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Be a booster. Boosting is better than boasting.

President Wilson believes that Russia can come back and declares that he will stand by that country as well as by France.

On a certain day next month every Canadian between the ages of sixteen and sixty will have to tell just what use he is in the world. Have you got your excuse ready?

A number of good reasons why Germany will be defeated in the end are advanced, but the main one is that there's a God in heaven, remarks the Ohio State Journal.

Supposing Germany had a law against loafing, what would happen to the men in the imperial navy who have been idling in the vicinity of the Kiel canal for nearly four years?

The man who has ever worked on a farm can do no greater service for his country than to help in the production of food, right now. Planting and gathering of crops can only be done in their own season.

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Scientific objection" opened at the International Bible School yesterday to don the hat, that a preferred

to spend the rest of his life in jail. In Toronto this week several men of a similar turn of mind were sentenced to two years of hard labor, and they marched away singing songs of joy. The man who is eligible and fit, and who refuses to wear his country's uniform in her hour of peril, does not deserve a penal term; he deserves to face a firing squad.

REGULATE THE TRAFFIC. One of the most dangerous places as regards Kingston's traffic lies at the junction of Brock, Clarence and Bagot streets. Several minor accidents have already taken place, and unless something is done a serious accident may happen any day.

The danger could be avoided by the erection of a "silent policeman." We find this useful apparatus erected in nearly every village in the land. The city is surely negligent in not taking this easy means to regulate the traffic. The expenditure of a few dollars may be the means of saving the life of some worthy citizen.

WASTING HUMAN MATERIAL. Any man who has been in the world forty-five years or more should be a valuable employee. For a man to be shelved at forty-five is wrong, very wrong. For a man to lose confidence in himself because he is forty-five or thereabout is absurd. The man who has been in the world forty-five years has had a vast amount of experience and has had the opportunity to observe much that could be turned to good account. The trouble with us is that we do not know where to take our goods to market, or at least, we do not know the best market in which to dispose of our goods. There is a great waste of human material in the world because of its misplacement. We give more attention to the salesmanship problem in relation to goods than to the infinitely more important subject of human material.

TITLES NOT WANTED. The postponed debate on W. F. Nickle's motion to abolish hereditary titles and on R. L. Richardson's amendment to abolish all titles, revealed only one lone champion of a practice that has fallen into disfavor throughout all Canada. Had Sir Robert Borden not declared that the carrying of the motion or amendment would be regarded by him as a vote of want of confidence in the government, the measure would have passed the house with little or no opposition.

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CANADIAN WAR RECORDS

REPORT OF LORD BEAVERBROOK TO SIR E. KEMP.

The Enormous Importance of Publicity as a Means of Keeping Civilian Populations in Touch With Their Armies.

Lord Beaverbrook, officer in charge of Canadian War Records, has submitted a report to Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia, describing the work of his office during the year 1917. He says: "The events of the last year have brought home to every nation in an increasing degree the enormous importance of publicity as a means of keeping the civilian populations in touch with the armies they support in the field. The collection of records for history and their use in the immediate present have proved functions which work in close-ly with one another."

The historical section contains files showing the enlistment, mobilization, training in Canada, dates of sailing for England, training in England, and the original nominal roll of the Canadian battalions; the honors and rewards conferred on officers and men, and the reasons for conferring them; or- ders issued to the battalions; a complete set of badges, and the regimental colors skillfully painted on cardboard photographs of officers and men of the unit. The war diaries contain precise information respecting operation orders for any particular month, and narratives of actions in which any unit was engaged. There are 7,000 monthly diaries, and they contain the history of battalions and batteries for every month as re- corded by themselves and of any British forces which have been brigaded with a Canadian command, or have occupied positions on its right or left. If the history of a battle or the story of a battle or a month the diaries of the units wanted can be ex- tracted for that period of time.

The contemporary history is published in a book entitled "Canada in Flanders." The material for this book is the evidence collected by the War Records. It is intended to stimulate the efforts of the Canadian people by its story of the achieve- ments of their army. Volumes I and II have been issued to the public, and Volume III is now in the hands of the censors. This volume was writ- ten by Charles G. D. Roberts, the well- known Canadian writer. It deals chiefly with the Canadians on the Somme. Mr. Roberts was present on the front during the months of the battle. Volume IV will give the story of Vimy and Passchendaele. The profits from the sale of these books go to the Canadian War Mem- orials Fund. Other publications are "Canada in Khaki," a pictorial magazine. The articles, pictures, and stories are a free will offering by artists and authors, (Canadian and British), many of them officers and men in the Canadian corps. The "Canadian Daily Record" is a news- paper specially written for the army. It was started in 1917. It provides Canadian news to the boys in the army at the front which would be stale before their home papers could reach them, and the news cables fill

the whole paper. The paper has no politics. The production of Canadian photo- graphs at the front is in charge of Lt. Col. Captain Ivor Castle; 2,500 nega- tives have been obtained. The Vimy Ridge pictures are the most brilliant series of war photographs shown to- gether, and they were all taken by him. A photographic staff and dark room are attached to the Records of- fice.

