

FINISHING TOUCHES NOW BEING PUT ON INSTITUTE FOR BLIND

Training School Will Be Opened in Toronto on September First.

SEVEN THOUSAND BLIND

Blinding of Soldiers in War Has Awakened Public to Needs.

Opportunity for the adult blind is something which up to the present may be said to have been almost nonexistent in Canada. Through the establishment of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind with administrative offices at 35 East King street, a long-felt need is about to be filled and Toronto is to see the first of its kind in this respect by becoming the centre for great things to be done for the class whom the institute is meant to benefit.

Finishing touches are being put to the very pleasant and conveniently situated offices and on September 1 a training school will be opened at 455 West King street in connection with the movement for the industrial training of candidates for admission. This training will be followed up by after-care, which will include the employment and placing of those who have been trained in the schools and shops of the institute. Another phase of the work which will be of incalculable value will be home-teaching, a preliminary measure to this being the work of a field secretary, who will travel the country to search out and investigate the blind in their homes and to study of what lines they may be best advanced.

Still another and most important sphere of the undertaking will be an educational campaign by which the public will be taught that blindness is to a great extent preventable, especially in infancy. Methods for reducing the numbers who daily go to swell the 7,000 blind with which the Dominion is credited, will also be sent broadcast with the hope that eventually the numbers may be greatly reduced through precautionary measures resulting from the teaching that will be given.

Promoters Are Ready. Preparatory work has been going on since March and now the promoters are ready to launch what will undoubtedly be an epoch-making work for Canada. A director, who comes with the highest credentials has been found in the person of C. W. Holmes, a graduate of the Perkins Institute, who for twelve years was superintendent of training and employment for men, Massachusetts commission for the blind, and who has had ten years of sight, by which experience he may add to the knowledge and possessions of a man who was born blind. Mr. Holmes is a Canadian and was born in Quebec.

At the school Henry Wells—who is himself blind—will be in charge and the first industry on which the pupils will enter will be that of broom making, which is considered the most feasible work for the blind, as there is nothing with respect to which the corp by color, which the blind may not handle. Occupations that will follow in the course of training will be reading and writing, also piano-tuning and music generally; telephoning, stenography, poultry farming, armature winding for electric appliances, sewing and painting wings for airplanes. Things which the blind may be taught are practically limitless. The weaving of rugs on hand-looms and cane-seating for chairs will be largely confined to the extensive home industries which it is hoped to develop. Netting, knitting, crocheting, sewing by hand or machine, and the reading of Braille will be things in which women will largely share.

Blinded returned soldiers have proved a great incentive to the movement for care for the blind. The Dominion Government is providing this section of the army, but their presence in the community brings the affliction of blindness vividly before the public. In addition the soldiers themselves are most sympathetic with others because of their own experience. One of these returned heroes is quoted as saying "If the blindness that has come to us will awaken Canadians to its obligations and to opportunities for the blind, then ours will have been well worth while."

Ask Government Aid. Today promoters of the work will wait upon the provincial government to ask their co-operation and financial assistance. It is well-known that the importance of the work is recognized by the government and substantial help is anticipated, though this will by no means militate against the large help which is hoped for from the public generally. In Australia the state gives 50 per cent. of the support needed, the remainder being left to public philanthropy.

Over two-thirds of the blind become afflicted after reaching their majority. This makes it apparent how necessary work for the adult has become in a country which numbers 7,000 blind. At present there are five schools for those under twenty-one. These are situated in Halifax, Brantford and Toronto. Vancouver—Montreal having one for the Catholic blind and one for Protestants. Great interest is taken in the United States by the National Association for the Prevention of Blindness, of which W. H. Taft is the head. The projected school there will be accommodated for 25 or 30 men the up-to-date one nine are registered. The library for the blind and the association for the welfare of the blind as well as the Braille Institute are affiliated with the new organization. Up to the present only 35 blinded soldiers have returned to Canada. Forty-five others are still at St. Dunstan's or other hospitals and will later be returned to their homes.

The message that goes out from the

new institute to the public is an appeal for general co-operation; the need is great, the means to fill it are now at hand; let everyone take up the message and pass it along; let everyone have a share in the good work.

