

GOVERNMENT TO GIVE MONEY

To Present Officers Commanding With Money—To be Used to Help Recruiting—This Should Have Been Done Long Ago.

Something unusual is happening in the militia authorities at Ottawa. After two and a half years of war, it has been decided finally to assist battalions and other units financially in their efforts to obtain recruits.

A scheme has been decided on whereby a certain allotment of money has been granted to each military district. This amount is under the supervision of the G.O.C.

The cost of the method is to be detailed and the whole submitted to headquarters for consideration. If accepted by the G.O.C., enough money will be advanced to carry it through.

Although coming somewhat late in the war, it is believed that good may at least result as O.C.'s are now relieved of the necessity of begging for money with which to carry on the work of raising men.

In this connection a statement made by R. B. Bennett, Director General of National Service, was to the effect that "an atmosphere must be created to make men realize their duty."

Officers commanding battalions have consistently objected to the higgardly way in which the Government hands out money to advertising when this is one of the few means left to make men see their duty.

The Printing Bureau at Ottawa is grinding out thousands of copies of old recruiting posters which have long lost their "punch" because of their age.

Particulars of the shooting of Frank Davis, a former Orillian, which occurred a couple of weeks ago in Montana, has been received. Mr. and Mrs. Davis resided in the Canadian West.

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BOYS' WORK CONFERENCE

Saturday and Sunday Sessions—Very Profitably Spent.

On Saturday morning devotional exercises were led by Mr. W. W. Allison of the Y.M.C.A., the theme "Service."

Mr. W. R. Cook, Boys' Work Secretary for Ontario and Quebec took up the topic "Organization" showing that the only organization needed and the best to take up the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests, is the organized Sunday School Class.

At 2 p.m. devotions were taken by Rev. C. G. Smith. Mid-week program was discussed by Mr. Hutchinson. The mid-week session of a class that is taking up the Canadian Standard Efficiency tests, would consist of Bible Study, 20 minutes, practical talk, 30 minutes, test 30 minutes. The remainder of the afternoon was set aside for recreation.

At 6.30 p.m. the banquet was provided and served by the women of the various churches of the city. About one hundred and seventy-five boys were served and served well. Belleville women certainly know what tickles the palate of a boy.

The banquet was accompanied by the usual songs and yells, each delegate trying to outdo the others. Mr. P. C. MacLaurin made a very able chairman. Short speeches were made by local and visiting boys on topics connected with the conference.

The final number of the evening was the charting of a boy by Mr. Statten, according to Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests. By this charting a boy is shown just where he stands in each of the four standards. Intellectual, physical, religious and service. When he finds out that he is below the standard in one or two of the four sides of his life, he is inspired to build himself up and so make himself an all-round boy.

On Sunday at 1.45 the boys separated into delegations, chose a secretary and drew up resolutions with reference to what they are going to do when they get back to their own communities.

At 4 o'clock there were over two hundred and fifty boys present at the mass meeting in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. Mr. Statten talked of life in baseball terms, speaking of sacrifice hits, training, clean play, etc.

He held the attention of every boy for over an hour, and at the close of his talk practically every boy present signed a card indicating that he was taking a forward step. Many of the boys made clean-cut decisions for the Christian life, others signified their intention of serving the church and Sunday school, others determined to drop habits that were preventing them from playing up to standard in the game of life.

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MR. ALLISON HAS RESIGNED

As General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.—Is Going Overseas—Mr. Allin Likely to Follow.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. board last night, Mr. Wm. Allison tendered his resignation as general secretary of the Belleville Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Allison has enlisted in the Overseas service of the Y.M., and will sail for England the latter part of February.

His resignation was regretfully accepted by the board and the various members expressed their appreciation of his good services and of his personal popularity with the boys and the other patrons of the local Association.

He was, however, warmly congratulated on his decision to don the khaki and go to the front where the Y.M.C.A. is a vast and extremely important work.

