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A DEBT OF HONOR.

There is a big job ahead of the Board of Appeal appointed as a result of last session's Dominion legislation, which gives the Pension Act more scope and elasticity, and which is intended to assist the soldier in his dealing with returned soldiers less dependent upon the letter of the law and more in accord with the spirit. That further amendments may be necessary as practice reveals the need for them is probable enough. The new board will get to work in the near future, and it is anticipated that as a result there will be complete and sympathetic exploration of cases of a class which the veterans' control were formerly dismissed summarily through a bureaucratic view of the law or through lack of the machinery necessary to secure all of the facts essential to a just decision.

There is, perhaps, too little public appreciation of the amount of work which administration of the act involves. Some of the figures show how great is the task, and they serve, also, to remind us of the nature and extent of the country's debt to those who served and to their dependents. Last year the Pension Board increased 4,500 pensions, discontinued 4,074, reduced 4,229, and refused 1,764 applications. At the beginning of 1923 there were in force 19,046 pensions payable to dependents of dead soldiers, which meant a yearly outlay of \$12,887,287, and disability allowances, covering 45,188 cases, involved during 1922 a total of \$80,871,000. There was a great reduction in the total number of cases in both these classes, but an increase in the total expenditure. In 1920 the cases numbered 87,026. This number was reduced to 64,789 in 1922, but the liability increased from \$38,174,000 to \$80,871,000. The total number in receipt of benefits in 1922 was 146,841, women and children making up the majority.

The Appeal Board will be busily engaged from the outset with applications for increases and with new cases, many probably which have hitherto been rejected. Under the new legislation many who were outside the law become eligible. Men who were accepted as fit by the recruiting officers and who subsequently developed disabilities which they may have suffered in some degree before entering the service will now be held eligible. It was held by Parliament, and rightly, that as such men were willing to serve, and were accepted, they should not be discriminated against because of illness discovered at recruiting time, subsequently grew worse, whether they were aggravated by military service or not. In many such cases it would be difficult to tell whether such disabilities were or were not due to service, but the country was eager to accept these men at the time and later, when ailments rendered them unfit both for army work and their old occupations, they could not fairly be dismissed as without claims.

The men of the Appeal Board are spoken of as either having seen service during the war or having done work making them familiar with the problems of soldiers. In fact a competent authority says the personnel of the Act is in itself an assurance that the board will be administered justly and with a spirit of sympathy and equity. If such proves to be the case the country's desire that the treatment of returned men shall be generous rather than unsympathetic or strictly technical will be met. It is a task demanding patience, insight and patriotic feeling, and surely it is one of very great responsibility. The country's debt to those who fought for it can never be adequately discharged, but certainly this debt of honor above all others—that of assistance to the disabled and the dependents—must be met so fully and as ungrudgingly as possible.

STRIKES—A BAD RECORD.

The anthracite field has a bad record in the matter of strikes. That in 1922 lasted five months, and tied up the whole anthracite industry. Here is the record from 1902 down, not over the whole hard coal region.

1902—Eighty-three days.
1906—Fifty-two days.
1910—Eighty-eight days.
1912—Forty days.
1914—Sixty-eight days.
1918—Thirty-five days.
1922—One hundred and fifty-five days.

That is not the whole story by any means. There were short strikes in 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and since 1900 there have been seven other strikes which lasted less than five weeks but which while they lasted stopped mining operations in half or more of the entire anthracite territory. It is an almost unbroken record of strife, and while the miners and the operators have been continually engaged in war or in preparing for the next struggle, the public has on no occasion been really prepared to meet a coal famine. Nor have the hardships to

practical solution of this problem to have a definite formation of public opinion to build and rely upon." In this, he said, no political party should seek selfish advantage; party rivalries should stop at the edge of the high seas. Evidently he had in mind that his country should not attempt to give the world a new lead in the matter of "world re-organization for the abolition of war" through a system of international cooperation. The door is still open for such a movement. It is the task of world leaders to launch such a crusade, not to wait for it; to give public opinion a starting point and a definite programme, not to await the pressure of public opinion.

A \$5,000,000 contract for three years for a child three and a-half years old, a baby film star, is reported from Los Angeles. The world will sigh with relief that little Peggy Montgomery should not be able to keep the wolf from the door for a few years more. The parents "participate" in the arrangement, shining by reflected glory. A typical Hollywood tale, from another world than ours. This one is going to be hard for the other press agents to live up to.