The Officers.
The executive: Honorary president, Sir Arthur Pearson; president, L. M. Woods; vice-president, Capt. E. A. Baker; honorary treasurer, H. D. Burns, Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto; director, C. W. Holmes.

The blind members on the council are: Capt. E. A. Baker, Toronto; Rev. A. T. Barnard, Edmonton; C. W. Carruthers, Toronto; C. R. Dickson, M.D., Toronto; Dr. Thom. Milroy, Winnipeg; S. C. Swift, Toronto; Harris Turner, M.L.A., Saskatoon, A. G. Velts, P.P.C. L.L., Toronto.

There are also representatives from many women's organizations, Mrs. Lionel H. Clarke, representing the Canadian Women's Association for the Welfare of the Blind, and a list of honorary vice-presidents from among the most representative men in the provinces of the Dominion.

HENRY GEORGE LOVE DIES AT MIDNIGHT

The death occurred at midnight Sunday of Henry George Love, late of 96 Gloucester street, after an illness extending over several months. He was born in Bristol, England, and was in his 76th year. Coming to this country in 1871, he established the firm of Brown & Love, builders, and through his connection with the firm until his retirement from business a few years ago. The firm was one of the best known in the city and had built many large business houses in Toronto, including the Western Assurance Co., the old Dominion Bank Building, Canada Life, Bank of Commerce and Victoria College. He was a member of the Queen City Bowling and Curling Club, and had always attended the Jarvis Street Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons.

YORK TAKE STEPS IN REGARD TO COAL

With Reeve T. Griffith presiding the York Township Council met in the council chambers yesterday. Nothing more than routine occupied the attention of the council.

In view of the coal shortage a committee of two, composed of the reeve and solicitor, will hold a conference with R. C. Harris, former provincial fuel commissioner, tomorrow in order to avoid a repetition of last year's condition.

JUDGE DENTON'S SON REPORTED WOUNDED

Lieut. Wilfred H. Denton, 31 Foxbar road, son of Judge Denton of Toronto, is reported to have been wounded on Aug. 9. Word of his being on the casualty list reached Toronto in a telegram received yesterday afternoon. Lieut. Denton, who is 21 years of age, went overseas with the 2nd Highland Battalion. In September of 1916, he was wounded and invalided home to Toronto in May of last year, but on regaining his strength returned again to the scene of battle.

MAKE WAY FOR VIADUCT. House at Head of Sherbourne St. Handed Over to Wrecking Contractor.

The York Wrecking Company have been given the contract for wrecking the red brick house at the head of Sherbourne street which stands in the way of the extension of the Bloor-Danforth viaduct roadway. They will pay the city \$1,000 for the privilege. About twelve different wrecking concerns tendered on the job, but none of them was willing to pay as much as the York Company.

It is provided in the contract that the house must be wrecked and the ground leveled not later than Sept. 10. The city at first proposed to move the house, but on architect's advice decided to wreck it instead.

TO EXEMPT MUNITION COMPANIES.

The chairman of the imperial munitions board, Sir Jas. Plavel, explained to the assessment commissioners yesterday the workings of the various companies under the supervision of the board, which have been assessed by the city. Nothing but what they were legally entitled to was wanted, it was explained, and further the companies organized under the board did not pay dividends, and their capital was furnished by the British Government. The assessment commissioner said all companies entitled to it would be granted exemption.

A. O. U. W. NEW MEDICAL EXAMINER.

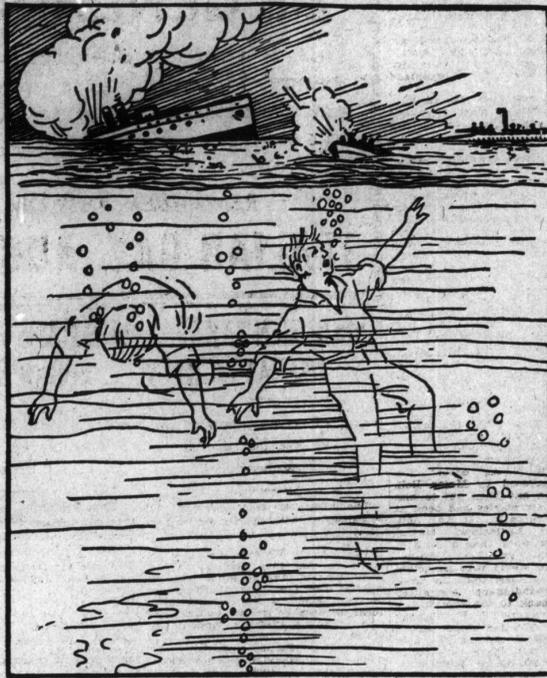
J. Locke Wilson, the grand master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario, has appointed Dr. E. Fraser Bowie to the office of grand medical examiner of the society, as successor to the late Dr. J. Milton Cotton, who ably filled the office for 26 years.

