

## OUR MEN "OVER THERE" IN GREAT WORK

The fighting on the Somme-Oise battle front still continues of a minor character compared with that of the early part of the week, when the Germans reinforced their line and stopped the eastward sweep of the Allied forces.

Nevertheless the British and French again have been able to gain ground on two important sectors—the Canadians a short distance northwest of Roye, where they took the villages of Damery and Parvillers, and the French on the southern wing of the battle front, where they have captured two farms in the process of clearing the hilly and wooded district around Lassigny of the enemy.

North of the Somme, between Albert and Arras, the Germans are continuing to fall back, and the British are keeping in close contact with them. Thus far the Germans have definitely given up the towns of Beaumont-Hamel, Serre, Bucquoy and Puisieux-Au-Mont, and at several points have crossed the Ancre River, with the British following closely on their trail.

No official explanation has yet been advanced of the retrograde movement of the Germans over this front, but it is not at all unlikely that the operations on the Somme front and the harassing tactics that the British recently have employed made the enemy desirous of establishing himself on new ground eastward, with the Ancre River a barrier between him and his foes. At any rate the Hebuterne salient has virtually been obliterated by the retirement of the Germans and seemingly they now will be compelled to make a readjustment of their line between the Somme and Arras.

In the week of fighting on the Picardy front 30,244 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the British fourth army and the French first army according to an official announcement. Of this number the British captured 21,244. Unofficial reports, probably compiled since the official statement today was sent from the front give the number of prisoners in Allied hands since August 8 as 34,000 and say also that 670 captured guns thus far have been counted.

Washington, Aug. 15.—In reporting the administration man-power bill extending draft ages, today, Chairman Chamberlain disclosed to the senate that General March, chief of staff, had told the military committee it was up to the United States to put enough men in France to win the war on the western front. The report revealed that the new American war programme calls for eighty divisions, or something over three million men, in France by June 30, next year, with eighteen more divisions in training at home then.

All of the men called for active service under the proposed new draft ages—eighteen to forty-five—General March told the committee would be in France by next June, according to the programme.

General March told the military committee that President Wilson has finally announced that American military policy from this time on is centred on the western front and "We have declined to be diverted from that one thing. The war department has now adopted this as a policy and it is the policy of the United States that the military programme is to be centred in France.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—Canada's death toll from four years of war is now approximately fifty thousand. The wastage of men in the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the four years, including also those incapacitated by wounds, illness or by other causes, is estimated to be a little over one hundred thousand, or at the rate of about 25,000 per year. The operation of the Military Service Act which has so far directly produced 26,913 men, not including 23,223 men who reported for duty under the act and have been either discharged for medical unfitness or other reasons, or who have been granted leave of absence for necessary agricultural or other work, has thus produced a reinforcement reserve that should secure, under average conditions of wastage, the maintenance at full strength of the divisions at the front for a considerable period to come. It may be noted also that in addition to the 26,913 draftees actually put in training, voluntary enlistment since November last has added 19,477 men to the Canadian army.

The total number of pensions already granted to returned soldiers is now approximately 30,000, involving an annual payment of more than \$4,000,000. In these figures no account has been taken of the 10,000 or more soldiers, transferred to the air service or other branches of the imperial army, which, of course, has made necessary the recruiting of

many thousands more to take their places in all the various units of Canada's army. The figures are given only to indicate war's actual toll from Canada in lives lost or men disabled.

## DISMISSALS AND APPOINTMENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

The resignation of E. R. McDonald as police magistrate for Shediac has been accepted.

Edison E. Peck has been removed from office as justice of the peace for Albert, for cause.

E. Rene Richard has been dismissed as clerk of the peace in Restigouche, for cause.

The following appointments are made: Albert—Henry H. Tingley, to be member of and chairman of the board of school trustees of Riverside consolidated school, in the place of S. C. Murray, M.D., whose term of office has expired; term to expire June 30, 1921.

