COMPLAIN THAT $8 HEAD TAX IS UNFAIRLY LEVIED

Londoners Say Payment Depends Upon Mood of the Border Official.

MANY HAVE TO GIVE UP

But Are Entitled To Refund If They Come Back Within Six Months.

Many Londoners engaged in training for various occupations in the United States who are returning across the border after visiting here, are being required to pay the $8 head tax demanded by the United States immigration officials of all those entering that country to remain longer than six months. As they are not going across the border to remain there permanently, many of them feel that they are being taxed unjustly, and it is felt the question should be brought to the attention of authorities and a definite decision handed down as to who is actually liable to pay the tax.

Left To The Official.

According to information obtainable from railway officials in this city, the question of whether or not a person is required to pay the tax is left solely to the individual judgment of the immigration official who inquires into that particular person's case. Many who are able to satisfy the official that they are certain to return within six months are not asked to pay the tax, while others who are not able to satisfy the official that they are sure to return within the time limit, are required to hand over the $, which will be returned to them, if they do not remain longer than six months.

Strikes Students and Nurses.

In some cases it is felt that people crossing the border to remain longer than six months, but not intending to become permanent residents of the United States, should not be asked to pay the tax, as they are thus put on the same basis as the immigrant entering the country for permanent abode. Particularly are students and nurses-in-training and others who are pursuing studies or courses across the border affected by the regulations, if they are to be interpreted in that way.

Those who pay the tax are given a receipt, and if they return through the same "port of entry" within six months they need only to present their receipt to the immigration officials and the money is immediately refunded. Those who return through a different "port of entry" cannot get an immediate refund, but must send the receipt to the United States superintendent of immigration at Montreal, and he in turn turns it over to the railways to make the refund. The railways are required to handle the money for the immigration department.

London Flier Could "Write Name With Bus"

Flight-Lieut. "Doug." Addison of Toronto, of the Royal Flying Corps, formerly a well-known O.H.A. hockey player and R.C.Y.C. sailor, writing home from England declares that Capt. Eddie Mackay, formerly one of London's star athletes, is the best aviator at his station. His letter reads:

"The best flyer at that station was a chap from London, Ontario. His name is Capt. Mackay, and he was my instructor. He played hockey with the London Intermediate O.H.A. team before coming over. He is the most wonderful aviator I have ever seen, and it would be quite easy for him to write his own name with a bus."

CANADIAN ENGINEERS PICNIC AT LAKESIDE

The members of the Service Company, Canadian Engineers, have transferred the scene of their activities from Carling Heights to Port Stanley today, the occasion being the first annual picnic of the local unit.

More than 400 engineers and their friends are expected to be on hand at the lakeside, and lunches are being provided by the canteen for everybody. The musical "pep" will be produced by the 1st Hussars' Band, which went down to the lake with the Engineers. Most of the men left camp in the morning, and all will be ready when the sports begin at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The sports will be in charge of the following: Official starter, Sergt. C. Griffiths; scorer, Sergt. J. Warner; judges, Q.M.-Sergt. H. Cristall, Sergt. Joyce and Sapper R. Skinner; master of ceremonies, Company Sergt.-Major A. W. Hamlin.

DRAFTS SOON TO LEAVE FOR EASTERN POINTS

Within the next week a considerable number of men are looking forward to leaving Carling Heights Camp for eastern training points, and among those who are likely to move are about fifty members of No. 20 Reinforcing Draft; Canadian Railway Troops, about 400 men from No. 2 Forestry Company, and possibly about forty men from Army Medical Corps Training Depot No. 1.

The Cyclists are also rounding into shape rapidly, and it is possible that they might join in the trek eastward in the near future. The Forestry men are on their last leave at present.

BIG LEHIGH WASHOUT DIVERTS G. T. R. TRAINS

A washout on the Lehigh Valley railroad of nearly 100 miles has made it necessary since midnight for all Grand Trunk trains from New York to detour over the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

Train No. 7 due here from New York at 5:18 o'clock this morning, arrived over three hours late, the conductor reporting that the floods would affect at least 100 miles of trackage.

Trains Nos. 7 and 8, the latter eastbound for New York leaving here at 12:24 o'clock in the a ternoon will be the only ones affected. Reports are that hundreds of men have been placed at work to make quick repairs.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF EDWARD HARDY.

