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**ROBINS ENTITLED TO PAY, IN CHERRIES, FOR WORMS EATEN**

Scant Compensation, Declares Jack Miner in Address.

An interesting lesson on the "Value and Intelligence of Birds" was given by Jack Miner, Kingsville, Ont., before a large audience at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. Mr. Miner has for twenty years been a student of bird life and is considered an authority on the feathered tribes of the North American continent.

Illustrating his address with motion pictures of common and rare birds, Mr. Miner showed the life and characteristics of the feathered family in all its aspects.

He illustrated the necessity for Canadians and Americans to provide for their feathered friends in order to induce them to remain in the country. He said that it had been evidenced many times that birds, particularly ducks and geese, will leave a certain vicinity if they are treated right, and protected by the human inhabitants of the district. The more extensive the bird zones are made the greater will be the number of birds which will occupy them from year to year.

Mr. Miner said that it was a great wrong for farmers to shoot robins for eating their cherries, for in comparison to the number of injurious worms the robin consumes the few cherries he eats are not enough compensation for his good work. The English sparrow is practically the only bird which is a detriment to bird production, and producers. They drive others of their race from the country, and so are a detriment to bird production.

**THREE HEINTZMAN SONS IN THE HEINTZING LINE.**

With the enlistment of Herman, second son of Mr. Geo. C. Heintzman, president of the Y. O. Heintzman, piano manufacturer, with a branch here, there are three Heintzman sons in the Heintzing line.

Bradford, the eldest, is in the 17th Canadian Infantry, another son, has been with his battery in France for over a year.

**MANY CARS NEEDED FOR RECEPTION FOR INVALID SOLDIERS**

Fifty Autos Required to Convey Returned Men.

Unless a score more citizens place their motor cars at the disposal of the Soldiers' Aid Commission this week, officers of that organization expect to experience difficulty in obtaining enough automobiles to use for the conveyance of soldiers returning to the city and expected to arrive at the latter end of this week.

The party, which will be the largest to arrive since the beginning of the war, will number at least 100 men. Transportation for the relatives of London men, of whom there are 26 in the total number of cars required about fifty.

Members of the commission are anxious to extend as many of their smaller bodies coming in, and are requesting citizens to place cars at their disposal by telephoning the commission office. They will then notify the car owner when his automobile will be required.

The trip is only a short one, from the C. P. R. station to the Central Military Convalescent Hospital.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. B. W. CROWTHER, 27-1/2-1/2-1/2.

**GET BADGES HERE**

No more war service badges will be issued at the discharge depot at Quebec, according to a letter just received by the local branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. The returned men will now have to get their certificates of overseas service from the officer in charge of war service badges in the military district to which they are sent. In this district Major C. O. Fairbanks will be in charge of the buttons, and applications must be sent to him.

**CROSSED SWORDS FOR DISTRICT COMMANDER IS LATEST PROMOTION**

**RETURNED MAN TELLS HOW SOLDIERS FEEL ABOUT BORDEN RULE**

1st Battalion Veteran Attacks Fireside Soldiers Who Live in Comfort While Crippled Soldiers Receive Paltry \$8 Per Month—The Ross Rifle Horror.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I have been reading the Free Press, and about all it seems to know concerning the soldiers, especially the returned ones, is what they are doing on the day of the election. The editor appears to know more about the business of the soldiers than they do themselves. He surely doesn't think that all soldiers are fools, and have forgotten all they have to thank the Borden Government for since the war started, such as France equipped with the Ross rifle, which they knew it was absolutely no use for active service, and was only endangering the soldiers' lives ten times more by using them.

Contracts Before Lives.

When Borden was asked why he continued to let men use the Ross rifle he stated that the contract with the Ross rifle factory could not be cancelled. Of course men's lives counted for nothing. Then again when he was asked if he had considered soldiers' pensions he replied he had not had time, but he found plenty of time to consider all about paying Mackenzie & Mann millions of dollars.

