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## ARE ANTIQUATED BUILDINGS

### TETE DU PONT BARRACKS ERECTED CENTURY AGO.

Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., Referred to Barracks as "Rat Holes"—Suggested to Move Unit to Barricade.

Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., in a statement in the House of Commons during the last session, condemned the Tete du Pont Barracks. He stated that the buildings were "rat holes." The Minister of Public Works, when he was here in the spring, made the statement that he had very vivid recollections of conditions when he was quartered there twenty years ago while taking an officer's course. He told the city officials at a dinner given to him at the Frontenac Club that he knew the barracks very well.

The buildings composing the Tete du Pont barracks that were referred to are the same buildings that are used as barracks to-day, for they were erected just one hundred years ago, and while at the time they were built they were probably considered suitable as soldiers' quarters, they do not represent modern ideas in many important respects. The block used as an office building is a ramshackle affair, built in 1819, with bricks between the studding, with the outside clapboarded. It is in a bad condition generally, and is hardly worth the cost of repairs.

Buildings "A," "C," and "D" are two-story stone buildings, and are surrounded by a stone wall. On the opposite side of the street are situated the principal stables, with accommodation for 150 horses. Nothing better in horse stables could be found anywhere, and they are kept in beautiful condition. Owing to the limited space, the location of the barracks is unquestionably bad, making it practically impossible to remedy structural defects. Except in the officers' mess and the sergeants' mess, the barracks rooms are used for sleeping and living, and there is no space for a recreation room. When the lads are not on the street they may be found in these rooms. There is no balcony where they can sit out in fine weather, and none could be built without darkening the rooms, even if space did permit.

One hundred years ago there was a strategic reason for locating the barracks where they are, rather than on the Barricade reserve, but that reason no longer exists, so that the site is of no military value. It is of considerable commercial value, however, having the railway tracks on one side and the water on the other. The buildings would make splendid warehouses, for they are better adapted for storage purposes than for habitations. The site is one of great historical interest, and the fact that the barracks would not wish to see it used for warehouse and elevators, irrespective of what became of the barracks. For it was here that Count Frontenac landed and erected a fort, and it was from this spot that LaSalle started on his long expedition that took him down the Mississippi river, and from which he never returned. One has but to read the records in the archives of Queen's University to find the importance of the historical associations that make the site one that all would like to see leveled to a boulevard and having an appropriate memorial to those whose names are immortal in the history of Canada and Kingston.

But to return to the barracks. The time has passed when it was necessary to have a garrison in one city, and ideas have undergone a distinct change as to what constitutes proper military quarters. During the period of training between 1914 and 1919, Tete du Pont barracks was found to be totally inadequate for the artillery. The men were quartered all over the city in winter and removed to Petawawa in summer, and when the authorized force is recruited the situation will be the same; indeed, part of the present strength is already quartered in the Barricade Hutments. The question naturally arises, "Why not move the whole unit to Barricade, where there is unlimited space on the government reserve, where the camp will be self-contained in every respect, and where there are buildings for every purpose, including a hospital?" With very little additional expense the Hutments can be made into most comfortable winter quarters. It would only be necessary to macadam an area for gun drill, and the stables could either be moved over or remain where they are for the present.

The result would undoubtedly be an improvement in the health of the men. For the Barricade barracks were declared by returning soldiers to be the best they had seen anywhere either in Canada or in Europe. They were designed to accommodate 5,000 men and cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000, but less than 1,000 men have been quartered there since they were built.

Tete du Pont barracks, while identifying Kingston as a military city for a century, consists of nothing more than a group of antiquated buildings and a name, but many military men would oppose the evacuation.

tion by the R. C. H. A. because of associations, if for no other reason, and are likely to impose obstacles. The matter is, therefore, one to be considered, having regard to the welfare of the men who are to compose the permanent force, the interests of discipline, and the facilities that a self-contained camp afford for satisfactory administration, drill, etc.

## TORONTO CONSERVATORY EXAMINATIONS.

### Successful Pupils of Miss Grace Clough.

In the list of successful pupils of Miss Clough, one or two names deserve special mention, the first being that of Harold Packer, who has passed the final piano examinations of the teachers' course. He has taken one examination in piano successfully each year and obtained three first-class honor standings—one for piano, two for theory. Two other talented pupils are Miss Virginia and Master Peter Fair, the former having obtained first class honors, both last year and this, and the latter having one year successfully covered the work of the Primary and Junior grades.

