

INSURING THE SOLDIERS.
The Canadian Patriotic Fund Help to Keep Many Policies Alive.

The vast amount of work undertaken by the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the relief and assistance of soldiers' dependents will probably never be fully appreciated. In most cases this work is carried on by voluntary effort, and as the organization extends into almost every town and hamlet in the Dominion but few deserving cases can be overlooked. In the Department of Insurance, for instance, the Montreal branch last month saved for twenty-two families policies which would otherwise have lapsed and been lost to the beneficiaries. These policies represented insurance to the value of about \$30,000, the annual premiums being over \$800. In all this branch is looking after insurance representing not less than \$60,000. In other words, through carelessness or fancied inability to pay premiums, this amount of protection to soldiers' dependents would have been lost if the organization had not financially assisted in keeping the policies alive. In addition to what the organization is directly financing, the total amount of insurance saved to dependents within two years by the Committee's advice and counsel is in excess of \$200,000.

The experiences of the committee in these matters is a revelation in human nature. One woman preferred to buy a new skirt rather than renew a policy on the life of her husband who was battling in a Flanders trench. Another woman, whose husband is daily facing German bullets, would have allowed her policy to lapse rather than take the amount of the premiums out of the savings bank. Another instance worth recording is unfortunately typical. The

woman had an idea that insurance was all right for the rich, but that in her straitened circumstances she should not be expected to make any sacrifice to maintain her husband's insurance, in this case amounting to \$1,000. After an hour's argument with her on behalf of herself and baby boy, she reluctantly consented to accept a loan of \$50 from the Fund to cover the premium, this amount to be repaid in monthly instalments. The husband was subsequently killed in action, and the wife received the full face value of the policy. It was a grateful mother who called a few days later and tearfully thanked the committee for their advice and assistance.

Since this branch of the work was organized practically every woman interviewed has acted on the committee's advice. In many cases the committee has had to act quickly and without consulting the woman, and here again there was little friction, matters being afterwards satisfactorily explained to the dependents. In this connection it is gratifying to note that the insurance companies have generally dealt liberally and sympathetically with relief committees.

- RIFLE SHOOTING**
Scores of last night's shoot at the armories:
- H. Hall 100
 - W. J. Andrews 97
 - A. R. Symons 97
 - J. Dunch 96
 - M. Dufoe 96
 - C. J. Willis 96
 - C. J. Symons 95
 - M. Wright 93
 - J. S. Peck 89

Judge Clute of Toronto is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

New Goods For Xmas

- Handkerchiefs 5c to 50c.
- Women's Neckwear 25c to \$2.50.
- Kid Gloves 1.25 to 2.50.
- Wash Gloves 75c to 1.00.
- Silk Hosiery 50c to 2.50 pr.
- Cashmere Hosiery 25c to 75c pr.
- Roulette Caps 25c to 1.25.
- Silk Blouses 1.10 to 5.00.

- CREPE DE CHENE BLOUSES**
- Exclusive styles, 2.75 to 6.50.
 - Kimono 1.00 to 3.00.
 - Hug-me-Tights 75c to 1.50.
 - Sweater Coats 1.25 to 12.50.
 - Umbrellas 75c to 6.50.

- MEN'S FURNISHINGS**
- Irish Linen Handkerchiefs 10c to 35c.
 - Khaki Handkerchiefs 10c to 1.00.
 - Gloves 50c to 2.50.
 - Shirts 75c to 1.50.
 - Box 25c to 75c pr.
 - Neckties 25c to 1.00 each.
 - Underwear 50c to 6.50.

- FINEST STOCK OF MEN'S MUFFLERS**
IN THE CITY 50c to \$3.50
Sweater Coats 98c to 7.00.

Right Goods Right Prices
Wims & Co

ALWAYS TOO LATE.

TORONTO, Dec. 5th, 1916.—Just what amount of pressure is necessary to persuade the Ontario Government to take action? Lethargy of the most lamentable sort has invaded practically every department of the government and nothing seems to be done until the government is simply driven to it.

The latest example of this is Mr. Ferguson's announcement of a re-organization of the Forestry and Fire Prevention Service of Ontario.

