending many of Borden's policies which we opposed so long." Simply these things have been set aside till the war is won. Then the wrongs of the past can be discussed and remedies applied. There is no time, no patience, for this to-day, when a crisis is upon us. If it is a sign of narrow-mindedness to point out the danger of Quebec domination, then we plead guilty. The Liberals who are being misled by Laurier and Bourassa do not represent true Liberalism to-day.)

A Very Timely Message.
Pictou, Dec. 10.—(To the Editor): It might be as well just now to utter a few words of commendation of the wise, moderate, timely, and firm manifesto of Bishop Fallon, Roman Catholic Bishop of London, in which he declared, with all the weight attaching to the utterances of a prelate of the Roman Catholic church in this Dominion, that he is unreservedly in favor of the Union Government, as clergymen of all denominations most conspicuously are in this province.

It is true that in another province, Quebec (under present circumstances every loyal citizen owes it to himself and his country to speak very plainly), one of the most contemptible—one of the most sordid—and one of the most dangerous conspiracies ever hatched against the Empire, even in Ireland, is being carried on. No man conversant with current events can doubt this for a moment. In this conspiracy the Church of Rome has no part, but reproaches it, and disowns it utterly, as a church, whatever some misguided individuals within its pale may do. It is a wise thing and a Christian thing for Bishop Fallon to do as he has done at this critical time; and it is gratifying to see what prominence is given to his manifesto by the Canadian press.

The steady loyalty of the Roman Catholic in Ontario to the Empire is unquestioned and unquestionable. It is vexatious that at this time certain obscure notoriety hunters with confused winds, such as always turn up at dangerous and critical times, just as the scum always comes to the top of a boiling pot, have made certain most mischievous efforts to set sect against sect, race against race, brother against brother, when all should be united against the deadliest peril and most formidable foe that has ever menaced our race.

"Pooh! rush in where angels shun to tread." In ordinary peaceful times these people are merely ridiculous nuisances. In dangerous times like these they may be causes of deadly harm. I am very glad to say that no one of any denomination has committed such a criminal blunder here, whatever may have been done elsewhere.

—REGINALD GOURLAY.

Don't Diet Yourself TO CURE DYSPEPSIA IT ISN'T NECESSARY.

The sufferer from dyspepsia and indigestion who has to pick and choose his food, is the most miserable of all mankind.

Even the little he does eat causes such torture, and is digested so imperfectly that it does him little good.

What dyspepsia needs is not dieting, or artificial digestants, but something that will put their stomach right so it will manufacture its own digestive ferments.

For forty years now Burdock Blood Bitters has been making weak stomachs strong, and curing severe cases of dyspepsia and indigestion that other remedies were powerless to reach.

It restores the stomach to a normal healthy condition so that the food no longer causes distress, but is thoroughly digested and assimilated and goes on its way making rich, red blood.

Mrs. Henry Shaw, Campbellton, N.B., writes: "I was for five years troubled with a weak stomach, and could not eat any food that would agree with me. I tried different medicines, but could not get cured. A friend advised me to take Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles, and now I am in perfect health."

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Eat Less Meat If You Feel Back-ache or Have Bladder Trouble.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent laxative drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

KILLED IN ACTION.

A Former Resident of Oso Paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

Word was received on Nov. 22nd by John MacPherson, Oso Station, that his nephew, Lance-Corpl. R. E. MacPherson, had been killed in action on Oct. 26th.

Lance-Corpl. MacPherson enlisted in the 80th Battalion on Nov. 9th, 1915. He trained at Napanee until January 24th, 1916, when he was transferred to the 146th Battalion, and was trained by Lieut. Wagner at Sharbot Lake, until May 22nd. He then came to Barriefield, and on July 3rd was taken to Valcartier. He went overseas with that battalion in October. He was in England only three weeks when he was transferred into the 4th C. M. R., and taken to France.

Lance-Corpl. MacPherson was born at Oso on Nov. 4th, 1893, being twenty-three years of age when killed. Ross always resided in Oso, and was well liked by all who knew him. The community feel his death keenly.

The following letter was received by his uncle, Mr. MacPherson: Nov. 12th, 1917.

Dear Mr. MacPherson:

By the time this letter reaches you, you will have learned of the death of your nephew, Lance-Corpl. R. E. MacPherson, 220259, who was killed in action on Oct. 26th. As chaplain I write the few lines from the battle front to assure you of my sympathy. As far as I can gather your nephew was killed probably by a sniper's bullet, death being instantaneous. This I know will be a comfort to you to learn that he did not suffer.

Our funeral parties are now at work, and by the time you get my letter your nephew's body will have been laid to rest. Owing to the continuance of the fighting this is necessarily a slow and difficult work. Your nephew's grave will be registered, marked and cared for.

I know you will feel your nephew's death keenly, but you must try to bear it for his sake because he was a brave lad. Above all, may you find a confidence and strength in the comfort which comes to all in need from our Saviour.

Yours very sincerely,

—M. H. DAVIS, Chaplain.

The Petrograd Telegram bureau states that there is no truth in the report that the Bolshevik Government has decided on the annulment of Russia's foreign loans.

MUSIC'S HERALD OF JOY

What an opportunity this year is yours!—All the musicians of the world, waiting eager to be admitted to your home; to furnish joy for you and yours on Christmas day and through the days to come.

Great masters of the violin—magicians of the bow and wistful strings—standing ready, instruments in hand, to do your bidding.

