

NEW UNITED DUMA IN RUSSIA

THE MEN OF LOYALIST CITY HAVE HEEDED THE CALL TO JOIN THE EMPIRE FORCES

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On our side there were between 800 and 900 families. Of this number, however, 150 were taken off last fall. Last month we were providing for 683 families of whom the greater proportion are in St. John, numbering about 500. Last month the sum of \$10,881 was paid out in St. John alone and any man enlisting can feel sure that his family will be well provided for.

Other work carried on by the Patriotic Society is the visitation of the soldiers wives by different ladies, who are sympathetic and do everything in their power to help along the families and improve their condition.

In addition to this a disbursement fund has been organized. Last November, there was appointed a military hospital committee to look after disabled soldiers from the front, and Lieut. Col. (Dr.) Thomas Walker was appointed by the government as the local representative on the committee.

The whole country has awakened to the fact that men are worthy of consideration and that it is a serious proposition to offend a man leaving the country and sacrificing all. Among all the visitors leaving our office not one has thought that his family will not be provided for, and by the funds of the society every Canadian soldier who has a wife and family is well provided for.

Soldiers' Pay.

Col. B. R. Armstrong was next called upon. In the course of his remarks he stated that the men were getting better pay than many of the people realized. A good percentage of the soldiers are getting more money now than they did before they enlisted. However, he objected to use this as a means to stimulate recruiting and he thoroughly believed that the men are not enlisting to get as much money as they are able out of the government.

"Every man enlisting has the chance to make from \$1.10 to \$2 per day," said he. "The private receives \$1.10 and the Sergeant Major \$2.00. This does not include lodging, board, clothing and medical attention. The men are well fed and well clothed and everything is provided. Every month each soldier receives \$60.45 including \$34.10 his pay per month and \$26.35 which is the cost of his board as supplied by the government reckoned at 55 cents per day.

In addition to this he receives \$20 from the government as a separation allowance and \$15 from the Patriotic Fund, the average amount to each family, so that each soldier receives \$95.45 per month, which I guarantee is greatly in excess of the amount which the majority were getting before they enlisted.

If injured or disabled every man receives a pension. These are divided into four classes, according to the nature and seriousness of his injury. Following are the classes with the amounts received by private and sergeant major:

1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	4th Class
\$254	\$192	\$126	\$75
\$422	\$324	\$216	\$132

If totally disabled he receives one-half of what the pension entitles him and if dead, his widow or mother also receives one-half after his death. If killed at the front, the widow of a private receives \$32 per month and an additional \$5 for every child. The widow of a sergeant major receives \$39 per month and an additional \$5 for every child. This applies to boys under 16 years and girls under 17.

Before closing I would like to say a few words concerning our friend and returned war hero here Sergeant Norman Knight. Sergeant Knight was first slightly wounded by a German sniper. After a short time in a hospital he returned to the fighting line and in a charge with his regiment, he received a bayonet thrust in the mouth which knocked out some teeth and injured the back of his throat. After another short stay in a hospital he was again wounded and taken to Exeter, England, to recuperate. On regaining consciousness, Sergeant Knight was told that he had been thrown by a cow-boy, which landed near him, twenty feet in the air and fell and through the top of a buggy."

Sergeant Knight.

"You know I am here on definite business," said he, "if I were not here on a business I would far rather be some place else tonight.

"I want to tell you that every able bodied man in St. John is needed at the front. He is not needed only in the 55th battalion, he is not needed only in the 64th, he is not needed wherever Sir John French wants him to be put, and Sir John French is the wisest man I believe under the British flag for the job he has. There is not a man more skilled in military strategy today than Sir John French. There is not a man in the whole of the British empire with a heart as big as Sir John French, and there is not a man in the British army who has not met Sir John French, but must respect him. I know this personally, that Sir John French is as just a man as ever stood in boots. You fellows that are making such a time where you are going

to be put. Be soldiers, but the first element of a good soldier is obedience. It is hard to get Canadians to be obedient, from the time they are knee high to a grass hopper, they begin to answer back, and the thing I most hated over there in Europe was discipline. It is hard for me to take a command from another man, but I said this, when I went, with God's help I would do the thing I was put at and do the best I could (Cheers).

Col. Armstrong said I did not talk much about myself. Why should I? There have been men to put my little bit to shame; there are men over yonder lying beneath the soil of Europe. I am here well and happy. Why should I speak of myself when I have in my mind the memory of those men. I have nothing to prate about. I only did my duty. Why should I go around feeling better than any other man, just because I did my duty. If I had not done it I think I would feel pretty miserable. I was asked today if I saw any German atrocities. I think I said before in St. John that I have carried on for two years pretty nearly all my business with Germans. I lived for over 18 months in Germany and I thought I knew the German people pretty well, but I am here to tell you that not a man was ever so deceived as I was in Germany. When I left the United States, the reports just began to be current of German atrocities, I told a German lady friend that I did not believe the Germans were capable of such atrocities. I told her that I would come back and be able to tell her that they were all lies.

German Atrocities.

"When I landed in France on the 11th or 12th of August, we were taken some place, God knows where, I don't, but we were taken somewhere in France. I felt like a Frenchman and we walked along the road. In the distance we saw what appeared to be an old man pushing something in front of him, while behind him were walking three children. In the distance shells were breaking. We watched this man as he approached and when he came opposite to us we saw he was pushing a bicycle. Across the bar of the bicycle he had fitted a board and on the board was a pile of bedding. I looked at him and saw a vacant stare, he was not mad, but pretty nearly. I walked up to the bicycle and pulled the coverlet back and saw one of the sweetest little girls as you ever set eyes on. You men who have children, dear to you, think I think she was dead. I tried to take her up in my arms but he would not let me touch her, and there I saw that the little one's limb was taken off above the knee. Here is the story. I wish I could forget these things, I wish they had never happened.

"This little family, this old man, his wife and daughter lived with the four children in a little cottage on a pretty little farm in Eastern France. The father had gone to the firing line. He was a reservist. The Germans came, you know what they left behind. A lady 80 years old ravished, killed by the savage demons. We have too many of them in Canada. (Cheers.) Yonder in the city of Halifax lives one. He is worth thousands of dollars. He was in the Halifax Hotel exploding his pro-German theories. There were lots of Canadians around, but because he was a respected citizen and had been for a long time, no one interfering with him, but two Americans jumped up and slammed him one in the teeth. Not alone was the old lady of 80 years attacked but also the young wife.

Wounded Soldiers.

"I have seen our boys wounded and lying on the field and being sniped at all the time, with the old boys being sniped into their wounds and the Germans shooting at them. That is the way they fight, not like men, but like demons and devils. I want to bring it home to you tonight that our strength lies in numbers, that we need numbers. They were crawling, we will have them on their knees before long, but I want to be there at the finish. I haven't got mine yet, I want to be there to pay them back. (Cheers.) I said the other night that you fellows here were too prosperous, I have been asking men why they did not enlist, and men, I am persuaded more tonight, it is not cowardice that keeps them back, not at all, they are not afraid to die, but they do love their comfortable jobs. I want to jar some of you tonight. Do you realize over yonder that it is you they need, not you? You are willing to give anything and everything but you, it is you that is wanted, you. There are several boys here I want

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