Talk about "locking the stable door after the horse is stolen!" In spite of the terrible warning of the 1911 fire in Northern Ontario, in spite of the constant urgings of the Opposition for a more progressive policy, the government year after year neglected its duty until this summer came the still more disastrous northern fire, destroying hundreds of human lives and millions of dollars' worth of property.

Not long ago the Ottawa Journal, one of the leading Conservative papers in Canada, described the policy of the Ontario Government as a "provincial disgrace." "In the matter of forest fire protection," said the Journal, "this province has shown an amazing lack of progressiveness and intelligence. It is doubtful if there is a community on this or any other continent that has suffered more in life and treasure in recent years from forest fires than the province of Ontario. It is certain that none has shown greater feebleness or negligence in dealing with the problem."

Now the government has announce-

ed, in answer to a deputation, a re-organization of the Forestry Department and the appointment of Mr. E. J. Zavits as chief of the new department. Time will show how effective the re-organization is, but in the meantime the government obviously stands convicted of the most appalling lethargy and neglect in the years between 1911 and 1916.

Neglect of Feeble-Minded
Serious neglect of feeble-minded in the province, with grave attendant results, is the charge again renewed against the government, this time at a meeting of the Academy of Medicine in Toronto. Conditions in Toronto and other centers were described by Dr. C. K. Clark, retiring superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital and President of the Ontario branch of the Provincial Association for the care of the feeble-minded, and Dr. C. M. Hincks of the Psychiatric Clinic, as "revolting," "awful," "ghastly," and "nauseating." "When the facts are disclosed," said Dr. Hincks, "they should make your blood boil at the government's indifference."

It isn't as if this was the first time the question had been brought before the attention of the government. It is one of the many cases where the government has deliberately ignored warnings and complaints and is now reaping the harvest of open discontent.

At a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the City of Hamilton in March of this year, Alderman Wright, Conservative, censured the government for neglecting to deal with questions relating to the feeble-minded. In April of this year, Dr. Clark placed the matter strongly before the government at the annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association. On the 19th of April the Liberal in the Legislature presented a resolution asking the government to submit adequate plans to meet the serious conditions disclosed in the report of the Inspector of Feeble-minded. The government, following its ordinary custom of ignoring such reforms, voted down the resolution.

"The problem of the feeble-minded is one of the utmost importance and seriousness, and against the government there is a serious indictment."

East Lambton Convention
D. J. McEachern, Alvinston, was nominated as Liberal candidate for the provincial constituency of East Lambton. Other contestants were R. J. McCormick, ex-M.P.P., Warwick, and Duncan White of Rossanquet. The nomination was made unanimous. Mr. J. C. Elliot, M.P.P. in praising the Prohibition Legislation, pointed out the uncertainty and zigzag course pursued by the government on this issue even in South West Toronto after the passing of their own Act. He hoped that now, however, the government's attitude would be more settled.

FACTS FOR HEALTH SEEKERS TO PONDER OVER

Nearly every disease can be traced to clogged or inactive stomachs, livers or intestines. Indigestion, biliousness, headaches and insomnia all emanate from this cause. Keep these organs in working order and you'll have continuous good health. No case was ever treated with Dr. Hamilton's Pills and not cured; their record is one of marvelous success. Dr. Hamilton's Pills are very mild, yet they cleanse the bowels promptly and establish healthy regularity. You'll eat plenty, digest well, sleep soundly, feel like new after using Dr. Hamilton's Pills—one a dose—25c a box everywhere. Be sure you get the genuine Dr. Hamilton's Pills, in a yellow box always.

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BUCHAREST MAY FALL
Roumanians and Russians Are Fighting Desperately.

After the slight defeat suffered by the Germans on Sunday, von Mackensen's Forces Advanced Again and Are Now Close to King Ferdinand's Capital.—The Official Moment Has Arrived.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—All eyes are still turned on Roumania, where the fight to save the Roumanian capital is still in its critical stage. The recovery of the Roumanian in the region between Alexandria and Bucharest was speedily changed into a recoil by the arrival of fresh bodies of Teutons and Bulgarians. These counter attacked the Roumanians and the Russians, and they occupied the village of Gradistea, 13 miles south of Bucharest, but the battle is undecided and the Allies are holding out to gain time for other reinforcements to arrive.

