

PUBLIC NOTICE

Military Service Act, 1917.

Men 19 and 20 Years of Age.

Harvest Leave.

Leave of Absence on Ground of Extreme Hardship.
Procedure to obtain Leave of Absence.

Men Nineteen and Twenty Years of Age.

It has come to the attention of the Government that there is a widespread impression that young men of nineteen years, and those who became twenty since October 13, 1917, as well as those who may become nineteen from time to time and who have been or will be called upon to register under the Military Service Act, are to be immediately called to the colours.

This impression is quite incorrect. No date has yet been fixed for calling upon such men to so report for duty, nor has the question been brought before the Cabinet for decision. In view of the need of labour on the farm, it is most unlikely that consideration will be given to the matter until after the harvest is over, although of course the Government's action must be determined primarily by the military situation.

There is no further obligation incumbent upon young men of the ages above mentioned who have registered or who do so hereafter, until they receive notice from the Registrars.

Harvest Leave.

Some enquiries have been received as to the possibility of granting harvest leave to such troops as may be in the country at that time. No definite assurance can be given on this point as advantage must be taken of ships as they become available. On the other hand, harvest leave will be given if at all possible.

Leave of Absence on Grounds of Extreme Hardship.

It is desired that the Regulations respecting leave of absence in cases of hardship should be widely known and fully understood. Such leave will be granted in two cases:— (a) where extreme hardship arises by reason of the fact that the man concerned is either the only son capable of earning a livelihood, of a father killed or disabled on service or presently in service overseas, or in training for such service, or under treatment after returning from overseas; or the only remaining of two or more brothers capable of earning a livelihood (the other brother or brothers having been killed or disabled on service, or being presently in service overseas, or in training for overseas or under treatment after his or their return from overseas); brothers married before 4th August, 1914, living in separate establishments and having a child or children not to be counted, in determining the fact that the man is the "only" remaining son or brother; (b) where extreme hardship arises by reason of exceptional circumstances such as the fact that the man concerned is the sole support of a widowed mother, an invalid father or other helpless dependents.

It is to be noted that in all these cases the governing factor is not hardship, loss or suffering to the individual concerned, but to others, that is, members of his family or those depending upon him.

Procedure to obtain leave of absence.

A simple system for dealing with these cases has been adopted. Forms of application have been supplied to every Depot Battalion and an officer of each battalion has been detailed whose duty it is to give them immediate attention. The man concerned should on reporting to his unit state that he desires to apply for leave of absence on one or more of the grounds mentioned and his application form will then be filled out and forwarded to Militia Headquarters, Ottawa. In the meantime, if the case appears meritorious, the man will be given provisional leave of absence for thirty days so that he may return home and continue his civil occupation while his case is being finally disposed of.

ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

in the community, in a spirit of national service, to co-operate with the flax-growers to save this crop. The flax-growers have done their part in so largely increasing the acreage under crop, it is now "up to us" to supply the deficiency of labour.

East Lambton Women's Institute

At the annual meeting of the district Institute all the branches were represented with the exception of Aberarder and Aughrim. After the opening ode, minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Each branch gave a three-minute report of the work done during the year, showing great activity in Red Cross work, as well as the usual Institute work. The report of the Queen Mary cot fund was read by Mrs. MacCampbell; the cot is still maintained and the various branches have responded to the call for their apportionment. The sec-treasurer's report showed the following gratifying statistics:

Receipts for District\$84 66
Expenditure 56 44

Balance.....\$28 22

Branch statements were as follows:

	Receipts	Expenditure
Aughrim	\$ 91 99	\$ 79 23
Arkona.....	1093 84	757 23
Alvinston....	216 00	175 32
Brooke.....	61 81	25 47
Florence.....	551 40	451 03
Forest.....	395 85	332 91
Jericho.....	37 44	25 59
Shetland.....	403 97	238 44
Thedford.....	681 00	681 74
Uttoxeter.....	541 48	510 52
Warwick.....	740 28	670 39
Watford.....	126 44	109 70

Total.....\$4941 50 \$3994 57

Subscriptions for cemetery upkeep are taken into this account.

