Where are the Men

That Voted Against Prohibition In June, 1914?

Sixty thousand Canadian soldiers are now in the battle zone; sixty thousand more are in England, being sent forward; and the rest of a quarter of a million are in training in Canada and gradually being drafted abroad.

A little more than a year and a half ago an election was held in Ontario upon the one issue, whether the License System should be discontinued; and the answer was so decidedly in the negative that it was thought that the matter had been settled once and for all. But that is just where the ordinary, fair-minded man made a mistake; he didn't know the inner, mental workings of the prohibitionist coterie.

You see, these moral crusaders observed that the overwhelming majority of the men who have enlisted—specially of those who have gone to the front—had voted against their crusade. There is no need to discuss the reasons for their having done so; these reasons were, at any rate, sufficient to satisfy their minds that prohibition is wrong in principle and unworkable in practice; and so they would have nothing to do with it. Now, however, they are away.

They Are Away and Cannot Vote

This is just the point—they are away and cannot vote. They went away to fight for Liberty, never for a moment imagining that advantage would be taken of their absence to pass a measure which they, as free men, had voted down.

We are not now discussing whether Prohibition is good or bad, whether it would be for the benefit of the Province or not. We are pointing out just one thing, namely, that it is not fair to bring on an election during the war. It would be inexcusable under any circumstances, when the Empire is engaged in a life-and-death struggle, and when unity above all else is essential; still more inexcusable when it had been tacitly understood that during the war no election, with all its attendant excitement and diversion of energy and enormous expense, should be held. But what shall we think of this attempt to rob Canada's gallant defenders—many of whom have given up their lives for liberty—of the victory they gained at the polls only so short a time ago? It is doubtful whether such tactics will commend themselves to the fair-minded people of Ontario.

Is It Fair To Force the Issue Now?

The Personal Liberty League of Ontario believes in Temperance in all things, and in its promotion, we favor the license system under proper regulation and control, but we are opposed to prohibition or any legislation which encroaches upon or curtails the purely personal liberties of our people.

Application for membership cards should be sent to The Personal Liberty League of Ontario, Head Office, 15 Wilton Avenue, Toronto. No fees are required for membership in the League.

Fill out the application for membership and forward to the Secretary of the Personal Liberty League.

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Head Office, 15 Wilton Ave., Toronto

The undersigned subscribes to the Declaration of Principles of The Personal Liberty League of Ontario, assures the officers of the League that he is in sympathy with the general purposes of the organization, and hereby applies for membership, pledging himself to the furtherance of the aims and objects of the League.

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THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO.

NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

CONDUCT MEETINGS IN KEEPING WITH SABBATH

Said Recruiting League Not Respecting Agreement With Ministerial Body.

OBJECTION TO PROGRAMS

Complaint That Citizens Are Attracted to Theatres Instead of Going to Church.

Women members of the Toronto Citizens' Recruiting League were in the majority at the opening of yesterday's meeting at the city hall, but they were soon outnumbered by the men, who straggled in a few at a time during the early part of the proceedings.

There was considerable discussion as to the conduct of the recruiting meetings being held on Sundays, one of the women pointing out that there was much criticism of the musical programs at Loew's Theatre, which were looked upon as a hindrance rather than a help to recruiting. It also came out that the league has not been living up to its understanding with the Ministerial Association in that the meetings have been commenced at 7 o'clock instead of at 8.15 and thus interfering with regular church services thruout the city.

In referring to the criticisms regarding the programs, F. B. Fetherstonhaugh declared that there was a great deal in what had been said. He, however, defended Dr. Allen, who has charge of the work, stating that the doctor had found great difficulty in preparing the programs, as so many artists had offered their services, that it was almost impossible to weed out those that were not conducive to recruiting. He thought that at least one hymn should be sung at every meeting, "one that everybody could sing." "Dr. Allen is trying to rectify these things," he continued, "and he is working as hard as he can."

Cut Out Prize Fights.

Mayor Church: "The police commissioners have given warning that pictures of prize fights and other such stuff must be 'cut out.'"

Hon. Thomas Crawford stated that the feeling had got abroad that the meetings of the league were verging upon an open Sunday. He thought that the members of the league should be impressed with the fact that every effort should be made to conduct the meetings in accordance with the Sabbath Day. The suggestion met with unanimous applause.

Mayor Church: "There should be more sacred and patriotic music. Unless we have a proper program at these meetings we are going to be closed down by the police."

Major Bullock of the 97th Battalion (American Legion) also entered a protest at the way some of the meetings are conducted. "It is absolutely impossible to get recruits when a man comes on with white kid gloves, a bouquet and a waxed mustache and sings 'We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall.'"