North-west of Bucharest the Roumanians, subjected to strong pressure by the Germans, are continuing their retirement, and they have evacuated Tergoviste, according to Berlin, as well as Titu. The Teutonic troops are continuing their progress eastward north of the capital, but the Roumanians have managed to keep in touch with the other groups of forces defending the capital farther south.

It is recognized that the next few days are likely to have a critical influence on the whole campaign. Every hour's delay enables Russian support to develop, and further Russian aid to arrive. The foe is concentrating forces rapidly also in Roumania.

The new Russian effort is visible on the Danube, south of Bucharest, where newly arrived Russian troops are making an important attack on Field Marshal von Mackensen's rear, already, according to the Russian official report, with some success. 26,000 men and 100 guns are reported to have been taken, and the Germans and Bulgarians having been driven from Troiana and Gostinari and compelled to retire. The Russians are also successfully applying pressure in Dobruja.

These Russian attacks on the two extreme flanks of the central forces, although they may be too late to save Bucharest, if successfully prosecuted, change the complexion of the Roumanian campaign, as there is no indication as yet that the enveloping movement of the central powers has succeeded in cutting off any considerable portion of the Roumanian armies.

Will Fight to End

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Alexander Trotski, the new Premier at the opening of the Douma in Petrograd today, says a Reuter despatch from the Russian capital, reiterated Russia's determination to prosecute the war until victory is attained.

"More than once it has been declared from this place that there never will be a premature or separate peace," Trotski reports the new Premier as saying. "Nothing can change this resolution. The whole world must know once more that whatever differences and whatever temporary checks are encountered, Russia and her valiant allies will mobilize to the last man and will sacrifice all their patrimony."

But the war will be carried on to a decisive end until the German yoke and German violence have disappeared forever. The power of the enemy is waning and the hour of the desired retribution approaches even more rapidly.

Nevertheless immense efforts will be required to definitely break the resistance of the enemy, who is using all his strength against us. The resources of Russia are inexhaustible, but the harmonious and close co-operation of the whole population for the use of these resources is a necessary accomplishment to the desired end, namely, the overthrow of our enemies."

Carried No Troops

LONDON, Dec. 5.—A statement was issued by the Admiralty Sunday night, which makes reference to German wireless messages to the embassy at Washington, promulgating mendacious reports purporting to emanate from Rotterdam that the British hospital ship had been captured. The Admiralty reiterates that a complete statement of all persons aboard the Britannic was published November 24, and adds that British hospital ships carry neither personnel nor material other than is authorized by the Geneva and the Hague conventions.

The British hospital ship Britannic was sunk in the Aegean Sea on November 22. Inquiries failed to establish whether she was destroyed by mines or torpedoes. According to the British Admiralty statement the Britannic had on board 1,125 persons, of whom 625 composed the crew and 500 were attached to the medical staff of the various Royal Army Medical Corps, including 76 nurses. About 50 persons perished.

High Cost of Living

BRANTFORD, Dec. 5.—The first definite step regarding the high cost of living will be taken by the joint committees of the city when the coal-dealers of the city will be asked to produce statistics showing the cost of coal to them, overhead expenses, and profit. Following this inquiry it will be determined whether the time is opportune for the establishment of a civic coal yard. Other municipal establishments for sale of natural products will be enquired into.

Commons to Vote \$2,000,000,000.
LONDON, Dec. 5.—The new vote of credit to which the Premier will ask the House of Commons to agree on Thursday will be for \$200,000,000. This would bring the total for 1916 up to \$2,000,000,000.

Sinclair's Sinclair's

DON'T DELAY YOUR XMAS SHOPPING

EARLY BUYERS ARE SATISFIED SHOPPERS

WE ARE NOW MAKING OUR XMAS DISPLAY

Gloves and Hosiery
Ladies' Handkerchiefs
Children's Handkerchiefs
Men's Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Neckwear
Ladies' Hand Bags
Table Linens
Fancy Linens

Ladies' Silk Waists
Ladies' Silk Dresses
Ladies' Wool Dresses
Ladies' Silk Underskirts
Stripe Silk Waists
Ladies' Crepe Waists
Ladies' Kimonos
Children's Coats

Ladies' and Children's Underwear

Never have we shown such a complete range of Ladies', Misses' and Children's knitted Underwear and our prices will be a pleasant surprise to you. These Goods were bought at old prices, over a year ago and could not be repeated now. If you require Ladies', Misses' or Children's Underwear, it will pay you to buy now.