Last night, Mr. Allin, the boys' secretary also announced that he had received a call from Rev. Chas. Bishop to engage in the Overseas work and had been accepted.

He wished to be relieved but would not press the matter until the board had had time to look around and secure a successor.

The members also spoke in most complimentary terms of the splendid services rendered by Mr. Allin in his six months' engagement here. They all deeply regretted to lose so efficient a secretary but could not allow their own interests, important as they were, to stand in the way of the call to duty and the greater service overseas.

The board also passed a resolution (tendering to the Quinte Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire the use of the Assembly room and the associated services, during the month of February for the purpose of holding their afternoon Patriotic teas.

AFTERMATH OF DANCE. Guests Paid Dearly For Their Fun. The aftermath of a social dance held at a house in Lindsay on January 18th was staged in the Police Court Wednesday, when two of the guests paid dearly for their worship of the god Bacchus.

In connection with the said dance there were rumors to the effect that all was not peace and harmony among the devotees of the art of Terpsichore, and License Inspector Thornbury, believing that where there was smoke, there was undoubtedly fire, or fire water, proceeded to make enquiries. The results were most satisfactory from the Inspector's point of view, but rather depressing and expensive for a soldier who resides on Durham street.

It was found that he attended the social function with a liberal supply of fire-water. A charge of having liquor in his possession other than at his private home was registered against him Wednesday, and Police Magistrate Jackson imposed a fine of \$200.

The guests at the dance, it appears included some from outside points, as a resident of Fenelon was present in an intoxicated condition. License Inspector Thornbury laid an information against him and he was fined \$13.20.

BURIED THE WRONG MAN? Harry Kelly, Supposed Dead Man, Writes from Idaho. Lindsay, Jan. 30.—To be drowned in British Columbia, to be buried in Victoria County, to be still alive in Idaho, is the strange tale which is being told about the streets of Lindsay today concerning Mr. Harry Kelly, son of Mrs. A. D. Mallon, formerly of Lindsay, but now of Toronto.

Lindsay citizens will remember that some three months ago a young man, who was at the time identified by his mother, brother and sisters, as Harry Kelly, was drowned in British Columbia, where he was employed with a lumbering concern in Vancouver. The remains were embalmed and put in a beautiful coffin and brought to Lindsay, the wake and funeral being held at the home of Mr. Geo. Neal, east ward. Interment afterwards took place in the Emily Catholic cemetery.

The story, which has been circulating in Emily for several days past, and which has been told to relatives in Lindsay, is to the effect that Mrs. Kelly has received a letter from the same son in Idaho, U.S.A. The story continues that man who was buried in Emily burying ground was one by the name of Horselick, and that the lumber firm in British Columbia failed to make the proper enquiries concerning the drowning. Hence the mistake.

Mr. Symons, 53 Station street died this afternoon. Further particulars later.

BELLEVILLE WON FROM NAPANEE

Visiting Teams Had Fine Victory Over Napanee Curlers.

Two teams of Belleville curlers, senior and junior, went to Napanee yesterday and defeated the curlers of that town, both juniors and seniors.

Napanee M. Graham J. Derry H. Daly C. I. Maybee Skip—10 A. Dafeo J. L. Boyes W. Smith Dr. Leonard Skip—14-24 Belleville 16 up Juniors

Belleville J. A. McFee S. Robertson W. N. Belair F. Luick Skip—21 F. D. Diamond J. D. Galloway M. J. Clark J. W. Davison Skip—19-40

Belleville G. Jacobs A. R. Symons R. A. Backus Dr. Taylor Skip—19 Rev. C. T. Scott H. B. Stork P. O. Pitney Skip—13-32 Belleville seven up. The two Belleville senior teams above will go to Toronto on Tuesday next.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BATTALION BEING RAISED To Build and Operate Railways in France

The 257th Railway Construction Battalion is a unit being organized under the command of Lt.-Col. L. T. Martin, well known railroad builder, for the purpose of building and operating railroads in France. Many lines of railway are now needed by the Allies to transport troops, munitions and supplies up to the firing lines, and Canada has now been called upon to do this work.

