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ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

The citizens of St. John will now understand more clearly one of the difficulties the vocational training board has had to struggle with. The board of school trustees last night decided to take steps to open commercial high school classes. This should come under the vocational training board, and half the cost of tuition would be paid by the provincial government. The board of school trustees as a body does not seem to have any use for the vocational board, and seems to have a habit of getting in its way. Under such a condition of affairs the vocational board has had unnecessary trouble. But what excuse has the board of school trustees for throwing down the aid of the provincial government when there is complaint that too much money is already being spent? The truth is that some members of the board are determined to put the vocational board out of business. The vocational board is expected to re-affirm its decision to close the evening classes, on the ground that it would otherwise run in debt with no assurance of getting money to pay the bills. Mr. Schofield has concluded that the board has money enough to continue these classes. Who is right? This question should be answered promptly, for if the vocational board has, as the mayor contends, money enough to carry on to the end of the term the closing of the classes would be wholly unnecessary. It must not be forgotten that students in these classes have an investment in them. Some have bought tools and other materials, expecting to receive a full course. The whole situation is discreditable to the city and if it does not direct public attention more sharply to the matter in which educational work is being bungled, then the case for St. John is hopeless. Some of the bitterest opponents of the work of the vocational training board are members of the board of school trustees who resent the fact that the whole matter was not given over to them.

THE SOLDIER SETTLERS.

Major Barnett gave the Rotary Club yesterday an admirable review of the work of soldier settlement in Canada. The experience proved more successful than had been hoped. This is due to the earnest work and careful selection made by soldier settlement boards. As Major Barnett pointed out, they cannot always measure accurately the moral risk, and there are some failures, but the percentage of these is small, and in a general way it may be said that the money invested by the country comes back again with a fair rate of interest. One is surprised to learn how much the soldier settlers on western farms added to the grain production last year. As they are increasing in number and breaking much new ground, the production this year should be very much greater. There is also, as the speaker pointed out, a benefit derived by the country from the settlement in different sections scattered all over the country of young men who are of the best blood of Canada, and that benefit cannot be measured in this generation. The soldiers thus far settled on farms are meeting their payments very well, despite the depression that has existed, and it is very gratifying to know that New Brunswick is well above the average in this respect. Major Barnett very properly observes that this experiment with soldiers may well suggest to governments a method of getting more people on the land.

THE ROGERS DIAGNOSIS.

Hon. Robert Rogers, after serious reflection upon the result of the West Peterboro by-election, has expressed his views. He does not approve of Hon. Arthur Meighen's labors as a midwife. Mr. Rogers sees need of a major operation to meet the condition brought about by ignorant treatment of the patient. He finds a "noxious growth of manipulators, of war profiteers and their solicitors." The knife must be applied at once, or the patient goes from bad to worse. Having made his diagnosis Dr. Rogers does not indicate any particular specialist, but leaves that to the patient. Perhaps this is just as well. What Mr. Meighen thinks is another story, but we can imagine that the Rogers broadside will cause some commotion on Parliament Hill. The House is now in session, and Hon. MacKenzie King will no doubt find some use for the expert advice given by the former minister of public works. The echo of the Rogers explosion will doubtless be heard in any constituency where by-elections may be held.

LIEUT.-COL. McCULLOUGH.

The citizens of St. John are glad to meet Lieut.-Col. Charles R. McCullough, F. R. C. I., of Hamilton, the founder of the Canadian Clubs. These clubs, scattered over this country and the United States, provide a source of inspiration and a forum for the discussion of national and other topics which make them a factor of great importance in the life of Canada. The founder could hardly have dreamed at the outset that he was contributing a force to national movements and the development of ideas which is of ever-growing significance. In his own province, Lieut.-Col. McCullough is a citizen of note. Who's Who says of him: "Founded the Federated Business Colleges; founder and first president, Manufacturing Photographers of Canada; founder and first president, Business Educators' Association of Canada; founder Canadian Club movement in Hamilton, Dec. 6, 1892, and twice president; honorary president, Association of Canadian Clubs; president Hamilton Conservatory of Music; member executive Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Fellow Royal Colonial Institute; member of Hamilton Club, Rotary Club, Golf Club, and Toronto Arts and Letters Club."

