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THE CRISIS IN CANADA.

The Canadian casualties since April 9 were 18,865, and the list continues to grow. Surely it is time the people of Canada asked themselves with a serious heart-searching what is to be done to fill the ever thinning ranks. This is no time for partisanship. Any government that fails to give adequate leadership should be succeeded by one with a war policy worthy of the name. The cry goes up for men and food and ships. What is the answer? We have been at war for nearly three years. There has been ample time to mobilize the whole country. The situation today is so serious that the outcome of the great struggle, warning after warning has been issued by the foremost statesmen and military leaders of the Empire. Appeal after appeal has been made to recruit more men, to conserve the food supply, to increase production and to build ships. Those who make the appeal are not idle alarmists. They are the men charged with the tremendous task of saving civilization from the onsets of barbarism. They know the peril and they know the way of salvation. Hence they endeavor to press home on every free man and woman the necessity of national service or effective there must be leadership. Hitherto Canada in this respect has suffered and been ashamed. There is to be a great convention in Montreal next week. Sir Robert Borden is back in Ottawa. We ought to be on the eve of great events in this country. Are the men big enough for the job?

THE WAR SITUATION.

The war situation is by no means encouraging. It is frankly admitted today that the armies and guns the Germans have been able to move from the eastern to the western front have caused a deadlock there, and in addition there is a growing fear that Russia may fall to her part in the great struggle because of the conditions approaching political chaos which has followed the revolution. The soldiers are described as having the bit in their teeth, and being in no mood to listen to the commands of those who should lead. Moreover, the internal strife cannot but weaken the hands of the government and paralyze the whole system of providing the armies with necessary supplies. The German chancellor has seized the opportunity to throw out what is practically an invitation to Russia to discuss peace terms, and Turkey is in a like mood. All this is ominous for the cause of the Entente Allies.

On the other hand there is some hope that revolution may break out in Germany. One member of the Reichstag has had the audacity to talk about a republic. The answer to such a man a few years ago would have been a dead wall and a very fine party, and conditions must be very serious when members of the German parliament can speak so boldly of possible revolution. And yet the Allies would be guilty of supreme folly if they permitted the German revolution to induce them to relax for a moment the vigor of their prosecution of the war. The news regarding the submarines is much more satisfactory. Their toll has been less of late and a larger proportion of them destroyed. If this menace can be successfully met the problem of providing fresh armies and food supplies will be far less serious. The German chancellor refuses to talk of peace terms, which means that the German authorities are still confident of their ability to continue the war with a measure of success. It follows that the British Empire must put forth renewed efforts on the assumption that the war is to be prolonged beyond the present year. Will Canada do her share?

THE COMMON TASK.

The province of New Brunswick will derive lasting benefit from the conferences now being held and the united effort to increase production. The average city man does not realize how little he knows about the problems of production, transportation and marketing until he sits down with other men to consider ways and means of ensuring larger crops for this year. The present agitation and desire to serve a patriotic purpose, will bring the country and the cities and towns into closer touch, with a clearer and beneficial understanding of each other's point of view. These are trying times, and they are forcing men out of themselves into a wider atmosphere, where they get new conceptions, and acknowledge larger interests. It cannot be helpful from the viewpoint of community welfare. In the face of common danger, and of grave problems, whose solution means so much for the country, men and women are learning to live in and to appreciate a new realm of thought and feeling. There are none so pitiable as those who do not realize the opportunity for service, or feel the inspiration of a great united task that challenges the best there is in the human heart and brain. How many families in St. John are using substitutes for food products that could be sent overseas?

EXPLOITING THE VETERANS.

That was a very cheap and transparent trick which the opposition played at Fredericton yesterday. Mr. Baxter was put up to move an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, as follows: "That the motion be amended by adding to the address, proposed in reply to the speech of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, the following words: 'But at the same time in view of the large number of appointments which have been made to the public service, since the assumption of office by the present administration, we desire to express our regret that in the making of such appointments, the claims of returned soldiers, who have seen actual service at the front, do not appear to have received that consideration, which their services merit.'"

The purpose of this amendment, which amounted to a vote of want of confidence in the government and therefore was very promptly and properly voted down by the government supporters in the house, was perfectly transparent. It was a cheap trick to carry favor with soldiers and their friends. If Col. Baxter and Major Tilley and the other warlike gentlemen on the opposition side wished to do something of real benefit they would not adopt a method which they knew perfectly well must fail. But they were playing the game of politics. Soldiers and soldiers' friends have good reason to resent the conduct of men who try to use them for partisan political advantage. The real friends of the soldiers are either at the front or doing something practical and patriotic at home, instead of exploiting the returned soldier for partisan purposes. The provincial opposition is off to a bad start.

The Fredericton Gleaser is fairly well pleased with the new Valley Railway board, and pays the following tribute to Mr. Carter:—"Mr. E. S. Carter, who becomes secretary, is a practical newspaper man of experience in public affairs. As the organizer of the Liberal party in the province he has been an industrious political party agent, and, in some instances, perhaps bitterly partisan. He has shown considerable ability at times against great odds, and, although naturally not in the good favor of party opponents, his political friends and others do not hesitate to acknowledge his ability and to recognize the value of his energy and, in some instances, his determination of purpose."