The funeral of Edward Hardy, the young Bell Telephone lineman, who was electrocuted when he touched a live wire at Exeter on Wednesday, was attended today by the linemen and other employees of the company. They paid their last tribute to their dead comrade by marching in a body to the cemetery. Numerous floral tributes attested the popularity of the young man, and particularly noticeable among these were floral tokens from the traffic and line departments of the telephone company.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Canon William Craig at the family residence, 101 Forward avenue. Interment took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, six fellow-employees of the young man acting as pallbearers.

GIVEN DISCHARGE.

Sergt.-Major C. S. Willis of the Forestry Depot, and formerly of the 63rd Battery, C.F.A., has been given his discharge, to take effect August 16, camp orders state.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. J. C. Plumbe wishes to thank her many friends for their kindness, and for the many beautiful floral offerings, in her recent sad bereavement. b

PTE. KILBOURNE AGAIN REPORTED WOUNDED

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PTE. WILFRID EDWARD KILBOURNE has been wounded for the second time, according to an official telegram received by his father, Byron Kilbourne, 138 Fullarton street, today. His wounds are an abrasion of the foot and a gunshot wound in the right leg, received on August 15. He is the second son of Mr. Kilbourne and was wounded during the battle of the Somme on September 15. He went back to the trenches on May 1. He left London with the 33rd Battalion, transferring later to another Western Ontario Battalion. Previously to enlisting, he was employed in the drafting-room of the Dennis Wire and Iron Works.

CITY BREVITIES

RESUMES PRACTICE.—Dr. John A. MacGregor of 231 Queen's avenue has resumed practice after his holidays.

"THE COMING AT HAND."—Rev. G. F. Assiter will preach at the Centennial Methodist Church on Sunday. Topic at night, "The Coming of the Lord; Is It at Hand?"

TRANSFER TO "F" UNIT. Capt. W. A. Andrews, 2nd Battalion, and Lieut. C. F. Stevenson, 4th Battalion, are mentioned in camp orders today as transferred to "F" unit, M.H.C.C.

NO SERVICE AT CAMP.—No divine service will be held at Carling Heights Camp on Sunday, but the men will parade to the churches of the various denominations as usual.

RETURNED MAN TO SPEAK.—A returned hero will speak at the York Street Mission Hall Sunday night. There will be special singing by Mesdames Remnle, Taylor, Collins, Howard and Mr. Harvey.

DETROIT SOLOIST HERE.—Miss J. Griffiths, soloist of St. Paul's Church, Detroit, and formerly of this city, will sing at the morning service at St. George's Anglican Church, West London.

"FOOD FOR LOVE."—"Food for Love" will be the subject on which Evangelist Matheson will preach at the City Mission, Richmond street, at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Good singing is promised and a bright service.

ON BUSINESS TRIPS.—W. R. Yendall, of the Richards-Wilcox Co., and J. G. McDermid, of the Murray Shoe Company, left today via C. P. R. on business trips to Victoria, B.C., and other western cities.

REV. J. J. ROSS TO PREACH.—Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor of James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, will occupy Talbot Street Church pulpit both morning and evening tomorrow. Mr. Ross is well-known in London, being a former pastor at Talbot Street Church.

SPEAKS AT ADELAIDE STREET.—Rev. H. C. Newcombe, B. A., of Simcoe will again occupy the pulpit of Adelaide Street Baptist Church tomorrow. Mr. Newcombe recently returned from England, where he did much work among our soldiers.

INJURED BOY RECOVERING. — The ten-year-old son of Sergeant F. Whatling, who was injured in a fall and is yet confined to Victoria Hospital, is reported as recovering and with care it is expected can be teken home in a few days.

DENIES "SPOTTER" STORY.—There was a rumor in circulation today that spotters had been placed on the London and Port Stanley Railway, as there had been many stories of money being made by employees. This was denied today by Philip Pocock, the vice-chairman, who stated that there was absolutely nothing in the story.

SEEKS FATHER'S FAMILY.—Miss Rosa L. Webb, 220 Washington street, Williston, North Dakota, has written to Inspector C. B. Edwards, asking for information as to her father's family. Miss Webb was born in Canada, and has a recollection of living near Whitby, but has no further information regarding him. She would like to hear from him.

