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**PUBLIC SPIRIT**

At the Chatham Methodist District meeting in Bathurst, on the 6th inst., Rev. G. M. Young of Campbellton is reported as declaring that "the minister's position calls for his interest in all phases of public and civic life. If he lives only in the quiet and deals only with generalities, he is entirely out of place in the pulpit."

Such sentiments are entirely in line with the spirit of the age and with which we heartily agree. While there was a time, in many places, when the clergyman did live only in the quiet and dealt only with generalities, that time is happily passing, and passing rapidly. And it cannot pass too soon. A clergyman is presumably, or should be, a teacher; and the teacher's place is, not to blindly follow the beaten track but to be ever on the watch for opportunities to better the condition of those of whom he is in charge.

All the local clergymen have long been setting a high standard in their handling of public questions, and their influence has had the best results. And the same can be truthfully said of hundreds and thousands of other clergymen, in all parts of this country, this country and the world.

If we have said about the work of the clergy applies with equal force to the newspaper and teaching professions, for they have as much to do with the moulding of a healthy public opinion as has the church, and much more than most of the other professions. If they fail to do their duty, the church is handicapped in her work, the public misled and betrayed and the cause of progress indefinitely checked.

**Impossible Accomplished in Big "Patria" Serial**

"Patria," the new International serial of romance and patriotism, re-written by Pathe, what all technical experts said was impossible has been accomplished. In "Patria," through a secret process known only to our writers, you will see Mrs. Castle change clothes with herself. You will see her take off the separate articles, toss them across the room, where they will be caught by herself. You will see her open a door, stand behind it, and hold herself up, as she comes through that self-same door.

As says Leopold Wharton, of Wharton, Inc., producer of "Patria," which under the Pathe banner, will be shown at the Happy Hour commencing Wednesday, July 9th according to an announcement just issued by Manager Richards.

The film "Patria" presents an exceptional story.

The time has come in the picture world when the public demands a great story. In "Patria," for example, we are working out each detail more minutely than we have ever been able to do before. It was taken in Mexico, in Washington, New York, and California.

In "Patria," Mrs. Vernon Castle has shown exceptional cleverness and versatility. She insists on doing all the hazardous stunts herself, and will permit no "double" doing the things that look so perilous on the screen. She takes the thirty-five foot dive into the Atlantic, and she falls for her rescue just as she does the other breathtaking things that one sees in the picture.

"Patria" has many remarkable scenes. In one of them the foreign and Japanese conspirators start a car of dynamite that has been on a collision toward the munitions factory. The heroine, portrayed by Mrs. Castle, starts to thwart their plans. She jumps into her automobile, races the car until she is ahead of it, runs her car across the track and leaves it there. She jumps behind a tree for safety, while the concussion between the car and the automobile causes the terrible explosion. And it is a real explosion and a real car.

A Through Sleeping Car between Montreal and Boston is now in operation. Leaving Halifax on the Ocean Line at 7:00 a. m. the car will arrive Montreal 2:00 p. m. daily except Sunday, be transferred to No. 13, leaving Montreal 2:30 p. m., and run through the Boston, arriving there 8:30 a. m. From Boston the car will leave 7:30 a. m. daily except Saturday, arrive Montreal 5:30 p. m. daily except Sunday, be transferred to the Ocean Line, leaving Montreal 6:00 p. m., and arrive Halifax 12:30 a. m.

**The Political Crisis At Ottawa**  
**One Member of the Government Resigns Over the Conscription Bill. And Coalition Talked Upon**

The following correspondence between Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, explanatory of the failure of the negotiations for a coalition government was given out last week by arrangement between the two party leaders:

Ottawa, June 6, 1917

Dear Sir Robert:—On the 12th of May you asked me to meet you on the following day, which I did. After explaining fully the conditions of the war in the light of knowledge acquired during your recent visit to Great Britain, you stated the reasons which had led you to the conclusion that compulsory service was necessary, and you explained to me the provisions of the Military Service Bill.

You then proposed the formation of a Coalition Government upon the basis that, outside of the Prime Minister each of the two political parties should have an equal representation in the Cabinet and you emphasized the importance of avoiding if possible an election during the war. I told you at once that if my co-operation was desired, I regretted that I had not been invited before you had announced a policy of compulsory service, as I decided very serious difficulties if a conscription law was passed by the present parliament. You rejoined that you had thought it preferable to invite me after the policy had been enunciated, rather than before.