Men I know personally have been discharged from the army in no condition to work with a paltry \$8 a month pension. The people of London will remember one soldier some time ago walking around bent double. That's the noble sum he got, and there are dozens of others like him.

A Problem to Live.

A statement by some Borden official in the Labor Gazette revealed that it took \$18 a week to keep a man and family of five, not including clothes. Yet the totally disabled \$40 a month pension no matter how large his family might be.

Why don't they line the men up when they land at Quebec and shoot them? It would be much more merciful than bringing them home to practically starve them. And why don't they start sending some of the thousands of fireside soldiers who have been working around the camp ever since the war started and who have no intention whatever of going to France, officers, N. C. O.'s and men?

Enough for an Army.

There are enough to make a big army here and in England. It is true when it is said that half of the Canadian army are merely spectators to this war. There are two sides to the election, and we look at both. We are out to win the war, and we are going to do it; but let the country see that the men who give the guns and coats are treated and are given as good a chance as we have to be able to live as well as they did before this war made them cripples for life.

Many of Same Mind.

I supported Borden in 1911 in Western Canada, but believe me, no more, and there are a big bunch of soldiers in this town who will do the same on Nov. 27, for in my estimation and theirs Sir Robert Borden is the weakest premier Canada has ever had.

Please insert this in your valuable paper and oblige.

V. H. BURGOSS, a Returned Soldier of the First Battalion.

**HALF PRISONERS TAKEN AT "KUT" DIE IN TURKEY**

Treatment Accorded Townsend's Men Terrible, Says U. S. Embassy Attache.

TALKS TO ROTARIANS

Former Assistant at Constantinople Tells of Conditions Under Crescent.

That the Turks were mistreating the British soldiers captured at Kut-el-Amara was the statement made at the Rotary Club on Monday by M. J. Burke, Brockton, Mass., a former assistant in the American embassy at Constantinople. He was in the city and was a guest at the club's luncheon. Dr. Fricker, Leeds, Eng., who recently came to Constantinople a year ago last October, was a speaker also.

Mr. Burke stated that he was sent to Constantinople a year ago last October. He spent several months there. The attitude of the Turks toward the British soldiers was terrible. Allah wished the war, and they must go through with it. However, if 100 of the leaving Turks were to be given a dinner like this I fancy they would desert Germany at once.

Gen. Townshend, who was captured at Kut, was a frequent and very welcome visitor at the embassy. He was accorded good treatment by the Turks. They seemed to make an effort to do what they could for him. I am sorry I cannot say that of the rank and file of the 32,000 men in the list of prisoners there were but 17,000 alive when I left the camp. The treatment of the non-coms and men was almost frightful.

Spain Pro-German.

"On leaving Turkey, I went to Barcelona. When I arrived there, a revolution was in progress. There is much of it in progress in that country, some of it having considerable effect on the working people. The aristocrats are the working people. The king is a royalist, but he does not count much. They simply tolerate him.

Dr. Fricker spoke of his work in England, and predicted a great future for Canada. He was the new member introduced to the club.

**MUSICAL ART SOCIETY.**

Members are looking forward with pleasure to the concert given by the directors of the Musical Art Society. Last year the Princess Winter Garden was taxed to its capacity to provide accommodations for the large audience drawn by the superior attractions provided. This year the program is, if anything, more popular than the previous one, and the Grand Opera House should be filled for every one of the five concerts.

The directors have issued course tickets for the five concerts, and these are available at liberal reduction. The purchasers of these course tickets are given the first choice of seats for the five concerts, and the privilege of retaining the same seat for all the concerts. Another convenience over the arrangement of last season is that the price of all tickets includes the war tax. This will save the confusion that usually occurs at the entrance on the evening of the performance. When one comes to the box office to purchase tickets, the privilege of hearing two of the world-famous orchestras, soloists from the Metropolitan Opera Company, and other artists of international fame, in addition to the performance of the local non-commissioned band, and other features, is a great advantage.

