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## Pro-German Canadians.

General Smuts, like General Botha showing what manner of men the Boers are, with whom we had a little difference of opinion nearly eighteen years ago. They have proved themselves to be big men, who, once they learned the truth, of the kinds of service required. To put could adjust themselves to the situa-tion. It will encourage many to look for the heat similar magnanimity among the best ermans when they have been undeceivtives.

saw was the creation by derinary of a huge army of natives—"the most power-ful army the world had ever known." ful army the world had ever known." The menace would not have been for Africa alone, but for the whole of the tion gene under her present leaders, to de same head. General Smuts fears, no one can Another doubt who has followed the course of the war, or who reads General Von Biss-

annexation of Belgium, in a preparation settlement of man for another war against Great Britain. part in the work. for another war against Great Britain. One can understand the contempt with which General Smuts refers to the pro-Germans in Canada and elsewhere who are prepared to sacrifice their country and the principles of liberty and honor for which so many have fallen, under the pretext of partisan privilege, govern-ment autocracy, racial disability or some other subterfuge. Whatever the pretext, the action is pro-German, and therefore

ets of the nation. While war expenditure reaches 000,000 a day in Britain and a prop ate amount, or about \$1,000,000 a ada, and the war may cost must co the only wise course. very large er of the men in seek discharge Of those who ned. will be a large number eager to re-enter civil life as fast as opportunity of

nitiative The r must be dealt with by degree OB COB During the de ernn.ent should a main in army service. will be in the service required. officers also will have to chosen fo their fitness and eptitude for direction corps on a larger scale prepared to d any work to which the government find

definition when they find the second state of menace in Africa is not the least of the reasons that stimulate South Afri-can devotion to the allied cause. Dur-the work to be done will be found to he can devotion to the allied cause. Dur-ing his experiences in East Africa, Gen-eral Smuts asserts, his eyes were open-ed to the danger of the German plan of establishing a great central African empire. The gigantic possibility he foresaw was the creation by Germany of a leaders as Major McKendrick, to th

found in the clearing and prepa ing's memorandum to the kaiser, de- various forms of forestry operation claring that Belgium must be conquered, the Belgian dynasty abolished, and the country ruled with an iron hand, in order The preparation of agricultural land to give Germany the advantage, by the would muturally lead to the volnt of many of the men

**OPTOMETRISTS DEMAND** the action is pro-German, and therefore possible, there must be a half-way means treason to the country. As much pro- of "taking up the slack." If the pian test may be made as these seditionists were too attractive to the men it would please, but their actions belie their lan- defeat its own object of demobilization. guage. As long as they oppose the ne- It will be a tolerable means of existence cessary military measures, such as con- and will not deter but stimulate the efwhich is a year late now; as forts of the men to seek regular civil ong as they refuse to volunteer; as employment.

#### long as they pursue an obstructive policy and endeavor to embarrass the govern-

## Association Asks for Restriction. The Optometrical Association of Ontario gathered yesterday in Foresters' Hall for their third annual con-

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Many Competitors.

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SAMSON AND DELILAH

. 5 DUFFERIN SCHOLARS ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS

The Empire Day exercises at Duf-ferin School took a rather unique form. At nine o'clock, all the pupils, num-bering about 1000, were assembled in the playground. Several patriotic choruses were lustily sung, and a reci-tation by Alice Hindle was well rendered.

Base Hospital.

# **VETERANS PAY** wo **TRIBUTE TO DEAD** Washboards Impressive Ceremony Held in Queen's Park-Colors for For the Price Great War Heroes. of One STIRRING ADDRESSES General Rejoicing That the Burden of Service is to Be Distributed. The Canadian militis veterans were joined in their annual memorial ser-vice in Queen's Park yesterday by veterans of the Canadian Expedition-ary Force, and despite the inclemency of the weather the ceremony was con-ducted with the utmost success. Tomptly at 9.30 a.m. the veterans of '66, of the Rebellion of 1885, of the bled at the armories and lined up for the march to Queen's Park. An in-teresting ceremony at the armories was the presentation of colors, by Col A. E Belcher, on behalf of the Vet-erans of 1866 Association. Battalion Sergt-Major Rowe Whitton, president of the latter association, who received the colors, replied briefly on behalf of his comrades. He expressed apprecia-tion of the splendid gift and said that the members of the War Veterans' Association would honor the memory of the veterans of former wars and the ofollow the example they had THE

