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Good Cheer for Those at the Front.

Nothing that has been done in Canada since the war started will give us courage or give us the front as the news that they are no longer to be left unsupported. It will put a new spirit and a new heart in the Canadian army, officers and men alike, to know that at last their own people are behind them, no longer ignoring their efforts, but prepared to back them up to the limit.

When we fill up the ranks the Canadian divisions will be unconquerable.

"Greatness Thrust Upon Them."

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them." This is the view that should be taken of the conscription measure, or selective draft, which the prime minister announced yesterday was to be adopted in order to redeem Canada's promise to the empire and to humanity that half a million Canadians would testify to their faith in the just cause of the entente alliance. They are truly great who went in the first place out of their own innate and primary conviction that there was one thing and one thing only to be done when Canada was at war. Many a one of these has sealed his faith in immortal honor with his blood, for there "loved not their lives even unto death." They did not need to be reminded that they who seek to save their souls shall lose them.

There have been thousands of men who have achieved greatness by following the shining example that the born heroes set them. They had the heart and the spirit to know what was seemly and right, and "who they were not the first to go, they went." "Thank God they went." Many among them have found in themselves the right stuff, and played the hero as well as any, and he would be a stern man who could say which were the braver men at the front. But the ranks were being thinned, and there were none left with the great heart in them, or the clear vision, to feel or to see what was the duty of the hour.

Now there comes the high call of the nation itself, and for those who lagged and faltered and were blind to the bitter need of the broken ranks in France and the glory of taking their places with the heroes of the great war. They have greatness thrust upon them, and they should be proud to be thought worthy of standing beside those who were born so or who achieved it. To be eligible to fight in the great war and to go down to the grave with the consciousness of having shirked is a fate not to be envied. Many a man who fears to-day will rejoice a year hence that he belonged to a nation which set his duty before him and gave him a chance to discover his own manhood.

Not all the men who shun military service are cowards. They may be faint-hearted; they may not have been taught that there may be physical inertia to overcome. But when the effort is made, when they stand themselves shoulder to shoulder with men like themselves, the old fires of the race of heroes to which they belong, dim smoldering under the ashes of pleasure, or snobbery, or mistaken affection, or some other unmanly clog, will burst forth in sun-bright flames and warm their whole nature into nobler life. To be baptized by fire in this sacrament of the world's faith in God's truth is the finest thing that could happen to our young men, and, thru them, to the nation. It is a national consecration.

What They Should Do.

All the young men who are eligible for the first draft, or who may think or fear they are, should make a virtue of necessity today and save their reputation by volunteering for the corps in which they would best like to serve. It will be more pleasant to go than be brought; and there will be the option of choosing one's service, rather than being placed where the authorities will. After all, a volunteer stands higher than a conscript.

But the conscription is the democratic method, and the only fair one. There are men in the late fifties overseas today, while others in their early twenties sit at home at ease in Canada. This is not democracy; and it has been a puzzle for long why, after the mother country and all the other democracies adopted the system, Canada still delayed. The last thing of any use in war time is chewing the rag over what is past and done. It has been an evil year past for recruiting, but it is over and done, and we must set our faces forward and make up for the lost time. There has been no halt at the front. While we were slacking the Germans were putting their whole strength into their efforts, and are so much the better prepared. Un-

til we have done everything of which we are capable there should be no more thought of slowing down.

A Long, Stiff Fight.

Lord Derby's interview on the relation of the United States to the war should help to dispel any illusions that may be entertained about what is needed to bring the struggle to an end. Eighteen months ago we were warned by Mr. Lloyd George and the King himself that we could not win the war if we did not put forth our utmost effort. At that time Germany's resources were estimated at considerably less than they have since proven to be.

Lord Derby reiterates the former message and adds to it: "This war will not be over until the full weight of America has been thrown into the scales."

This means men, money, munitions, food, the whole paraphernalia of war, and what it means for the United States it means for the rest of us. It is to be a long, stiff battle yet, and we shall need all our power, and all our will.

The prompt action of President Wilson in directing a division under General Pershing to proceed to France will have splendid moral effect on all Europe. We need not expect to hear much more about this until we hear that the division is in France and ready for action.

With the new start at Ottawa on an active policy we trust that Canada will be kept well abreast of the necessities of the situation, and that food control and production, and a proper provision for next winter's fuel will follow immediately on the conscription measure.

