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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
 TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

SOUTH AFRICA AND CONSCRIPTION.

South Africa does not want conscription; nor does she want the conquered German colonies to go back to the Germans. These two facts are apparent in the most recent despatches from Cape Town and London. South Africa was asked to determine whether the present Military Act should be changed and decided in the negative; she also protested most strongly against any proposal that the African colonies captured from Germany, largely through the gallant work of the South African troops, should be returned to the Germans after the war is over.

Most Canadians are probably unaware that South Africa already has a form of conscription, or universal military training and service, but as in the case of Australia, it does not apply outside of the state. South Africa has given all the adults of that state military training since 1912 and, having done this, now has sufficient trained material to keep her forces at the front replenished. Consequently there is no need of conscription, for the South Africans, having been more or less familiar with military life for years, have taken kindly to it and as the step from the state to the overseas forces is but small there has been no difficulty in securing by voluntary methods all the soldiers required for service at the front.

This condition is largely due to the fact that the South Africans have been familiar with war for many years. Leaving out of account the Boer war, the greatest Africa had known prior to August, 1914, the people of that colony have had abundant opportunity to shoulder their guns in defence of their homes. The Basutos and Zulus were always more or less troublesome and it required a fairly large volunteer force, in addition to the regular troops sent there from England to keep the blacks on their good behaviour.

Also both Boer and Britain carried out systematic rifle shooting as a sort of national exercise or sport to a degree unknown in Canada, and almost approaching the perfection established in Switzerland where practically every adult male is a trained shot capable, if need be, at an hour's notice, of doing good work in defence of his country. With these facts in mind it can readily be understood why General Botha, with such material behind him, should demur at making any change in the Union of South Africa military act which, by the way, is a far more up to date enactment than anything to be found in the Canadian Statutes prior to the passage of the Military Service measure.

From "Canada and National Service" we note that in 1912 the Union of South Africa, following the lead of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand, adopted a defence system on the Swiss model. Each made modifications to suit local conditions. With them all the principle was acted on that it is the duty of a citizen who is not a criminal or physically unfit to prepare himself to defend his country should necessity arise. The South Africa Act provides that the liability of every citizen for war service extends from his 17th to his 60th year, both inclusive, and that every citizen must undergo the prescribed course of peace training (30 days as a recruit and 21 days each other year) from his 21st until his 25th year.

There is also a Citizen Force Reserve and a National Reserve, which takes in all liable for war service. Those citizens liable to be trained who are not called up are obliged to serve as members of the rifle associations for five years. In urban or other populous areas, wherein facilities for the proper training of cadets can conveniently be arranged, all boys between their 13th and 17th years (both included) may be required to undergo a prescribed course of cadet training annually. Liability for service applies only to persons of European descent. It is a duty on every employer to aid the carrying out of the law, and if he fails to give facility, or dismisses an employee, or directly or indirectly influences an employee against his military service, he is guilty of an offence, and the burden of proof lies upon the employer. The Defence Act was the outcome of a visit by General Lukin, late C. O. of the Cape Mounted Rifles (C. M. R.), to Switzerland, followed the next year by General Byers, of the late Republican Burger Forces, who, it may be remembered, was greeted with considerable cordiality by Emperor William of Germany at the Swiss grand manoeuvres of 1912 and who turned rebel in 1914 and met his reward.

Some people hold that if Canada had

had a real national military system, backed up by a national interest in it, we should be in a very different condition of organization today, and they hold that, even from a "win-the-war" point of view, it is not too late for the Union Government to act. Lord Kitchener in his report to Australia said: "The first and imperative principle for the enrollment and maintenance of these men as an efficient (citizen) force is that the nation as a whole take a pride in its defenders, insist upon the organization being real and designed for war purposes only, and provide the means for properly educating, training and equipping their officers and men. The second principle for a successful (citizen) force is a complement of the first. The force must be an integral portion of the national life. The citizen should be brought up from boyhood to look forward to the day when he will be enrolled as fit to defend his country; and he should be accustomed to practise those habits of self-denial, of devotion to and emulation of his duty, of reticence, and of prompt obedience to lawful authority, which are essential to the formation of patriotic and efficient citizen soldiers."

THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

It is gratifying to learn that the campaign in behalf of the Halifax School for the Blind and the Blind Endowment Fund is going on apace and that generous donors are coming forward with contributions to aid what is unquestionably one of the very finest undertakings in Canada—the education of those who, through loss of sight, are deprived from the privileges usually accorded to the youth of our land.

The Standard adheres to the principle that the maintenance of such an institution as the Halifax School for the Blind should be a Dominion, or at least an interprovincial, affair, and that individuals should not be asked to contribute to their generosity for the liquidation of what is obviously a national or an interprovincial liability. But the Dominion and provincial governments have been appealed to, and their response has not been sufficient to meet the needs of the case. While these gentlemen are considering whether the movement warrants support the necessity for funds is not abated. That is why it is necessary to call upon private generosity.

The work performed by the School for the Blind is not paid for by the grant of \$250 per year which the Province of New Brunswick pays for every student admitted to that institution; that, in itself, is not sufficient to meet the actual outlay in such cases and it may well be asked why the New Brunswick government should not be more generous? Having voted \$250 per year for each student in attendance at the institution they have affirmed the principle that the School for the Blind is worthy of public support. Why then, should they not increase the grant to \$350 or \$400 per year and meet the needs of each individual case?

The Standard learns that there is a possibility of the Dominion Government making a sufficient contribution to cover the cost of the tuition of those who became blinded through the recent Halifax disaster. That is good news and bears out the contention of this newspaper that the Halifax disaster, being a national liability, should be paid for by the country at large. But, in addition to this, the School for the Blind does a mighty work in the way of education toward the prevention of blindness and in the direction of establishing graduates in after life for which the provincial or Dominion grants do not require. It is for that purpose voluntary subscriptions are required.

This newspaper hopes to see the dawn of the day in Canada when all institutions such as the School for the Blind should be wholly supported by the governments of the province or the government of the Dominion. That, we believe, is the proper principle; it should not be necessary to ask private charity to aid a public institution, but since all governments appear to be remiss in their duty in this regard there seems to be no other way of securing the required funds. And the work of so excellent an institution as the School for the Blind must go on.

A REAL REFORM.

Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues are to be congratulated upon the abolition of patronage throughout the Canadian Civil Service. In keeping the pre-election pledge which the Prime Minister gave to the country the Cabinet has achieved a reform which will be powerful in its cleansing influence on public life for all time to come. Politicians and patronage committees are no longer to have the control of appointments and promotions. An order-in-council places this principle in effect pending the adoption of the new Civil Service Act deemed necessary by the Civil Service Commission.

The departure will relieve members of Parliament from the worst advance in public life and tend greatly to growing efficiency in all departments of government. One of the wisest provisions is that under which returned soldiers in good standing will be given priority over all competitors. They will have to pass the Civil Service examinations and possess fitness for the posts to which they aspire, but they will have precedence over all civilian rivals.

A BIT OF VERSE

THE LAUGHTER OF THE ENGLISH.
 England, we know thee better now!
 Unuttered all thy sorrow;
 Thy humor wears the stern day out
 And mocks the grim tomorrow.

For while the world said, "Let none smile;
 There is no mirth hereafter!"
 The "golden lads" of Shakespeare's land
 Outfaced their doom with laughter.

We guess that inward throes must shake
 The stout heart still unbroken.
 What grief lies in the silent depths,
 What agonies unspoken;

But all the world hears is the gulp
 That flouts at panic's rumor,
 Where foot and cockney carry on
 In high intrepid humor.

Simple and subtle is thy mood—
 Not honoring Fritz to hate him!
 Leaving him puzzled at thy jests.
 The scorn wherewith ye rate him.

England, we know thee better now!
 Thru all the years hereafter
 Shall thy name, England, ring for us
 A chime of valiant laughter.
 —New York Sun.

A BIT OF FUN

CERTAINLY IS.
 "Pa, what's an income tax?"
 "Anything we buy at the present price, my son."

TRULY MODEST.
 He—Let's see, what is the slang name for illicit liquor peddling?
 She (blushing)—Boot-licking, I believe.—Farm Life.

DIFFICULT FEAT.
 The schoolgirl was sitting with her feet stretched far out into the aisle and was busily chewing gum when the teacher espied her.
 "Mary!" called the teacher sharply.
 "Yes, ma'am?" questioned the pupil.
 "Take that gum out of your mouth and put your feet in!"—Florida Times-Union.

