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## THE REAL BUSINESS.

"I am too busy—I really can't give it the time."

This answer was given by a citizen who was asked to do some work in connection with the recruiting campaign. Was he too busy? What would his business be worth if the British were beaten in this war?

Is it really true that more men are needed—or have the King and Asquith and Kitchener been fooling the people all the while?

No man can dodge the issue. If he believes more men are needed to win the victory and save Canada, then the getting of those men is the first business to be attended to, and it is as much the business of one individual as of another. Any who take no part are shirkers of a plain duty.

It is absolutely necessary in this city to create a war atmosphere. None of us like it. We all wish there were no war. But war has been thrust upon us, and we are compelled to choose whether we will conquer or be conquered. If we prefer British liberty to German tyranny we must defend it on the fields of France and Flanders. If everybody is to share in the fruits of victory, then everyone must share the burdens of the conflict—and a check-book is not all that is required to create a war atmosphere in a community. There must be personal enthusiasm, personal influence and personal effort. The man who prefers the comfort of his easy chair to an effort to make a recruiting meeting a success is putting his head on another man's shoulders; and is not worthy to be named in the same breath with the man in the trenches, who has undergone the severe hardship of military training and is now facing death to keep a roof over the head of the shirker who takes his ease.

In the city of St. John today the recruiting campaign is being carried on by a mere handful of men, who could easily be replaced by a lack of time if they desired to shirk. They are doing their best, however, to create and keep alive the war atmosphere, so that the appeal for more men may not fall upon dull and indifferent ears. Why are they not supported? Why do other men, and women, too, refuse to take an interest in recruiting meetings—without which the interest cannot be kept alive? Even men and women who have sons at the front, and whose sacrifice will have been made in vain unless more men are sent, appear to be indifferent to the daily and nightly efforts of the recruiting committee to keep up the interest.

Every minister in St. John should not only speak at recruiting meetings, but deliver recruiting sermons and urge his people not merely to attend recruiting meetings but to organize them, and send such a wave of patriotic enthusiasm over the city as would make every man and woman respond to its appeal. Then, instead of a dozen people at a well advertised recruiting meeting there would be cheering crowds, and young men who are fit and free would come to a realization of their duty.

There is another hindrance to recruiting, and it will also be removed whenever all the people wake up and demand a remedy. Those men of the 140th should have been brought to St. John weeks ago. Quarters for the 118th should have been provided weeks ago. Failure of the militia department to act promptly in these and other matters has greatly hindered recruiting in New Brunswick. The fault lies in having to deal with the Halifax headquarters instead of direct with Ottawa. It was necessary to go direct to Ottawa to get a recruiting officer for the province, and again to get the long delayed quarters for the 140th and 118th. These facts are well known, and yet the influential men who could get the remedy have remained apathetic. Of what are they afraid? They could not do their country a better service than to make such representations, and in such a forcible manner as would make it certain that the men who do enlist are properly cared for from the moment they are sworn. These men will have enough of hardship later on, and it is a gross neglect of plain duty on the part of those in authority in St. John, and especially those with political influence at Ottawa, that such a state of affairs has prevailed for some weeks past has been permitted to exist. It is true the stumbling block if we fail to get direct communication with Ottawa instead of through the circumblocution office? It has been demonstrated that the department is now to be properly housed, but how long will it take the gentlemen in Halifax to sit up the quarters for the

118th, and what will be the next step at Ottawa will act promptly when direct representations are made. Let them have authority and influence in St. John and other parts of the province so to it that we get permanent direct communication. The conditions call for it, and Sir Sam Hughes is not the man to worry about red tape when a matter is clearly presented by men who know.

In the meantime the ranks of the 118th must be filled, and other battalions must come later. The war atmosphere must be developed till it pervades the whole city and province. Every man and woman must be reached and lured by it, until the desire to have a share in the great task of saving Canada and the Empire and the civilization they represent shall have become universal. Public meetings will not save the Empire, but they will create the atmosphere which will make that salvation possible.

Last night's great meeting in the Imperial Theatre brought out abundant applause whenever a speaker asserted that we were bound to win. How many of those who cheered will contribute to the success of the recruiting meetings on week nights from now until next Sunday? God Save the King was sung with fervor last night. How many who sang it will help "save the king," which also means "save Canada and the Empire," by giving a boost to the recruiting campaign this week? The saving is to be done in France and Flanders, and if New Brunswick is to do her share as England has already done it, she must recruit until there are 35,000 men in uniform.

Major Bruce Taylor, back from the trenches, was surprised last night to see an audience with so many men in it who ought to be in khaki. How long will it be before all who ought to be in khaki? The question thrusts itself upon the attention of every man who is fit and free.

