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CIVIC EXPENDITURE

When to the school estimates and the various civic estimates are added those for the municipality, which will undoubtedly be large this year, the citizens will be presented with a record budget concerning which there is already a good deal of anxiety among the tax-payers. The Times has said more than once that the city's prosperity is such as to render unnecessary a niggardly policy in the conduct of city and county affairs; but the present indications are that a rather lavish policy is in the minds of the civic and municipal rulers. We must expect increased expenditure in some directions, and it is difficult for any citizen not thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the different departments to say where the pruning knife could best be applied without injury to the public service.

TRAVELLERS' AID

Perhaps few of the citizens realize the value of even the limited amount of Travellers' Aid work that is done at the St. John railway station. Last year the two young ladies who attend trains were at the station 1841 times, and conducted 559 persons to the Girls' Club, to lodgings, or to friends. Of course they deal only with women and children. Also, in a thousand ways, they are of service to women and children waiting at the station between trains, often without money to secure needed comforts. There have been cases where young girls, arriving on late trains, have been literally saved from imminent danger to their morals by the alert agent of the Travellers' Aid. Frequently, also, women, some with children, arrive with little or no money, and have to remain over for the night before proceeding on their journey. If they have money they are taken to respectable lodgings; if they have none, there are several rooms at the Girls' Club where they may spend the night in comfort, being taken to their train or boat next morning. Frequently girls who turned back by the American immigration authorities arrive in the city without funds, and must be helped. Only recently the president of the Playgrounds Association, which does Travellers' Aid work at present, cared for two boys at her own home until investigation permitted their journey to their destination on the other side of the border. But the work of the Travellers' Aid cannot be efficiently done without more workers. Mrs. Buntington-Ham made this so clear to an audience of earnest women last evening that steps are to be taken under the auspices of the Women's Council, to have the work enlarged, and if possible a Travellers' Aid room provided at the railway station. The work of these devoted agents must of necessity be silent work. Publicity must not be given to cases that are dealt with, because it would injure the work.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Canadian Finance, of Winnipeg, makes another strong plea for a national government in Canada in this great crisis in the nation's affairs. In an article on "Quality of Service" it says: "All respect to the assistance of the

Trades and Labor Congress. In the face of strongly voiced opposition from the ranks, it was no casual thing for President Waters, Secretary Draper and Vice-President Simpson and Riggs to recommend that all members of affiliated unions fill in the answers, according to their conscientious opinions, on the cards sent out by the National Service Board throughout Canada.

But the relief felt at escape from national-wide cleavage should not blind us to conditions still potential with danger. More than ever, recent developments have strengthened the conviction that only a national non-partisan government can effectively deal with Canada's war (and immediate after-war) problems. A really national government would include a labor representative. With a Waters or a Riggs within the cabinet, collaborating in the drafting and initiating of a national registration plan, Ottawa would almost certainly have avoided its temporary clash with organized labor. British, with its genius for beginning wrong and ending right (as E. V. Lucas has put it), now recognizes that it could not do without the service of Arthur Henderson in keeping labor opinion and government action in working accord. It is not surprising that the military labor viewed with distrust the registration card issued from Ottawa. The questions undeniably are of a sort to elicit little information except as to manual labor.

Canadian Finance adds that with a national cabinet, thoroughly representative, there would be "a balanced appraisal of income and of capital resources as well as of man-power," so that all classes would bear an adequate share of war-burdens. This is obvious to all except those who prefer the perpetuation of the patronage at all costs—even at the cost of national inefficiency. We need a national government entirely non-partisan, in Canada.

The Toronto Globe makes the following significant observations on Sir Robert Borden's recent statement to the labor leaders that if conscription were necessary to save the state he would not hesitate to adopt it: "The statement has undoubtedly resulted in a material increase in the exodus of men who for one reason or another are opposed to compulsory overseas service. The Globe believes that if Sir Robert Borden were to obtain the statistics collected at the border by United States officials respecting the number of residents of Canada entering the United States at the present time with the intention of remaining here, he would issue a supplementary statement that conscription is not as yet under consideration by the government, and will not be brought into force without reasonable notice. The Dominion is losing the greatly-needed labor of thousands of workmen, many of whom are not Canadians either by birth or naturalization, who fear that they may be forced to enlist if they remain on this side of the border. If conscription is to be the last resort in Canada, and the belief is still entertained in official circles that a sufficient number of recruits can be secured by voluntary means, a plain statement to that effect would do good."

A member of the Citizens' Committee, which labored for the adoption of the commission plan of government suggests to the Times that, in view of the fact that some amendments to the charter are needed, and a general discussion of civic affairs would do good at this time, the chairman should call that committee together; and that, if done, it should be done without delay.

SAYS CARPENTIER'S TRIP IS IMPROBABLE

London, Jan 6.—Interviewed today, The Sportsman, one of the best posted authorities on boxing, stated it is very improbable that the necessary leave will be granted by the French government to enable Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight champion of Europe, to entertain the idea of visiting America to engage in boxing bouts. Carpentier has increased his reputation tenfold since the commencement of the war, first as a rifleman in the trenches, as a dispatch rider in which he earned many hairbreadth escapes, and for the last two years as a member of the Aviation Corps. In spite of losing all his money he has earned in the ring, and which he has bought a home at Lens, which is now occupied by the Germans, with no tidings of his father or mother since the war began, this famous fighter has always placed his services completely at the disposal of his country.

When the contents of a dish must be placed on the ice in the refrigerator to chill, take two or three fruit jar rubbers, place on the ice, and you will find your dish will rest on these with perfect safety. To remove bloodstains wash the article in lukewarm water, and after allowing the fabric to soak a while wash with a ammonia soap and warm water.

