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Preparing for Conscription

A proclamation will shortly be issued the Canadian Press is informed, calling out the first class of recruits under the Military Service Act. This comprises all single men and widowers between the ages of 20 and 34. The Military Service Council is in daily session, the work now in hand being the preparation of forms of exemption and forms of military report. The latter are for men to sign who do not apply for exemption.

When the proclamation is issued all men in the class called out will be required, within a specified date, either to report for military service or to apply for exemption. The forms will be available at all post offices throughout the Dominion. A man in the class affected who does not wish to claim exemption may report either at military headquarters in person or by means of one of the military report forms. By this means the military authorities will be kept in touch with his whereabouts. When he has reported, the man stands in the same position as an enlisted soldier on leave of absence.

Up to the point of joining up, the law will, generally speaking, be enforced by the civil authorities. If a man fails to report for service without making claim for exemption, civil proceedings will be taken; and, it is pointed out, the Military Service Act provides severe penalties for such cases.

A large number of applications for exemption is expected. Fears of interference with agriculture, it is shown, are groundless.

Under the provisions of the Act, all those who are making themselves useful in any way in the increase of agricultural production will be exempted. Certain classes of skilled mechanics will also secure exemption. Further, any man with reasonable sort of ground to give to the tribunal either as to the benefit of the community which is going to ensue from his remaining in civil life, or serious embarrassment caused to him personally, having regard to his particular circumstances, would stand every chance of getting exemption.

Packing Eggs.

Lime water is one of the best preservatives of eggs. The method of preparation is simply to slake one pound good quick lime with a small quantity of water and then stir the milk of lime so formed into 5 gallons of water. After the mixture has been kept well stirred for a few hours it is allowed to settle. The clear liquid, which is now saturated lime-water, is drawn off and poured over the eggs previously placed in a crock or water-tight barrel. As exposure to the air tends to precipitate the lime (as carbonate), and thus to weaken the solution the vessel containing the eggs should be kept covered. The air may be excluded by a covering of sweet oil or by sacking upon which a paste of lime is spread. If, after a time there is any noticeable precipitation of the lime, the lime-water should be drawn or siphoned off and replaced with a further quantity newly prepared. Perfectly fresh eggs only should be used. The eggs should always be completely immersed. A cool place is to be preferred. The addition of salt is not advisable.

Triumphant Italy.

The Italians are jubilant over their great success in forcing back the Austrian forces, and there is good reason for their exultation. The Austrian positions were immensely strong, and the Italian attack had been long expected and prepared for, and the bag of about 30,000 prisoners means that probably a good deal over 100,000 Austrians have been put out of action; and the end is not yet. There has come a slackening up in the offensive, and this may be due partly to the delay incidental to bringing up the big guns, and it may also be due to a vigorous reinforcement of the Austrian line by forces drawn from the Russian front. But the Italian blow has been a terrible one, and it cannot but have its effect in discouraging the Austrian troops. It seems probable that if General Cadorna can only continue the tremendous pressure upon the Austrian line he can be in Trieste within a few weeks. And Austria is in dire straits. Her supply of coal is short, her people are almost in rebellion, and the Emperor, it is said, had really pledged himself to secure peace before another winter sets in. And Germany, her sole reliance, is herself reeling from the terrific blows of the British and French on the western front. These things make all the more effective the Italian strokes and bring all the nearer the day when the Italian flag shall flutter from the flagpoles of Trieste.

Efforts are being made to locate a miscreant who on Thursday, while the owner was at dinner, entered the field of Mr. King, a Gorrie farmer, and completely smashed his binder. When he returned he found the implement completely wrecked and there were no traces of the person responsible.

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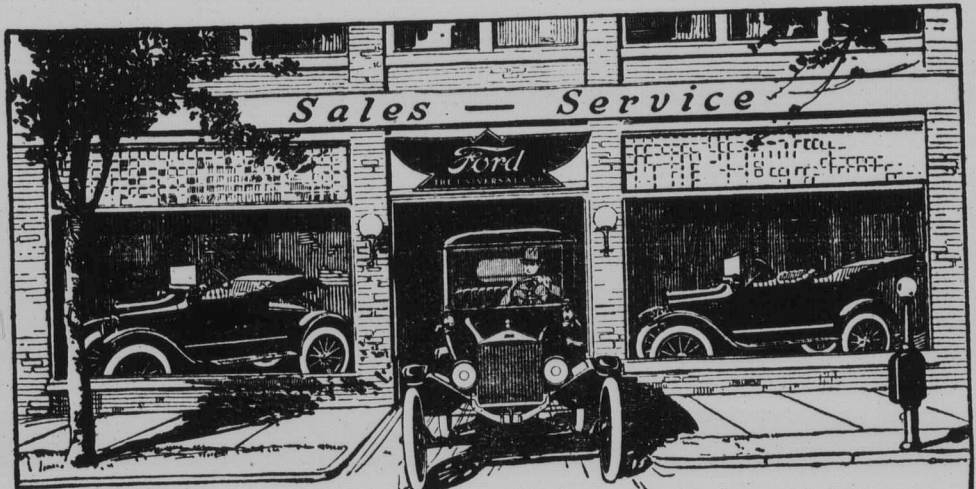
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