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Correspondence

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To the Editor,

Medicine Hat Times.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to call attention to the scandalous manner in which real estate dealers and others are trafficking in the warrants issued by the government to the South African veterans. In a recent issue of a western daily paper, there appeared an advertisement of one of these persons, wherein he brazenly announced that he had no less than nine warrants for sale, while in the same column were a large number of similar notices, some containing offers to buy any number of warrants at the market price.

Notwithstanding this shameful state of affairs, a deputation, purporting to be acting in the interest of the South African veterans, had the audacity to wait on Sir Wilfrid Laurier some time ago, urging that an extension of time be given to holders of these warrants. This deputation must be as well aware of this trafficking as I am, and I ask that their motives in the matter be given the most searching investigation, as they have recently issued circulars of a most compromising nature to every veteran, wherein they ask signatures to a certain petition, likewise the sum of \$2 to aid them in carrying on their work. I would be in the interest of the country if someone would publish this circular, and also if the deputation would again wait upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and present him with a copy of it as their petition, also giving the number of veterans who would go on the land, assuming an extension were granted and how many certificates are in the hands of speculators.

And, sir, permit me further, to direct your attention to the disingenuous spirit displayed by the press in this matter. Not one journal of any importance, in the Dominion has uttered a word of protest against this atrocious scandal which is being conducted under their very noses.

I think, sir, you will agree with me, when I say this is scarcely keeping with the influential position demanded by the press in this country, who, in their dignified moments delight to allude to themselves, as being "The Silent Police of Society," and "The Moulders of Public Thought."

However, it has been my painful duty to draw Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attention to the whole shameful business, and all right thinking persons will be pleased to learn that the government have the matter under consideration, and while they have not yet decided upon the advisability of granting an extension to the veteran who still holds his warrant, and would take up land,

there is no possibility of any extension being given to those warrants which are in the hands of speculators. Stringent measures, too, are about to be taken to prevent further dealing in this class of scrip, and efforts immediately taken to render null and void all warrants which have changed hands more than once.

As many persons have been induced by wily brokers, to buy these certificates for speculative purposes, not knowing the terms upon which they were issued, this letter is written in the hope that it may be the means of protecting the public, and also drawing the attention of the press to the matter.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours most sincerely,

JAMES DEEMING.

Secretary of the Association for the Preservation of Public Lands.

Women's Hospital Aid

The annual meeting of the W. H. A. was held in the city hall on Thursday last. The reports for the year were submitted by the various officers and adopted by the society. Plans were discussed for the annual entertainment, which takes place on or about February 14th. No definite program was decided on for this year's entertainment, but it is probable that a sale of work will be held. Definite information will be given later.

The report of the president was as follows: I have much pleasure in submitting to you our seventeenth annual report. Our meetings have been fairly well attended during the year, but we need more workers, and would like to see the members at our meetings in the city hall council chamber the first Thursday in each month.

The proceeds from our February 14th "Free Will Offering" envelopes amounted to \$108.75, the only money raised except by dues. This year we hope to raise considerably above that amount, as the demands for linen, etc., increase each year, which means a greater amount of work being done in our hospitals. Our society desires to thank the Board of Management of the Medicine Hospital for their generous donation of \$200.

Mrs. McWhirter has been ill most of the year, and a great portion of the time in the hospital, yet has added 40 new names to our membership roll.

Thanking both officers and members for courtesy and kindness.

J. E. NICHOLSON.

President.

The following report was presented by the secretary: On January 1st, 1909 this society started with a membership of 546. We lost by death, 8; resignations, 12; members leaving town, 26; total 46. Forty new members were added. We

start on the year 1900 with a total membership of 545.

Ten regular meetings were held with an average attendance of 94.

The following articles were supplied the hospital during the year: 250 yards cotton, 12 yards dish towel, 8 dozen spreads, 4 dozen women's night gowns, 1 dozen pillows, 9 dozen sheets, 8 dozen pillow slips, 7 dozen men's night shirts, 6 dozen table napkins, 15 yards table linen for tray cloths, 4 dozen baby napkins, 8 yards white flannel for baby binders, 4 dozen draw sheets, 6 dozen towels, 6 pairs men's slippers, 6 pairs women's slippers, 34 yards plain towel for operating room, 24 yards check towel for operating room, flannels for old men, 2 table cloths for nurses' home, 30 spool thread, 40 yards grey flannel for old men.

MABEL CUNLIFFE,

Secretary.

The auditors reported as follows: We, the undersigned, have examined the books of the Women's Hospital Aid for the year 1909 and compared them with the vouchers and find them correct and the work neatly kept.

CHARLOTTE KRAUSS,

MAGGIE TRIMBLE,

Auditors.

The treasurer submitted her report as follows:

RECEIPTS

Brought forward	\$ 93.50
To dues	347.80
To Donations	12.75
To Feb. 14 entertainment	108.75
To donation from Board of directors	200.00
To rental of knives, etc.	.60
	\$763.40

EXPENDITURES

By linen	\$249.32
By spreads and pillows	93.85
By rugs	49.00
By stationery, etc.	7.25
By men's furnishings	54.60
By secretary's fees	25.00
By balance in bank	284.47
	\$763.49

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The following are the officers for 1910:

Hon. President—Mrs. Niblock, Calgary.

President—Mrs. Nicholson.

Vice-President—Mrs. Hardy.

Secretary—Miss Cunliffe.

Treasurer—Mrs. Noble.

Solicitor for New Members—Mrs. McWhirter.

Executive—Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. W. T. Finlay.

Auditors—Mrs. Krauss, Mrs. Trimble.

AERIAL FOOTBALL

The aeroplane football match that took place last week between Harvard and Yale was largely attended, the players hands long enough to hold the ball, and the crowd was packed. The goals, which consisted of gas bags connected by chains, were kept apart by the Aero-

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