For full information concerning course tickets and other details, apply to Mr. John Fricker, at the Bank of Toronto, the president of the society, or to Mr. Harvey P. Skye, of the Bank of British North America, the treasurer.

**REFUSALS NOW TOTAL 2,100 IN DISTRICT NO.**

Exemptions Granted to Saturday Were 13,147, With 1,113 Temporary Ones.

Up until Saturday night, November 24, 15,369 claims for exemptions had been dealt with by the local tribunals in Western Ontario, and of this number 2,100 had been refused. To give exemptions were granted to 13,147 men, and temporary exemptions to 1,113.

The military authorities intend to appeal against the decisions which granted exemptions in 217 cases. Appeals on behalf of the applicants themselves will also total a large number.

If out of 15,369 claims for exemption 2,100 were asked to report for service, it would appear that out of the total number who claimed exemption, something near 32,000, only about 1,200 soldiers would be obtained. In addition to this number about 1,000 men reported for service without claiming exemption, making an estimated total of 2,200 likely to be secured from Western Ontario, as the proceedings stand today.

If only 5,200 men were obtained from this district, it would be difficult to obtain the 100,000 desired from the whole of Canada, and from the present outlook the number of soldiers secured will fall far short of that amount, and either fewer exemptions will be granted, or the second class will be called out in the near future, if the 100,000 men are to be obtained.

**SHelters Can Save Next Generation of Lepers' Children**

Separate Schools Will Help, Says Returned Missionary.

Two illustrated lectures were given in Crown Hall Monday afternoon. The evening on mission work among the lepers by Rev. Mr. Anderson of Waterford. That there are over one million lepers in the world was the statement made by Mr. Anderson in the course of his lecture, and there may be more, he said, this only being a rough statement. Unless these lepers are given proper attention, nourishment and shelter it is impossible to check the spread of this disease. Being a social menace the lepers are cast out from the world and left to live on, being unclean to work for a living because of this disease. But if they are properly cared for there is a chance for their children, many of whom grow up in Christian missions and become doctors among other lepers.

Mr. Anderson stated that there were many children of lepers who had never been scourged with the disease. He explained that the peculiarities of the disease, which he said was very thrived, and that like tuberculosis it was not necessarily hereditary, but was in many cases due to climatic conditions.

Funds for this great work among the lepers are urgently needed, said the speaker, first to build up these shelters and to enable them to be lighted with the gospel, and to build separate schools for the children of these lepers. By these schools the next generation may almost be free from this disease. If left to their own abodes, which consist of any shelter they might be able to obtain, and exposed to all conditions of weather, responsible for the disease being so prevalent, the disease would not be checked in this way. Four thousand of the one million lepers are Christians.

Rev. Anderson has been a lay missionary in India for the past 15 years, and has recently returned to Canada, and is living in Waterford, where he has been for the past year. Mrs. Anderson has also spent the greater part of her life among the lepers.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

Teachers and Politicians.

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

Dear Sir,—It is reported that the chairman of the London school board has publicly stated that he would not give any opinion regarding the comparative merits of the two parties in the present political contest. Now, this procedure of the chairman would seem to have been quite unexceptionable and exceedingly judicious. Any expression of partisan opinion by a teacher in a class room, if it should occur, would be quite an exceptional case. And, even then, probably unpremeditated. If a precautionary measure were necessary, it would be to require that all that would be required, at the most, would be a request from the inspector to the teachers to refrain from any such action on any occasion for offence in this matter.

Such being the case the public threat of the chairman was quite uncalled for. Moreover, it tends to wound the self-respect of our teachers as a class and to cast a shadow over the public esteem—a proceeding which is certainly not in the general interest. Yours truly,

P. E. RYAN.

**IN UNIMPAIRED STRENGTH.**

To the Editor of the Advertiser:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter mailed to the editor of the Globe, Toronto, on the 17th inst. It has not been accepted for publication, but its contents are of such a nature as to merit attention at this time. Yours respectfully,

P. E. RYAN.

Detroit, Nov. 24, 1917.