The 257th Railway Construction Battalion is therefore recruiting railroad and practical men from all parts of Eastern Canada and when up to strength, will without further training go straight across to France to start work at once. Although only authorized two weeks ago, the battalion has already recruited nearly 500 men, so prospective recruits should not delay before it is too late to join.

The headquarters of the battalion is stationed in Ottawa and the officers from the O.C. down, are all experienced practical railway construction men who have volunteered to form this corps for railway work in France. Although an experience in construction work will be of advantage to those enlisting, a knowledge of railroading is not actually required and everyone will have a chance of promotion according to order of merit.

The Medical Standard of this battalion is much lower than that required for services in the trenches, so all men who have been turned down before, now have a chance to serve their country by enlisting with the 257th. The age limit is extended to 48 years, height minimum as low as 4 ft 11 inches, and a slight defect such as flat feet, deaf in one ear, two fingers missing, vision in one eye slightly below par, etc., will not hinder a man from being accepted.

The 257th battalion has opened up recruiting in Belleville, and all recruits should make application at the 257th Recruiting Depot in the 235th Battalion Headquarters in the Corby Building, where Lieut. R. R. Jones is in charge and will be glad to give any information to prospective enlistees.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEETS—OBJECTIVE \$75,000. At a meeting of the campaign committee held in the public library last evening the campaign for the Belleville Patriotic Fund was started rolling. The committee was very enthusiastic and the spirit shown augurs well for the success of the campaign, but it will be necessary for each and every citizen to do his part to assist the various committees to do their work.

It was decided to hold the campaign on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd and they set as their objective \$75,000 which is about the proportion Belleville should stand of the six million to be collected in the Province of Ontario.

The various committees necessary for the carrying on of the campaign have been selected and active work will be started at once. They hope to secure a portion of the show-room of Messrs. Simmons corner of Bridge and Front streets as campaign headquarters.

Put your shoulder to the wheel and do all you can to roll up the amount they have set as their objective.

JOHN MARAGLE REPORTED SLAIN

Tyendinaga Boy of a Belleville Battalion Pays the Price.

Pte. John Maragle who left Belleville with a recent Belleville battalion has been killed in action on January 12th in France. He was forty-two years of age and had a young son. Prior to enlisting he lived in the Reserve of which he was a member. Mr. Maragle of this city is a close relative of deceased.

A WRONG IMPRESSION FROM THE REPORT OF MR. STATTON'S TALK. The report of Mr. Statten's talk published in last Saturday's issue of this paper, has apparently been misunderstood by some people. These people got the impression that in "charting" the German nation Mr. Statten was holding it up as an ideal toward which Canadian boys should work. This is exactly opposite to Mr. Statten's purpose. In charting the German nation he showed that while it stood high as far as intellectual and physical standards were concerned, in the religious and service standards it was extremely low. Then he appealed to the boys to try to become men of four fold development in order that Canada as a country might in years to come, chart high in all four standards.

To help Canadian boys to "Live for Canada in the Jesus Way," Mr. Statten is working with an intensity that is giving his associates cause for grave concern over his health. He despises German militarism; he is Canadian to the core. Every ounce of energy he has in being devoted to the task of inspiring Canadian boys to live up to the service ideal, an ideal that is exactly opposite to that which prevails in Germany.

NO MORE GUNS FOR BRITISH MERCHANTMEN. LONDON, Jan. 30.—The Times says that it is authorized to deny the allegation that Great Britain is preparing to arm merchantmen with guns forward as well as astern.

NEUTRALS TREATED AS WAR PRISONERS BY GERMANY. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 30.—Germany is keeping as war prisoners all neutral members of the crews of the armed ships taken by the latest German raiders. Those now held include 200 neutrals, according to survivors from the Yarrowdale arriving at Copenhagen today.