—BALTIMORE PASTOR TO SPEAK.—Next Sunday the First Methodist Church pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Clarence E. Wise, pastor of North Avenue M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. The Rev. Mr. Wise takes the place of Rev. Dr. McDowell for the last two Sundays in August. He is regarded as one of the ablest young ministers of his denomination.

BOARD OF WORKS PICNIC. — The annual picnic of the employees of the board of works of the city is being held at Springbank this afternoon. Mayor Stevenson, the controllers and many of the aldermen dropped down to have some fun with the civic employees, and their wives and families, were present. A big program is being provided.

CONCERT AT BARRACKS.—A splendid entertainment for patients in the Wolseley Barracks Field Hospital was given by the North End Red Cross Auxiliary last evening. Young local musicians taking part were: Master Douglas Westman and little Miss Irene Anderson, a duet; Master Charlie Rose, solo. Miss Stella Fells, a blind pianist, created much enthusiasm in several piano numbers. Pte. Bough and Mrs. Tanner assisted in making the program a success. Major Smith acting as chairman for the evening. Refreshments were served and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by everyone.

DADDY'S COMING HOME.—The visitor for the Patriotic Fund Association recently paid a visit to a very happy household in the city. Father's coming home! In fact, he is on the way now, and the wife and family of six children can scarcely wait for the day when he will be back with them once more. The soldier daddy has suffered severely in the war, lost a leg and been otherwise seriously torn with wounds. But the face of the little English wife shone with joy as she told of her delight that he was to be restored to his own alive, even if it meant that she was to be the man of the household and support him and the children. "I am glad he has done what he has for his country," she said.

A SHOW OF GLADIOLI — An exhibition of gladioli, to be held in the public library on Tuesday afternoon and evening and all day Wednesday of next week, is being arranged for by some of the members of the London Horticultural Society who are lovers of this fine flower, and it is expected that there will be a large and varied display. It is desired that citizens who have gladioli should send some of their best specimens to the public library next Tuesday morning where they will be received and arranged by the members of the society who are promoting the show. An effort is being made to secure some particularly interesting varieties from out of town and a fine display is promised by some of the larger growers in London. The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge during regular library hours. As far as posible varieties will be named.

RUSSIA SOUND, WILL WEATHER STORM AFTER OVERCOMIMG INEXPERIENCE, SAYS OIL MAGNATE JUST RETURNED

Albert MacGarvey Explains That Extremists Who Knew Nothing of Government Secured Control, But Have Now Lost It—Women's Shoes Are Now Selling at $75 Per Pair, But Country Is Coming Back.

"Russia is sound. She will weather the storm, and will start on a new day. The coming winter will be a hard one, undoubtedly, but Russia will survive, and will come into her own."

Those were the cheering words given to The Advertiser today by Albert McGarvey, just returned from Russia, who is spending his holidays with Mrs. McGarvey and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scandrett at Port Stanley. Mr. McGarvey arrived this week from Russia, and will be here for some weeks. He is feeling most optimistic over conditions.

Mr. McGarvey has large oil interests in the Caucasus mountains. His fields have not been threatened, as they are at least 500 miles from any battlefield. Drilling is proceeding very rapidly, as there is an enormous demand for oils.

EXTREMISTS SECURED CONTROL.

"One must consider the great upheaval that has taken place," continued Mr. McGarvey. "In a moment, you might say, with practically no preparation, Russia changes from one form of government to another, of an exactly opposite type. The upheaval of a nation under such conditions is tremendous in its influence, and it takes a long time for adjustment usually. I think Russia is making more rapid strides towards adjustment than would have been believed in normal times. She is sound at the heart, and that is now manifesting itself. It was natural in such an upheaval, that the extremists should get control of the Government. That is exactly what happened. The Pan-Socialists succeeded in running the Government, with the result that the condition of the country became more chaotic than ever.

Inexperience at the Heart of It.

"They had no experience in Government. There were no trained men. The old bureaucracy, composed of men, whose ancestors for generations had been trained in government matters, was swept away. In its place were inexperienced men. The thing did not work out. There was confusion. Taxes were levied on industry, to the extent that it was almost crippled, in some cases quite crippled. There was no system of agrarian taxation, and industry had to bear it all.