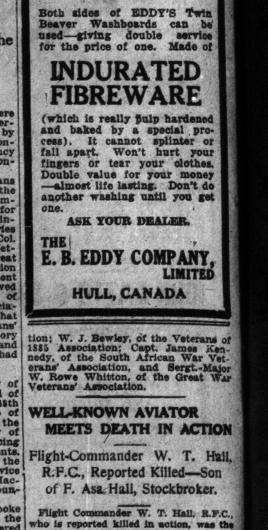
Line of March. The line of march was by way of University avenue and at the head of the column was the band of the 48th Highlanders under the leadership of Lieut. John Slatter. At the park the men paid tributes to the memory of comrades of other days by placing wreaths upon the soldiers' monuments. The men then gathered around the bandstand where a memorial service, was held, led by Capt. John A. Mac-donald, president of the Grand Coun-oil of Canadian Milita Veterans. Several prominent citizens spoke

cil of Canadian Militia Veterans. Several prominent citizens spoke briefly and each paid tribute to the services that the men had rendered for their country. Hon. W. D. Mc-Pherson, provincial secretary, refer-red to the glorious deeds of the past. "To those who had fallen," he said "we turn a sad eye, but with proud recollections of the proud service each has rendered to his country. The same magnificent spirit with which the men of half a century ago were endowed is strongly in evidence to-day. There has been no decadence. The men of today are the equal of those of fifty years ago, and are ani-mated by the same high principles of patriotism."

Fighting for Liberty.

### **Convocation** is **Postponed** Until Friday Afternoon

Dr. J. A. Macdonald stated that Canada and Britain were contending in this war not for territory but for the right of free peoples to govern themselves. We in Canada would never have been called to war but for the disloyalty of certain mations to the fundamental truths of free coun-but now every citizen of a free coun-an honorary degree The special convocation



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Germans or their opponents must win. Those who obstruct the allies are helping the Germans, and are traitors, whe-ther in Canada or elsewhere.

M. Anatole Vanier, secretary of ""La Ligue Patriotique des Interets Canadiens," has issued a circular letter from Montreal in which he asserts that conscription in Canada under present cir-cumstances "would be anti-national and against our liberty and dignity"; and in reinforcing and maintaining the morale also that "Sir Robert Borden's promise of 500,000 men is a despotic act, bearing the marks of German despotism." These ideas are being echoed in a few other places, Toronto having its little group of pro-German acting agitators.

The only charitable view to take of work of the Y.M.C.A., disarms much prethe attitude of such people is that they are blinded by prejudice of one kind or another, which prevents them seeing that it is their own action which is antiit is their own action which is antinational, autocratic, and against the liberty and dignity of a free people, such as Canadians are striving to be. Autocracy is the rule of the many by the few, and this is why it seems so absurd for a noisy minority, fewer by far in number than the men who have crossed the seas, to clamor as they do, and insist that their will should dominate Canada. Perhaps we need a Lincoln to deal with such undigested elements of the nation, but we believe the good sense of the Canadian people in general will ignore such misguided clamor, and support the government in doing what is necessary and right.

The government also should not hesitate to carry out its plans, and promptly. The only mistake about conscription was in failing to have the necessary measures all ready when the announcement was made, and proceeding with them at once. If the government feels unable to cope with the situation, it has the example of Great Britain, France and other countries to direct it. There are sufficient loyal men of all parties to constitute a government that could stand four square to all the political winds that blow.

The one issue before the world today is the winning of the war, and pro-Germans, at home or abroad, must not be allowed to interfere with it.

#### Demobilization as a War Measure In the report of the Military Hospitals

Commission emphasis is laid upon the problem of absorbing the demobilized army into civil life after the war. There should be no difficulty about it. The problem should be treated as a war measure and not as a peace measure, if peace. measures mean the ignoring of responsibility, and the creation of social chaos for lack of courage or organizing ability on the part of the government. At whatever time the war ends, be it one year two years, or three years hence, it has then to be recognized that the war is over for fighting operations only, and a further war term of one year or two years must be recognized for demobilization purposes.

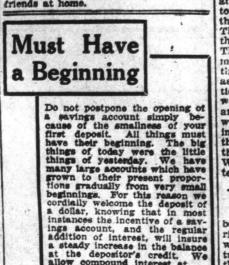
The expense of demobilization will be considerable, but only a fraction of the cast of active hostilities, and it will be slight as compared with the cost of iramediate demobilization and the resultant postal conditions, Moreover the period

ent, which has not shown itself too exacting or urgent; just so long must these obstructionists bear the stigma of pro-Germanism. There can be no neu-trals in this world-battle. Either the benevolent activities of the organization

evident thruout the experiences of the war than the demand for spiritual solace and instruction by those who face death every day. The non-sectarian character, as well as the practical nature of the

itual living, spiritual action, spiritual thinking and aspiration have been kept before the troops, but not objectionably

obtruded. These things carry their own comtivity. Mr. C. W. Bishop, the general secretary, and those who have so successfully co-operated to the success of the local campaign, have their best reward got busy.