At an interview which took place on Tuesday, the 29th of May, you suggested to me that you thought it necessary to hold a caucus of your supporters, but desired to consult me before doing so. I suggested to you that to hold a caucus pending negotiations would not likely tend towards the objects to be attained. At the same time, I suggested that as I wanted to consult particularly Sir Lomer Gouin and some other friends, I would like to have a clear statement in writing of your proposal, which you formulated as follows:

That a coalition government should be formed; that the Military Service Bill should be passed, that a pledge should be given not to enforce it until after a general election; that Parliament should be dissolved and the coalition government should seek a mandate from the people. At the conference on Friday, the 1st of June and again on Monday, the 4th, the possible personnel of a coalition government was considered. Some insuperable difficulties in that personnel were anticipated, and the subject was concluded. On Wednesday, the 6th June, the final conference took place at which I announced that I did not see my way clear to join the government on the terms proposed.

I asked you at the same time if conscription was the only basis, to which you replied in the affirmative. At this and previous interviews I always stated to you that whenever conscription was adopted, after a consultation of the people, I would certainly urge in every possible way obedience to the law.

Believe me,  
Yours very sincerely,  
SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

On June 7th, Sir Robert Borden replied as follows:

Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—"I beg to acknowledge your letter of yesterday in which you set forth the substance of recent negotiations respecting the formation of a coalition government. At our first interview you had expressed the opinion that conscription was necessary and must be enforced until it had been approved by a referendum or a general election. It was for this reason that I submitted the further proposal on the 29th May, which is described in the fourth paragraph of your letter.

I agree that it was the policy of compulsory service which in your judgment made it impossible for you to join a coalition government. I was convinced that compulsory service was necessary and must be included in the policy of the proposed coalition. You, on the other hand, decided that you could not accept such a policy and that you could not join a government which adopted it.

Yours very sincerely,  
R. L. BORDEN.

Ottawa, June 10—Hon. E. L. Patenaude, secretary of state in the Borden Government has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by Sir Robert Borden. It has been known since the announcement of the government to introduce conscription that Mr. Patenaude has been vigorously opposed to it and that he had on a number of occasions asserted that he would in all probability drop out of the government. It is understood that the reasons given by him to the prime minister for his action were that he considered his present position untenable in view of the opposition to conscription in the province of Quebec.

Mr. Patenaude has been the French Canadian representative in the Government for the Montreal district since 1915.

Ottawa, June 11—In the Commons this afternoon Sir Robert Borden introduced and explained the military bill. There are to be ten classes, as follows:

1—Those who have attained the age of 20, and were born not earlier than 1894, are unmarried or widowers without children.

2—Those born 1889 to 1893, inclusive, unmarried or widowers without children.

3—Those born in 1883 to 1888, unmarried or widowers without children.

4—Those of 20 years born not earlier than 1894, married or widowers with a child or children.

5—Those born in years 1889 to 1893, married or widowers with a child or children.

6—Those born in 1883 to 1888, married or widowers, who have no children.

7—Those born in 1876 to 1882, unmarried or widowers without children.

8—Those born in 1876 to 1882, married or widowers with children.

9—Those born in 1872 to 1875, unmarried or widowers without children.

10—Those born in 1872 to 1875, married or widowers with children.

The number to be secured is 100,000. The bill provides for local exemption boards to whom application is to be made by those claiming exemption. One member of the board is to be chosen by the county judge, the other by the Minister of Justice. Then there will be an appeal tribunal composed of a judge appointed by the provincial chief justice, and finally a central appeal judge to be chosen from the Supreme Court.

Clergymen and men who are in any branch of army or naval service or have retired from it are to be exempted.

**The Penalty**  
Any man who is called out and who without reasonable excuse, fails to report as aforesaid or to remain on active service where placed shall be guilty, according to the circumstances of desertion, or of absconding himself without leave and shall be liable to be tried by court martial and convicted and punished by imprisonment, for a term not exceeding three years or an summary conviction to imprisonment, for any term not exceeding three years.

Under the bill there are to be three tribunals. First of all local tribunals composed of two persons are to sit in each locality wherever designated by the Minister of Justice. One of these two men is to be chosen by the senior county court judge of the district where the tribunal first sits. The other is to be chosen by a board of selection and this board of selection is to be named, not by the government but by parliament. These local tribunals shall hear applications for exemption and the principles upon which they shall act are set out in the bill. Boiled down, they require that the tribunals shall decide whether or not the man who asks for exemption, is best serving the national interests, at the work he is at, or in military service.