"Demands of all kinds were made. In brief, the whole industrial system was tied up. Then came the reaction. The Socialists, unschooled to government, became mixed up in quarrels among themselves. Petrograd was seething with spies and revolutions, and counter revolutions were planned every moment of the day and night. The old bureaucrats, who had lost their places, were not satisfied of course. They formed a strong body of opinion, and their influence was against the new government. Things went from bad to worse until the thinking people became disgusted. Then followed the conference at Moscow, which was to my mind the salvation of Russia.

Moscow the Real Capital.

"The heart of Russia is not in Petrograd, but in Moscow. Petrograd is a cosmopolitan city, one of the most cosmopolitan in the world. Here the German spies and agents flourished. Here were gathered all the elements of society, much of it good, much of it bad. But in Moscow, we find Russia, Russia at its best. And Moscow asserted itself. Kerensky discovered that the Socialists and Socialists alone could not rule Russia. The best elements in that organization understood too, with the result that there is coming a union of the best in Russia to formulate a real government.

"There will be no return of the monarchy. In my judgment a republican form of government will prevail. It will take some time to train men for positions new to themselves. What Russia needs most is a businesslike administration. This will come, as the businessmen of that country are ready and willing to take their share of responsibility. Because of this I have every confidence in Russia's future, and am certain that she will weather the storm.

Great Need Is Transportation.

"The businessmen know what Russia needs. The great need is transportation Of course, the world is short of shipping. Russia being rather badly off in this way, but worst of all is the need of rail transportation. Russia is rich. It grows enormous crops. There is plenty of food, but the great difficulty is getting it from the places where there is an abundance to the place where there is lack. Road building must come. That is our great need, and to that attention will be given at once. With proper facilities there will be little distress.

"Kerensky is an enthusiast, a brilliant man, whose only fault is his health, if one could put it this way. He is not strong physically. He is overcome after every great effort. He has the confidence of the people, and understands Russia. He has come to the conclusion that the Socialists cannot rule alone, and all elements of Russia will be combined.

Magic Will Not Do It.

"This cannot all be accomplished by one swoop of a magician's wand. The winter will be hard. There is a shortage of many things. There is much re-organizing to do, but it will be done. The people are ready and prepared to stand it, being confident of the future. There is no reason to despair of Russia. She will vindicate herself.

"It was unfortunate that the army lost Galicia. The oil wells there are now in the hands of the Germans, and that means motive power for many aeroplanes. That is an important thing This oil makes a fair grade of petrol, and that is one of Germany's great needs. I understand that the Germans are also operating the oil fields of Rumania. The oil deposit there is shallow, and wells could easily have been drilled since German occupation.

"The average man in Russia is well off. The soldiers are now well clothed and well cared for. The lack of discipline following the revolution, was responsible for the retreats.

Spy Danger is Overcome.

"I guess the newspapers have made it clear why there was so great a lack of discipline. The German spies, aided by the bureaucrats, were responsible, but that condition is being righted at a very rapid rate, and there will be less of it in the future."

"What about the conference of Socialists in Stockholm?" he was asked.

"That will amount to nothing, in my judgment," answered Mr. McGarvey. "There is no confidence in the representatives going from Russia. I fancy Great Britain is right in having no confidence in the two delegates from Russia with whom Ramsay MacDonald and Henderson have been keeping company. Their names are quite suspicious, to say the least. The delegates are self-appointed, and I can see no good from it."

"Where did the czar go?" Mr. McGarvey was asked.

"That is a hard question to answer," he said. "I don't know. The newspapers say that he has gone to Siberia, but that is more than I know. You know we get little news of the actual happening. American papers get more possibly than any others."

Ladies' Boots $65 a Pair.

Leather is very scarce in Russia, and the result is that boots are costing fabulous prices. Ladies fine kid boots cost $65 a pair, while high top boots for the men who work in the oil fields cost $45 a pair. Many cannot afford to buy boots, and get along with makeshifts, some of them most ludicrous.

"Sweden has caused us a lot of trouble," he continued, "Our firm has had 1,500 pairs of boots in that country for more than a year, and we cannot get them. Particularly at the beginning of the war, in fact all during the war, goods have been shipped from America and Great Britain to Russia through Sweden. When they got to that country they were taken over by the Swedish and held.