A FRANK TRAITOR.
 "Somehow I have a sort of sneaking respect for Benedict Arnold."
 "Why so?"
 "He never went around howling that he was loyal!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

IN RESPONSE.
 "Excuse me," said the waiter, "but this quarter you gave me for a tip is pretty good."
 "Well, the butter you brought me was margarine!"—Life.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS.
 Mr. Styles—My dinner coat needs a button, Julia. Please attend to it to day.
 Mrs. Styles—But I can't tell your dinner coat from your breakfast jacket, dear.

Why, the breakfast jacket has eggs on it and the dinner coat gray.—Yonkers Statesman.

SOLDIERS OF 62ND DRAFT ENTERTAINED

Red Triangle Club on West Side Scene of Happy Time Last Night—St. John Local Council of Women Entertained the Boys.

The Red Triangle Club on the West Side was the scene of a most enjoyable event last evening, when the St. John Local Council of Women entertained the boys of the 62nd Battalion draft who are soon to leave for other training quarters. An especially interesting part of the programme was the presentation to Mrs. E. A. Young, president of the West Side Field Comforts Association, with a handsome vase and Rayo lamp by the boys of the draft as a slight token of their appreciation of her efforts to make things pleasant for them while stationed on the West Side.

The presentation was made by Major Morgan and Mrs. Young responded in a neat little speech assuring the boys that they would be remembered by their friends of the West Side while doing their bit "over there". Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the Local Council of Women, in a short but interesting address, paid tribute to the men who were fighting the battles of liberty in Europe and said she was sure the men before her would uphold the proud name which Canadian soldiers had made in France and Flanders.

Little Miss Lorna Waring was given a great reception and her dance evoked loud applause from the audience.

Short addresses were delivered by A. M. McLeod, Major Morgan and L. Brooks, who will command the draft when it changes quarters. A duet was sung by Ptes. Bouchard and Abram and a number of choruses were sung.

Little Benny's Note Book

The Park Ave. News.
 Sports. Ed Wernick and Lew Davis have each got a new pair of 2nd hand automobile goggles, and last Saturday afternoon they stood on the corner of Broad street a half a hour with them on, watching automobile go past and yelling, "Hay, mister, give us a ride," in vain.

Military News. While Company B was drilling last Tuesday after supper the Berk streeters quick ran around the corner where they were in ambush and attacked Company B with snow balls and yells. Company B retreated rapidly on account of having bin took by surprise, but when saw after the retreat, General Skinny Martin stated that the Berk streeters had better not try it again.

Pleasant Dreams.

Pome by Skinny Martin.
 I had a little kitten named Kitty
 Who cood go to sleep in my fathers hat,
 And the only thing that interrupted him
 Was my father wen he saw ware he was at.
 Slatelty. Miss Mary Watkins still gets 2 eggs for breakfast every morning at the present price of eggs.

Intriguing Packs About Intriguing People. Sam Cross was reading a exciting book to the public library after supper last Thursday, and he didnt have his card with him to take it there till the library closed at 9 o'clock, and the man that puts the books away told him 3 times the library was going to close, and Sam Cross sed, All rite, each time and kept rite on reading, and the 4th time the man took the book rite away from him without even leaving him get to the bottom of the page he wanted to get to the bottom of, and the next day wen Sam Cross went to the library with his card he coodnt find the book, saying the man must of hid it for spite.

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If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

EMPEROR CHARLES ISSUES NEW ORDER
 Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Emperor Charles has issued an army order in connection with the Russian declaration of termination of the war in which he reviews the events of the war leading to Russia's military collapse. The order, as quoted in a Vienna despatch continues: "And, yet the hour has not yet come when I am able to recall my warriors to their homesteads. But their return will come. Then may my peoples draw strength from their recollection of the glorious deeds of their sons, for new property. May God be with us!"

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MONCTON BOYS TO BE KILTIE CADETS

Capt. Robinson Black Arranges to Organize Second Corps.

Special to The Standard.
 Moncton, Feb. 15.—Moncton is to have a cadet corps in connection with the schools. Capt. Robinson Black, military instructor of cadets, was here today and secured application from about fifty boys for the second corps in this city. The new corps is to be known as the Kilties. Another meeting is to be held next Friday to proceed with the organization.

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