

EDITORIAL NOTES

Water consumers at Lethbridge have been advised to boil the water they are using as the supply has become contaminated. Fernie people can thank God for Fairy Creek, which never becomes contaminated.

The Rotary Club of Calgary at its annual meeting on Wednesday endorsed the following resolution passed by the Toronto Club:

"Be it resolved that a memorial be forwarded to the premier of the province of Ontario, urging:

"First: That in view of the present and increasing prevalence of venereal diseases in Canada, stringent measures should be adopted to control same.

"Second: The placing of gonorrhea and syphilis on the list of diseases included in the Contagious Diseases Act.

"Third: The conferring of authority on municipalities to quarantine and place under medical supervision fallen women who are the active agents in the distribution of those infections."

Mrs. Ralph Smith, widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance in the British Columbia government, has announced that she would be a candidate for the legislature at the bye-election in Vancouver, made necessary by the death of her husband last summer. While Mrs. Smith is in the field as an independent candidate, the Vancouver Sun editorially suggests that "it would not be a bad idea to accord her the honor of election by acclamation."

The latest returns in the Victory Loan campaign show a total of 782,714 subscribers, or one subscriber for every ten people in Canada. This establishes a new record with respect to the proportion of the population of a country subscribing to its war loans. The previous record was held in Great Britain, where one person out of every 23 subscribed to the last war loan. In the Liberty loan campaign in the United States bonds were sold to one person out of every 27 of the population.

WHERE THE FOREIGNER BENEFITS

An esteemed correspondent draws The World's attention to one problem raised by the operation of the Military Service Act. It is a problem of some difficulty.

The Military Service Act conscripts only Canadian citizens. It leaves untouched not only neutral foreigners of military age but persons born in the United States and living in Canada yet not recognized by the United States as Americans nor admitted to citizenship as Canadians. These men, when the Canadian citizen is compelled to go to the war, get his position and good wages. In other words they enjoy without cost to themselves all the benefits the Canadian has gone to give his life, if necessary, to preserve.

There are not a few such cases in British Columbia, while in Eastern Canada the workshops and factories are being driven more and more to rely on foreign labor.

It is an unfortunate state of things. But to devise a complete remedy is a hard, if not impossible task. If foreigners belonging to neutral countries are refused employment, difficulties which it is desirable to avoid may be caused with their home governments.

If their wages are lowered to that of the Canadian drafted men they will give only such service as the low wages warrant. Canada cannot conscript these men, she cannot force them to work except they are vagrants; neither can she fix the wages to be paid them. And on the other hand, with the demand for labor increasing as the available supply is taken up for war purposes, any attempt to restrict the supply artificially would not be in the interests of the country's trade development.

The position of the men who are neither American nor Canadian citizens is, however, simpler. They should be given a certain time in which to determine their nationality and at the end of the period should be dealt with accordingly. Perhaps something might be achieved if employers of labor throughout the country were compelled to make a return of the foreigners in their employ. The information thus gained would be valuable as showing the number engaged in particular industries and precisely their right to exemption from military service on the ground of nationality.

Generally, the problem must remain it is to be feared, until the end of the war. But if employers in every possible case give the preference to returned soldiers, and, when the war is over, see that discharged army men get first consideration, the situation will largely rectify itself.

Canada's motto should be "Canada for the Canadians." And who is a better Canadian than he who has defended Canada at risk of his life?

FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

Before the coming session of the Provincial Legislature Premier Brew-

ster and his colleagues should communicate with the Federal government and ascertain what plans are proposed for dealing with the returned soldier problem. Whatever course is followed will require Provincial co-operation and not a moment should be lost in making provision for this. In a province which owns its natural resources the opportunities for legislating to aid the returned men are all the greater. British Columbia is not going to be negatively in her treatment of those who fought for the country. For this reason she cannot find out too soon what is the best way in which to rehabilitate the returned men.

There is no indication of what is the intention of the Union government, but we venture to believe that the case of the returned soldiers will be among the first to be taken up when cabinet meetings are resumed after the New Year. The suggestion advanced for the creation of a new portfolio of demobilization has found many supporters. Obviously there should be a special department. Otherwise the work will be distributed so that effort will be dissipated and the problem may become very acute. Next to the task of winning the war, by utilizing every means at our disposal to that end, there is no question of greater moment than that of insuring that soldiers, when demobilized, find their way back into civilian life with the minimum of delay. Our government does not appear to have realized how immense this task may prove unless ways and means are found now and the structure of rehabilitation built up on a sure foundation. This is a task which should be considered, not by the Federal government alone, but by that authority in conjunction with representatives of all the provincial governments. A round table conference of this character should be able to devise a workable scheme in carrying out which both Federal and Provincial legislation would dovetail. It should be based on the possibility that the war may end next year, but at the same time so framed that it will be equally efficacious if the struggle is prolonged beyond present anticipations.

More than once we have drawn attention to the urgent need of preparing plans, on a far greater scale than in existence, to handle this problem. If the government is deaf to the representations that have been made from many quarters it is laying up trouble that will bring about its downfall. We do not anticipate for a moment that it will shirk the task it has the mandate of the people to do everything in its power to prosecute the war with vigor. That mandate also carries with it the public wish that the state should insure as little dislocation as possible in the country's economic machinery with the coming of peace. The only way this can be prevented is by a definite and comprehensive plan for taking care of returned soldiers, in other words, devising employment for them or so governing their movements as to direct them into civilian pursuits for which they show ability and inclination. In a problem of this character the different provincial governments can lend considerable aid. For this reason we hope Premier Brewster will take up the question with the Federal government without delay.—Colonist.

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