"Then they would write to Russia, saying that they would send the consignment on, provided Russia sent to Sweden wheat, and other food products. And Russia would have to do it. The food would be sent to Germany, without even being unloaded. That is the way it has been carried on for three years now, and it is a most unfortunate thing for Russia. That will right itself. However, we have not got our boots, and we need them."

CONFIDENT RUSSIA IS SOUND AT HEART

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ALBERT MACGARVEY, who has spent many years in oil fields of Caucasus, in an interview, describes conditions in the troubled republic.

INADEQUATE SPACE AT MARKET HOUSE DURING RUSH HOURS

Crowd of Buyers and Sellers Today One of Largest.

EGGS CRUSHED IN JAM

Woman Sustains Loss in Her Efforts To Get Through.

That the market buildings and the available space for purveyors to sell their foodstuffs is inadequate for the large crowds which attend the market every Saturday was the opinion of many local purchasers after endeavoring to buy on one of the largest-attended markets of the season this morning. On the main market thoroughfares there existed a state of congestion that had not previously taken place this year, and many hustling housewives were forced to stand for a relatively long time before a passage through the crowd could be made.

The market house, where the farmers' wives have been in the habit of selling butter, eggs and fruit of late, and the condition of which caused considerable complaint some weeks ago from district farmers, was a state of congestion all morning.

A Check on Business.

It was found practically impossible to make way through the market house in less than two minutes. Although the crowd was exceptionally large, the business which farmers expected to do was not done, because of groups of people who were forced to collect immediately in front of the stalls which, on account of the push, kept other buyers away.

The repairs which were to have been made to the market house have not yet begun. The concrete floor is free from any dampness, and the place is dry, but the ventilation is still poor.

Eggs Smashed in Crush.

What was formerly the poultry-house (also used for the sale of vegetables) on the sides of the old poultry-house having been knocked out and the roof held up by wooden pillars. The jostlings of the crowd played havoc with the contents of one woman's basket. These contents happened to be several dozen eggs. The woman in question was hemmed in by the crowd in front of the butchers' building, the crush being so great that the eggs were nearly all smashed, her dress was spotted, and the week's lay crushed beyond recognition upon the ground.

THE WAR SITUATION

Another effort was made early today by the Germans to recapture the ground taken by the British in their successful attack in the vicinity of Lens, giving them control of dominating positions. The British war office reports that sharp fighting occurred northwest of Lens, and that once more the attack of the Germans was repulsed completely.

GERMANS POUNDING.

The Germans continue to pound the British position heavily with their artillery. In the vicinity of Ypres, also, the big German guns kept up a lively fire, but no infantry attacks are reported.

A naval battle in German waters between British and German light sea forces is reported by the British Admiralty. While the British were scouting in German bays on Thursday they sighted a German destroyer, which was damaged badly. Two German mine sweepers also were damaged, and two German submarine attacks were without result. No British ships were damaged.

A BOMBING RAID.

Another bombing raid was carried out on Thursday night by British naval airplanes on the railway junction at Thourhout, in West Flanders, 11 miles from Bruges. Fires were caused, and, the British Admiralty announces, an ammunition dump is believed to have been hit. The British aviators dropped many tons of bombs on their objectives, returning safely.

LOCAL MINISTERS WOULD NOT MARRY NEGRO TO WHITE

Lawson, Colored Bigamist, Went to Chatham.

COLORED PASTOR ACTED

Rev. J. Richards, of the Kent County City, Explains Why He Officiated.

Tillsonburg, Ont., Aug. 17, 1917.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I have just been reading in The Advertiser of date the pathetic story of a negro bigamist shedding tears on being found guilty of having gone through a form of marriage with a 13-year-old white girl. I would like very much if you would publish the name and address of the minister of the gospel who married this negro to a 13-year-old white girl. (Signed) READER.

The above communication from a Tillsonburg citizen lead The Advertiser to make inquiries.

According to information furnished Inspector Joseph Sanders of the Children's Aid Society, the minister who performed the ceremony was Rev. J. Richards, a colored pastor of Chatham, head of a church whose congregation consists of the colored residents of that city.