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benevolent activities of the organization behind the lines at the front, and in other ways during the campaign. Letters from the front constantly refer to the Y.M.C.A. conveniences and alleviations of service conditions, and the red triangle envelopes and notepaper are a mute testimony to one welcome form of assistance. In more important ways than material, the Y.M.C.A. has filled a splendid function is wainforming and maintaining the mortal

tinoscopy." A well-attended banquet at the A well-attended banquet at the Caris-Rite Hotel closed the conven-tion. Among, the prominent speakers present were F. E. Luke, of Toronto; J. G. Collinson, Dundas; C. A. Jarvis, Brantford; T. W. Poile, Chatham; and Prof. Minchin, of Rochester, who re-sponded to the toast of "The New Day." He referred to their fight for recognition and how the new day was going to bring victory. going to bring victory.

Polluting the Lake at Munro

Park.

Biditor World: It is a very strange thing that, notwithstanding laws to the contrary, our waterfront is being polluted more and more. For the last four or five years a most filthy stream of water had been flowing into the lake at the foot of Maclean flowing avenue, next to Scarboro Beach Fark. After several deputations had waited on the board of works and nothing being done, Ald. McBride last year, I understand, moved that the matter be placed in other hands than the works commissioner to deal with. This had the desired effect and the department got busy. We now have auother stream, adjoining Munro Park, polmendation, and the sympathy of the pub-lic has been given the heartiest expression in the generous gifts of the last few days. A sum of \$200,000 was requested, and this into the lake at the foot of Maclean A sum of \$200,000 was requested, and this has been exceeded by fifteen per cent. A substantial portion of this sum is to be handed to the Y.M.C.A., which in its own way has ably supplemented the larger ac-tivity. Mr. C. W. Bishop, the general 

 local campaign, have their best reward in the assurance that their efforts on be-half of the soldjers overseas have been appreciated by the men abroad, as testi-fied to by the generous nature of the sup-port that has been rendered by their triends at home.
 got busy. We now have auother stream, adjoining Munro Park, pol-luted with sewage, samples of which have been laid before the board of works and which the medical health officer has found contaminated with sewage. At this point the children attending the Forest School in Vio-toria Park are exposed to disease, yet they come down here for their health. This is also a bathing spot during the season for adults and children. The most flagrant feature of this

The most flagrant feature of this matter is that this pollution goes matter is that this pollution goes thru private property. We intend asking the provincial health authori-ties to take the matter up since the works commissioner refuses to do anything. After that a last respirt will be the courts. Things are com-ing to such a pass in the east end that outlets for sewage at the front of the streets will be a common thing. Why does not the health officer in-terfere? Cleanliness. The Imperial Army and Navy Veter-ans' Association yesterday held its an-nual parade to Victoria Memorial Park, Portland Street, where the monument

beginnings. For this reason we cordially welcome the deposit of a dollar, knowing that in most ings account, and the regular addition of interest, will insure a steady increase in the balance at the depositor's credit. We allow compound interest at Three and One-Half Per Cent. Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation one years of age. Already many mothers in other parts of this pro-vince have made requests to our leg-islature, and many Toronto women

Through sleeping car from Toronto Thursday's direct to the Park. Just the out-of-the-way place for rest and citizens are prepared to join with them in urging this as a measure not only as justice to ourselves, but also in order to protect the boyhood of Canada, which will need them so badly.

ing Can Be Seen Daily at Loew's Theatre.

Altho yesterday was a holiday a number of Toronto housewives or their representatives found their way into The World building with their exhibit to enter in the home-made bread contest. There were sixty-four entries, which, considering the attrac-tions abswhere, was very encouras-

tions elsewhere, was very encouraging. It would almost seem as if, gener

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ment. As has been announced from day to day, and recipes may be used and there is no restriction, as to the quali-ty of flour or the kind of yeast. This makes the attempt easy for all and gives everyone equal opportunity. The Protestant Orphans' Home and the Sunnyside Orphans' Home and the bread that came in yesterday.

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Place Wreaths on Memorial Shaft

in Victoria Park, Portland Street.