Russia Settling Down.

It was pleasant to have confirmation yesterday from Petrograd of our anticipations of the turn of political affairs in Russia. The latest news was entirely favorable to the allied cause, and even the military news was of an encouraging nature, a heavy attack by the Germans upon the Russians having been repulsed. Premier Lvoff's summary of the situation presents a steady view of affairs. The democracy is beginning to realize the responsibilities of freedom as well as its privileges.

The peasants' convention, with 569 delegates from all parts of the country, will afford an opportunity for an authoritative appeal to the people in general thru their own representatives. It is absurd to suppose that Russia is less capable of imbibing the democratic ideas than China, and we may be sure that when authentic information is laid before the nation, citizens, soldiers, peasants will all be united for self-preservation. This, and no less than this, is what co-operation means to Russia at present.

There need be no alarm over what are called concessions to socialism. We have had the spectacle not long since of Prof. Mavor, of the University of Toronto, denouncing such concessions to socialism as the Hydro-Electric system.

The great matter in Russian affairs is the loyalty of the army. And we need have no fear while Alexieff remains in command with such generals as Brustoff and Gurko at the front.

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allies to supply Russia with munitions, and the United States will also send railway material to enable the utmost possible to be got out of the Archangel railway. Doubtless the Pacific route will also be used with the Siberian railway to convey materials from America.

The only obscure points are the conditions that some of the labor and socialist leaders appear to wish to lay down about peace. They are asking for repudiation by the allies of any annexation or indemnities. There is a good deal to be done before peace will be in sight, and the Russian socialists are quite prematurely counting their chickens if they are thinking of settling terms before Germany has been defeated. When they have visited Belgium and northern France, Poland and Serbia and Armenia, perhaps they will have new ideas about indemnities. And when they hear the pan-German theory of annexation they may be inclined to modify their own views.

Real Estate Notes

Ed. T. Hickey, real estate agent, West Toronto, states that the demand for house property is still active, and reports having sold ten or more within the last two weeks. Vacant land is receiving some attention, particularly in the Runnymede district. Mr. Hickey also states that as soon as the proposed civic car line from Quebec avenue to Runnymede is assured considerable activity will prevail in that section. The delay in the car line is holding back building operations; a number of builders will commence operations just as soon as a beginning is made to extend the car line.

Building permits yesterday: J. Stewart, three-story brick apartment house, Crawford street, \$18,000; Norman Walker, addition to storehouse, Spadina avenue, \$800; H. B. Johnston, to erect a retaining wall, Elm avenue, \$1,800.

YOUR CHANCE—THE WEST IS CALLING.

Homeseekers' excursions to Western Canada at low fares via Canadian Pacific, each Tuesday until October 31, inclusive. Particulars from any Canadian Pacific Agent or W. B. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

GOLD OUTPUT INCREASES

Department of Mines Report Shows Decrease in Silver.

The quarterly report of the department if mines issued yesterday shows a considerable increase in the production of gold in the province. Copper and nickel have also been produced steadily, but silver shows a decrease. The output of gold was 127,622 ounces, valued at \$2,601,760. The value of the ore from Hollinger was \$1,200,000; from the Dome, \$528,000, and McIntyre, \$428,000. The output of silver was \$2,244,349 ounces, valued at \$2,618,000. The output of nickel, copper matte, for the three months was 18,995 tons, compared with 20,000 tons for the whole of 1916.

GIRL LOSES CASE.

Justice Kelly in the non-jury assizes yesterday afternoon dismissed the action of Lillian Hughes against Doctors J. A. Spiers and William T. Hamilton, for \$2,500. The plaintiff is 14 years of age and while playing on Mutual street in July, 1914, fell and broke her arm. The defendant attended to the girl's arm, and it was alleged that, owing to their negligence, gangrene developed which resulted in the arm being permanently crippled.

SOLDIERS' INSURANCE DECIDED TEMPORARILY

Brothers and sisters of men with homes in the city and who are killed while on active service will be paid their share of the civic insurance, while payments to brothers and sisters of men living outside the city will be withheld until it has been definitely decided whether or not they are entitled to any portion. This was the decision of the board of control yesterday on the suggestion of Controller Cameron. The mayor stated that there were only twenty cases of soldiers who lived just outside the city and had a claim for insurance at the time they enlisted. He proposed that the city obtain permission to pay the \$20,000 insurance, as the dependents were in straitened circumstances.