To the Editor of the Globe:

In your leading editorial of the 15th inst., you call in question the good faith and courage of the Canadian people in a resolution affirming the duty of the country to maintain "in unimpaired strength" our present form of the voluntary system, quote the casualties in the war, and state that the Canadian issue, for the purpose of showing a disproportion between the Canadian losses in a single action, in which the French-Canadian battalion was not engaged, and proceed to state that "No one any longer doubts that the entire insufficient share of the war burden is borne by the French-Canadians will be materially increased under the present conditions."

In regard to this statement, in the language of the Globe's editorial itself, it is time to get plain and honest. This statement is untrue—I fear deliberately untrue.

In 2, 1917, the writer sent to the Globe for publication some time ago, which was not published, because of its length, although an appeal was made to its sense of British fairness that it might do so. The reasons for Quebec's disproportionate response to the call for recruits are examined, and the responsibility placed on the alliance of the Borden Government with the French-Canadians. Since that time those reasons have been more fully and convincingly stated in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's manifesto and the responsibility placed on exactly the same shoulders as before. The truth would be constrained to place it.

The difference between the attitude and the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and those of Mr. Henri Bourassa, as stated in your editorial, is as wide as the poles. Sir Wilfrid stands for the voluntary system, as he did in 1910 and 1911 on the heavy issue, which was opposed by Mr. Bourassa and the Conservative party. He stands for service with a capital S, and for the voluntary system, which he does not "pretend," the Globe to be in favor of. He does not only pretend, but he does so particularly in the province of Quebec, where he is well known as a witness to the fact that he has been in the province since 1910 and 1911 on the heavy issue, which was opposed by Mr. Bourassa and the Conservative party. He stands for service with a capital S, and for the voluntary system, which he does not "pretend," the Globe to be in favor of. He does not only pretend, but he does so particularly in the province of Quebec, where he is well known as a witness to the fact that he has been in the province since 1910 and 1911 on the heavy issue, which was opposed by Mr. Bourassa and the Conservative party.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH JURY'S VERDICT IN CASE OF ED FLOOD**

Grand Trunk Employee Was Killed Recently at Coal Chute.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the coroner's jury at the police station last night in the case of William Edward Flood, 1085 Mabel street, a G.T.R. employee, who died Wednesday night as the result of injuries sustained early that morning at the coal chute in East London. Flood was employed for the purpose of operating the coal chute. Coroner Ferguson conducted the inquest.

Edward D. Harkin, 161 Kathleen avenue, Sarnia, Ont., G. T. R. engineer, testified that on the morning of November 20 he was in charge of engine number 640. He was in the chute as a large quantity was released and Flood happened. He did not see the accident, but was informed by his fireman a few minutes later.

Saw Flood Fall.

Henry R. Driver, 353 South Milton street, Sarnia, G. T. R. fireman gave evidence to the effect that he saw Flood fall in with the coal in the chute as a large quantity was released and Flood ran into the tender of the engine. As far as he knew the chute was in the usual working order and he knew of nothing defective in connection with its working.

William McKeough, of 45 Dufferin avenue, coal trestler, testified that he had received no complaints concerning the working of the coal chute door that day.

The usual method of releasing any coal that jammed in the mouth of the coal chute was to use the locomotive poker and force it out.

Did Not See It.

Charles A. Jayne, also employed at the coal chute, was on duty that night, but did not see the accident as he was in the small house alongside the chute at the time.

John Markham, 1050 Mabel street, did not see the accident, but filed the engine tender after Flood was hurt. He had never experienced any trouble with the mechanical operation of the chute.