"The double liability for bank stocks extends to the previous owner if there was a change of ownership within sixty days of the suspension," says the Toronto Star. "The ones on him to recover the money from the man he sold to—if he can."

Governor Pinchof, representing the President, has begun his struggle to prevent the anthracite strike, but, to paraphrase an old one, he finds that both sides are open to persuasion but they would like to see the man who could persuade them.

KIND CITY LIGHTS.

(Mary Ross in Christian Science Monitor.) After the velvet dusk fell somberly upon a day of rain, which now has ceased, The City Lights glow friendly, clear formation; Serried ranks of defense against the dark.

Like soldiers faithful to their government! Or like innumerable earth-stars flaring back to those in the far sky illumine the dark streets. Till these become a shining path. Guiding us home to quiet happiness—To the great service of humanity! Even in dim and narrow passages cheerily flash and gleam. Lighten our way! And we go on and on, Thank you, kind City Lights, We are all grateful for your faithful shining. And for all that faithfulness betoken!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Young Skeptic. Teacher—Who was the man who never told a lie? Pupil—Ah, Who, indeed?

Useful. Ted—Why don't you along with the bunch? I never knew him to buy anything. Ned—Neither did any one else. But he knows where you can get it.

Gentle Reminder. Husband (as wife shifts gears). That reminds me, I must stop at the beef factory on the way home—Judge.

Positively Diabolical. "What we can't understand," grins the Brookfield (Mo.) Argus, "is how a defective tire always knows when we have on white flannel pants."

The Cat. Madge (describing motor accident). "The surgeon had to take four stitches in my face." Marie—That's what might be called plain sewing.—Boston Transcript.

Cheap at the Price. "Madam, you lose your thumb in this trolley accident all right, but can you prove it was worth the \$3,000 you are suing the company for?" "Judge, it was the thumb I kept my husband under."—Columbia Record.

Something Else Again. Biggs—Why did Brown's wife divorce him? Boggs—Because he bought a new typewriter. Biggs—That was no cause for divorce. Boggs—Well, you see, this cover was an imported French gown.

BIRDS.

(Victoria Colonist.) Introducing the Duke of Wellington, yes, the grim conqueror of Waterloo, the extinguisher of the Corsican Firebrand, the iron gentleman who never lost an English gun, led the High Tory Party and at the critical moment did not say, "Up, Guards, and at 'em." Now that we have identified him we may go on with the story. In the town of Aldershot in England there is an equestrian statue of the Duke. His Grace, heroic size, is sitting in the uniform of a field marshal on a horse, his right leg raised and his right arm pointing to the sky. A flowing mane and tail—all metal; also the Duke. Part of the Duke's uniform is a cocked hat with plumes cast in bronze or some similar enduring substance. The Duke has been sitting like this for a long time, and here is what happened. A pair of jackdaws have built their nest in the plumes of the cocked hat. A family of starlings has set up house in the palm of the Duke's left hand. Another family has built a little love-nest up his sleeve. Two wise birds have erected a desirable suburban dwelling in the Duke's stirrup and his boot. The Duke has accepted the situation without a ruffle in his iron dignity and the birds are taking it in good part, too. The birds come and go about their business, and altogether they constitute a varied and happy family.

AWAY SOON ON TWO YEAR EXPEDITION

Scientists to Comb the Antarctic and Part of Africa.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 27.—(Associated Press.)—What is said to be the longest and most extensive natural history expedition ever undertaken will be started in September, under the direction of George Finlay Simmons, Texas naturalist. The expedition, which is sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will cover approximately 25,000 miles and will be in progress two years.

The expedition will leave New London, Conn., on a specially equipped schooner, commanded by George Comer, who commanded the McMillan Relief Expedition in 1917. The party will visit many volcanic islands and wild regions in the Antarctic and Indian oceans.

The first landing will be at St. Paul, off the coast of Brazil. From there the course will lead directly into the Antarctic. Investigations will be made and specimens of bird and other life collected on the South Georgia Island, Sandwich and Latter Islands.

After visiting the Antarctic, the party will move to Cape Town, Africa. The winter season will be spent in Africa. Expeditions will be made into the mainland along the west African coast, and visits to St. Helena and Ascension Island in the middle Atlantic.

