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## Lumber Camps Can't Get Men

Three months ago there were hundreds of unemployed men in Ottawa ready and willing to go out on any kind of work. Now conditions are reversed, and there is all kinds of work, but a great scarcity of men. Such was the complaint of a leading lumberman's employment agent in the city who is encountering no easy time in securing men for the lumbering camps, whereas in other years men were plentiful.

The interment of so many foreigners in Canada has sometimes done with the situation, and the recruiting for soldiers has taken many hundreds who would be available, the employment agents claim. It is believed by the agents, however, that there are many in the city who want to go to the bush, but are holding off for an increased wage schedule. The lumbering concerns are paying the men anywhere from \$16 to \$24 a month for the duration of the winter season. They paid as high as \$26 and \$28 last year. Many have already been sent but the agents claim they can give work to any number of men.

There is another side to the story of the bush agents. While the complaint of a scarcity of men willing to go to the bush is justified, there are several reasons for this. The Citizen spoke to Mr. John Keane, city charity officer on the subject.

Mr. Keane said that there were plenty of men who would be able and willing to go "but for the conditions imposed on the men in the camps and the low wages paid."

"Sixteen dollars a month cannot keep a family," pointed out Mr. Keane "nor even \$26 and the bulk of the men looking for jobs are married. But even at that wage men could be secured, but they will not accept the conditions imposed."

The "jobbers" and sub-contractors make deductions from the men's wages to such an extent that after a month's work men have been known to have received only 50 cents for their first month's work. Wages are "docked" for doctor and supplies (clothing, mitts, moccasins, shirts, etc.), and if the man does not stay until the end of the season when all the work is completed, his railroad fare is deducted. Men hear of these things and will not go to the woods, said Mr. Keane.

At the city hall employment bureau The Citizen was informed that the unskilled labor conditions had improved, but that many men could be secured for the bush if the wages were better. One agent sent to the office for 200 men recently, but not a single man would agree to go, simply because they did not think they were to get a square deal. The men will not accept such conditions, and they float around the city, accepting corporation work when they can get it, and doing odd jobs for individuals as opportunities arise.

Men are needed in the camps at Kippewa, Blind River, Naira Center, Cartier and Deep River.

## DREXEL PREDICTS ALLIES' VICTORY

Head of Banking House  
Chauffeur to Sir John French

(Boston Republic)

J. Armstrong Drexel, son of Anthony J. Drexel, head of the great American banking house of Drexel & Company, has returned to Philadelphia from the western battle front, where he has been acting as chauffeur to Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary forces in Flanders. His confidence in the allies is unshaken. Says Mr. Drexel: "The war will not end until the allies have been victorious. The war to date has been pretty much of a draw in the western field of fighting, and if it should stop now I believe another war would only eventuate in the future, say ten years from now. One side must gain the advantage, and I know that the feeling in England and France is that it shall be war until they have vanquished the Germans."

Although the first month of the second year of this frightful war appears to leave the advantage with the Germans, already there are some significant signs of a turning of the tide. Anyhow, the forces of Great Britain and France have got their second wind so to speak. After months of seeming inaction which, however, were spent in careful preparations by these two powerful members of the family of allied nations, they are now preparing a mighty drive which will push back the German line extending from the North Sea to the Vosges.

Of course there will be a stubborn resistance, but the allies are prepared for that.

## 'Economist' Editor On War Budget

New York, Sept. 24.—A cable from London to the Tribune credited to Francis W. Hirst, editor of The Economist, says:

"I have just been listening to our third war budget, Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, went to work in a very business-like way. I have heard every budget speech of the chancellor of the exchequer since the beginning of the war, but none took so much of the tax-payer's money in so short a time. It was almost a case of 'no flowers by request,' as at funerals, for the House of Commons knew it was in for stern work and did not want political rhapsodies. It was all as matter of fact as the facts themselves required. There was no word painting. They stood out like black, crowning rocks across the stream of our national life—a painful bar and menace to future progress."

### Heaviest Since Napoleon's Day.

"It is to be a budget, Mr. McKenna at the outset said, of 'unprecedented burdens,' and he redeemed his promise. Certainly there has been no such heavy addition to taxation since the Napoleonic wars. On the other hand, the taxation of the working classes after this budget will be much less heavy than it was a century ago."