In referring to the recent criticisms of the police commissioners in regard to the financial statements of the league, Thomas A. Stevenson declared that the chief of police had gone a little out of his way when he suggested that the moneys of the league had not been spent in the proper channels. "The military officers who appeared before the commissioners should not have done so; they should have first come here before carrying their complaints elsewhere."

He thought that the members of the league, and especially those conducting the finances, were beyond reproach. This sentiment was also endorsed by Hon. Thomas Crawford. "If the police commissioners don't want to deal with the members of this league and are not prepared to allow them to hold another tag day and handle the funds I will resign my position and cease to do work for this league," he said.

T. O. Anderson also thought the suggestions very unjust.

Major Bullock of the 97th Battalion asked for a grant of $500 and this was referred to the executive for consideration. The committee will also be asked to consider ways and means of getting further funds for carrying on the work.

CRITICIZED METHODS OF EDUCATING CHILDREN

Bureau of Research in Bulletin Says, Homes, Schools and Studies Are Misfits.

Added criticism of the methods of educating children in Toronto is made by the Bureau of Municipal Research in a bulletin issued yesterday. Figures are taken from the reports of the Montreal schools to show that while 6000 children are at normal age, 7431 are older than normal and 3865 below.

The report says in part:

"There are misfit homes, misfit school buildings, misfit courses of study, misfit system of promotion, misfit boards of education, but only misfitted children.

"Retardation is one of the elements which produce 'over-ageness' of children in schools, retardation, or slower than normal progress thru the grades, and late entrance are the two chief causes of the large number over-age children in the schools.

"Great strides have been made during the past year in several Toronto schools and districts in combating over-age and retardation. Would not the movement be stimulated by a city-wide stock-taking and inquiry as to the causes, and would not parents and public school supporters be encouraged as to the future if they were taken more into the confidence of the boards?"

JAIL FOR THIEF.

Sixty days in jail was the sentence given Charles Keller, charged in the police court yesterday with stealing a watch from Miss Ball and a suit of clothes from John Adair, rooming in the same house.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ESTIMATES PASSED

Little Criticism Was Offered at Meeting of Property Committee Yesterday.

OVER QUARTER MILLION

Trustee Noble Says Girls From Home Should Not Appear in Streets in Uniform.

Estimates totaling $254,950 and providing for the property department of board of education, were passed by the property committee yesterday afternoon. Of this amount $222,450 is for public suhools and the balance, $27,400, is for high schools. Very little criticism was offered the items which made up the final amount except in the case of repairs for public schools, which it is estimated, will amount to $150,000. This is $30,000 more than the estimated figure of last year and the difference called for explanations.

Superintendent Bishop reported to the committee that three contractors refuse to pay their workmen what he considers the prevailing rate of wages. He maintained that the amount they are receiving is not adequate and in answer to a question remarked, "we do not adhere to union rates nor do we propose to." The matter was sent on to the solicitor for a report.

Try Out Heater.

An experiment will be made in the way of heating the schools. An oil burning arrangement is to be installed and if it is found suitable, economical and otherwise satisfactory, there is a possibility of the heating systems being revolutionized within the near future.

When domestic science was under discussion, Trustee Houston mentioned that apparatus was not being used at the Girls' Home, altho stored there. He thought it could be installed very cheaply and greatly to the advantage of the girls who at present go up to Winchester School for this training. This raised a point in regard to the manner in which the girls are dressed and Trustee Dr. Noble reiterated his statements of some time ago, stating it was not right that they should appear on the streets in any uniform garb.

A decision will probably be reached by the management committee to which both questions were referred.

Dr. Noble's motion to include in the estimates $2500 for an outdoor classroom and play shed at Winchester School was passed on to the board.

FIRE CHIEF SMITH HAS REINSTATED ALEX. GUNN

Believes Best Interest of Department Will Be Served by Restoring Peace.

Alex. Gunn says at Main street fire station, but takes the rank of district chief. This is the finish of the Smith-Gunn controversy so far as either party is concerned. Yesterday Chief Smith asked the board of control as to his powers in the matter, and when City Solicitor Johnston was questioned, it was found that he would be acting quite within his province as chief in restoring Mr. Gunn to his old position.

The chief stated that he had come to the conclusion that the best interests of the department would be served by clearing out all discord and restoring peace. He was eager to promote greater efficiency but realized that could not be done while there was estrangement. The result of his action is that from now on all will pull together in an effort to make the Toronto brigade second to none on the continent.