One member of the school board said last night he was informed that socialist doctrines were being circulated in the high school and another said that some of the school teachers were Bolsheviks. The school teachers have generally been regarded as good and useful citizens who work for less pay than the teachers get in other Canadian cities. If the charges now made are true we need a new group of teachers. If they are not true, what shall be said of the board of school trustees which did not condemn the unfounded statements?

Apart from what may be offered in the way of tariff legislation the government programme at Ottawa is meagre enough. The government just wants to hold on. The Ottawa Journal intimates that Sir George Foster, Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. P. R. Blondin will retire from the cabinet and it names six new men who are likely to be taken into the cabinet. Not one of them is an outstanding figure in national politics.

Is the city council prepared to assess the citizens to pay for a commercial high school when under the vocational training act the provincial government pay fifty per cent for equipment, sixty per cent for tuition and twenty-five per cent for building? The board of school trustees appears to be quite willing that the people should pay if it can get in that city today. The nomination of Dr. D. A. Craig as the representative of the maritime provinces on the central committee of the Junior Red Cross was endorsed.

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BACK ALONG THE OLD TRAIL

Look back over the trail, Scout, the trail of your battling sires, The trail that mounts from the centuries' depths, to the peak of your own desires.

Look at the wealth they bring you, Scout, the heritage of the years; The fire of the ancestors' fervors, the mind of the Celtic seers. The strength of the Saxon bowman, the courage of grim Fartar.

Look that you keep the faith, Scout, true to the hopes they dared. The visions and dreams they died for, the faiths they held and shared. Like to your sires of old, Scout, be ye a pioneer too!

Henry Pitts in Boys' Life.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Looking Ahead.

"Heaven knows how Sharpe made his money."

"That's probably why he wears that worried look!"—New Haven Register.

Almost Due.

Father—"Helen, isn't it about time you were entertaining the prospect of matrimony?"

Daughter—"Not quite, pa. He doesn't call until eight o'clock."

Psychology.

Professor—"Now I put the number seven on the board. What number immediately comes into your mind?"

Class (in unison)—"Seven!"—Burr.

Some Inkstand.

A man was called upon to testify in a lawsuit as to the number of cubic yards handled in some rock-removing in the vicinity. He showed little knowledge of the matter, his idea of a cubic yard being so indefinite that it was suspected he hardly comprehended the term.

In order to facilitate his understanding, the judge said: "Listen, witness! Assume this inkstand to be three feet across the top, two feet high, and how would you describe it?"

"Well, Your Honor," said the witness, without hesitation, "I should say it was some inkstand."

PROVINCIAL RED CROSS

General Secretary for Canada Present at Yesterday's Meeting.

At a meeting of the executive of the Provincial Red Cross Society yesterday Dr. A. H. Abbott, general secretary of the Canadian Red Cross Society, was present concerning the society's proposed membership enrollment to be launched in the spring. Accompanied by F. A. Dykeman, who was appointed to represent the Maritime division, Dr. Abbott left for Halifax last evening to be present at a conference of the three maritime province branches to be held in that city today.

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ASKS HOUSE TO REWARD HEROIC NAVAL OFFICER

Representative Eagle Says Lieut. Isaacs Surrendered for Commander and Later Escaped.

Washington, Feb. 15.—A dramatic appeal to the House to reward the heroic exploit of Lieutenant Edward Isaacs, U. S. N., who stepped forward in another man's place to become a prisoner aboard a German submarine after his ship, the President Lincoln, had been torpedoed, was made last week by Representative Eagle, Democrat, of Texas. The speaker said Isaacs' record would stand out as one of the daring feats of the World War.

"When the submarine captain demanded an officer prisoner," said Mr. Eagle, "Isaacs walked forth and answered that he was Commander Percy W. Foote, now aide to the Secretary of the Navy, had probably perished and that he was ready to go. For eleven days while a captive of the U-boat he learned facts about the German Navy's plan of operations which were of the utmost importance to the allied fleet."