PATRIOTIC WORK

	Receipts	Expenditure
Aughrim	\$ 91 99	\$79 23
Arkona.....	551 82	510 84
Alvinston....	10 00	10 00
Brooke.....	4 75	4 75
Florence.....	513 25	412 88
Forest.....	261 07	200 06
Jericho.....		
Shetland.....	401 12	234 80
Uttoxeter....	534 48	503 52

Warwick 395 87 336 78
Watford 71 40 70 42

Total.....\$3080 52 \$2597 78

Thedford branch did not keep a separate account for Red Cross work, but used all the money they could spare above regular Institute work for Red Cross.

Membership—Aughrim 16, Arkona 52, Alvinston 72, Brooke 30, Florence 56, Forest 20, Jericho 25, Shetland 22, Thedford 52, Uttoxeter 16, Warwick 20, Watford 15—total 396.

The auditor's statement was read and adopted.

Officers were elected as follows:

Hon. Pres—Mrs. A. B. Connor,

Alvinston

President—Mrs. Mac. Campbell,

Alvinston

V P North—Mrs. Wells, Jericho.

V P South—Miss Dobbin, Shetland

Sec.-Treas.—Miss Dier, Forest.

Auditors—Mrs Geo. Walters and Miss Tripp.

The President, Mrs. Wells and Miss Dier were appointed to represent the District at the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture. Instrumental music by Miss Wright was much appreciated. An address by Mrs. Dawes of Thedford, reporting on the Provincial committee conference held at Toronto in April, was much enjoyed.

District directors were formally elected as follows:—

Aughrim—Mrs. Jonas Cox

Arkona—Mrs (Rev) Ball

Alvinston—Mrs Neil McLean

Brooke—Mrs Sherman Hair

Florence—Mrs O. McRoberts

Forest—Mrs S. J. Rawlings

Jericho—Miss G Moore

Shetland—Ethel Elliott

Uttoxeter—Mrs Wm Gove

Warwick—Mrs H Morningstar

Watford—Mrs John Humphries.

The President and Secretary were appointed delegates to the annual convention in London.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president.

A Hespeler man, who allowed his dog to run loose and do damage to a garden carefully cared for by a patriotic citizen eager to help increase production, was fined \$5 and paid for the damage.

FALL WHEAT SEED ANNOUNCEMENT

In view of the partial failure of the Fall wheat crop in this Province this year it will be necessary for farmers to make early arrangements for the supply of seed which they will need for Fall sowing. Under these circumstances farmers who have on hand quantities of wheat suitable for Fall seeding are urged to conserve them for this purpose. If there is no demand locally, the information should be supplied to this Department or to the Local Office of this Department in your own county, so that every effort may be made to have an equitable and satisfactory distribution. The need of foodstuffs justifies a large acreage of Fall wheat in this province again this year, and the co-operation of the farmers in the mobilization and distribution of the available seed supplies is invited.

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Our Aviators Must Have Wings

In response to the appeal sent out early in the season by the Organization of Resources Committee of Ontario, the flax-growers of Western Ontario have acceded to the request to "grow more flax". With at least fifty per cent more flax acreage under cultivation this year there is great need of an organized effort to provide sufficient labour for this increased crop.

As is now well known, flax fibre is absolutely necessary for the construction of aeroplane wings. Flax, therefore, is an indispensable munition of war. At a recent meeting to discuss the flax situation some vital facts were disclosed. Russia and Belgium formerly supplied five-sixths of Great Britain's demand; now they supply little, if any. Consequently, and despite the greatly increased acreage of flax in Ireland, Great Britain has not now more fibre on hand than is sufficient to keep the mills running one and one-half days a week. So the situation is this, that the Allied flyers must have wings and the supply of flax fibre is short. The situation, however, is not one without hope—and Western Ontario and certain parts of the United States are the hope.

Therefore, the flax fibre crop in Western Ontario this year must be saved. The urgent necessity of the fibre for war needs demands it. It is the duty of every one

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