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ONLY THREE WEEKS TILL XMAS

If you are going to do any crochet Work art needle work or wool work for the holidays we would advise you to get your materials now while our stock is complete.

Chas. N. Sulman
The Beehive

Opening Display Of Xmas Dolls At Attractive Prices All This Week

Here is a complete range of everything to be had in Canadian Made Dolls and every one of them from the cheapest to higher priced ones are marvelous examples of Canadian Workmanship, and better still they are all of the Knockabout Type bound to give great service.

Prices range from 5c to \$2.25.
See our special \$1.00 Beauty.

Great Showing of Doll Carriages
from 75c up to \$3.75.
Buy them now while the display is complete. We will lay aside any Doll or Carriage and deliver them required.
Bring the Children in to see the Doll display.

McIntosh Bros.

- GIFTS TO THE SHELTER.**
- The Board of Management of the Children's Shelter gratefully acknowledges the following gifts during the month of November:
- Bridge Street Methodist church—Bread, butter and beans.
 - Friend—6 aprons.
 - Mrs. G. Wallbridge—4 jars jelly.
 - Mrs. Sinclair—Parcel of clothes.
 - Mrs. Jacks—Box of biscuits.
 - Mrs. McBride—Parcel of clothing and box of babies' clothing.
 - Mr. Bailey—3 chickens.
 - Mrs. Sawyer—Parcel of girls' underwear.
- Mrs. La Barr—Parcel of clothing.
 - A Friend—15 pairs of boots.
 - Miss Hayes—2 suits of underwear.
 - Mrs. Belair—3 aprons.
 - Mrs. Sinclair—4 hats and 1 dress.
 - Daughters of Empire—Bread, butter and cake.
 - Methodist church—Cake and coffee.
 - Mrs. Weir—Parcel of children's clothing.
 - Mrs. Duprau—Cake.
 - Mrs. Doollittle—Parcel of clothing.
 - Mr. Twiddy—Basket of apples.
- Holloway's Corn Cure takes the corn out by the roots. Try it and prove it.

RITCHIE'S Saturday Only AN Exhibition of The LATEST STYLES IN LADIES' AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRESSES IN OUR DRESS SECTION

Tomorrow—Dozens of Exclusive Dress Models will be displayed for your seeing, and you will have the privilege of ordering from any of them if you so desire, as they are the entire range of style models from the largest Dress Manufacturing firm in Canada.

The newest Materials for this and the coming Season are shown such as Silks, Silk Crepes, Crepe de Chenes, Serges, Chiffons, Charmeuse and other fabrics in the most Authentic Styles.

A special representative will be in attendance, and we cordially invite you to visit our Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department tomorrow, and see this especially interesting display.

Our Centre Windows Displays a Beautiful Collection of CHRISTMAS BLOUSES

Our Christmas display of Blouses is exceedingly beautiful, illustrating the Newest Styles and most wanted Materials. See our centre window tonight, prices

\$3.75 to \$10.00

The Ritchie Company Limited

RITCHIE'S MENS STORE

YOUR GIFT TO HIM

To be most appreciated must be practical, and Ritchie's Mens Store is the home of the most sensible and appreciated Gift Suggestions imaginable. For instance it might be Hosiery, Gloves, Shirts, Neckwear, Mufflers, Underwear, Pyjamas, Nightgowns, Umbrellas, Clothes Bags or Suit Cases all at the most moderate prices.

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Sees Bright Future—Reforestation on Opening

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The opening of Council on Tuesday Shire Hall was marked by a festive and patriotic tea given by the Mayor, Mr. Fred Jeffs, and late Wesley E. B. reeve of Rawdon.

"It is with pleasure to the last session Council," said His Honour mentioned the den P. P. Clark and W.E. Dawkins, both of whom said that we have lost two not ing qualities."

Reference was made to the bridge built been carried on. The tuge Committee will tement with the C. Refuge property.

"Since coming to Toronto to Montreal While I think the au looked after, I believe should be providing should not interfere front route. Before enterprise is undertaken road to the north up."

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