With this in mind he escaped at the risk of his life. Mr. Eagle continued, and was so badly wounded and beaten that now, at the age of 29, he is physically unable to stay in the navy. "Congress should retire him with the rank of Captain, not as a Lieutenant," Mr. Eagle added, "so that when he goes out of service it will be on sufficient pay to buy bread and meat for his wife and children."

SALVAGE CORPS MEN WERE HOSTS

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was held last evening in Bond's restaurant when Captain R. J. MacRae and members of No. 1 Salvage Corps were hosts of No. 2 Corps. Other guests present were Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Jones, Bullock and Thornton; Hon. R. J. Ritchie, W. H. White and Alexander Rowan. The tables were appropriately decorated in honor of St. Valentine and the place was festooned with red and white streamers. A comely valentine, causing much laughter, was also appropriately dressed and were applauded on their appearance.

After dinner the chairman, Captain MacRae, in his address of welcome told of the formation of the two corps in 1892 and the co-operation which now existed between them. W. H. Golding gave an illustration of the bad fires in this city since 1877. The feature of the evening was the address of Mayor Schofield, who in replying to the toast to the city proposed by Charles Clarke, described the unemployment situation, which, with other conditions, had caused a curtailment of the civic programme as outlined. Commissioners Bullock and Jones also spoke. The usual toasts were proposed and responded to and those who spoke were: Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Commissioner Thornton, W. H. White, Alexander Rowan, Captain Cunningham, J. C. Mitchell, G. H. Green, Captain MacRae, Charles Robinson, W. J. Currie and Harry Irwin. The music was under the direction of Harold Williams with Bayard Currie as accompanist. Messrs. Rowley, Currie, Clarke, Gardner and Marley, gave songs and readings.

BOY'S SHIRT HIRN \$10,000 IN DRUGS

Father and Son Arrested in N. Y. and Morphine Found on the Lad.

(N. Y. Times.)

Morphine valued at \$10,000 was found under a boy's shirt yesterday after customs officials and narcotic squad detectives arrested Salvatore Puliano, a young lad, and his father, Lewis Puliano, who were leaving the steamship Giuseppe Verdi, at Pier 25, North River, Tuesday night. The two packages of the drug were discovered in Salvatore's shirt.

After the father had been arraigned in the Tombs Court before Magistrate Cobb on suspicion of having drugs in his possession, his son was turned over to agents of the Children's Society and the father will be charged in the Children's Court with improper guardianship.

A drug distribution centre was discovered yesterday morning by detectives from the Police Commissioner Simon's office, at Washington and Tenth streets, in Greenwich village. After watching the ground floor of a house there for a few days the officers entered it, seized a pound of heroin and arrested three men. They also found a hypodermic syringe, some empty bottles and letters and telegrams from persons in Pennsylvania asking that drugs be sent.

The prisoners gave their names as James Coleman of 8 Hague street, Manhattan; James McCann of 322 West Twenty-third street, and Stephen Baldwin of 348 Baldwin avenue, Jersey City. They are charged with illegally having and selling narcotics.

FREED FROM CRUEL WIFE

Court Finds Divorce Grounds in Spleen and Smashing Husband's Pipe.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15.—Intolerable cruelty was adjudged proved by Judge William H. Malbie, who granted a decree absolute divorce to William Howesberger in an action against his wife, Nora F. Macomber Howesberger, on the ground of desertion, because she left him in Boston eight months after their marriage on September 1, 1917.

On the witness stand Howesberger accused his wife of having drunk his very best hooch, smoked his cigarettes and stayed out of nights at cafes and dances, and not in his company, either. He said she scratched his face when she was drunk; smashed his best pipe, leaving the other stem hanging in his teeth; threw his hot supper in his face and hit him with an alarm clock because the alarm went off one morning at 8 o'clock just as she was getting comfortably to sleep.

COLONEL RUPPERT ABANDONS ST. BERNARDS FOR BEAGLES

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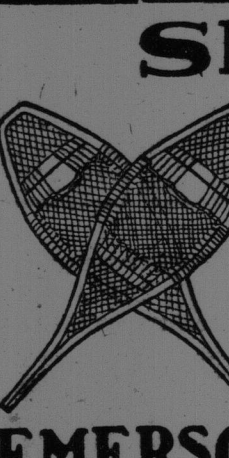
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