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A GOOD PROMOTION

Hon. A. J. McLean has been transferred from the important portfolio of provincial secretary to the still more important portfolio of public works, perhaps the most important in many respects of all the posts in the cabinet. If this is promotion, and it will be so regarded throughout the province, it is very well deserved.

As head of the department of the provincial secretary, Mr. McLean has shown his worth to the country, though he is not a success at advertising his own achievements. As provincial secretary he was head of the provincial department and the provincial public works.

Mr. McLean does not recognize the patronage system in his department. He selects the ablest men and gives them full liberty to vote as they please. The result is that he has very able officials who are very loyal to the department. The institutions are run as business institutions in that respect.

The new union government is running along as smoothly as can be without a bump or a ripple. We hardly know now that we have a government.

The only regrettable thing about the appointment of George P. Smith to the cabinet is that it puts an end to the Smith-Leedy duel, which has already become one of the features of modern life in this province.

The Gary system of education is under fire in New York. It is one of the innovations in education which may have been ideal for a city like Gary, with a foreign-born population, almost entirely industrial, but would not apply to all cities.

A UNION CONVENTION
Dr. Lafferty, one of the most prominent men in the province, a student of this city well on to half a century, a public man of experience and influence, has acted wisely in facing the Calgary situation and has announced a convention of all parties and all citizens for the purpose of a win-the-war organization, to lead up to the selection of independent win-the-war candidates.

Many men have recognized the wisdom of some such action, but no one had the courage to make the start. The cause is right, the time is opportune and Dr. Lafferty is the right man to make the move.

Dr. Lafferty took a strong stand at the Winnipeg Liberal convention, seconding the Turritt resolution, adding to the win-the-war resolution the words "by conscription if necessary" and supporting it in one of the strongest speeches at the convention.

George P. Smith is not the first newspaper man to be in an Alberta cabinet. W. A. Buchanan, of the Lethbridge Herald, was in the old Balfour cabinet for a few minutes, but he did not tarry long. He soon learned that particular cabinet was no place for him.

In some of these cabinet shake-ups the premier will do well to place his eagle eye upon the humble village of Cochrane and summon from there Charles Wellington Fisher, who from this immemorial has been speaker of the house. A man who has been speaker of the legislature for 14 sessions and has listened to something like 100 miles of oratory per session should receive some consideration from any premier. Besides the south does not have its fair representation in the cabinet.

GET TOGETHER

The preliminary, unofficial negotiations between certain members of the retail merchants and retail clerks regarding the early closing bylaw were not very satisfactory and the two delegations were unable to get together at all. The meeting was private, but it seems that the question of procedure caused a difference of opinion which could not be overcome.

The early closing bylaw must be voted upon by the electors at the coming municipal election, whether or not and nothing can prevent it. The early closing bylaw is objectionable in some respects, however it may be viewed. The suggestion of the merchants in the conference mentioned was that the bylaw should be defeated and then a bylaw satisfactory to all parties be placed before the legislature at the next session.

The suggestion of the clerks was that a bylaw should be passed and all parties agree upon amendments to the act, which might be presented at the next session of the legislature. If the merchants and the clerks can come to terms agreeable to all, it matters very little the procedure to be taken to translate the agreement into legislation, or whether the bylaw is defeated and the agreement substituted by the legislature, or the bylaw passed and a satisfactory amendment substituted later on.

The main thing is for the two parties to arrive at a satisfactory agreement. That should have been done before the matter was placed before the legislature. It can easily be done now, if each party is anxious for an agreement and is willing to make some sacrifices.

Let the merchants and the employees get together upon an agreement satisfactory to all, and the method of getting that agreement placed into binding form will be merely a matter of detail.

The touch of winter that we have experienced shows us that the one-man car has not been fully tested yet. It looks as though it would not stand up under the severe winter weather.

The submarine report for the week is once more favorable with losses much less than the average for the last eight months. The submarine menace is daily becoming less serious.

The Calgary night classes which were opened up in a billiard on Tuesday night were very well attended. The school board has a good thing to offer and the young people are appreciating it.

If any person has any remarks to make about the Alberta weather, now would be a very good time to make them. But this is the very kind of weather that the country has been calling for.