"It is an honorable peace," said the mayor, in commenting upon the matter.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, held privately, it was decided to revis ethe bylaw of 1879, bring it up to date and give the chief supreme power, the same as is given fire chiefs in other cities.

The question of salaries for the newly appointed officials of the department was gone into and the decision reached, after considerable discussion, that the grading system should be in use. Therefore, the new district chiefs, captains, lieutenants, etc., will not receive the high salary it was reported they were to be paid, but will start at the minimum salary for the position, and work up.

The promotions were approved.

It was also decided not to pay the new secretary, when he is appointed, the amount paid Secretary McGowan at the time of retiring, but to start at a lower figure.

BLOOR STREET VIADUCT SHUTS VIEW FROM HOUSE

W. H. Hutchinson Claims Damages From City for Injury to Property.

Official Arbitrator Drayton yesterday heard the claim of W. H. Hutchinson, 183 Castle Frank road, for $10,300, on account of damages to his property caused by the building of the Bloor street viaduct. The city expropriated 100 feet of Mr. Hutchinson's property, and the building of the viaduct shuts off the view from the house, bringing it 50 feet nearer to the street, thus preventing the renting or selling of the house. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he had tried to sell the house when the question of the viaduct first came up, and despite the fact that he had shown it to half a hundred people, none of them wanted to buy on account of the viaduct. One prospective buyer stated that the building of the viaduct had killed his desire for the house and H. E. Robins, a real estate man, declared that it was difficult to sell property in the vicinity since the commencement of the viaduct.

An Important Saving

The large and increasing policy dividends of the **Canada Life** are to a material extent an outcome of the very favorable mortality experience it has always enjoyed. Since its inception in 1847, the **Canada Life's** mortality has been only 60% of what might properly be expected.

The **Canada Life** has been called on to pay only $240,000 in war losses, this being less than 10% of the amount known to be at risk.

The judgment and care which produced these excellent results have been exercised in other departments as well, and have been largely responsible for the splendid dividends, totalling over $2,800,000, paid to policyholders in 1915.

The full Report will gladly be sent you on request.

Herbert C. Cox,
President and General Manager.

CITY HALL NOTES

The board of control has gone on record as approving the system of paying civic employes by cheques. The question was debated at yesterday's meeting. The acting city treasurer will work out a scheme.

The office boy who write the "Karl and Otto" letter to the mayor, threatening the city hall, has been dismissed and reinstated. It was thru the intercession of the board that the head of the department decided to keep the lad.

A communication to the board from the Labor Council, asked for the removal of P. W. Ellis as chairman of the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, and the appointment of some other more in sympathy with the cause of the workingmen.

MAYOR HELPS MOTORMAN.

Mayor Church has taken up the case of Motorman M. L. Cairns, of the Danforth civic car line, and says that he will try and have him reinstated, declaring that it is the wish of the entire board of control. In the meantime Works Commissioner Harris has not changed his attitude in regard to the matter, and interprets the action of the board as leaving the case altogether to him.

CANADIANS DECORATED FOR SERVICE AT FRONT

Lt.-Col. Nasmith and Lt.-Col. Gordonhill Receive High Honors.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The King has invested Lieut.-Col. George Nasmith, Canadian Medicals, of Toronto, with the insignia of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Lieut.-Col. Gordon Gordonhill, Canadian general staff, with the D.S.O.

Officially gazetted: Major D. D. Young to be lieutenant-colonel of Royal Canadian Dragoons; John H. Macdonald, to be lieutenant, Canadian Artillery; Lieut. F. Ferras, to be captain, Canadian Medicals; J. S. Cnernay, to be hon. lieutenant, Newfoundland Regiment.

Major Arthur L. Hadew, to be lieutenant-colonel, Norfolk Regiment; Lieut. H. S. Windelar, to be captain.

BROCKVILLE WINTER CARNIVAL.

BROCKVILLE, Feb. 10.—Brockville is putting on a big winter and military carnival on February 15, 16 and 17, which promises to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Eastern Ontario. The affair is under the auspices of the newly organized Sportman's Patriotic League, and is for the purpose of supplying comforts for the soldiers of the 59th and 156th Battalions, mobilized in Brockville and in training for overseas service. There will be grand military street parades by brass bands, and the men of the two battalions, numbering over 2000, followed by military manoeuvres at the fair grounds, which will also be the scene of horse races for purses aggregating over $1000, and inter-company hockey matches on open air rinks. Some of the fastest horses on the American and Canadian tracks are expected to participate. Grand Opera, Paddy R., Eel Direct, Ferp Hal and many others are here.