All of the material collected is care- fully examined and sifted, and ex- posed to rigid criticism. The omis- sion of vital documents is instantly detected and the whole passed through a sieve. The object of this criticism is to guard against omissions or de- ficencies which cannot be rectified in the future when the actors may have vanished from the scene. A Canadian cinematographer has been at the front with Corps Head- quarters all through 1917. The films are shown in the Topical Budget twice a week in all movie theatres with the approval of the War Office committee.

The financial statement of the Rec- ords Office is a very satisfactory one. The revenue from the publications has been greatly in excess of expenditure.

CANADIAN BANKS.

Over 10,000 of Their Men Are in Khaki.

While every branch of Canadian business has a noble record in supply- ing men for service overseas, few peo- ple realize the response that the men on the staffs of the banks have made to the call to the colors. These fig- ures have just come to hand, and every patriotic Canadian will be proud of the record of our banks, at the same time realizing that this drain on the staffs makes it impera- tive that the public should co-operate with those left behind, in the hand- ling of Canada's growing banking business.

At the beginning of the war, there were 17,674 men and 1,609 women employed in Canadian banks. By January 15th, 1918 the number of men on the bank staffs was only 14,229—a reduction of over 3,000, and the number of women had increased to 6,769. The total enlistments from the staffs of banks up to Jan. 15th, was 7,741—almost half of the number of men on the bank staffs at the beginning of the war. Considering the number of married men and men over age in the banks this is a record to which they can point with pride. Since that date 300 additional young banking men have volunteered, 330 were called under the decision of Mr. Justice Duff in March, and 1,200 men have been called under recent amend- ments to the Military Service Act. Thus the total contribution of men by the banks has reached the inspiring figure of over 16,000—not far short of ten battalions. Women clerks have been employed and have done splendidly, say local bank managers, but they have not the experience of the men they re- place, and it would be out of the question to expect them to work as rapidly or with the same knowledge of banking as officers of many years' training. For these reasons the Canadian Bankers' Association is issuing an appeal to the public to co-operate with the banks as fully as possible in

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Rippling Rhymes

WORKINGS OF FATE My Uncle James, with brooding eye, gazed on the auto whizzing by. "Those blasted machines," he grimly said, "just ride the highway with their dead. I wouldn't ride in one, I vot, if you'd give me a house and lot. A wheel flies off, the springs collapse, and then where are your auto-chaps? Go ask the undertaker gent, he'll tell you where their pieces went. I do not wish to scorch and flee; a nag is good enough for me." Then Uncle James rose from his chair and harnessed up the old gray mare. "Nobblinks I'll go to town," he said, "and buy nine loaves of Graham bread." A piece of paper flew along, when Bess, the mare, was going strong. She snorted, shied, kicked up her heels, and busted all the shafts and wheels; her big steel shoe hit Uncle's dome; an auto brought his fragments home. My Uncle John took jealous care in following his bill of fare. For years he cut out pies and cakes, and eggs and cheese and pretty straws, and lived on greens, such things as cows throw in when they set forth to browse. He said I'd fill an early tomb because the good things I'd consume. If I would reach a green old age, I'd live on lentils, leeks and mushrooms on a day, and then in anguish passed away. The mushrooms were the tomato brand, and so my Uncle John was canned, and still I use my easy chair, and eat all through the bill of fare. Which shows that rules of life are vain; no human plans are safe and sane. —WALT MASON.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN Copyright AND I TOOK MY WIFE OUT DOLLARS ON HER JIB ON TAKIE RIDES, FLOWERS, CABARET SHOWS, CANDY AND THEATRE TICKETS

PUBLIC OPINION

Paradoxical. (Chicago Tribune) The Teut, let him tell it, is blameless. His behaviour, however, is shameless. And why should the Hun Crave a place in the sun When his ways are so shady and nameless?

Grocery Clerks. (London Free Press) The Winnipeg spoilsie magistrate thinks clerking in a grocery store is woman's work. The arduous duties of police magistrates of Winnipeg are incomparably lighter than are those of the grocer's assistant.

A Large Sum. (Calgary Herald) If a tax of a cent on the dollar on every business transaction in Canada will bring to the government anything like three hundred million dollars of revenue every year during the war, by all means let us have it. The government needs the money and we can imagine no way in which it would be raised with less noticeable hardship to the people.