### Tariff Reform Sops.

The new taxes that hit the poor hardest are the additional duties on sugar, tea and tobacco. Import duties on motor cars, plate glass, clocks, etc., are sops to tariff reformers and Mr. McKenna's defence of them delighted a section of the Tory party. It sounded like an echo of the tariff reform orations which we heard ten years ago, but it was explained as a means of assisting American exchange.

### How Wealthy Are Hit.

The increase of the income tax and super-tax, shows that the Cabinet is composed mainly of rich men in a representative democracy capable at a crisis of imposing heavy sacrifices on wealth. Thus income and super-taxes on millionaires rise to nearly seven shillings in the pound. Men with £100,000 income will pay £34,000.

The reduction of the limit of exemptions on income tax from £100 to £130 is a sound measure. A wide basis for direct taxation is better for a democracy like ours.

### House Took It Well.

The figures of expenditure and debt were received as gloomily as they were uttered. But the House took the budget very well. It should have a sustaining effect on British credit for we are the only belligerent power which has made ample provision for interest and sinking fund on its new war debt.

The increase of postal and telegraph tolls is hard on newspapers, which have suffered heavily by the war, owing to the enormous decline in advertising. One effect of the budget will be to ridicule our conscriptionists in their efforts to show that this country has not done its share.

## Greenland Whale Well-Nigh Extinct

Some of These Monsters Said to be Over One Hundred Feet Long

The Greenland whale is well-nigh extinct, the whales of the northern seas are fast disappearing, while the appalling massacre in the seas south of the equator, if not soon checked, will eliminate the larger whales from the waters of the world. So the time must come when the thrilling yarns of Clark Russell, of Frank Bullen and other romancers and historians of the Seven Seas will seem like tales of a far antiquity. There is something infinitely fascinating about the idea of hunting these mammoths of the sea, the largest living creatures to persist since prehistoric days. And there is that story of Jonah?

Taking involuntary passage under sea in the belly of a whale might not be such a prodigy as at first appears to uninitiated landsmen, for during a recent yarn-spinning at Port of Spain, Thomas Curley, a British A. B., seriously opined that he was an actor in a similar experience—that there was sufficient air in the interior of the flesh and blood submarine to keep him from suffocation, but that he soon became unconscious. When he came to he was aboard a ship and his companions told him how the great fish, in its last upheaval from the depths, spat him out as though he were an unwholesome morsel.

Till recently it was believed that whales of 100 feet in length were pure mythical creatures. But the fisheries of the southern seas have shown

that the great blue whale, known also as Sibbald's porqual—a regular Jonah of a whale—may considerably exceed this length. Specimens as much as 105 feet long have been taken during the last two or three years.

There is a skeleton of a blue whale in the British Museum of Natural History, from which a lesson in the gigantic may be read. The longest border of the blade-bone measures six feet eight inches and some idea of what this means may be gathered from the comparison of it with the blade-bone of a man which measured along the same borders is but six inches long. A comparison between one of these giants and that from the backbone of a man is no less surprising.

The "paddle," or forelong of the

whale, to which this blade-bone belongs, is among the trophies recently secured by the museum. It measured 14 feet long. Since it is impossible to preserve such huge specimens entire, plaster moulds have been taken to preserve a record of the appearance both of the outside and of the skeleton as revealed by dissection.

During life this baleen or "whalebone," forms a series of triangular, horny plates suspended from along each side of the upper jaw in place of teeth. The inner edge of each plate is frayed out into a series of hairs, and these, taken together, form a mat-like surface within the mouth serving as a strainer for the food.

These marine monsters support their amazing bulk on a diet formed

solely of minute crustacea, which exist in such abundance as to discolor the sea for miles. Which might explain the rejection of Jonah and the note entirely unimpeachable testimony of Mr. Thomas Curley, a fisherman.

The whale, encountering such a shoal, opens its mouth, which is at once filled with a few thousand gallons of this teeming water. By raising its enormous tongue, which may weigh a ton or so, it forces the water through the interstices of the blades, leaving a mass of living jelly formed by these tiny bodies.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Senator Reed says hot air cannot stop shells; if it could, congress would be the national defense.

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