Reasons for Acting.

He gave to the officials his reason for performing the ceremony, that the marriage license showed that the girl was of legal age, and that the consent to the marriage was given by the grandmother. It was proven at Lawson's trial that he had forged the signature of the Robinson girl's mother, but no action was taken against him on this count, beyond the fact that it showed his tendency to commit one crime to further his aims to commit a second.

Got License by Fraud.

After Lawson had procured the license by fraud he approached two local ministers and asked that they perform the ceremony. These were Rev. H. H. Bingham and Rev. Dr. Flanders.

To their credit each indignantly refused to perform the marriage, one stating that Lawson should be reported to the police.

Several ministers expressed the opinion that the law should be made more stringent respecting the marriages of white girls to men, colored or white, who are already married.

SOME BRAVE BOYS READY TO RISK LIVES LIVES BY DANCING SELVES TO DEATH

Have Had an Open Field at Port Stanley This Year.

POSSIBLE RIVALS AWAY

Songs, Canoes, the Moon Just Suit Slackers in Summer-Time.

In about one month the season for summer transients will be over. Port Stanley will again assume the aspect of a village and the pleasures enjoyed by the resorters, such as boating, bathing and dancing, will be temporarily discontinued.

With the conclusion of the season regret will be evidenced not only by the cottagers, but by hundreds of young men who will have to forego the many pleasures which the summer has offered.

The months of July and August afforded for some of these young men more real pleasure than they had ever before enjoyed. Girls were there galore this summer for these youths to spend their money on. A young man could take his pick of the prettiest girl on the beach and let her less fortunate sisters go "Thang." The young man who should have had the monopoly of the pretty girls was at the war, and because of this fact the young fellow into whose head the thought of going to fight for his country without being forced to, had never entered, receives the favors of the fair damsels "without turning a hair."

Die From Over-Dancing.

These young men figure that it is easier to die from too much dancing or too much ukalele playing than it is from many shrapnel bullets. Their motto was "Live today for tomorrow we die," but up to date it does not look as though they were in any immediate danger of dying, even if they did dance ten waltzes and twelve one-steps last night.

The mandolin continues to be popular with the young male summer resorters. Canoes containing one young man and his particular lady friend or two young men and two girls, can be seen dotted all over the harbor, and frequently the strains of the mandolin and the accompanying sound of deep voices can be distinguished coming from the occupants of the boats. A fine assortment of popular songs have made an appearance this season, and the average eligible young man residing at lake towns is provided with much material to serenade the girls with. A popular piece with the young men this season is "I did not raise my boy to be a soldier." They are in fear that this piece will be out of date shortly as the military service bill comes into effect.

Palm Beach for Men.

According to them khaki is not a suitable substitute for palm beach suits They would rather wait until the universal wearing of it is enforced before being so rash as to voluntarily wear the uniform.

Sport shirts and wrist watches are the fashion this summer with a little sprinkle of perfume when it's hot. Pompadours are still popular with the young men. The wearing of pompadors does not necessitate combing the hair after having come in from a bath.

When the resorters' season closes it will be a hard blow for many of the sport shirt youths, for next year they may be summering in a dugout some where in France.

NC SEA FISH FOR LONDON AT PRESENT

Mayor H. A. Stevenson has received a letter from Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller, informing him that it will be impossible to send a consignment of sea fish to London at once. The food commissioner is experimenting in Toronto and one or two other places, in an effort to discover whether or not the fish will be in demand. When he gets the necessary information, he will inform Mayor Stevenson. In the meantime, no fish is on the way to London.

FOUR WOMEN TO CLAIM PENSION OF DEAD SOLDIER

Mother and Three Wives Present Complicated Case to Local Officer.

HE MARRIED FOR MONEY

Investigation by Pensions Officer Reveals Unexpected Conditions.

No less than four women are possible claimants for the pension of a soldier who went overseas from London and was killed in France. One of these is the mother of the dead man, the other three, women who married him in good faith. This constitutes by far the most complicated case which up to the present has presented itself to the London district office of the board of pensions commission of Canada. Reference was made to it a couple of days ago in The Advertiser.

