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Maintaining The Militia.

The need of maintaining the militia force at a sufficient strength is discussed by the Calgary Herald. Hon. R. B. Bennett, at a dinner commemorating the taking of Vimy Ridge, drew attention to the matter. The Herald commenting on the address, remarks that a young man of eighteen years up benefits by the associations and the discipline of the militia; the training is good for him physically; the congenial fellowship of the men in training with him leads to enduring friendships. It is an honorable thing also for a young Canadian to uphold the traditions of regiments that fought for Canada during the war. The article concludes: "To maintain the militia units and the permanent force at the desired state of efficiency is a large undertaking, one beyond the powers of local communities. The Government has to contribute to the effort, and the Government should not give in too rapidly to the protestations of those who see nothing in militia effort but a danger of another war. The financial assistance given the Government at present is not sufficient. With economy in other directions the Government should be able to make more generous appropriations for the upkeep of the trained forces of the Dominion."

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Amalgamation of Railways.

Sir Henry Thornton has taken a step which should mean a great deal to the finances of Canada. He has proposed that the two great railway systems shall co-operate for the reduction of expenses in the conducting the present competition which is ruinous. The railway situation in this country is rendered desperate by the fact that we have constructed in operation between two and three thousand miles of railways that should not have been built. An exceedingly sparse population has settled along some of these stretches of railway, and their interests make it imperative that some kind of service should be given. It appears, however, that in these sparsely settled sections a less frequent service is all that is warranted by the volume of traffic. But it is not solely in the sparsely settled sections that very considerable reductions can be made and still leave the railway service in a position to carry out their needs. In the opinion of expert railway men, it is possible to cut about one-third of the cost of operating the railways annually, and thus make a saving in the cost of operation that would run almost 100,000,000 a year. The railways run as an example. There are three trains leaving Ottawa for North Bay every week, which is a waste of money, and the passengers. This kind of thing prevails at many different points, and by the two railways co-operating to share the traffic that is available enormous economies could be made. If the heads of the two railways could sit in with the Railway Board acting as arbitrator, the interests of both would be protected, and a duplex service avoided. An incidental feature of this proposal is that by such co-operation the rolling stock now owned by the two roads would not need any replenishing for ten years to come. The railway equipment that we have in Canada now is more than sufficient to handle all the available traffic for years to come. It is another consideration. That if by this means we could get rid of the National Railway deficit, which annually calls for fifty million dollars, we would be able to balance our budget and begin the reduction of our debt, which imposes upon us a burden of taxation too heavy to be borne by the industry of the country. There is a bright ray of sunshine for the Dominion in Sir Henry Thornton's proposal and it is hoped in the general interests that will be taken of the opportunity to co-operate and make a heavy reduction in our railway expenditures.

MARRIED AT FAYVILLE, MASS.
A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening, April 15, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gullford Banks, Turnpike road, when their daughter Olive Edith was united in marriage to Frank Kenneth Beals, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Beals of this place. The double ring service was used. Rev. Frank Newey, pastor of Fayville Baptist church, officiating. The bridegroom was in a suit of blue serge, and the bride in a gown of white satin, cream and grey, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms and a string of pearl beads. She carried bride's roses. The bridegroom's dress was rose crepe de chine and she carried sweet peas. The ring bearer wore dotted swiss. The bride's going away dress was blue chambray trimmed with fur and she wore accents of being helvetic, with hat to match. The bride was born in Turbrook, N. S., the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, and moved to Massachusetts when very young and resided in Framingham, where she attended the public school, graduating from Framingham high school last June. She is a member of the First Baptist church, Framingham. The bridegroom was born in Keene, N. H., and has lived in this town seven years. He belongs to the Fayville Baptist church and is also a member of the U. S. Reserves, being master sergeant, Grade 1, of the 12nd Infantry. The couple are recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts, one being a dinner set from the personal clerk of Wolfville, where the bridegroom is employed. Other gifts were china, cut glass, pressed fruit, money, and after the reception to immediate relatives only, the couple started on a short honeymoon trip and on their return will reside on Lexington Street, Framingham.