Carleton—Robert P. Jones, of Lakeville, parish of Wilmet, to be police and stipendiary magistrate for parish of Wilmet.

Gloucester—Charles C. Polster, of parish of Caracquet, to be police and stipendiary magistrate for parish of Caracquet.

George Dobbin, of Rothesay, is appointed a school trustee in place of George T. Saunders.

Madawaska—Joseph C. Audet, of Edmundston, to be auctioneer. Emile Michaud, of Edmundston, to be justice of peace.

Northumberland—C. T. Stothart, to be school trustee for town of Newcastle, in place of G. T. Stothart, whose term of office has expired; term to expire June 30, 1922.

D. P. MacLachlan, to be school trustee for town of Chatham, in place of D. P. MacLachlan, whose term of office has expired; term to expire June 30, 1922.

Restigouche—M. Alonso Kelly, of Campbellton, to be clerk of peace for county of Restigouche.

Alex. E. McMillan, of Black Point, and J. Wilfred Comeau, of Campbellton, to be justices of peace.

Clovis T. Richard, of Campbellton, and John J. Bernier, of Campbellton, to be commissioners for taking affidavits to be read in supreme court.

In city and county of St. John—David R. Usher, of Grand Bay, to be a justice of the peace.

Victoria—Benjamin Caldwell, to be labor act commissioner for parish of Perth, in room of David Curry, deceased.

Walter Wells and James Hitchcock, to be justices of peace.

Westmorland—Fred J. Inglis, to be chairman of board of school trustees for town of Shediac, in place of Fred J. Inglis whose term of office has expired; term of office to expire June 30, 1922.

James McQueen, to be police magistrate for town of Shediac, and police and stipendiary magistrate for county of Westmorland, resident in Shediac police district, in place of Edward R. McDonald, resigned.

Tuttle T. Goodwin, barrister-at-law, of city of Moncton, to be judge of probate, pro-hac-vice, for county of Albert, in matter of estate of Susan Woodworth, deceased.

York—Fred H. Peters, barrister-at-law, Fredericton, to be judge of probate, pro-hac-vice, for county of York, in matter of estate of Helenora Hanson, deceased.

J. Bacon Dickson, Fredericton; Michael White, Napadogan; Charles A. Gunter, Queensbury; and Dudley F. Dow, Canterbury, to be justices of peace.

Lemuel A. Cliff, of parish of Queensbury, to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in supreme court.

J. Bacon Dickson, to be sitting police magistrate for city of Fredericton.

Martner G. Teed, K.C., William B. Wallace, K.C., and J. P. D. Lewin, barrister-at-law, to be board of commissioners for promotion of uniformity of legislation in Canada under the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Acts of Assembly, 8 George V., 1918.

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## ARGUMENTS CLOSE CURRIE ENQUIRY

Moncton, Aug. 15.—The inquiry into the charges preferred in the legisla-  
ture last spring by Dr. J. B. M. Baxter against Hon. William Currie, speaker of  
the house, was brought to a close this evening, when argument by the various  
counsel was completed before the commissioner, James Friel, K. C. The result  
will be made known when Mr. Friel's report is submitted to the government.

Mr. LeBlanc, for Mr. Currie, argued that none of the charges had been  
supported by the evidence and quoted the evidence in support of his contention.  
If there was any irregularity, he said, it was the fault of the system and not  
of the man and Mr. Currie had taken a lead in having the system remedied.  
His defence was eloquent and exhaustive.

Dr. Baxter, contra, argued that Mr. Currie's own evidence could be used  
to support the allegations of Murchie.

Mr. Copp, for the government, contented himself with a brief reply to Mr.  
Baxter's intimation that he had not sought to secure all the evidence avail-  
able by pointing out that it was Dr. Baxter's objections which had limited the  
scope of the inquiry.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, who was in the department. He will be here for the  
city yesterday stated that he intended to  
return to St. John next week on busi-  
ness in connection with the public works

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