The next tribunal is called an appeal tribunal and is composed of one judge of any court to be designated by the chief justice of the province where the appeal is entered. All applicants for exemption and any one authorized by the militia department, has free right of appeal to this appeal tribunal.

**GREEK KING RESIGNS**  
On Tuesday, at the demand of the Allies, Constantine I of Greece, resigned his throne. He retired in favor of his second son Alexander, the Crown Prince being not favored by the Entente. The King and his eldest son are leaving Greece.

**111 RECRUITS LAST WEEK**  
Last week's recruits in N. B. numbered 111, distributed as follows: York 39, St. John 17, Carleton 10, Victoria 10, Kings 10, Restigouche 8, Charlotte 6, Westmorland 5, Albert 2, Gloucester 2, Northumberland 1, Kent 1.

**MUN RAID CAUSES MANY DEATHS**  
As a result of an air raid in London yesterday 97 persons are dead and 437 wounded, besides the loss of much property—One German machine was brought down.

Werner Van Horn has been found guilty of attempting to dynamite the Vancouver bridge two years ago.

**Miramichi Moose Hunt**

(From Rod and Gun in Canada)  
F. Arthur MacKenzie

The moose question has been brought to my notice very frequently during the past two years. My own experience with this noble monarch of the forest is not as extensive as that of some others I know as my first big game hunt only dates back about ten years.

In the fall of 1911 a party of three, myself and two others, took a trip right into the heart of the moose country. During our trip we secured two moose, both heads having over forty-five inches of a spread. Moose were very plentiful that year and we saw, in all, fourteen of them. On one little plain we saw nine inside of an hour. We came home well satisfied with our trip.

The following year, 1912, we three were hunting in the same place and after five days' tramping we managed to find one cow moose, probably it had come to that locality only a short time before we did.

Where last year there were places, paths and meadows that were all trodden down by the moose this year there are only three or four different tracks. The people living in that section of the valley say the moose just died through the winter. One man told me he had examined a dead moose found in the snow and could see no sign of a wound. He came to the conclusion there was an epidemic of some kind that had attacked the moose that winter and put a large number of them out of business.

I understand that about every four or five years there is a disease among our wild rabbits but I never heard of a corresponding disease among the larger game. Information as to this would be greatly appreciated by the sportsmen who read this will send in their views to Rod and Gun for publication.

When speaking about the scarcity of the moose in what was once the best big game country in Canada (the Miramichi Valley) several people have said that in one of the farthest outlying settlements you can get moose and deer meat all the year round. I believe that myself. Even the hotels, I am told, have had deer meat on their menus as late as July and August. I should judge there are about seven or eight hundred game licenses issued at different places in the valley and about ten per cent. of these people are satisfied with one moose, about fifteen per cent. get one or two deer, the rest probably are not particular whether they get any game or not.

Now, where are the moose going to? Are they moving away from this valley or are they being killed off the whole year round? Some of the hunters, I am sorry to say, are not particular whether they shoot a bull or a cow moose.

Along a stretch of wooded country road I saw in the fall of 1913 six or seven cow moose, one within half a mile of town.

This same fall I was back hunting in the same vicinity and did not see a fresh moose track during the trip. Our moose in this valley are gradually dying off or being buffaloes. The sooner people in this district wake up to the fact that our moose and game of their kinds, will soon be extinct the quicker will some relief come to the big game that a few years ago was so plentiful. Now you may roam the woods for a week and never see a sign of the monarch of the forest.

Recently a New Brunswick hunter was fined \$50 for shooting a moose before he had procured his license. How many cases, I wonder, are there like this? The hunter, (not, however, the true lover of hunting big game in his natural haunts), shoots his game without any one seeing him he forgets to get the license. One of my friends told me that a short time ago while having a talk with a lumberman this man told him he could show the carcasses of at least ten moose from which ten to twenty-five pounds had been taken away and the rest left to feed the crows and foxes.

I, myself, think it is the duty of every lover of true sport to inform on such people when a case is brought up right under one's nose, as is often the case in outlying settlements.