A CANADIAN SOLDIER SAYS

"Tell my friends, if they want to help me, to send some Zam-Buk. The boys here say it is very good and it is much in demand." This is an extract from a letter received from Pte. J. R. Smith of "The Princess Pals" in France. There is certainly nothing so good as Zam-Buk for the ailments of a soldier's life. It is splendid for all kinds of sores, blisters, burns and cuts, and it is equally good for frost bites, chilblains, cold cracks and chapped hands. Nothing ends and heals so quickly, and being antiseptic, an application of Zam-Buk to a wound as soon as sustained, will prevent all danger of blood-poisoning. If you want to send your soldier friend something he is sure to appreciate—put a box or two of Zam-Buk in your next parcel. All druggists, or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, 50c. box, 3 for \$1.25.

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An eminent lawyer was once cross-examining a very clever woman, mother of the plaintiff in a breach of promise suit, and was completely wadded in the encounter of wits. Before sitting down, however, he turned to the jury and said: "You saw, gentlemen, that even I was a bit of a child in this woman's hands. What must my client have been?" By this adroit stroke of advocacy he turned his disadvantage into a victory.

Photographer—Where is that new office boy? Assistant—He is up in the dark room. "When I saw him he was holding his pay envelope in front of the enlarging machine."

Need More Room for the Troops

Armory Hospital to Accommodate 1200 Patients. News of the Men in Khaki. Ninety-Four Recruits in Province Last Week—Fifteen Thousand Canadians Have Given Their Lives for the Cause.

Major Van Tuyl, of the engineering staff, Halifax, was in the city yesterday, and it is understood that he has completed his plans for the conversion of the armory into a hospital of 1,200. It is also understood that the military authorities have applied for more space in the exhibition building for the quartering of troops. Recruiting. A total of ninety-four recruits were secured in the province last week; the total for the preceding week was sixty-eight. The county totals follow:—St. John, 48; Westmorland, 18; Yorks 11; Carleton, 6; Restigouche, 4; Victoria, 3; Northumberland, 1; Charlottetown, 1; Albert, Madawaska, Queens, Sunbury, Kent, Kings and Gloucester, none. Two recruits were secured for the 166th battalion in Nova Scotia. Seven recruits were secured in the city yesterday:—Harold Coakley, Queens county, 290th Battalion; Peter Markey, Walter Heale, Montreal, and Roy Anderson, St. John, 68th Battery; Henri Pierre, St. Germain, Que., machine gun section, and two other men for the Canadian Engineers who did not wish their names mentioned.

Fifteen thousand Canadians have lost their lives since the war began. The casualties up to December aggregate 68,290, made up as follows: Killed, 10,884; died of wounds, 4,010; died of sickness, 694; presumed dead, 1,108; wounded, 48,454; missing, 2,970. Of this number, 53,887 casualties occurred in 1916. The names of two New Brunswick men appear in the midnight casualty list:—Wounded, acting lance-sergeant N.

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M. Tennant, Fredericton; died, Sapper Robert E. Johnson, Dubuq Junction, Col. Harrison Mentioned. In the recent list of Canadians given in General Haig's despatches as having distinguished themselves is the name of Lieut.-Col. W. J. Harrison, O. C. of the 3rd divisional ammunition column. Mr. Harrison was the junior member of the law firm of Powell and Harrison of this city and is well known throughout the province.

The 166th. Captain C. H. Boudreau of the 166th battalion has been appointed paymaster of the unit. Lieut. J. A. LeBlanc of the unit left last night for Halifax, where he will take a course in bayonet fighting and physical training. Lieut.-Colonel Daigle of the 166th has received a letter from Chief Police Simpson expressing his thanks for the way in which the members of his battalion have conducted themselves during their stay in the city. For Overseas Y. M. C. A.

In order to raise funds for the Y. M. C. A. work overseas, members of the local association, assisted by three young ladies, will appear in the Imperial Theatre some time the latter part of next week in the famous English comedy, "The Private Secretary."

Military Y. M. C. A. About 200 men of the 166th battalion were present last night to a talk given in the Y. M. C. A. quarters of the barracks by Captain H. A. Pearson on the life in the trenches. Miss Geraldine Melick, Miss G. McHarg and Lt. LaCouture and John Roy contributed to the literary and musical programme.

Veterans' Officers. The "European War Veterans' Association" held a meeting in their rooms on Charlotte street last night and elected their officers for the new year. Lieut.-Colonel McLehane was president; Lieut. J. C. Rothwell, secretary, and Mayor Keeffe, honorary treasurer. Commissioner Wigmore was added to the advisory board. Other officers elected for the new year were: "Bugs" Phipperts, president; E. J. Puddy, vice-president; J. J. Donohue, treasurer; C. L. Moffered, financial secretary; J. Dryden, recording secretary, and F. Beckingham, marshal.

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Miss Margaret Dobson was given leave of absence for six months. Mr. Emerson announced that the picture of Lieut. C. W. Lawson has been hung in the High School.

The Bonne Estante. A banquet was tendered last night in the King Edward hotel, Toronto, by the Ontario branch of the Bonne Estante Committee, to Bonne Estante delegates from Quebec. J. M. Godfrey, president of the National Service League, presided, and 600 guests were present. The toast to the province of Quebec was proposed briefly by Mr. Godfrey and was responded to by Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec. All the speakers urged a united Canada and the wiping away forever of all misunderstandings between the two great races of the dominion.

January 20th? Grease spots on the pages of books should be sprinkled with finely-powdered pipeclay, then a piece of tissue paper laid over the pipeclay, and the page pressed with a warm iron. Rub off with indiarubber.