A Tale of Injustice.
An amazing story of injustice comes from the Province of Quebec. A Rutherford farmer named Alex Korhura, living fifty miles from the city of Montreal, in one of the quiet corners of the Province, had a dispute with a neighbor as to the boundaries of a field. In the quarrel that resulted Korhura punched his neighbor in the nose. That was in November. A few days later, when on his way to Ottawa the man was arrested and has been kept in jail ever since that time. It is hardly believable that a man against whom a charge of common assault was laid could be kept in prison for seven months without an opportunity to defend himself before a court of law. But that is the experience of this Rutherford farmer in the Province of Quebec. How long he would have remained in prison had not his wife walked fifty miles through the bush to find him, it is hard to say. Almost crazy with anxiety the wife finally undertook a walk of fifty miles through woods and swamps to liberate her husband. It was with the utmost difficulty in Montreal that she could find a lawyer who would help her, because she had no money to pay. But finally she did get legal assistance and on a writ of habeas corpus her husband was liberated from Bordeaux jail. All that she possessed the woman had to sell to keep herself alive and find her way to the prison where her husband was incarcerated. So this couple had themselves penniless in a city where they have no friends and unable to speak the language. If ever there was a case for reasonable indemnity for the injustices that they have suffered, it is this one.

Does it Sound Like Peace?
There has never been so much earnest effort put forth to preserve the peace of the world as at present. And in spite of that there has never been such large standing armies as today. Militarism continues to overburden the people of Europe and the League of Nations is impotent to assure the small nations' security because it cannot control the large ones. Millions of war ships, aircraft and poison gas are all being manufactured as before the Great War, while disarmament is discussed at Washington and Geneva. While there are two outlaw nations searching, diligently for more destructive agencies for war, the world must live in a state of preparedness. The latest report is that the Bolsheviks of Russia have discovered a gas so deadly that no mask will afford protection. Their factories are hard at work turning out the new chemical weapon. A secret report states that the gas is invisible and without odor, penetrating pores of the skin, destroying the cells and producing an immediate state of complete paralysis of the nervous system and the heart. The report says the Soviet Government created a special chemical supply research in January, when seventeen former factories and sugar refineries in the Ukraine were converted into chemical works for the manufacture of gases. That is no reason why the efforts for peace should be discontinued. But it should be a warning for the peaceable nations to prepare for possibilities. Of course, France and the Little Entente are doing that, and it explains the huge armies that are being maintained. But what also can they do to provide for their own safety?

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There are more than 18,000 British ex-officers who served in the war who have not had opportunity to work since the armistice, according to recent announcement of the appointments department of the Ministry of Labor which has been endeavoring to place them. They are nearly all highly skilled men. Barons, preparatory company directors and barristers call a title department offices every day in search of jobs, many of them willing to accept positions at almost any wage, says the announcement. Since 1918 the department has placed some 80,000 former officers and men.

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MAN'S WAYWARD POSSESSIONS.
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He explained that he owned two falcons that were always wide awake and anxious to fly where he did not wish them to go; two hawks that were always trying to grab at things; two hares that he had the greatest difficulty in keeping from running away; a serpent that was always seeking to sting and a lion that was proud and ambitious and roaring.
"I cannot understand," said the friend, "why you should keep such animals and let them wear out your strength by the end of the day." And then he added, "Why not get rid of them?"
"It is impossible to get rid of them," said the holy man. "My two falcons are mine eyes that are always anxious to see the things they ought not to see.
" My two hawks are my hands that always want to grab at other people's positions.
" My two hares are my feet, that are always trying to stray out of the narrow path.
" My serpent is my tongue, that I have to keep imprisoned behind ivory gates, or it will sting my neighbors.
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