Eighty per cent of the men who are affected by the compulsory draft are claiming exemption, which is another proof that any further effort at voluntary enlistment would not have got us very far.

The Russian bear is giving the world an example of what kind of a fighting animal he is, when he gets a good straight chance at the foe. The bear may be some sort of factor in the struggle before the end of the war.

Across the line a prominent public man has been sentenced to one year imprisonment because he advised certain people to defy or resist the draft. U. S. has some troubles, too, but is facing them in a very forceful and reasonable manner.

The young man who asked for exemption because he was going to be married should remember that Mars is at bat at the present moment and that though Cupid may keep active, that he should preserve his arrows for the munition factories.

A win-the-war convention will clear the political atmosphere and probably arrive at a definite union of our people, and after that we may be able to eliminate party politics and give our undivided attention for a while to the victory loan and paying the city taxes.

Ald. Marshall's argument that as the Borden government has not placed a labor man in the cabinet that therefore the city should elect Ald. Talton to the house of commons, is not exactly consistent, but the conclusion that he arrives at is not to be scoffed at. Calgary would do well to elect a labor man to the commons, as if he has done for the province.

If the merchants and the clerks could get together and arrange a satisfactory settlement about the half holiday and early closing. We shall never have a half holiday happy and satisfactory to all unless there is some sort of unanimity in the celebration. Here is a time for a get-together, if party politicians can get together it should be easy for merchants and clerks whose objects are common.

GRUEL TO KORNILOFF MEN

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The generals arrested for participation in the Korniloff uprising on their departure from Birdtchev, province of Kiev, on October 10, were compelled to walk three miles to the railroad station, while they were jeered, pelted with missiles and threatened by a mob of several thousand persons. The officers barely escaped alive through the strategy of a member of the cadet guard who started the train out of the station as it was being fired upon by the mob.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and through the blood on the liver, kidneys and skin, which it stimulates, and at the same time it improves the digestion.

Half of the total draft receive medical papers
24,980 Classified as Fit for Duty Overseas; All of First Half Volunteer for Examination

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Twenty-five thousand men approximately, have already passed category "A" before the medical tribunals established under the military service act. "A" men are those considered fit for general service overseas. Up to the end of last week, men who submitted themselves for medical examination throughout the Dominion, with their medical categories were: Category "A," 24,980.

Other medical categories, 23,634. Total examinations, 48,614. With the exception of those of Saturday last, when the first proclamation under the act was issued, these medical examinations were entirely voluntary. The figures for last week show a decided improvement over those of the week previous and are considered as very satisfactory.

The system of reporting for service or claiming exemption in writing was devised to prevent the extraordinary inconvenience and dislocation of business that would result if the members of the class selected were obliged to report in person, await their turns to give in their names.

If You Want Evidence

That Hemorrhoids, or Piles, Can Be Completely Cured, Read This Letter. They Are Sworn Statements.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 17.—Next to personal experience the strongest evidence obtainable, if you have any doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment will positively and completely cure piles, these letters should convince you.

Mr. Donald M. Campbell, Campbell's Mountain, N.S., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Ointment with great success for hemorrhoids for fifteen years standing. After trying all kinds of so-called pile cures, three boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment gave me a complete cure. I have also used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and there are no others so good. You may use this letter, if you wish, for the benefit of others who may suffer as I did."

PROMINENT CITIZEN STARTS MOVE FOR WIN WAR ORGANIZATION

(Continued from page one) parties, and must not be left in the hands of a few politicians or selfish party leaders to mislead the people for selfish motives or party advantage.



"For the Red Cross"

Ye that have gentle hearts and fair
To succour men in need,
There is no voice could ask in vain
With such a cause to plead—
The cause of those that in your care
Who know the debt to honour due,
Confide the wounds they proudly bear,
The wounds they took for you.

The British Red Cross once more makes an earnest but confident appeal for our help.

That is why today, October 18th, has been set aside as "Our Day" for giving.

Canada's trust is, that out of their abundance every man and woman will give generously to aid the work of the British Red Cross.

Give Generously Today

Need of sacrifice. "While many parties may not be in favor of some member in the union government we must sacrifice our likes and dislikes and accept the government as it is constituted. We are committed to carry out one imperative need, the reinforcement of our men at the front with the least possible delay, and it is our duty to support it."