One of the special indoor features will be the military tournament at the armouries, covering two nights. Clubs are coming from all over Ontario and Quebec to participate in a curling bonspiel, and the Brockville Arena will be the scene of hockey matches, fancy dress carnivals and skating contests. The Brockville Amateur Minstrels are combining their annual show with the carnival for the benefit of the soldiers. The railroads are giving reduced rates to Brockville for the week.

BAPTISTS IN INDIA.

Canadian Baptist missionaries at Cocanada, India, have been officially visited by the governor of Madras. An account of the visit has been received at the mission board in Toronto from Rev. Dr. E. G. Smith. The mission hospital there treated 600 indoor patients during the year.

198th OVERSEAS BATTALION

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GOVERNMENT IS NOT DEMANDING A REFUND

Disposition by Fallis of Profits on Horse Deals is Satisfactory.

TROUBLE WITH CABLES

Hence Cut Rates on Week-End and Deferred Cables Are Suspended.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 10.—Sir Thomas White told Mr. McCraney of Saskatoon in the house today that the government was not aware that it had any claim upon the $1180 which Mr. Fallis, ex-M.L.A. for Peel, has turned in to the commander of the Peel County Overseas Battalion, for use for patriotic purposes. This was the sum which, according to press despatches, Mr. Fallis had made in profits on horse sales to the Dominion Government.

Sir Robert Borden declined to answer at the present time as not being in the public interest, questions by Mr. Kay of Missisquoi, in regard to the number of horses sold in Toronto and Montreal by the British Remount Commission, and as to the prices and character of the animals.

Price of Canvas Shoes.

Replying to Hon. Frank Oliver, the minister of militia stated that the average price paid for canvas shoes ordered for the Canadian expeditionary forces, was $1.70 a pair. Each man ordered overseas had been supplied with a pair, totaling 116,000 pairs, while 50,000 had been issued in Canada.

Replying to Mr. E. M. Macdonald, the minister of militia said that the government had nothing to do with the appointment of inspectors of shells and had not appointed any inspectors of the shells made by the Albion Manufacturing Co. of Stellarton, N.S. This was the company which, according to Mr. Carvell, tried to pass condemned shells after the original marks of condemnation by the inspectors had been erased.

Sir Robert Borden told Mr. Fripp that there had been a temporary suspension by the G. N. W. and Marconi companies of week-end and deferred cable rates. Owing to cable trouble the C. P. R. Telegraph Co at the present time accepted no deferred cables or week-end letters for transmission to or from Canada. The G. N. W. since Feb. 1, have been accepting deferred rate messages for despatch from Canada to Great Britain. So far neither company has suspended the special rates for soldiers either to or from Canada.

Asked as to whether the board of railway commissioners have authority over the wireless rates the prime minister's answer was, "No."

SEVENTEEN SUBMARINES TAKEN IN BRITISH NETS

Crew of German Boat Found Shot to Death—Scout Boats Have Glass Bottoms.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Dr. M. S. Inglis, a Canadian army surgeon, who arrived today on the Anchor liner Cameronia from Liverpool, declared that he had knowledge of the capture in British nets of 17 German submarines, and told how the crew of one of them had been found shot to death after it had been towed ashore. Dr. Inglis said he had been allowed to descend into this submarine and had seen the bodies.

"To save them from death by suffocation," he said, "the commander had shot all his men and then himself, apparently."

Dr. Inglis added that the British are now making use of glass bottom boats with more or less success in scouting for submarines in conjunction with a hydroplane fleet. The glass used, he said, gives a clear view of the water to a depth of 50 or 60 feet.

MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE

C. B. Shields, charged with selling adulterated lime juice, was fined $40 without costs in the police court yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Kingsford. The goods sold were sealed with the mark of a Scottish manufacturer.

Magistrate Kingsford strongly criticized the system which compelled those who bought such goods in good faith to assume the entire responsibility.

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ANOTHER HOTEL LICENSE SUSPENDED BY BOARD

Proprietor of Barrie House Violated Law Regarding Sales to Soldiers.

The Ontario License Board yesterday suspended still another license for infraction of the law regarding sales to soldiers. A. Nicholls, proprietor of the Clarkson House, Barrie, explained the selling of liquor to soldiers out of hours by saying that he understood the "out-of-bounds order applied only to men of the 76th Battalion. The board suspended his license for six weeks.

A similar charge against W. J. Tooke of the Arlington Hotel, at Allandale was postponed until Monday to secure additional evidence.

EDITOR OF VORWAERTS IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 10.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin states that the editor of the Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts, Ernest Meyer, has been brought to trial for "inciting class hatred and contravening the order of the military authorities," by publishing two pamphlets entitled "Who Is Responsible for the War?" and "The Annexation Mania."