Leaders of world-famous orchestras and bands, with batons poised asking only your assent to fill your home with surging waves of glorious sound.

The mighty host of all the world's best singers standing at your door, and only waiting your behest to enter and pour forth the beauty that is theirs for you and yours.

The AEOLIAN - VOCALION

Greatest of Phonographs

Should Be in Your Home This Christmas

The Aeolian-Vocalion is a great phonograph, but it is more than that—more than a phonograph, as that instrument has hitherto been known.

The Aeolian-Vocalion sums up all the features possessed by the higher grades of phonographs. Its makers, The Aeolian Company, in producing it, possessed two marked advantages: they could profit by the pioneer work already done by others, and they had their own invaluable experience in building musical instruments of the finest and costliest types, to draw upon.

With the extraordinary equipment in personnel and machinery for production which this Company possessed, as the "largest manufacturers of musical instruments in the world," its success in improving on existing phonographs was natural.

Even such achievement, however, was not the limit of what The Aeolian Company accomplished in producing the Aeolian-Vocalion. For in its revolutionary feature—the Graduola—there is offered for the first time in a phonograph the means for

singing or playing is only the means through which expression is voiced. Without expression music loses most of its value and almost wholly its appeal.

Music, as rendered by the ordinary phonograph, reproduces expression as well as notes.

Unfortunately, however, it is stereotyped. Spontaneous variations due to momentary inspirations and moods, are lacking. This accounts largely for the indifference most phonograph owners eventually come to feel for even their best records.

The device known as the Graduola, which is an exclusive feature of the Aeolian-Vocalion, makes good this deficiency so marked in other phonographs.

It is a simple and wholly artistic means for imparting additional expression to records. Practically without experience, anyone may play a record and by using this device, modify, color and shade the music until it becomes an individual expression of the player's own feelings.

The value of the Graduola is giving additional "life" to records and keeping them fresh in interest, and the fascination of exercising this control, are beyond description. As has been said by more than one eminent musician, "the invention of the Graduola is second in importance only to the original invention of the phonograph itself."

All Records Available.

Another most important advantage possessed by the Aeolian-Vocalion lies in the fact that it will play all the standard makes of records. This makes the immense number of performances recorded for different concerns available to the owner of the Aeolian-Vocalion. The Sound-box or Reproducer of the Vocalion is not changed, but merely shifted in its position to play either lateral—or vertical—cut records.

Auxiliary Features.

Many other improvements, minor and singly, perhaps, but important in their sum, have been worked out in the Vocalion. Among these are an Automatic Stop of great simplicity and genuine efficiency, an entirely satisfactory electric system of playing and lighting in certain models, ingenious filing devices, etc.

Artistic Tone Control.

As everyone knows, "expression" is the spirit of music. The technique of

The Aeolian-Vocalion is made in a variety of models priced from \$62 upwards. \$125 and up with Graduola. Beautiful Art and Period models from \$285 up.

R. J. RODGER

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SENT BACK TO TRENCHES WEARING BANDAGES

Wounded Canadian Soldiers Serve Because of Need of Reinforcements.

Gouverneur, N.Y., Dec. 13.—Corporal Earl C. Boscoe, of the Queen's University Highlanders, Canadian Overseas Army, is a guest of his uncles, Avery and Fred Boscoe, of Prospect Street. The young man is a son of the late John Boscoe, who died about a year ago. His mother lives in Cornwall, Ontario, where the family moved from here in 1897.

Corporal Boscoe is well known in Gouverneur, having visited here several times. He enlisted about two years ago at Cornwall, and was assigned to the Kingston regiment soon afterward. He left for England last December and passed several months in training there before being sent to France.

Although he has not been in the first line trenches he has seen much of the war at close range. He says that on account of a lack of reinforcements it is necessary to send men back to the trenches who would otherwise probably not be used. He referred especially to men with one or two fingers taken off and men wearing bandages and other surgical appliances.

A quiet wedding took place at Belleville on Dec. 11th, when Mrs. Melissa J. Gilbert was united in marriage with William Martin Whyte, merchant, Portland, Ore.

OFFICIAL ENQUIRY OPENS AT HALIFAX

The General Public is Too Busy to Attend the Session.

(Canadian Press Despatch).
Halifax, Dec. 13.—The official enquiry into the collision between the French steamer Mont Blanc and the Belgian relief steamer Ima on December 6th was begun this morning before Justice Drysdale, judge-in-admiralty, who is assisted by Captain Howes, R.N., and Wreck Commissioner Detmers, acting as nautical expert assessor. When the enquiry opened only the members of the commission, a large array of

counsel, witnesses and a few newspapermen were present, the general public apparently being too busy rebuilding to attend the session. At the outset the lawyers asked for the exclusion of all witnesses except the ones giving evidence.

Asa Bissell died on Friday night at his residence in North Augusta. Deceased had been in ill health for ten months. The deceased was sixty-five years of age, a son of the late Reuben Bissell.

Mrs. Sylvester Lane, an aged lady, residing in Sidney Township, on Saturday fell upon the Belleville sidewalk, fracturing her right leg.

W. R. Northrup, the Conservative candidate in East Hastings, was endorsed by Sir Robert Borden, has dropped out.

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John Cranston, Merrickville, died on Saturday last. He was a lockmaker, and while at work was stricken with paralysis. He was sixty-six years of age.