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THURSDAY, November 15, 1917.

The U-Boats Beaten.

There is perhaps nothing more essential to a just appreciation of the war, with its multifarious phases and problems, than a true sense of proportion. It is especially valuable at the present moment, and today's news provides a good object lesson. Military and political events have been lately of such magnitude and have marched with such rapidity that they have almost monopolised attention and interest. In the midst of such imposing company the weekly summary of shipping losses announces itself in a sort of unobtrusive and half apologetic manner, as if it felt that the world had forgotten all about it. For a great part of the world this is probably true, but in the minds of those who are not distracted, by every new event these losses still occupy a first place. They are more important than anything that is going on in Russia, more important even than the campaign in Italy or the great victory at Passchendaele, so finely described in all its full meaning by the Canadian correspondent to-day. For either Germany or her enemies must win this war outright. Germany cannot win it on land, whatever she may do in Italy or Russia. Her last hope has long been, and still is, in the submarine. And that hope would seem by now to have been fairly shattered.

Last week these losses, that is to say, British losses, reached the lowest point since the beginning of the campaign of twelve ships, eight large and four small. This week the figures are astonishing—one large ship and five small! Of course, we cannot expect this success to be maintained, but it is a fine thing that it has been achieved, and we are justified in expecting it to be consistently approximated from now on. It is well to grasp the true meaning of this. Many critics, who realise the importance of the campaign, have predicted that once it is plain to Germany that the tonnage of Allied ships sunk has fallen to the level of the tonnage built to replace it, she will know that she is beaten. If the average of the past couple of weeks is maintained, that point would seem to be reached already. The winter will be increasingly unfavourable to the U-boats, while it will make no difference to the Allies' shipping. In fact, this latter is bearing results that increase cumulatively. The great American effort should now be about at the beginning of its first fruition, after which its effect should soon be plainly felt. The whole shipping situation is, of course, far from satisfactory in view of the great demands made upon it, but it is safe now to assume that the peril from Germany is completely averted. The submarine is beaten.

Fishermen!

If you are troubled with Rheumatism lay aside that old pair of Wool Lined Boots that are always wet and make your feet perspire and buy a pair of the famous BUDDY BOOTS. They are not wool lined and will keep your feet dry and in a healthy condition.

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Enthusiastic Meeting

AT COCHRANE STREET CENTEN-
NIAL CHURCH.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the male members of Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church Congregation was held last evening in the lecture room of the Church.

The meeting opened with the singing of a well known hymn followed by prayer by Rev. Dr. Curtis.

The Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bond, presided, and in a brief address enumerated several things we had to be thankful for when considering our Thanksgiving services next Sunday.

We have been saved from the ravages of war, think of Belgium, northern France, Roumania—devastated—churches in ruin—homes gone. Contrast this with affairs in our own quiet Island Home of to-day. We have cause for gratitude. Our country to-day is abounding in material prosperity, a large fishery, splendid prices for the great harvest of the sea, all should be supremely thankful.

The report of the Building Fund account was read by Treasurer Peters, which gave the total cost of the Church from commencement of building operations right up to the present day.

Mr. Arthur Mews, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, presented figures of the running expenses of the Church and its income. A number of questions were asked and answered, and then the meeting settled down to the real business of the evening—finances.

The Trustees of the Church are bearing a very heavy burden, but are being nobly supported by the members of the congregation who are determined to do their part. It was resolved that the goal for next Sunday's offering be placed at Six Thousand Dollars, and all pledged themselves to reach this ideal—this would mean that in ten years the debt would be comparatively removed. It was further resolved that all be asked to contribute monthly by envelope, to the reduction of debt, the same not to interfere with the regular Church collections. It was also decided that at the Thanksgiving Services on Sunday next, the Communion Rail be decorated with the bounties of harvest, both of land and sea, as a reminder to the congregation of the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

At 10:30 the meeting adjourned by the singing of the National Anthem and Benediction by Rev. James Wilson.

Victory Bonds.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TORONTO, Last Night.—Practically all the Canada Life revenue for the ensuing year, less only necessary provision for claims and current payments, is being placed in Victory Bonds. The result is that subscriptions for Victory Bonds amount to five million dollars. This action speaks for itself and is the best proof the Company could give of their hearty co-operation in assisting the country to reach the desired maximum subscription.

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John Anderson.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—The Hon. John Anderson I notice is now using his philanthropic mind to get it possible an art gallery for St. John's. I assure you, sir, that all true lovers of Terra Nova are with the hon. gentleman, and that his attempt may be successful is the devout wish of my countrymen who I know care on more than one occasion complained of the great necessity of such a place. Hon. Mr. Anderson's Daylight Bill was a blessing to hundreds; the same will accrue as regards an art gallery should the people have the pleasure of getting one, which I most sincerely hope they may. It would be a suitable place to contain the photos of our brave soldier boys, a place where future generations could go to look upon the features of those who had gone to battle when the glorious Empire was in trouble and who had given their lives for the cause.

I hope that the art gallery idea may mature, and also hoping that Mr. Anderson shall receive that praise it should take place to which he would be entitled.

I remain yours, etc.
NOV. 15th, 1917.
CITIZEN.

BOYS SUMMONED.—Four boys appeared in the Magistrate's Court to-day for loose and disorderly conduct. Two were fined \$2 or 5 days, one \$1 or 3 days and the other was discharged.

Three Millions Thrown Away!