An unconscious humorist makes the Federation of Labor appear as advocating the following:—"That the fair wages act be amended so as to make the rate of wages received by any workman on government work conform with the union or prevailing rate of wages received by any workman in the same line of work in the locality in which the government is being done." No doubt the government is being "done" in many localities, but that is not what the Federation means.

The Standard refers to the provincial administration as the Carter government. This is the highest compliment it could pay to Mr. E. S. Carter, who would never think of claiming for himself alone the honor of providing his native province with what is beyond question the ablest and safest government it has had for many years. Mr. Carter did more than any other man to expose the old government and so cause its defeat, and that in itself is a great and lasting honor.

The Standard charges that "Hon. Walter E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick, was the first man to rise in his place in the legislature yesterday and vote against the employment of returned soldiers." In this way the Standard seeks to set aside political feeling and line up all parties for patriotic service. This is the Standard's idea of patriotism.

The members on the government side at Fredericton did well to shorten the debate on the address. There is work to do, and the next talkers should be acted. The government will be judged by acts and the words may very well be left to the windy gentlemen on the other side.

The Germans on the western front are still able to attack with great vigor. The Hindenburg line has not yet been broken by the British and French to an extent that would cause the enemy to retire for any distance. There should be no assumption that city men do not desire a chance to do vacant lot gardening. An organization of the right sort would discover many who are willing to do national service along that line. Britain, Canada and the United States should enforce prohibition of the liquor traffic till after the war. Alexander Reid, of Union Street, Moncton, dropped dead near the L. C. R. station rest house yesterday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock. He was fifty-nine years of age and was a carpenter with the C. G. R.

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What the Bachelor Said
"They say," remarked the spinster boarder, "that the woman who hesitates is lost."
"Lost is not the proper word for it," growled the fussy old bachelor at the foot of the table. "She's catin'!"
Hopeful Dorothy
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"Dorothy."
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"I don't know what it will be. I'm not married yet."

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STATEMENT BY ONE OF THE LIQUOR VENDORS
G. A. Cameron Speaks of the Complaints of the High Price Charged
That charges of unduly high prices are not justified in these two reports, having been made by George A. Cameron, proprietor of the Modern Pharmacy and one of the two vendors in the city licensed under the new prohibitory act. Mr. Cameron, like the majority of city druggists, had refused to apply for a vendor's license and consented to do so only after repeated urgings from prominent temperance people. In doing so, he says, his sole object was that of making it possible for persons who need it to secure liquors for medicinal purposes and he did not apply with an intention of making big profits.

Black as Dirt About the Eyes
Liver Was All Upset and There Was Pain Under the Shoulder-blade—Two Interesting Letters
Toronto, Ont., May 16—So many people suffer from derangements of the liver that we feel sure these two reports, having been recently received, will prove interesting reading and valuable information to many readers of this paper.
"I am selling liquors solely for medicinal purposes, as I would any other drug, and am handling them at all simplicity to oblige the people who have actual need of them," Mr. Cameron said. "Presenting the prescription had not been examined by the doctor. The act requires that no prescription for liquors shall be issued except after an examination by a physician. I drew the attention of the physicians to this provision and since then have not received any more prescriptions of this nature."
The extent to which liquor is actually required for medicinal purposes is indicated by the fact that, since the new law went into effect—a period of fifteen days—Mr. Cameron has filled only seven prescriptions calling for the use of liquors. This may be some consolation to the many applicants who were refused vendor's licenses. Mr. Cameron explained the small demand by saying that there are other things which may be used to equal advantage in most cases and that the doctors may be prescribing drugs which are more easily obtainable.
That Mr. Cameron did not anticipate a heavy legitimate demand is indicated by the size of the stock he laid in. In one corner of the store is found his entire stock and its proportions are such as to cause deep grief and disappointment among those who had been looking to the vendor's place of business as an oasis in an otherwise desert-dry city. Before May 1, several dozen sal-

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loons, well stocked from the bottom of the cellar to the top of the highest shelf, were required to supply the alcoholic needs of the city; today, an array of five lonely looking bottles contain the entire supply available for the entire southern and eastern section of the city. The stock consists of one "long-neck" of brandy, with a small quantity missing; one similar package of whiskey; about four ounces of gin; the same quantity of port wine and possibly a pint of sherry. The vendor's shop is no refuge for the thirsty in this city, at least.

THE VACANT LOTS
St. John, N.B., May 14.
Sir—There are undoubtedly many property owners who have vacant lots which they themselves do not intend to cultivate this season, while a neighbor

WOMEN'S BACKS BEAR THE BURDEN
"Campaigns of thrift," "Speeding up for production," and other present day slogans have influenced the women of Canada quite as much, and indeed in some quarters more, than the men.
How many thousands of women everywhere who always kept a "maid" are now doing their own housework to release another pair of hands for the munition factory. Other thousands of young girls who formerly did not find it necessary to offer their services for hire are doing effective work in the munition factories, stores and elsewhere.
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