City Solicitor Johnston informed the board that they would have to make a special grant for that purpose or it would affect the sale of the debentures to liquidate the war debt. Up to the present the city has paid \$1,800,000 in soldiers' insurance.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Evidence Concluded in Case Regarding Sale of Camp Borden Property.

Judgment was reserved by Justice Cassels yesterday afternoon at Osgoode Hall in the Camp Borden expropriation proceedings respecting 1,400 acres of the camp site of 17,300 acres. The evidence was concluded yesterday when Ernest Bogart appeared to the stand to testify regarding the nature of the soil. Mr. Bogart was employed by Wright & Bart, real estate agents, and said that 80 per cent of the trees planted by the company on the land before it was sold to the government had died.

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BOOK ON CONFEDERATION.

Early publication is announced of what promises to be a timely book dealing with confederation, the fiftieth anniversary of which will be celebrated on July 1. It will be called "Confederation and Its Leaders," and the author is M. O. Hammond, a well-known journalist of Toronto. The book will tell the story of the fight for confederation thru the medium of sketches of seventeen of the leading men on both sides, with a background of history before and after that event. There will be a full-page illustration of each leader and a double-page frontispiece of the fathers of confederation. The book will be published by McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart.

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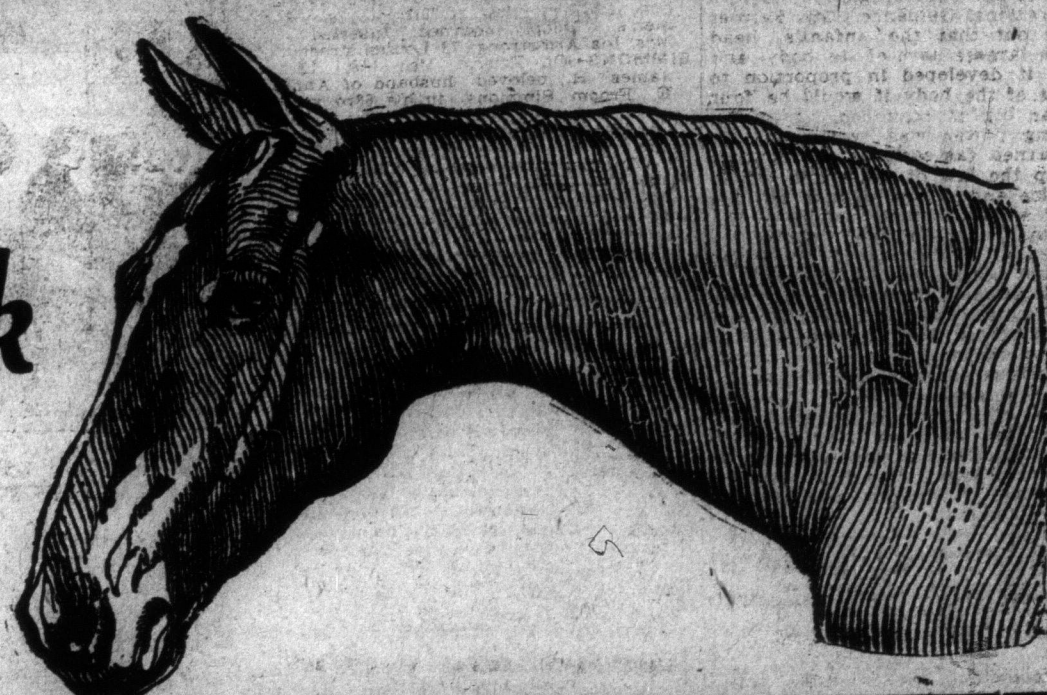
The second meeting of the home and school club met on Tuesday night at the Williamson Road School, with Mrs. Spaulding, the president, in the chair. Dr. Skeels gave a talk on the many benefits derived by the pupils from medical inspection in the school. Mrs. Irwin gave an instructive address on "The Ideal Relationship Between Parents and Teachers." Honorary President W. Bryce, principal of the school, also spoke, after which Miss Willmott's physical culture class gave some drills and dances.

Many parents were present, and several new members were added to the roll. The club has grown in a very encouraging manner and hopes to be more active in the future.

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