Associate Piano—(A.Y.C.M.) pass: Ayes McCallum, Mount Chesney; Harold Packer, Kingston.

Junior Theory, counterpoint and History—honors: Elizabeth Guild.

Junior Piano—pass: Kathleen Lyons, Vera Hensley, Peter Fair.

Primary Piano—honors: Carrie Shephard; pass: Ruth Gamble, S. B. Snider, Dorothy Lovick, Elsie Woods, Joyceville; Lillian Mayse, Grace Dunlop.

Primary School Grade—pass: Dorothea Graves, Mary Ferguson.

Primary Heavy, Harmony and Rudiments—honors: S. B. Snider.

Harmony—pass: Wilhelmina Nobes.

Elementary Piano—1st class honors: Virginia Fair. Honors: Lorraine Leslie. Pass: Albert Onwell.

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Passed With Honors, Miss Marceline Hanley pupil of Miss Florence Hogan, has passed the Elementary Conservatory Examination, with honors.

## THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

### PRICES TO STAY HIGH FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD.

Philadelphia Board of Trade Figures Wages Will Not Be Less for Long Time to Come.

Philadelphia, July 26.—The cost of living is likely to stay high for a long time to come, in the opinion of the Philadelphia Board of Trade. This view is a result of a compilation of statistics from many lines of trade and industry.

According to these figures the advance in prices in this country since 1914 has been about 107 per cent, in Canada 115 per cent; Great Britain, 133 per cent, and France, 235 per cent. It is pointed out that in spite of material reductions in the price of steel, the advance in other commodities since the armistice has been so great that the average price schedules have been reduced but 5.7 per cent, below prices prevailing October 1st, 1916.

The following are given as reasons why wages will not be much less for a considerable period of time: Practical stoppage of immigration since 1914, depriving this country of several millions of workers who would normally have come to us, and thus have relieved the labor shortage which confronts American industry upon the resumption of capacity operations.

Retention in the government military service of nearly 2,000,000 workers, which, it is declared, will doubtless continue an indefinite period.

Creation of new industries such as shipbuilding, manufacture of chemicals and dyes.

Urgent demand for building and construction of every class due to their having been forcibly held back for several years.

Shortage of world food supplies and uniformly high prices.

Proportionately higher levels of commodity prices existing throughout Europe.

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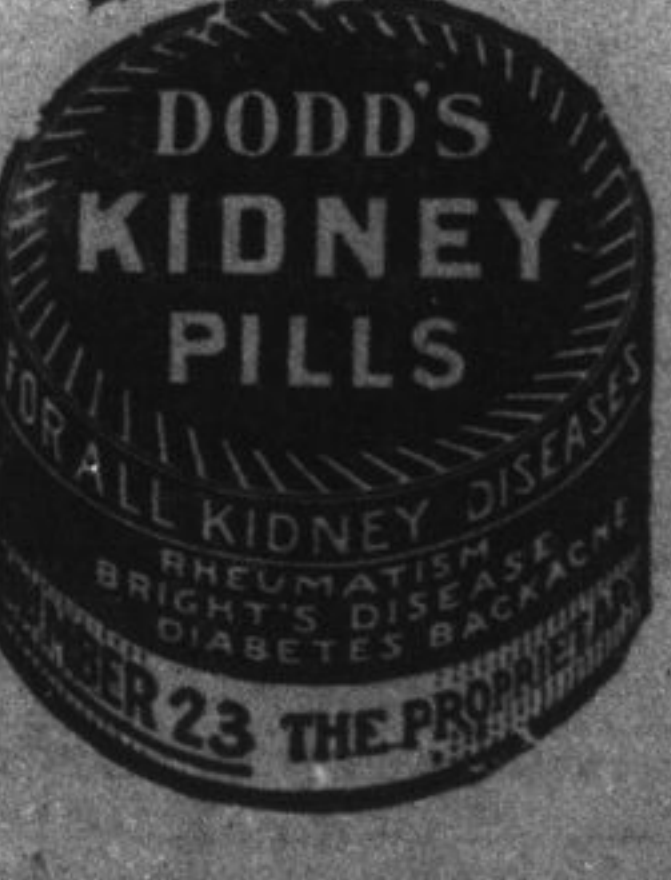
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