On approach of the Arctic summer, the naturalists will go to the southern part of the Indian ocean. Life on the Crozet, Desolation and Kerguelen islands will be studied, and an effort will be made to get specimens of the giant sea elephant of the Antarctic.

The party will include more than fifteen recognized naturalists.

UNDER THE EARTH.

(Boston Herald.) These are great days for tunneling in the making. Tunnels just completed and tunnels planned. If you want an example near home, take that latest venture in tunneling beneath the city of New York.

More than a thousand men are engaged, 8,000 feet of the tunnel have already been made, and there are expectations that it will have been put through "in the rough" by the spring of 1925. Then the engineers will add the concrete lining and arrange the roadway, making it a permanent structure from the day of its opening.

For a tunnel just made, turn far off to New Zealand. Rejoicing crowds gathered the other day to celebrate the latest triumph of British engineering. The new structure extends from Otira to Arthur's Pass, its underground length measuring nearly six miles. It is the longest tunnel in the world.

The engineers plied on year after year the cost of the tunnel, estimated at 800,000,000 gold francs, between French and English financiers. A French company has received full power from its government "to go ahead," and all now needed to make "Napoleon's dream" a reality is the official consent of Great Britain. When the French emperor first sounded the English on the project their statesman, Fox, replied: "That is one of the great things we could do if we could work together."

Now that the two nations can satisfy that requirement the channel tunnel is as good as begun.

EIGHTEEN PAST EIGHT.

(New York Sun and Globe.) To the Editor of The Sun and The Globe—Sir: Your contributor in an article in "The Sun's Rays" on Friday, August 17, referring to the fact that most clock signs before jewelers' shops read 18 minutes after 8, makes the comment:

"Who the original wooden clock at these split minutes has never been discovered. It was one of those things that just happened." According to information which passed current during my youth in the years just after the civil war and accepted at that time as correct, this did not "just happen," but was established by resolution of the existing jewelers' association to commemorate an incident that had a most profound effect—namely that it marks the minute that John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln.

FRED E. MARTIN.

EAST ST. JOHN HOUSE IS BURNED

A two-story dwelling in the Red Head road, East St. John, owned by the East St. John Building Co., Ltd., and occupied by S. Howard Hicks and J. T. Cooke, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the kitchen, and the flames spread rapidly to the other parts of the house. The loss will be in the vicinity of \$10,000, and only partially covered by insurance.

A watchman in the street was the first to discover the fire, and at that time it was burning in a brisk manner on the wall at the rear of the range in Mr. Hicks' apartment. The alarm was quickly given and in a short time the neighbors assembled, and no body of men could have worked harder, or with better success, than they did under the circumstances. The front door of the lower flat was broken in, and a party of men were able to save the piano, but by this time the fire had gained so rapidly that nothing more could be salvaged and had to be left a prey to the flames.

Four lines of garden hose were obtained and small streams of water were played on the properties adjoining the burning house on either side, but the fire was too well established, and also W. G. Potter, the Parker house being only fifteen feet distant from the fire, was badly scorched, but will be fit for occupancy in a couple of days. Mr. Potter's house is new, was reported not damaged.

WILL ENFORCE THE DIMMING LAW

The automobile traffic on the Rothery road was reported yesterday after noon and evening to have been very heavy. Five of the drivers last night failed to dim their headlights, and they will appear before Magistrate Allingham in the Fairview police court in the course of a few days. It is understood that the law will be enforced strictly, and in the future drivers who have not dimmed their lights will be placed under arrest.

BLACK SEA PIRATES KILL ALL ABOARD, SCUTTLE SHIP

Outlaws Use Steamship in Raiding Sailing Craft Carrying Attar of Roses.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 27.—A case of piracy on the Black Sea, in which the captain and crew of a sailing vessel were slain, is officially reported to the Department of the Interior by the Mayor of Burgas.

The vessel was the Biala, bound from Burgas to Constantinople with attar of roses. According to the story of two men arriving at Burgas in a motor boat, who say they witnessed the affair, the Biala was brought to a halt by shots fired by a steamship named Georgief, which crew fired and killed the captain and crew. The Biala was then set adrift in a sinking condition.

COMING HERE FROM CHINA.

Rev. William Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, who have spent more than half a year in China, are expected to arrive in the city on Tuesday from Quebec and will address a meeting here on Wednesday night. Mrs. Taylor is one of the members of the first Canadian party which went to China in connection with the China inland mission in 1888. They will return to China in January next.