## MORE REVELATIONS

Hardly had Agent Howard of the Children's Aid Society returned from Truro, where he had placed a young girl, in the Maritime Home for Girls, than he was called to the police station to confer with the chief and the police inspector in another case involving a girl of thirteen, as well as a theft case involving a boy of ten; and a little later in the day he was called to a house where a child had been left in very unfortunate circumstances. The case in which the girl of thirteen is involved affects also the welfare of several other children. The agent therefore had a busy Sunday. He will have a very busy week. The recent activities of the police department reflect as great credit upon the chief and the officers as they do discredit upon a great many parents in this city, and upon men who have absolutely no regard for the innocence and purity of childhood. But society as a whole cannot evade responsibility. There have been those who have pleaded for community work in St. John, with neighborhood organizations and the use of school buildings for neighborhood welfare work; but their voices were crying in the wilderness.

Society reaps what it sows, and if it does not have community welfare work it will have its children defiled, its police courts crowded, and heavy tax bills to support institutions for delinquents young and old.

Let us hope, when the war is over, those whose energies it has called forth in so wonderful a way to support patriotic causes will be diverted into channels of social betterment, to save St. John from the reproach of having neglected its little children.

The news from the Balkans today is a little more cheering, despite the continuous retreat of the Allied forces. Greece may yet decide not to ally herself with Germany.

Capt. Tilley accomplished something by going direct to Ottawa. The lesson should not be lost on any who have in the past discouraged direct representations to Sir Sam Hughes.

Every witness who bears testimony tells us that the 26th Battalion is a battalion of fighting men who have proved themselves heroes. Their glorious record should inspire more young men to rally to their support in the great struggle for national existence.

Austria must do the right thing or the United States will pack her representatives of home, bag and baggage. Why is not Germany treated in like manner? She was the first offender, and far more guilty. It is possible that even yet her turn may come.

Perhaps it was because they were afraid too warm a reception in the chill of the tents in Sussex would bring on heart failure that the people along the streets this morning did not cheer the men of the 140th more vigorously. Lessons in cheering men who are going to fight our battles for us should be attended by very large classes in St. John. Very few appear to have any knowledge of the art, especially on a December morning.

## LIGHTS REVEIN.

Stopped in Time

"Yes," said the young singer, complacently "I had a great reception after my song last night. The audience shouted, 'Fine, Fine!'"

"Good thing you didn't sing again," said the cynic.

"Why, what do you mean?"

"They would have yelled 'Imprisonment!' the next time."

## Birds of a Feather

John Drew, at a luncheon at Bar Harbor, was condemning war.

"Man is but little different from the lower animals," he said. "It isn't only in fighting and scrapping that man shows his resemblance to the beasts of the field."

"I know, for instance, a fool bull that chased a red parrot all over a cornfield one hot afternoon."

"And I also know a fool man who chased another red parrot all over Philadelphia one hot morning."

## The Forgetful Limit

Uncle Eben—"Eph Hoskins must have had some time down in New York."

Uncle Eben—"Yep, Reckon he traveled a mighty swift pace. Eph's wife said that when Eph got back and went into his room he looked at the bed kicked it, and said 'What's that darn thing for?'"

## Main Attraction.

"Your wife seems busy these days."

"Yes; she is to address a woman's club."

"Ah, working on her address?"

"No; on her dress."

## Taking It To Her.

"I'd like to kiss that girl sitting on the edge of the crowd. But she won't play possum."

"Well, you'll appoint you the rural free delivery man."

## What He Appreciated

"I have never owned any automobiles said the man who hadn't yet paid for his home, 'but I can say one thing in praise of them."

"What's that?" inquired Henderson.

"They have made mortgages respectable."

## Taking A Risk

"Ain't you rather young to be left in charge of a drug-store?"

"Perhaps, what can I do for you?"

"Do you employers know it's dangerous to leave a mere boy like you in charge of such a place?"

"I am competent to serve you, madam."

"Do you know you might poison someone?"

"There is no danger of that, madam; what can I do for you?"

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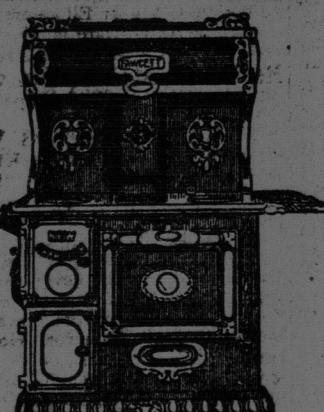
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