Since 1912 there has not been a moose shot in the district where in 1911 I saw fourteen. Who is to blame for the extermination of these moose? Certainly not the ten per cent. who get their moose legally and in a sportsmanlike manner but the men who get their moose and then forget to get their licenses.

The game warden cannot be all up to the people themselves to preserve what few moose we have left or in a few years they will be as scarce as flies when the thermometer is 40 degrees below zero.

**MURDER SUSPECTED**  
The coroner's jury appointed to investigate the mysterious death by burning of Marvin Thomas of Tracy Station, Sanbury Co., some time ago, returned a verdict on Saturday of murder against a person or persons unknown. The remains of Thomas were found in the cellar of his home. At the time it was announced that Thomas quarreled with his wife and had driven his family from home, afterwards setting fire to his house. The dwelling which was situated about two miles from Fredericton Junction and near Tracy Station, was burned about 11:30 at night, and nothing could be done by the nearest neighbors to save the contents.

**MENS STRAW HATS**

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**PERSONALS**

E. H. (Stclair recently returned from a trip to Boston

Mrs. Guy Lapraque is visiting friends at Sault Ste. Marie.

Keith Russell of the Wireless, is spending a vacation at his home in Toronto

Miss Vesta Savage of Marysville, spent the week-end with Miss Jennie McMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Leach of Redbank, have removed to South Nelson.

Pte. Clinton Rae of the 236th N. B. Killies spent the week-end at his home here

Miss Bert Adams of Strathadam, has gone to visit friends in Moncton and Norton.

Mrs. V. A. Mullins of Moncton, came last week to visit her niece, Mrs. C. C. Hayward.

Mrs. Ann Hare of Whitneyville, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Henry McLean.

Pte. Douglas Gough of the Canadian Engineers is home for a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Bessie Gough.

Pte. John Wright of the 236th Killies, who has been visiting his home here for a few days, left on Sunday for a short visit to Moncton and Nova Scotia.

Mrs. George H. Blackmore of Whitneyville is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jessamin, Douglastown.

Many friends of Nursing Sister Beatrice J. Wier of Doaktown, will be pleased to hear of her safe arrival overseas, a cablegram having been received by her parents, Doctor and Mrs. Wier, Doaktown.

Mrs. Hiram Copp spent the week-end in Fredericton, the guest of her husband, Sgt. Major Copp, who is to leave in a short time for overseas with the 236th Killies.

Mr. John Parkes, of St. John, has removed to Newcastle, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. F. Lucas. Mr. Parkes is a veteran Sunday School teacher, and has joined the staff of the local Methodist Sunday School.

**POULTRY DISEASE INVESTIGATOR**

It will be of interest to poultry keepers throughout Canada to know that there is now an expert who devotes all his time investigating the diseases of poultry. Dr. A. B. Wickware, Assistant Pathologist to the Health of Animals Branch, has been assigned to that work by Dr. Torrance, Veterinary Director General. Dr. Wickware is now co-operating with the Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, where, since last fall, he has been conducting experiments along this much needed and very important line of work. Continued attention is being given to Black Head in turkeys and many new investigations are being started. These relate to chick diseases as well as to general diseases of poultry, including parasites of all kinds. The annual losses that occur from poultry diseases and parasites are tremendous, well into the millions of dollars each year. Dr. Wickware's work will no doubt, do something to eliminate part of this, but the co-operation of all poultrymen who have any disease in their flock will be appreciated. Communications to the Experimental Farm re diseases of poultry will be welcomed, and with Dr. Wickware now giving all his time to this matter, such information will be available. Specimens of sick birds should be sent when practicable and may be expressed collect if addressed to Biological Laboratory, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

**EXPERT PIANO TUNING**

We beg to call your attention to the advt. of Mr. Arch McEachern, the expert piano tuner on another page of this issue.

tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

By order,  
R. C. DESROCHERS,  
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, June 9, 1917.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.—25-26

**EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS MANY TOWNS**

On the 7th instant the city of San Salvador, in Central America, with a population of 60,000, and also all the towns and villages within a radius of 30 miles, were destroyed by a volcanic eruption and earthquake. Only 100 houses were left standing in the city.

**NOTICE**

A meeting of the Medical Board of the Miramichi Hospital will be held at the Hospital, June 19th, at 3 o'clock  
JOSEPH HAYES, M. D.,  
Secretary.

**Mounting Board**

We have just received a small shipment of the above goods in the following colors:

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