MONTREAL MAN ARRESTED IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A man believed to be Henri Charlebois wanted in Montreal for passing worthless paper amounting to about \$20,000 on the Bank of Montreal, is under arrest here.

CANADIAN AVIATOR KILLED IN TEXAS. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 30.—David E. McQueen, 24, a son of Major G. L. McQueen of the Canadian records office, London, was killed while making a flight in an aviation school here.

HUGE FIRE AT HARTFORD, CONN. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 30.—Two large stores in the dry goods district, C. Fox & Co., and the Woolworth five and ten cent store, were destroyed by fire early today; loss \$50,000.

DIED SHEFFIELD.—In Belleville, on Sunday, January 28th, 1917, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Sheffield, widow of the late J. R. Sheffield, aged 73 years, 8 months.

ASHLEY.—In Belleville on Monday, Jan. 29th, 1917, Henry W. Ashley, aged 78 years 6 months.

LAI TO REST The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from Messrs. Tickell and Sons' parlors of Mrs. Nellie Rentfrew Service was conducted by Venerable Archdeacon Beamish at the morgue and the cemetery vault. The obsequies were under the auspices of the 254th battalion, the following acting as bearers, Sergt. Boyle, Corp. Minns, Corp. Wallace, Pte. Duby, Pte. Boyer and Pte. Haycock.

We are pleased to report that Rev. Father Killen, who has been for the past five weeks undergoing treatment at Hotel Dieu, Kingston, has made fine progress and is now almost recovered. He expects to return to Belleville the latter part of this week.

RITCHIE'S TWO SPECIAL Bargain Attractions FOR THIS WEEK

'KEEN KUTTER' SCISSORS Half-Price

Reg. Up to \$25 Dress Tunics \$5.00

Royal Worcester CORSETS Sitting, Bending or Walking

The Ritchie Company Limited

FOE LEAVES ROUMANIA; ENEMY FAILED IN ATTACK

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The War Office reports that the Germans last night made another offensive movement in the region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, attacking the French trenches but that the attacks were stopped by gun fire with considerable loss to the enemy.

Try our Job Department for your next letter heads—you will be satisfied. We do all classes of printing.

NEY TO LOAN ON farm and city... ALLERIDGE, Barrister, etc. Bridge St., Belleville B. Mt. ICE... Canning and limited are now for a limited amount for 1917. Parties potatoes call at A. residence, Redners-329-2424w

ED TO DO PLANNING at home, whole day; work sent... National Montreal... For Stirling Cheese... Sealers... up to Feb. 19th: 5,000. There is a use in the factory Stirling, Ont., R. 25-26w

SALE... ed Holstena Bulls... 27-4td 3 ty... FOR SALE... ft POSE, FINE... lumber through... condition. For further apply to L. M. Ford. 310-242, 24w

FOR SALE... acres being the best... the 3rd concession... containing 50 acres. On... ge brick house, a... an and horse stable... se, 26x45, a never-... water to barn and... the west part of... a wood, the rest in... pasture. Apply to... 438-24w

SALE... WITH DWELLING... on at Motra, Large... good surrounding... by opposition, part... business. Reasonable... to J. F. Herby, Mc-... 314-642, 4w

USED CHEVEOL... running order and... self cheap. We also... cars in... we will sell cheap... 310-642, 4w

PURE BRED AN... registered. Apply to... Ameliasburg. 623-24w, 1w1

land in a square... and fenced. Five... good buildings... of Prince Edward... east of Picton in... forestville. Further... to U. Nelson, Dem-... 483-1w1

ST... Stock Farm, Pa... on Monday, Jan... ek underwent with... in pockets with... of no value to... The finder will be... rning it to owner... io or intelligence... Hartford Ashley. 5-2tw-25-27-30d

W. GLEASON, Notary Public... is taken inter... through the blood on... nials, free. 7 & CO., Toledo, O. 7ggists, 76c. is for Constipation.

Mr. Charles Brownson, Albert St., had the misfortune yesterday afternoon to fall on the icy street and break his collarbone.