Playing with matches, ten year old Minnie Dupluis, daughter of Charles Dupluis, 58 Clarence street, is in the General Public Hospital, suffering from some severe burns. She will recover.

A Good Start at School

The trouble with more than half all backward scholars can be traced to their eyesight. When on special examination glasses are fitted they catch up with the others. Official tests in big cities prove this over and over again.

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ST. JOHN FOLEY CANADA

FATHER BORGMANN AT ST. BRIDGET'S

Celebrates Mass at Chapel Grove and Meets Old Friends

Services at St. Bridget's Church, Chapel Grove, yesterday were of special significance due to the presence of Rev. Joseph Borgmann, C. S. S. R., of St. Mary's Church, Annapolis, who came to this city to attend the anniversary of St. Peter's Y. M. A. Father Borgmann, who was stationed at St. Peter's Church for many years was also in charge of St. Bridget's Church and yesterday he again celebrated mass there and visited his former parishioners.

Mass was at 10 o'clock (old time) and was attended by every member of the congregation in addition to a number of people of St. Peter's parish. Father Borgmann spoke first on the gospel of the day and then told of his pleasure at again having an opportunity of celebrating mass there. He recounted many happenings at Chapel Grove from the days when the church was built until his departure for the U. S. At the conclusion of mass the members of the congregation flocked around their beloved former pastor in a hearty reception.

People of other denominations also attended the service and took opportunity of renewing acquaintances with a priest who was so well known, loved and respected by all.

REDUCED FARES FOR TORONTO EXHIBITION.

For the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Aug. 23 to Sept. 8, reduced fares will be given on the Canadian National Railways, particulars of which will be furnished by all ticket agents in the future. The going rates will be from Aug. 24 to Sept. 7, and the return limit is Sept. 12.

This is a splendid opportunity for those desiring a trip to Montreal and Toronto at a very pleasant time of year. The going rates will be from Montreal to Toronto, and the return limit is Sept. 12.

Marvin Bled was slightly injured on Saturday evening when riding a bicycle in Prince Edward street he collided with an automobile. He was taken to the hospital for treatment and later went home.

Do It Electrically

Prepare breakfast with an electric percolator, toaster and grill. Clean from attic to cellar with an electric cleaner. Wash with an electric iron and iron again at any time. As a preacher and in all his pastoral duties, Mr. Titus has won the high esteem of the congregation. Good wishes will go with him as he leaves to continue his studies. The new pastor, Rev. G. B. MacDonald is expected to arrive in the city to take up his duties on the first Sunday in October. In the meantime the pulpit of the church will be occupied by Charles Alaby, a licentiate who is a member of the congregation.

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BIDS FAREWELL TO CONGREGATION

Rev. H. H. Titus, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Titus, of Peters street, who has been acting pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church for the last three months, closed his temporary pastorate last night. There was a large congregation present to hear his closing remarks. He will attend the Maritime Baptist convention in Wolfville this week and in the middle of next month he will resume his studies at the theological college in Rochester, Mass. Mr. Titus has carried on the work of the Victoria street church with zeal and much success and the members of the congregation assured him last night that they would be glad to welcome him again at any time. As a preacher and in all his pastoral duties, Mr. Titus has won the high esteem of the congregation. Good wishes will go with him as he leaves to continue his studies. The new pastor, Rev. G. B. MacDonald is expected to arrive in the city to take up his duties on the first Sunday in October. In the meantime the pulpit of the church will be occupied by Charles Alaby, a licentiate who is a member of the congregation.

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Misses' Brown Oxfords, Goodyear Welt sewn soles. \$1.95

Misses' Patent Slippers, sizes 11 to 2. \$1.75

Children's Lace Boots in Black Kid and Box Kip leathers; sizes 8 to 10½. \$1.95

Children's Brown Oxfords, Goodyear Welt. \$1.45

Children's Patent One-strap Slippers; sizes 8 to 10½. \$1.45

Boys' Box Kip Blucher, extra heavy soles and solid throughout. \$2.95

Other solid lines at \$2.95

Boys' Box Kip Bluchers, extra heavy soles and absolutely solid throughout; sizes 1 to 5. \$3.45

Youths', same as above, sizes 11 to 13. \$2.95

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Other makes of Youths' Boots, sizes 11 to 13. \$2.45

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