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MR. BLONDIN'S TASK

When Hon. P. E. Blondin goes into Quebec province to raise his battalion he will be to reckon with his friends Bourassa and Tancred Marshall, who are still very busy in the effort to create a sentiment against enlistment, and especially against conscription or the enforcement of the militia act. The Conservative press has grown suddenly hysterical in its joy over Mr. Blondin. And yet there are other French-Canadian leaders of battalions. Mr. Blondin is not the first. All Canada welcomes him to the ranks of the fighting forces, but may be pardoned if it remembers that the war is now more than two and a half years old, and that numbers of his compatriots who answered the call long ago have already given their lives as proof of their devotion. They were men who had never been members of the Bourassa wing of the Borden party. Mr. Blondin has done well to break with that wing, and the more Nationalists he can get into his battalion the greater will be the credit due to him for the course he has now adopted. It is announced that his resignation as postmaster-general will not be accepted. That will relieve the government of the responsibility of taking another Nationalist into the cabinet at the present time. We are told Mr. Blondin expects to raise a battalion in sixty days. Every lover of Canadian unity will hope that his expectations may be fulfilled. The need of men is urgent, and Quebec has been charged with indifference. No man has a better right to attempt to prove that charge false than Mr. Blondin, and since he has the courage to make the attempt, every true Canadian will think the more kindly of him for the challenge he has now thrown down in the name of his native province.

MORE CHERISHING NEWS.

There were some very significant items in the news of yesterday. The German retreat on the western front was still in progress. The Russian armies were shown to be in full sympathy with the revolution in that country. President Wilson summoned Congress to meet on April 2, to deal with the war situation. A dispatch from the Hague declared that a new German peace movement was on foot, and another report told of serious agitation among the war in a number of German industrial cities. In the east the Russians, driving the Germans from Persia, had entered Turkish territory. Another Arab chief had revolted against the Turk. All of this was good news, and while there is still uncertainty as to whether the Germans, while retreating on a portion of the western front, are planning to strike on some other portion of that front, yet the whole tenor of the war news is most encouraging. It is true that the German army is retreating, but it is as sure as that tomorrow's sun will rise that it is still true that the power of the Central Empire wane, the power of the Entente Allies becomes greater, for they will soon have assistance of a practical character from the United States and China, both of which are now to all intents and purposes added to the enemies of the Hun.

A HINT FOR ST. JOHN.

If the business men of St. John would display the same interest in a housing survey as was displayed by those of Charlottetown, S. C., the housing problem here would come nearer to a satisfactory solution. Four hundred of Charlottetown's business men devoted two or three days of their time last week to a careful sanitary inspection of every house and lot in the city. The chief difficulty in Charlottetown was sanitary, but they made a very thorough survey. When the city volunteers were made four hundred business men responded, and the American City for March tells us what they did. It says—

"The city was divided into six districts, with a captain and four lieutenants in charge of each district. The Board of Health co-operated, and appointed each of the four hundred men an assistant sanitary inspector, and the captains were made assistant health officers for the period of the campaign. The mayor, the police department, the women's organizations, and the physicians of the city all co-operated with the Chambers of Commerce steering committee. On an appointed Monday morning the four hundred assistant sanitary inspectors set out to inspect every house and lot in the city. Each man was assigned one square block, and when he had finished that one he was expected to assist in any other territory that might be left unvisited. With a book of printed forms the inspector visited every piece of property in the block."

The inspection was made with special reference to anything of an insanitary nature in or about the premises, and a report was made out on the spot in each case. An immediate result was an enormously increased volume of garbage and waste, that taxed the street department for a month. The reports were sent to the Board of Health, and its regular inspectors took action in cases that called for immediate attention. The

next step was to draw up a report setting forth the greatest sanitation needs of the city, with recommendations concerning them. The business men then got behind the Board of Health and a demand upon the city council for an emergency appropriation of \$5,000. Since the whole business community was behind this demand, it was granted; and the business men saw that it was expended in a way to the most good. A campaign was also begun for an increased annual appropriation, which would enable the Board of Health to increase its staff of sanitary inspectors by nearly 200 per cent, and to enforce sanitary ordinances which had not previously been in force because there were too few inspectors.

If the business men of St. John would undertake the task of securing a housing survey, they could be just as successful in carrying it out as were those of Charlottetown in making a sanitary survey. There is not the slightest room for doubt, moreover, that what these business men would learn in their visitation of insanitary conditions throughout the city would amaze and shock them that they would never rest until the conditions were improved.

Great stress is being placed at the present time upon the importance of preserving child life in order to meet the conditions produced by the waste of war. By far too large a number of children in St. John today are not getting a fair start in life. The business community of the future will profit of suffer according as the business community of today performs or fails to perform its duty to the children, in relation to the matters of housing, health, and education. Is it too much to ask business men's organizations to join in a movement to improve social conditions in this city?

GEN. SMITH-DORRIEN.

