

## NEW UNITED DUMA IN RUSSIA

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

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On the 8th and 9th of September, 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 \$10,681 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 \$8.45 including \$34.10 his pay per month and \$26.55 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	\$132	\$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 \$30 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 coshbox, which landed near him, twenty feet in the air and fell and through the top of a buggy."

Sergeant Knight was next introduced. He was given a fine reception.

## Sergeant Knight.

"You know I am here on definite business," said he, "I was 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, but he is 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 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 was 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 sod 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 over seas 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 fell in with 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 dead things. 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 your hearts, I wish 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 fighting 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 interfered 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. The four children were left behind. The father states, A shell hits the house and the baby of the family has the leg taken off by a splinter. The old man was bitter. I wonder if you will wake up some day, if you fellows would not get on your feet and say: 'By God, what I can do, I will do. You say I am too earnest. You say I make too much of this thing. (If I were brought to St. John for nothing except to discover these fellows I am here for a good cause.) If your committee, who brought me here, do not like my method they can send me back, but I am doing my duty as a Britisher.

## Wounded Soldiers.

"I have seen our boys wounded and lying on the field and being sniped at all the time, with the cold bayonet going 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 years?

"You are willing to give anything and everything but you, it is you that is wanted, you. There are several boys here I want

to see in khaki to come up here with me. I want to show you some of your young products. You fellow come. (The sergeant then called several men in khaki on the platform).

"I want to ask you men here: Are you satisfied? Perfectly. Have you any kick coming? No. Are you treated all right? Yes. Are your officers all right? Yes, A1.

"If I can get any more excuses from you fellows I can call you liars on the evidence of these men here. I just wanted to be sure about this."

Sergeant Knight then called for recruits and thirty men volunteered to go.

Nineteen men were sent forward to Sussex last evening by recruiting officer Sgt. Stairs. This is the largest number sent forward in one day for some time. Following are the names of those who are on the honor roll.

For the 64th—Harry McGovern, St. John; John Miller, Bathurst; George M. Pountaine, Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry Cannon, Lancashire, Eng.; Fred W. Shaw, D. W. Shaw, St. John.

## Sir Louis Not Coming

A telegram from Sir Louis H. Davies of Charlottetown received last evening bore the intelligence of his Honor's illness and consequent inability to be present and speak at tonight's meeting in St. Andrew's Rink. This is a disappointment for many, but as Sir Louis was quite enthusiastic in the prospect of speaking in the interests of recruiting in this city, it is hoped he will be improved sufficiently in a short while to carry out his original intentions.

However, Judge Stewart of Charlottetown will be present and address the gathering tonight and those who intend being present have some inspiring moments ahead of them. His Honor is a splendid platform orator and one of the big men of the Island. The matter of sending more men to the front is very near to his heart and he has some new and forcible arguments in favor of enlistment. In addition to Judge Stewart's address tonight there will be appeals made by Sgt. Knight and Lieut. A. J. Brooks. It is probable a pipe band will play.

## Halifax Man Coming

Another military man who is making quite a stir in the sister city of Halifax in the line of recruiting talks is Lieut. J. L. Ralston. A telegram from the Halifax Recruiting Committee received by Chairman E. A. Schofield of the local committee yesterday stated that Lieut. Ralston would be available for St. John meetings. Consequently this kind offer was accepted and the officer will in all probability be on hand for the Friday meeting in St. Andrew's Rink.

## Increased Interest

The recruiting campaign is proceeding with such spirit that the interest is spreading like wildfire. The permission granted by leading employers for soldier-speakers to address their workers during working hours is another evidence of the earnestness of the people of all classes and positions in life.

A start was made yesterday afternoon in explaining to the inside workers of the city's establishments the needs of the hour. Sgt. Knight of the recruiting committee, in the few places he was privileged to visit before a committee meeting called him away. Among the places to be visited by the recruiting men are: T. S. Simms & Co. Ltd., Murray & Co., and Baker's, Stetson & Cutler's two mills, J. R. Warner's mill, the Partington Pulp & Paper Co., the Christie Woodworking Co., the Wilson box factory, the Maritime mill works, and the Portland rolling mills. Business houses in the centre of the city are consenting to the holding of little meetings among their employees, who thus in close session are told many little details of enlistment and service that otherwise might not be explained.

At the meeting of the recruiting committee yesterday afternoon arrangements were completed for the meeting this evening in St. Andrew's Rink. G. E. Barbour reported that the committee, which was interviewing employers with the idea of holding short recruiting meetings in the several industrial plants of the city, had met with good success and an opportunity will be given for placing the recruiting problem before the men.

The Pipers' Band has offered its services in the recruiting campaign. Their services will likely be required this week.

NEW MAJORITY  
IN RUSSIAN  
PARLIAMENT

Duma Now United on Single Political Programme Expected to Produce Better Results in Shaping Empire Policy.

Petrograd, via London, Sept. 8.—The Novoe Vremya announces the formation of a new majority in the Duma which comprises the Liberal and Progressive elements, replacing the Conservative majority. The newspaper editorially com-

EXPECTATIONS OF CARTER  
AND VENIOT SHATTERED

Gloucester County Probe Brought to Close—Not Dollar Spent Dishonestly for Material or Performance of work, A.J.H. Stewart Declares—Veniot Not Anxious to Hear Anything About Liberals' Doings Brought to Light.