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Let Your Donation Be An Appreciation of This Sacrifice!

As each day sees new victims of the U-Boat, more and more mouths wait to be fed—widows and orphans, who cannot look to governments for relief

"They shall not want!" Say this in the only way that counts—by your contribution.

WE MUST listen to the call that comes from the deep—"Remember the Lusitania! Remember Captain Fryatt! Remember the 176 vessels lost, together with all trace of crew and cargo! Remember the 15,000 men of the *Merchant Marine*, who have already made the supreme sacrifice! Remember the widows and orphans!"

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SIBERIAN EXPEDITION IS VERY POPULAR

It is stated that the latest feature of the campaign for the formation of an expeditionary force from Canada for service in Siberia is the big response from returned officers of the Canadian expeditionary force. About eighty of them have already asked to be given places in the units which will go to Siberia from Toronto military district. It is true that only a moderate number of officers are needed to staff the Toronto district quota, but the response indicates the interest taken in the newest expeditionary force and the eagerness of the returned officers, as well as the returned men, to sign up for service in the cause of Russian liberty.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

For the purpose of securing data on the housing problem, the finance commissioner has prepared a series of questions which he intends sending out to those renting or selling houses. It is not his intention to secure buyers or tenants, but simply to secure general information which would be useful to the committee appointed by council to consider the question.

SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT PROVES SATISFACTORY

Satisfactory conditions at the soldiers' farms near Kapuskasing are reported by Col. Innes of the Soldiers' Land Settlement Scheme, who has just returned to Toronto after an inspection trip to the district in New Ontario. Eighty-six soldiers have so far settled on the homesteads, and 40 of them have their families there. The government will not be able, however, to locate any more soldiers up in the north-country this year as the season is too far advanced. The department is in receipt of scores of applications from returned soldiers who wish to participate in the homestead scheme.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HARVESTERS.

There is every probability that Harvesters' Excursions to Western Canada after August 22nd will be canceled. Those intending to go west should leave on the first excursion. Dates of sale from Toronto and east north August 20th; from Toronto and west and south August 22nd. Canadian Northern Railway special trains leave Toronto Union Station 10.00 p.m., August 20 and 22.

FOUR GERMAN AIRMEN RELEASED IN DENMARK

Copenhagen.—The four German airmen have been examined by the Copenhagen police, and there is no doubt they have escaped from Germany. One of them, George Friedrich Nicolay, a university professor, and author of the "Psychology of War" is a specialist in diseases of the heart, and was consulted by the German Emperor. Prof. Nicolay, the young German airman, was released by the Danish police, and will be permitted to remain in Denmark like other fugitives. It is most likely that Prof. Nicolay intends to get into connection with his friends among the Danish medical scientists.

BRITISHERS RESENT BERLIN PHOTOGRAPHY

London, Aug. 17.—Acting on instructions from the Viceroy of Goole, a workman recently removed a picture on the local roll of honor, it represented Christ on the Sea of Galilee, but beneath it was an embossed stamp, "Berlin Photographic Company."

This had aroused much bitter feeling in the district, and threats had been made to pull the picture down.

NEW HYDRO POWER SITE.

Park, Aug. 18.—Preliminary work has been completed in mapping out

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the hydro power site at High Falls, near here. This is the site which Sir Adam Beck announced was to be developed to supply power for the Rideau district. Plans have been decided upon for harnessing this miniature Niagara and the necessary equipment has been purchased. The High Falls site is one of the most valuable ones to be operated in the Ottawa Valley by the hydro commission. Work on the power line to Perth has commenced.

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