

JUSTICE DUFF IS ALLOWING FARMERS LEAVE UNTIL JUNE

Two Must Report in May Their Future Plans.

DECIDES TWO TEST CASES

If Effectiveness Is Proven, Further Period of Exemption May Come.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—The position of the farmer under the military service act is again considered by the central appeal judge in a series of rulings, the text of which is now available. The application of G. B. Park of Hamilton, Man., is a case in point. He is a farmer, 22 years of age, living near Hamilton with his father. There is a family of four sons. The applicant and one of his brothers live at home with his father, one brother lives on a farm a mile and a half south, and another lives on a farm one mile east, and is married. The two unmarried brothers are exempt. Each of the farms is a half-section.

As already announced Hon. Justice Duff granted exemption until June 1, in his formal judgment he states: "The conclusion of the learned appeal judge that the applicant's work is not strictly necessary to enable cultivation to be carried on in the manner heretofore pursued seems correct, but the applicant is a competent farmer, and is, and has been, actually and habitually engaged with his father and brothers in cultivating his father's property. The family should have an opportunity of showing their willingness to make an effort to apply their energies more effectively in production."

Must Report His Plans.
"Exemption should be granted until June 1, 1918. The applicant will report in writing before May 1, as to his plans for the summer, with such particulars as may be required by the central appeal judge or registrar. Before the expiration of the exemption period, he may apply for an extension of the period, when the actual preparations made for the work of the season of 1918 can be considered and the period extended, if it be thought just, until the end of the season."

"It may be observed that if a further investigation of the facts during the spring of 1918 indicate the desirability of it, the exemptions already granted to the unmarried brothers may be reviewed."

Exempt Till June 1.
Another appeal allowed is that of a farm laborer, Donald Matheson, of Buelah, Man. Application was made by the man's employer. The employer owns a section of land, 277 acres of which were under cultivation and 500 acres in crop during 1917. He harvested his crop in 1917 with the assistance of Matheson and a foreigner for two weeks at harvest.

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PORT TEMISKAMINGUE, DATING BEYOND 1812, IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

HAILEYBURY, Jan. 11.—Fort Temiskamingue, about fifteen miles south from Haileybury and on the shore of Lake Temiskamingue, has been destroyed by fire. The building was built of pine logs and had withstood the ravages of the elements for more than 100 years, with it goes the oldest white man's habitation of this district. With it is connected many of the thrilling north-land tales of pioneer days in the great trek from Montreal to Hudson Bay away back in 1812.

NICE UNIFORMS MILITIA OFFICERS BOUGHT MUST BE KEPT OFF STREETS

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—An order-in-council has been passed forbidding the wearing of military and naval uniforms, decorations and medals by persons not authorized or entitled to wear them. The order-in-council states that this step has been made necessary because "during the period of the present war there has grown up a practice which tends to bring the military and naval service into disrepute and to discourage recruiting, to weaken military and naval discipline and to facilitate the commission of frauds."

It is provided that no officer or man of the militia shall wear his uniform when not actually on duty without special permission. Any person guilty of a violation of the new regulation will be liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$100, or three months' imprisonment.

COMRADES' CLUB HAS ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing term of the Comrades' Club, which meets Thursday evenings at the Y.W.C.A.:
Hon. president, Mrs. W. A. Tanner; president, Miss J. K. Edwards; vice-president, Miss N. Lawrence; secretary, Miss M. Chalmers; treasurer, Miss G. Andrews.

Conveners of committees—Miss I. Williamsen, Red Cross; Miss A. Turner, entertainment; Miss P. Paetzer, social; Miss L. Pope, lookout.
During the past three months, the Comrades have prepared 500 articles, which include socks, property bags, gloves, etc., for the British Cross Society. The girls are planning to have a sleigh ride to St. Thomas soon if the weather permits.

