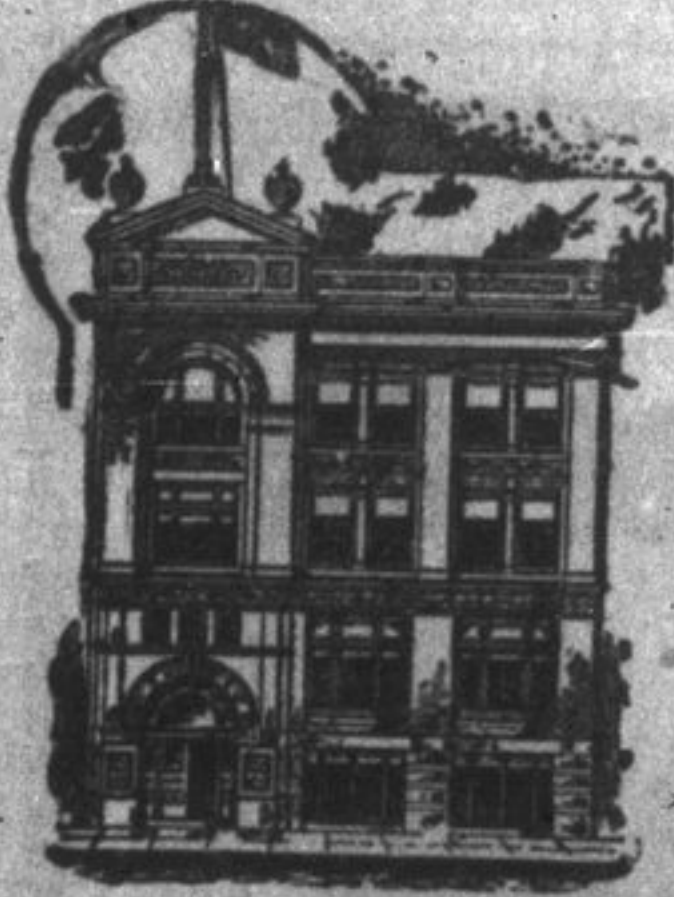


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The Reparation Labor Bureau is justifying its existence, and the loss of the Soldier's Aid Commission will not now be felt.

Herbert Hoover says that the world will have to go back to a war bread basis for the next three months. In order to help to feed the Germans, we suppose.

The London Advertiser finds cause for thanks in the fact that the Canadians do not claim that they won the war. As a rule those who do the most fighting do the least talking.

The Oswego Palladium offers this as a prescription for municipal life: Turn the city over to a non-partisan commission of business men, then let the commission hire a first-class city-manager and let him alone.

An Italian claim to the lower east side of Manhattan Island on the ground of nationality would be quite as valid as the claim to Plume and would, just as an equal measure of exact justice.—New York World.

Hon. Robert Rogers says that he has no confidence in the Union Government. Still, that can hardly be counted as a condemnation, as no one would expect him to have confidence in any government which did not include himself.

It would be a great pity if the Queen's University Endowment fund fails to reach the million mark after the splendid efforts of Principal Taylor to make it go over the top. Two weeks only remain of the time limit, so that some hustling is necessary to secure the balance.

From information received from officers who have returned from overseas recently, the reports of the Rhyt riots published in the British newspapers and also in the Canadian press were greatly exaggerated. Perhaps the overseas press were eager to find something detrimental to say about the Canadian troops.

The authors and composers who have suffered under the present inadequate copyright legislation make claim that a law good enough for the rest of the British Empire is good enough for Canada. It is not an unreasonable claim. Copyright is the author's only protection. He has no literary rights under common law. Parliament should pass the new copyright bill immediately.

The weekly Canadian Official Record, of date April 1st, reached the Whig office on the 26th. There's up-to-date journalism for you. The news this useless government publication contained was old when it was gathered; it was ancient when it was distributed. How much longer is public money to be squandered on this "weekly" order-in-council publication?

The Supreme Food Council warns Germany that feeding that country depends upon order being maintained, a warning which the Boreen Zeitung truly says is just now of equal importance with the peace conditions of the entente. The food-producing nations are not in a mood to restrict themselves if the food they supply is to be destroyed by rioters.