As conditions then were known, a mother had applied for the pension of her son, who was killed on active service. Investigation led to the discovery that he had assigned a part of his pay to a woman in Windsor represented to be his wife. So far as this woman, who had not put in a claim, was concerned, everything was found to be entirely regular. He had married her, she had the certificate to produce, and the evidence of a number of people who attended the wedding. But she did not know his mother and his mother had not even heard of her.

In the meantime, further developments have cropped up. The further investigation proceeds, the more involved the case becomes, and the more possible claimants for the pension are discovered. At the present time there are no less than four women known who are possibly eligible for the pension, and at least three children eligible to receive six dollars a month, under the regulation that children of soldiers who lose their lives in the war are eligible for pensions, boys to the age of 16 and girls up to 17.

After Girls With Money.

The man who has caused all the trouble and escaped punishment for his misdeeds through making the supreme sacrifice in the war was, according to those who knew him, an unusually handsome, attractive fellow, always well dressed and of pleasing manner. He had one eccentricity, marrying girls with money. When he discovered a girl with some money of which he might get he might be able to make good use, he set about making love to her. He proved so successful at heart-winning that he usually ended up by marrying her. Then, when he got possession of her money, he left for parts unknown. The sad part was that his victims were all of the class of girls who had married according to the dictates of their heart and in good faith. Rather than have any avoidable publicity, they kept the trouble, as far as possible, to themselves.

Seven years ago, the adventurer in matrimony married a girl at Millbank. In two months he left her, and nothing further was learned of him. Taking it for granted he must be dead, the wife married another man. A strong bond of sympathy existed between her and man No. 2. He had been deserted by his wife.

Proof Just Established.

The discovery on the part of the district pensions officer in regard to the Millbank marriage was made just after proofs had been established of the marriage to the Windsor girl in 1916.

By accident, through an item in a newspaper, the Windsor wife has discovered the existence of still another who considers herself the widow of the dead man, No. 2, one of the first that he married, is living with her three children in a small place near Brantford.

How many more possible claimants there will be for the pension will doubtless be revealed shortly. "We don't know where it is going to end," said the puzzled district pensions officer today.

The mother of the dead man, who is in comfortable circumstances, takes the view that she is the one entitled to a pension of $24 a month. She repudiates the wives on the grounds that they must have known the circumstances when they married her son, and therefore are not deserving of consideration.

A great deal of sympathy on the part of those investigating seems to be with the victimized women, and especially the Windsor girl.

PERSONAL MENTION

The many friends of Mrs. and Miss Harrigan of Lucan will be pleased to know they reside at 573 Waterloo street, instead of going to Detroit, as previously arranged. Miss Harrigan will open a studio of music at the above address in the near future.

NEW N. B. GOVERNMENT CANCELLED CONTRACT OF VALLEY RAILROAD

St. John, N. B., Aug. 18.—Announcement that the provincial government has cancelled the contract for the construction of the northern section of the Valley Railway, was made by F. B. Carvell, K.C., at the Valley Railway inquiry yesterday afternoon. The contract was made by the late government after last general elections were announced, and provided for increases in cost of work of about $76,000, as compared with existing contract.

SENATOR KERN DEAD.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 18.—John W. Kern, formerly senator of Indiana, and Democratic nominee for vice-president in 1908, died here last night. He was 68 years old. Mr. Kern, who came here a week ago to recuperate, died of uraemic poisoning.

MANY BARGAINS

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GROYNES TO SAVE BEACHES AT PORT, COTTAGERS HOPE

Grant of $18,000 Will Provide Protection From Lake.

SUCCESSFUL ELSEWHERE

Banks Have Been Saved and Beaches Filled by Such Protection.

The property owners on Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, are satisfied now that the Government intends to protect their property from the storms of Lake Erie.

The supplementary estimates submitted to the House of Commons yesterday contain an item for $18,000, to be expended for groynes at Port Stanley. This means the protection of this embankment, which has been badly torn by storms during the past three years.

Placed Every 275 Feet.

The groynes will be 100 feet long, 4 feet wide, and from 8 to 15 feet in depth. They will be located along the beach at intervals of 275 feet. This will furnish protection to the whole east section of Port Stanley. The groynes will be filled with rocks, and will be similar in construction to the breakwater running along the east side of the harbor, on a much smaller scale, of course.