Dr. George McNeill made an X-ray examination of Flood's injuries and found that a portion of the vertebrae had been fractured, and this had resulted in paralysis and eventually death.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—Dr. J. J. Guerin, Liberal candidate in St. Anne division in opposition to Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, at a Liberal rally in St. Anne's Hall tonight denounced the selective draft system and said the people should consider carefully the military service act, which might mean that the babies of today may be forced into the army twenty years from now. As to the examination of men under the military service act, Dr. Guerin said he had examined men who had been put into Category A who had tuberculosis had diseased points and were otherwise unfit.

One disturber was given a warm time. Amid cries of "Chuck him out!" "Throw him out of the window," he was finally ejected after having been hustled from near the platform to the rear of the hall by several men, with a number of policemen ready to take a hand if necessary.

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Siberian Wolf Animal Stoles, edges finished with silk fold. Prices ..... \$13.50, \$14.50 and \$16.50

Mink Marmot Pillow Muffs, plain or trimmed with heads. Prices ..... \$7.50, \$8.95 and \$10.50

Mink Marmot Round Muffs. Price ..... \$10.00

Muskat Muffs in barrel shape. Price ..... \$7.50

Hudson Seal Muffs, round with fifth cuff. Price ..... \$25.00

Hudson Seal and Fitch Neckpieces at ..... \$13.50, \$19.50, \$25.00 to \$48.00

Alaska Sable Pillow Muffs, silk lined, silk shirred ends. Price ..... \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 to \$36.00

Alaska Sable Neck Scarfs at ..... \$21.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00 to \$50.00

Carriage Rugs with pocket at ..... \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$8.50

Children's White Coney Coats at ..... \$17.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00 with ear laps at ..... \$2.75

Sets in Taupe Wolf, Taupe and Natural Lynx and Black Wolf, Black Lynx, Black Fox, Children's White Furs in Thibet and Iceland Fox (electrified Thibet).

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Sable and Hudson Seal Bandings in 1, 2 and 3 inch widths.

**Men's House Coats Clearing Tomorrow, \$4.95**

Early buyers will profit by these mid-week sales in the men's store—sales that will appeal to women shoppers in search of the gift for him—the house coats are marvelous, the boys' suits will be a quick clearance, also the mitts at half price.

Housecoats or Smoking Jackets for men at a very special price on Wednesday. These are coats of quality and good smart appearance, just 42 coats in the lot in assorted shades of grey, brown and mixed, velours and wool fabrics, with fancy collars and cuffs, an excellent Christmas gift; sizes 36 to 44. Special Wednesday at ..... \$4.95

**Specials for the Boys**

Boys' Suits, \$4.95

To clean up our stock of boys' clothing we have grouped about 60 suits for Wednesday morning's sale. These suits are all new styles and well made, and should go quickly. The styles are yoke Norfolk, pinch back and trench, just the styles that the boys all want, bloomer knickers with governor fasteners, tweeds and worsteds, in colors of grey, brown and mixed shades; sizes to fit boys 7 to 16 years. Very special price, per suit ..... \$4.95

Boys' Suits Half Price \$2.95

One lot of Boys' Suits Wednesday at half regular prices. These are the military style suits in khaki shade, some have puttees, others straight pants, also tweeds and worsteds in light and dark grey shades, a great snap for the little fellows, sizes for boys 3 to 7 years. Price, per suit ..... \$2.95

**Men's Pyjamas \$2.00 Suit**

Men's Flannelette Pyjamas, made of good quality American flannelette, soft and durable, the proper sleeping garment for men, assorted stripe patterns, made to fit all the different-sized men; a gift that is always appreciated. Ask to see these on Wednesday. Price ..... \$2.00 suit

**Men's Leather Mitts, 75c Pair**

Men's Leather Mitts, wool lined, of extra good quality leather, heavy winter weight, very soft and pliable, knitted cuff, will stand hard wear; just a few dozen pairs to clear on Wednesday at a very special price ..... 75c pair

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