CANADA NEEDS HER SOLDIERS.

Lieut. George Palmer, 1st Battalion, formerly of the Victoria Times, writes the following editorial for the London Advertiser under date of April 26th:

The returned soldier problem is the greatest, to my mind, that has to be faced in the immediate future of Canada. Canada needs all her men, not just because they went and fought, and came back and were welcomed and were given a ticket home, but because every Canadian is a national capitalization of \$25,000 at the least. His earning capacity is interest-bearing capital to that amount.

In her returned men, Canada must either have such as I have mentioned or the "bum" and the hand-out man. It is up to Canada to make her choice, and in this sense I speak of each individual who employs men as "a Canada." Because a man is a returned soldier, he must not be employed at a lesser rate than the man who is about to leave the job to take something better. That kind of an employer is not a true Canadian. He is the one who works for his own selfish end and he does not care if he does remember that Tommy went to war for him.

Canadian soldiers, as a whole, have become self-reliant men, and they do not need help, in the charity sense. What they need is someone to tell them there is a job at a fair present-day wage, and that need this someone before they have spent their post-discharge pay. Every soldier has just come from a life where everything has been ordered for him and he was thoroughly fed up. Now he is free, and again his own man. All that is in him of independence and all that lurking incentive that has been suppressed by army routine is ready to break out of the dormant state and spring to life.

He faces a life of action and is as eager as a race horse to begin—to become an earnest earning factor again. It is the duty of the business man to get out of his way to seek for the soldier and to start him in the right direction. The soldier thoroughly realizes his position. He is fully aware that the quarter-master is no more, that "cook-house" will not be again, that he will pay his own train fare henceforth. He knows it and he is ready for it.

Thousands will settle down quickly as soon as the novelty of the holiday has worn off, and these will take care of themselves, for soldiers are great hustlers. There are the minority, however, who must be looked after. Not by the municipal authorities or by the Government, but by the individual who can lend a helping hand, that will eventually help himself more than he may believe. In helping a soldier into a steadfast way of life, he puts into force an earning capital of \$25,000—a factor in greater Canada's production, growth and prosperity. And it is on general community prosperity that individual businesses flourish.

If employers take the trouble to help returned soldiers to jobs (not necessarily in their own businesses), they keep the Canadian a Canadian—he will not drift across the border. In conclusion, it is all in a few words, Canada needs all her men, and it is the part of each Canadian to do his personal bit to keep them Canadians and good Canadians.

THE HOUSING BY-LAW.

The housing by-law still lives. By moving that the committee of the whole rise to report progress on Monday evening, Alderman Rodger gave his by-law two more weeks of existence, and there is still a chance that it will pass. Some of the aldermen are of the opinion that it would have passed had it gone to a vote on Monday, but it was perhaps wise to leave it over until the next meeting of council in order to have it fully thrashed out. We voice this belief because we feel that every day which passes brings home more strongly the great need for relief in the local housing situation. Every day brings more and more applicants for houses, and as there is no supply upon which to draw, the aldermen who are opposed to the scheme may find that this is no time for opposition to the housing act. It might be a good plan if all the people who are searching for houses and cannot find accommodation would apply to the mayor, or better still, to Alderman Graham, so that he would have a clearer idea of what the city's needs are in this respect.

There are few new arguments to offer in opposition to the housing act. One fault with the arguments put forward by Alderman Graham is that he is figuring entirely on the maximum of the figures laid down therein. He does not take time to look at the other side of the question. He does not stop to think that there are many men who wish to take advantage of it who would need to borrow only one thousand or fifteen hundred dollars. In these cases the monthly payments, plus the insurance and taxes, would come well under twenty dollars. In the case of a man who borrows twenty-five hundred dollars, the monthly payments would be a little over twenty-two dollars a month. As the majority of working men are paying more than that amount in rent to-day, and are no further ahead towards owning their own home in doing so, there is no difference in the burden to be borne by them. But there is the great difference that every payment they make under the terms of the act goes towards making the house the absolute property of the man who takes advantage of it. But every man in Kingston, no matter how

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