## Special to The Standard.

Bathurst, N.B., Sept. 8.—If Mr. P. J. Veniot thought that he was going to make a great pile of political capital out of the petting charges he has preferred before Commissioner Chandler against two of the members of the legislature for this county, he must now be feeling as badly as he did the night of the last election, for besides Mr. Turgeon, the Liberal M. P., not a single voter has taken the trouble to even listen to the "disclosures."

This morning's session of the inquiry did not start until after eleven o'clock, as Mr. J. Robichaud, M.L.A., only arrived this morning at a late hour from his home in Shippegan. His examination was concluded before the court adjourned for dinner and the only incident approaching anything like excitement occurred when the Commissioner called Mr. Veniot sharply to order for unseemly language addressed to the witness and made him apologize.

Mr. Robichaud in his evidence explained very fully the transactions he had had with Peter F. Robichaud in regard to timber for the Caribou Creek bridge and the explanation was so simple and straightforward that it took the wind right out of Mr. Veniot's sails, and made him so angry with himself that he tried to cover his face by taking a lot of questions regarding the lumber in the Caribou Creek bridge. But the witness' answers were so clear and explicit that Veniot was foiled every time.

When it came to the Lameque Road, on which Veniot insinuated a number of were paid who never worked there, Mr. Robichaud told very frankly all that he had done in connection with it and in answer to a direct question made the reply that he did not know of anyone who had been paid money he did not earn.

In regard to Clement Lontaigne, he knew this man did not work on the Lameque Road in 1914, but he had done so in 1913 and his name had been left off the pay list in error. The road commissioner had told him of this so the man was paid what was owed him. Mr. Robichaud told very frankly having his name included in the 1914 pay list. Not a very great crime that.

The rest of the questions and the answers given were really so paltry that they hardly referred to the charges in any way and certainly were not what Mr. Veniot hoped to hear.

## Not a Dollar Spent Dishonestly.

The political jinxes of Carter and Veniot have met an inglorious end and against Gloucester county officials, and also against Martin J. Robichaud, M. L. A., and A. J. Stewart, M. L. A., two local representatives for the county are concerned. Never before

ments favorably on the formation of the new majority, saying: "After a year of war we now witness the formation of a political party, a general programme of political action. What was impossible a year ago has been realized."

"A union on a single political programme, responding to the requirements of the day, of parties differing in political creed—this is a fact of great importance whose consequence cannot but be reflected immediately in the entire policy of the empire."

The Novoe Vremya has retained through the last fifteen years a reputation as a westerly vane. Its support of the new Duma majority therefore is regarded as highly significant.

Debate in the Duma on the military censorship took a wide range, in view of renewed reports that the Conservatives were working secretly for dissolution or prorogation. Professor Paul N. Milukoff declared the formation of a Liberal-Progressive majority in place of the Conservative block to be an event of historic importance, adding that the formation of a majority in the Duma will bring about a solution of the question of power, provided the Duma remains alive.

"Popular instinct feels this," he continued, "and the people hear with deep concern all rumors of a dismissal of the Duma. I believe you clearly understand that in these circumstances dismissal would be political madness. Let those who are agitating it know, therefore, that if the Duma is prorogued now we shall meet again in a few weeks, perhaps in a different frame of mind. Let the Duma go on calmly and quietly with its work."

## HEARD BRITISH WARSHIPS

New York, Sept. 8.—Passengers arriving today on the Holland American liner Ryndam told of hearing the bombardment of German positions along the Belgian coast by a British fleet soon after the Ryndam sailed from Rotterdam at six o'clock on the morning of August 23. They said the bombardment was terrific, and that for long periods they heard heavy guns fired at the rate of about one a minute.

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The Place St. Andrew's Rink

\$50,000 in One Week!

Special to The Standard, Sept. 8, 1915. The command submarine which has been reported that he torpedoed the ship, the belief that the indicated she was a submarine, and that defects.

According to the commander's report the submarine was then the Arabic, the co-swing around and he freighter, as if to a mine. The command water craft remained the intentions of the the latter changed points, but still kept

LEADERS OF F AND ITALIAN EXCHANGE

Aspirations of tries are one, na writes Ge

Paris, Sept. 8.—A sued today gives the Count Cadorna to him by Gen. Joffre, mander-in-chief, after cent visit to the It Cadorna thanks Gen honor of a visit which knit into closer un common ideal."

The message co "Beyond our co which does not see the forces and aspi countries, my thous follow you to already crowned with look forward with to the final succe armies."

W.C.T.U. CONVENTION HEARS ENGLISH REPORT OF

Newcastle, Sept. 8.—A convention opened most of the officers. Letters of sympathy sent to absent Mrs. Avity and Mrs. Wood and Mrs. J. J. Colton. Various reports Session resumed President Mrs. M. nual address.

Mrs. J. S. Perry. Mother's meetings men.

A paper was read and a School of Me ed by Mrs. Hyslop. L. R. Hetherington, secretary, and Mrs. treasurer, were ree

The membership unions reporting to the treasurer's r

Balance Sept. 155. Collections... 21. Receipts for year 31st. Interest on money

Disbursements... Balance in treasur There was a pu night. Greetings Mayor Stolat; through Rev. C. J. Presbyterian, Meth W. M. Societies, O. Nicholson, W. Richardson.

Mrs. Hyslop gav refreshments were closing half hour.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SESSION

Special to The Standard, Sept. 8, 1915. The Public Utilities Commission today, no ov the matters discus ment was made un commission will me