There has been an interesting controversy between Sir Henry Newbolt and Gen. Lord Fraser concerning the Battle of LeCateau. Mr. Lord Fraser appears to be of the opinion that there was sharp disagreement between Smith-Dorrien and his commander-in-chief, Sir John French, and that the former fought a disastrous battle in disregard of the peremptory order of the latter. It is true that Sir John French ordered a retirement without a battle, and that Sir John French, General Smith-Dorrien found that it was absolutely necessary to fight at LeCateau to save the situation. The event fully justified the course he pursued, and he was severely criticised by Sir John French after the affair was over. Sir Henry Newbolt makes it perfectly clear, from the official records, not only that Smith-Dorrien pursued the right course, but that he received the highest credit from his commander-in-chief for having saved the army, which was then retreating before overwhelming forces of the enemy. The fight at LeCateau took place in August, 1914, and it has been difficult for Mr. Lord Fraser to secure accurate information on the subject.

The coming spring and early summer should see the beginning of the development of the great recreation field at one of the entrances to Rockwood Park—the entrance by way of Gilbert's Lane. Many years have passed since the generosity of Mr. Joseph Allison made that field available. Some years ago, with a great children's parade, the first sod was turned by a governor-general. Still later the city council had a large sewer pipe extended to the edge of the field, to carry off the water from the little stream that comes down from Lily Lake. Why should that connection not be completed this spring, and enough of the marsh drained and leveled to make at least a baseball diamond? That much could be done without getting an expert to lay out the whole recreation field, for this diamond could fit into any later scheme of development.

All the evidence goes to show that the late Czar of Russia was entirely too much under German influence, exerted through the agency of the Czarina. The value of German princesses in the royal matrimonial market is likely to suffer a serious decline, and small kingdoms or principalities in search of a ruler will be less disposed than formerly to have a German princess thrust upon them.

The Murray government is still dying hard. Its mortal agonies have so affected the Frederickian Gleaner that the latter shows signs of mental aberration. The St. John Standard is also profoundly affected, but it has published Premier Murray's apology to the Acadians, and is gradually becoming reconciled to the inevitable.

The establishment of a shipbuilding plant at St. John would be of enormous benefit. Such a plant should now be in full operation here, and would have been but for the handling back of that hundred thousand dollars to the great firm of Campbell, Laird and Company.

Speaking of the flying corps, whole armies of Germans appear to have joined that arm of the service.

SONG OF A SLACKER

Oh, if I had a mother that said I should,
And I had a girl that said I could,
And my poor head wasn't made of wood,
I would go and enlist for a soldier.

If I were sure of three meals a day,
And could fight in a canoe on Quinno Bay,
And would never be parted from my darling May,
I would go and enlist for a soldier.

If the soldiers' pants had cuffs on the end,
And officers always had money to lend,
And there were ice cream parlors where fellow could spend,
I would go and enlist for a soldier.

Now, if I could be sure of plenty to eat,
And could always fight on a nice, clean street,
And if I did not suffer from real cold feet,
I would go and enlist for a soldier.

LIGHTER VEIN

Little Boy—That lady that talked to me in the park gave me some candy.
Mother—I hope you were polite.
Little Boy—Yes, ma, I was.
Mother—What did you say?
Little Boy—I said I wished pa had met her before he got acquainted with you.

William Dean Howells, novelist, was talking about a poet.
"His work is over-refined, over-didactic, over-sweet," he said.
"In short, his work reminds me of the young husband who said to his bride at the end of the honeymoon: 'Darling, I'll have to leave you every morning hereafter to go to business, but to make the parting less abrupt I'll no longer take the 8.15 express as I used to do—I'll take the 8.20 local!'"

Jones usually sported a handsome gold watch, but a temporary financial embarrassment recently caused him to part with it—in other words, he pawned it. "Hello, old chap!" said a friend, in surprise. "What's happened to that watch of yours?"
"Here it is," replied Jones, blandly displaying a cheap nickel timepiece. "Can't you see properly this morning?"
"But—but," exclaimed the other, "that's a tin watch! The one you usual carry is in a gold case!"
"I know all that," said Jones with a grin. "But circumstances alter cases, old chap."

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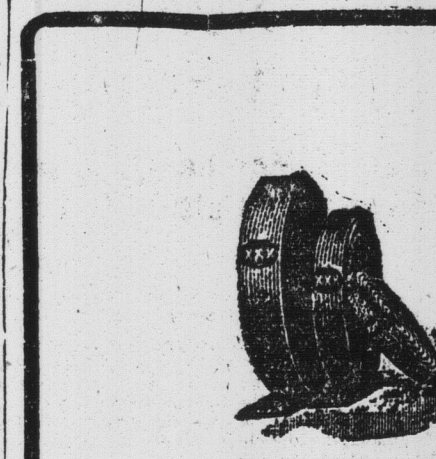
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During the evening the delegates were

banqueted by the local lodge. Officers

were later elected and necessary business

of a routine nature kept the

meeting in session late.

The officers elected were:

H. G. Wadman, Moncton, grand master;

C. B. Perry, Sussex, senior deputy grand

master; J. A. Palmer, Bathurst, junior

deputy grand master; Rev. A. D. McLeod,

St. John, grand chaplain; Neil J. Morrison,

St. John, grand secretary; J. W. McFarlane,

Moncton, grand treasurer; P. W. McNally,

Aroostook Junction, grand lecturer; D. C. Smallwood,

New Brunswick, grand orator; S. W. Smith,

East, Florenceville, deputy grand lecturer;

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