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Dogs, would you live forever?

by John Cairns

On August 4, 1914, Britain proclaimed war on Germany, and in the ensuing four years came fifty-two additional declarations of hostilities. It became the biggest military struggle the world had ever known. It was World War I.

True, no battles were fought within Canadian borders, but the war nevertheless drained this country's resources. The loss of men and materials spread from coast to coast, and traces of the strain appear in the newspapers of the time. Dalhousie's Gazette is no exception. As a student publication, the Gazette could hardly provide extensive war coverage, but neither could it ignore the hostilities. The issue of October 12, 1914, is a good example.

That paper treats the war in several ways. A humorous tone is reflected in an item taken from an English newspaper. Apparently, a young Briton had volunteered for battle only to be turned down. According to the Gazette, he complained, "I want to enlist and go to the front. They will not have me because my teeth are bad. Darn it! I don't want to bite the Germans, I want to shoot them.'

Generally, though, the Gazette treats the fighting much more solemnly. It informs readers that Rudyard Kipling has called to Britons to stand up and meet the war. This statement is followed by a reprint of Kipling's words of inspiration, a four stanza poem. The implication is that Canadians too should heed the great poet, and rise to the

service of their country. For those who comply, the Gazette offers a reward. It names Dalhousie students and alumni who have enlisted, and praises them for their courage

Motherland is in the throes of a great struggle, the supreme struggle, and what is to be our part in it? Are we going to take no part? Are we going to shirk? Are we afraid?

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A cry comes over the storm tossed Atlantic for MEN. Are we willing to answer the cry? Are we willing to sacrifice our present ambitions, our

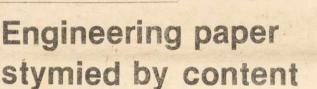


and the contribution they will make.

The most serious note, however, comes in the paper's editorial comments. Under the heading, "To Professors and Students," comes the following pep talk:

"Dogs! Would you live for ever! Trenchant words these, . , yet they should sink into our minds, our very souls. Our

We boast that at Dalhousie we find the very best of Nova Scotia's youth, that here we find the finest mentality, the sturdiest physique. If so, is it not the bounden duty of those who know our country's past, who see her present difficulties-is it not their duty to secure her future, a future with which liberties of the world are indissolubly in-



CALGARY (CUP)-Two printers here refused to print the University of Calgary engineering newspaper because of alleged obscene and pornographic material.

Two press runs of the Esswipe were done, one completely, when they were halted because the staff refused to print the paper.

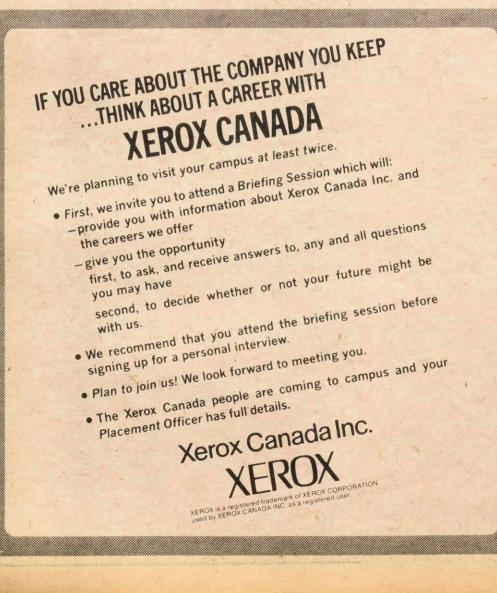
AI Hill, news manager of North Hill News, felt that "the content was really obscene. I don't believe in printing material like this.'

Herald Printers in Lethbridge, said "every printer in the country would be very hesitant to print something like that.'

Perry Graphics, a company that also refused to print the Esswipe originally, has now agreed to do the job. The original objection was the fear of libel.

Owner Al Perry agreed to print the paper when he learned the Calgary Sun had no objections to the Esswipe parody issue, the Calgary Scum.

Perry warns, however, that he has not actually seen the paper and that he "still reserves the right not to print





present aims, for country and Fatherland? Are we will to give in blood, our own blood, the price of Empire, the price of Freedom? Is it that callous indifference holds us bound? Men are wanted. That is the cry. Money given for the sick, the wounded, the oppressed, is good nothing better. But men are wanted. Let that not be forgotten.

Why cannot Dalhousie be the first university in the Maritime provinces to offer a Company of men for foreign service? A Company at least. One Company will not be Dalhousie's limit-be sure of that. Other universities will follow. A regiment of Canadian students! Think of it! And Dalhousie to be among the first! The spirit of our great founder is about us. Is Dalhousie worthy of her great founder?"

In its own way, the Gazette was trying to insure that Canadian muscles would be flexed in distant Europe. It was doing what its staff rightly or wrongly considered its patriotic duty.