The Cost of Sacrifice --- Newfoundland Will Spend the Price of a Battleship to Enable the Slackers to Escape Their Duty.

We hear and read a great deal from day to day, on the street, from the platform, in the press, about the unmarried independent slacker, and about the unenviable position he will occupy "when the boys come home." But there is another and a more practical point which should appeal to a business people, and it is this: The slacker is costing us the price of a battleship. The slacker is costing every man and woman and child in this colony \$13.50. The slacker is costing us a total sum of \$3,360,000. Big figures, are they not? But let us think it out.

According to the census of 1911 there were in the colony about 13,000 males between 15 and 20, about 11,000 between 20 and 25, and about 9,000 between 25 and 30; a total between 15 and 30 of about 33,000 men. Out of 6,500 as being under 18 years, and you have left 26,500. We have sent to the front altogether, in army and navy, about 6,000. Will there be any one in Newfoundland found to say that out of 26,500 men we could not get by a selective draft, 6,000 young men physically fit, unmarried, and without other dependents? We think not. In the class from 15 to 20, practically none will be married; in the class from 20 to 25, not a great many; even in the class from 25 to 30 not all, by any means; for, on the authority of the census, there are only about 42,000 married men in the colony, taking all ages together.

In other words, if we had the selective draft, the only logical system, the only fair system, the only effective system, we could double our forces without taking a man who was married or had dependents; \$3,360,000 to draw from, and only 6,000 drafted. Can there be a moment's doubt of it?

What follows from these figures, you ask? Only this—that every dollar we spend for separation allowances, and every dollar we shall spend for pensions to widows and orphans, to aged mothers and fathers, to helpless sisters or other dependents, is a dollar that would never be needed if the slacker was made to do his duty.

What are we spending, then, to protect the slackers, and what are we likely to spend? We cannot do more than estimate it; the long sad list, with its burden of glory and sacrifice, of blood and tears, is yet but half complete. But we know what we have lost; we know that in the future our losses will not be less. Let us try to guess at the figures.

Suppose 500 men out of our gallant 6,000 will need to draw the allowance for their wives or their dependents. That is perhaps an overestimate at present, but the list is lengthening out day by day. Each soldier's separation allowance is \$240 a year. For five hundred families, that makes \$120,000 a year. Let us suppose we shall have to pay it for about three years in all; for our boys will not be able to get back the moment peace is declared; they will have to wait their turn. Three years' allowance at that rate will be \$360,000. That is the first item charged up in our books to the account "Protection of Slackers."

Now what comes next? Suppose that by the end of the war, out of the many, alas, how many, valiant volunteers who will by that time have laid down their lives for us, only 500 leave behind as a sacred trust to us widows or orphans, parents or dependents that we must in honor maintain. According to law we shall give each of the widows a pittance of \$284.00 a year. Not much, is it? But we are not counting tears and agony at present, we are not counting loneliness and poverty, we are only counting our dollars. Let us leave out account for the moment, so as to be on the safe side, all allowances for children or other dependents, and suppose we have 500 widows on our hands. Five hundred widows getting \$284.00 a year will cost the colony \$142,000 a year. A good round sum. Now let us say that they die or go on the pension list by degrees, so that at

the end of thirty years, the bill is reduced to nothing. Knock off \$7,000 a year until it comes down to nothing, and figure it out: You will find that in thirty years it will cost the colony about Three Million Dollars. Another nice round sum to charge up to the account head, "Protection of Slackers." \$3,000,000 and \$360,000 added together comes to \$3,360,000. Don't take our word for it, add it up yourself. You need not take our guess-work figures; you can make up your own estimate if you want to. The total will surprise you whatever way you look at it.

What could we do with \$3,360,000? We could buy a first-class cruiser with it, if anybody would sell us one. We could build more than 200 miles of railway with it, if railways could be built in lines like these. We could share out that much money among the people of the colony at the rate of about \$13.50 a head for every man, woman and child, old or young, big or little, in the colony.

But we are not going to buy anything with it. We are not going to share it out to anybody. We are going to borrow it, and to raise it by taxation and to spend it; \$13.50 from every man, woman and infant; \$67.50 from every average household of five persons in the colony. They will have to find the money, now or in the future, to pay the expense which comes of sending married men, bread-winners, to the front. They will have to carry the extra burden of more than three million dollars that we are incurring because the young men

without wives, without children, without dependents, are not selected and taken first and sent to do their duty. They will have to pay the bill for protection of slackers, because they would not face conscription or the selective draft. There are enough and more than enough young men, fit, unmarried, and without dependents, in this colony, to fill and more than fill the Naval Reserve and the Regiment and keep them filled. Instead of making them go, instead of adopting conscription or the selective draft, we allow the man with dependents to volunteer, and we accept him and send him away, and then we pay the bill.

Three million dollars and more to be paid away by the colony. Sixty-seven dollars and more to be paid up in the years to come by every household in the colony. Three million dollars, not to mention the heart-break of the widows and orphans, and the loneliness of the desolate homes. And all for what? To enable the able-bodied and independent slacker to go on slacking, while the colony foots the bill, and all too inadequately, for helping the widows and orphans of the men who need never have gone.

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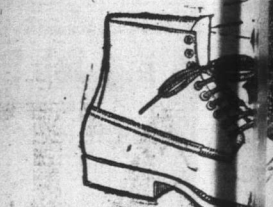


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