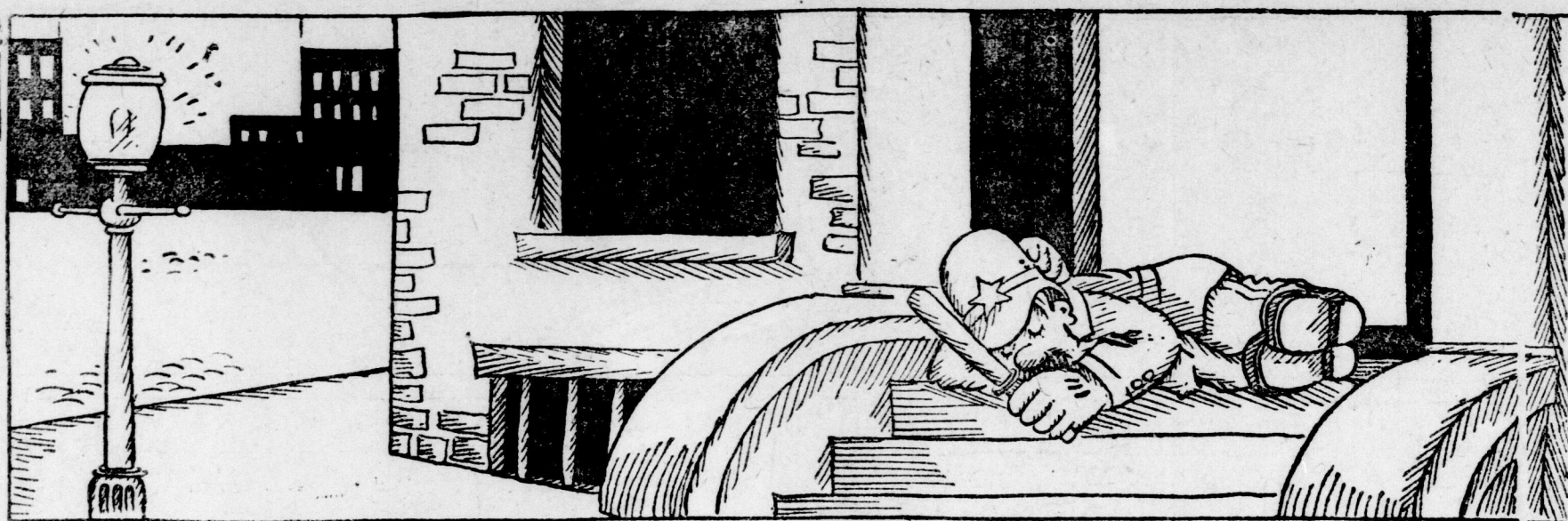
TORONTO AVIATOR BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—Hundreds of Toronto's citizens attended the funeral of the late Flight Lieut. Walter Gordon Coutts here this afternoon. Lieut. Coutts left Toronto last summer, after his death as the result of an airplane accident in England, and his remains were brought home on Wednesday for interment in his native city. Full military honors accompanied the late aviator's funeral.

WILL ELECT OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

ALISA CRAIG, Jan. 11.—The annual meeting of the North Middlesex Agricultural Society will be held in the town hall on January 19 for election of officers for the coming year.
Mrs. Marcella of Verdun, Man., is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. John Sturges, Main street.
Miss Beulah Chapman has left for St. Ignace to resume her position, after spending several months at her home here.

LOSS NEAR HALF MILLION IN BLAZE AT WINNIPEG
WINNIPEG, Jan. 11.—The latest estimates place the loss caused by the burning of the Edgerton building this afternoon at \$46,000.
BURIED AT EXETER.
CENTRALIA, Jan. 11.—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Williams, held from her home in Stephen Township today, to Exeter Cemetery, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Baker of Crediton. She was 24 years old, and besides her husband is survived by four children. The pallbearers were, Wm. Swarden, Nelson Baker, John White, Thomas Boyes, Bruce Mitchell and Milton Mitchell.



POLLY and HER PALS

Polly--Just Leave It to Neewah.