The construction of these groynes will make it certain that there will be no more removals of the embankment. Work has already been commenced, and it is expected that it will all be constructed before the lake freezes up this fall.

Has Saved Other Beaches.

"It will mean that our property will be protected," said J. C. Duffield, one of the heaviest losers by reason of the storms on the east side of the Port. "If the work is done according to the latest methods we will be all right. I have sketches of the work done in other places situated similar to ours, and it is the character of work is done on the Beach has been made and banks such as that at Orchard Beach saved."

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL STICKING TO RUSSIA

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—Grand Duke Michael, according to the Bourse Gazette, has rejected the suggestion that he go to England to live, declaring he could not leave Russia until the constituent assembly has determined the future form of government. It will be remembered that Grand Duke Michael made at the beginning of the revolution a provisional renunciation of his claim to imperial succesion, declaring he will only accept the throne if called by the people.

The Bourse Gazette says there were persistent rumors a few days ago before the transfer of ex-Emperor Nicholas from Tsarskoe-Selo that Grand Duke Michael had departed for England. Investigation proved he had been given the option of going there but refused to do so until the question of regime was settled.

WARDLE'S APPOINTMENT PLEASES OPPONENTS OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

London, Aug. 18.—The appointment of George J. Wardle as parliamentary secretary of the board of trade is welcomed by the press opposed to the Stockholm Socialist conference as indicating that he accepts the attitude of the Government with regard thereto. His acceptance of the office is regarded as the more significant as he accompanied Arthur Henderson, who recently resigned as member of the war council, and James Ramsay MacDonald, ex-chairman of the Labor party, on their recent famous visit to Paris, since which time he has not declared his views. The appointment of George H. Roberts as minister of Labor necessitates his seeking re-election at Norwich. Other appointees do not incur the obligation of reappealing to their constituents.

NORTH MIDDLESEX JUDGING.

AILSA CRAIG, Aug. 17.—C. C. Roke-by of Port Rowan, a department judge of standing field crops competitions, is at present judging the various fields of oats in this district entered for competition in the North Middlesex Fair Association, and also in the McGillivray Fair Association.

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PERSONATION PROVED

Commission Reports Against Winner of Vancouver By-Election.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 18.—Finding that it is "proved beyond any doubt that an elaborate and expensive scheme of personation was adopted on the behalf of M. A. MacDonald, Liberal candidate," the report of the royal commission, which recently investigated the so-called "plugging" scandal at the Vancouver bye-election in February, 1916, when MacDonald defeated G. H. Tisdall, Conservative candidate, was presented to the Legislature yesterday just before the House prorogued. The report goes on to state that there was no evidence adduced other than the so-called confession of John T. Scott, showing that MacDonald had any knowledge of, or connection with, the illegal practices which were engineered by Scott. But it also points out that Scott was in charge of a staff of workers and paid out of a fund controlled by MacDonald and A. M. Pound, and that he was fully recognized as in charge of the important portion of the campaign, though apparently having none of the "legitimate" funds at his disposal.

WEDDING BELLS

BLAY—McCONNELL.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morris, 241 Rldout street, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding, which took place Wednesday, August 15, when their daughter Edythe was united in marriage to John Stewart Blay, in the presence of immediate relatives. The ceremony was performed by Right Rev. Dean Davis. The bride looked charming in her traveling suit of grey taffeta, with hat to match, and was given away by her uncle, Alfred Gifford. After the wedding dinner, the young couple left on a wedding trip to Detroit and points west.

POTTS—BOWES.

INGERSOLL, Aug. 17.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bowes was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when their youngest daughter, Ilma Mabel, was united in marriage to Harold Potts of Dundas, formerly of the Ingersoll gas office. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. Sheppard of the Methodist Church, and the couple were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Potts left for Muskoka on their honeymoon trip.

LITTLE—MORROW.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Fedora Morrow, sister of Mrs. Andrew Dunn of North Oxford, to William Thomas Little, M.D., of Fleshertion, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. Rev. Ronald MacLeod of the Ingersoll Presbyterian Church officiated, in the presence of a number of guests. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Andrew Dunn, and the Wedding March was played by her niece, Miss Laura Dunn. The bride wore a cream serge suit with fur trimmings and a white tulle hat.