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### AN UNUSUAL GATHERING

The Salvation Army Citadel in Charlotte street entertained unusual guests last evening. There were business men, professional men, overseas men, men representing different creeds, all of them gathered there as an evidence of their confidence in the Salvation Army, their admiration for its work and their desire to aid in securing funds to continue and extend that branch of the work which brings comfort to soldiers and their dependents. It was a significant gathering, such as would have been impossible not so many years ago. The war has tested and tried the Salvation Army, and it has all other institutions, and the Army has stood the test. The people honor it for service nobly rendered. Those hard-headed business men who champion its cause today believe and know that the Army with its faithful workers and its remarkably thorough organization can do a great and needed service for the Canadian soldiers and their dependents overseas, for the same on their home journey, and after they have reached Canada and are becoming re-established in civilian life.

### HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Hastings, medical health officer of Toronto, says: "Complete physical examination of children on entering our public schools reveals the fact that approximately 50 per cent are suffering from physical defects of sufficient importance to require them to be referred to their family physicians or some clinic in the city, and this does not include dental defects. Medical examinations of soldiers indicate a regrettable neglect of the activities essential to produce and maintain physical fitness, and the war has demonstrated as never before that man-power is our most valuable national asset."

This condition of affairs calls for two things. The first is care of the health of children and the second is a system of physical culture that will develop physical strength and mental alertness, continuing after the child has left school, especially in the case of those who do not take up occupations involving hard physical work. With regard to the first, the care of the health of children, Dr. Hastings lays down in a single sentence a programme which shows how far we fall short. In New Brunswick we have a new health law. To any who think it is drastic in its provisions we commend the words of Dr. Hastings, who says: "Modern public health administrations should embrace all activities essential for the development and maintenance of a fitter race, which are pre-natal care; care and supervision of the infant, care and supervision of the child during the preschool age; medical and dental services in our public schools, with a complete physical examination of every child on entering school and before leaving school, followed by a well-organized division of industrial hygiene, in order to insure proper sanitary conditions for all those who require to enter the industrial world."

All this is a matter of education as well as of legislative enactment. It calls for social service as well as law enforcement. It places responsibility upon everybody, and where that is recognized and acted on the community reaps an incalculable benefit.

### THE GARDEN PATCH

The Toronto Globe is a strong advocate of the home with a garden patch, as a preventative not only of overcrowding but of the moral ills which result from congestion. The Globe points out that in Great Britain great stress is being put upon this feature of housing, and quotes the Rev. Gerald Davies, Master of the Charterhouse, who deals with the problem in The Nineteenth Century and After, and answers the objection that additional ground means higher rent or interest payments. Rev. Mr. Davies says: "I have always held, and I believe that I shall here carry many with me, that somewhat high rent is not the greatest of evils to the workingman, always provided that it goes with a good bit of garden ground. The garden ground often pays all the high rent. The far cheaper house without the ground does nothing to pay the rent. And in the one case there is the inducement to the tenant to stay at home—in the other case there is every inducement to the tenant to spend his leisure and his wages at The Green Man. There are plenty of families where the father spends on his weekly beer alone more than would pay a far higher rent and get him a good cottage and garden."

This leads the Toronto Globe to observe: "Here in Canada 'The Green Man' is no longer an attraction for the average householder, but he will be less likely to look back longingly toward the days of the open bar if he can have a little patch of garden land in which to potter about when the day's work is done. In our housing plans let us not in Canada forget the possibilities of moral as well as physical well-being contained in a modest garden patch."

There are many people living in St. John who can testify that the garden patch has interested and benefited them. In the last two years, when the greater production campaign directed their attention to its possibilities, that activity should not cease with the war. It pays in health as well as in greater production.

Even failure to get a good yield should only stimulate to more intelligent effort another year.

The particular plea of the Toronto Globe, however, is related to the housing problem, and until we have housing laws that insist upon proper yard or garden space we will not meet the simplest requirements for community health.

The re-appointment of Mr. John Kelly to the board of health will give the board the benefit of his long experience. The board as constituted will undoubtedly do good service. Hon. Dr. Roberts pays a deserved compliment to Senator Daniel for his long and valued service as a member, and especially during the period of the recent epidemic. Dr. Daniel retires with a record of earnest and faithful work.

The Allies have made an eminently mild proposal to the Russian people. Even the Bolsheviks may send representatives to the conference that is asked for. The trouble is that the great mass of the Russian people will probably not hear of the proposition. We may assume that if nothing to the liking of the Allies transpires before Feb. 15, they will be heard from again, in terms less mild.

New York Sun.—Self-determination is a grand idea, which should be extended to the English people. They might, if they could, wish to break loose from the British Empire. . . . where Welshmen and Scotsmen and Australians and Irishmen and South Africans and Canadians and New Zealanders and so on have charge of so many things. A movement for the rescue of the oppressed and down-trodden English is in order.

The Salvation Army drive should not fall down in this city and county. The splendid record of other drives should be maintained.

An outbreak of murder and terrorism in Ireland would do the Sinn Féin no good, but their cause much harm.

### The History of Gin as a Curative Agent

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**NEW MEMBERS.**

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club held yesterday afternoon the following new members were elected: Rev. George Morris, Major G. S. Kinney, Major C. J. Morgan, Dr. J. R. Nugent, W. F. Nugent, E. J. Henneberry, W. E. Mullaly, William L. Walsh, D. C. Dearden, L. W. Simms, J. D. Barrett, W. K. Ganong, J. C. Berry, James A. Stephenson, H. I. Knowles, P. A. Foster, H. C. Groat and Fred O. Conlon. Some good speakers have promised to address the club in the near future.

Manuel is Willing.

London, Jan. 22.—The Evening News says it learns from authoritative Portuguese sources that former King Manuel is ready to return to Portugal whenever the people want him to return.

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## SECOND SESSION OF SINN FEINERS WAS IN SECRET

Dublin, Jan. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—The Sinn Féin parliament provided only a one day session.

Its members held a brief meeting at the Mansion House this afternoon, but behind closed doors. Afterwards Count Plunkett told the reporters that a statement of the business transacted would be furnished to the press later, thus following the precedent of the Paris conference.

A group of a hundred young men, gathered outside during the secret session, but no excitement of any kind was shown.

The public was far more interested today in the murder of two policemen in Tipperary yesterday, at the time the parliament was meeting. This is taken to signify the beginning of a new period of terrorism, which veteran Irish politicians expect will include other assassinations and attempts to destroy government buildings and public works.

The extremists are exceedingly anxious to get explosives. Two policemen were guarding a cartload of gelignite, which was being taken to a mine, when they were surrounded by masked men. The policemen were shot dead and the explosives carried off.

The immediate sequel was a proclamation placing Tipperary under the Crimes Act, which means a regime much like the occupied German cities are undergoing.

All meetings are prohibited and nobody can pass in or out of the districts without permits. None of the residents may be out doors after 7 o'clock in the evening without a permit. No letters may pass in or out without censorship. Enough troops were quickly sent into the district to enforce these regulations.

The Clare district was recently proclaimed under the Crimes Act, and the measure was enforced with apparent success.

Paris, Jan. 22.—Although no official

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notice has been received that the committee named by the Irish parliament in Dublin, yesterday, comprising Count Plunkett, Professor Edward De Valera and Arthur Griffith, was coming to Paris to present the claims of Ireland to self-determination at the peace conference, it has already been determined that if the delegation secured passports its application for admission to the conference to represent Ireland as an independent nationality will be passed upon by the committee on credentials, under the rules.

### RODNEY WHARF MATTER OFF FOR A MONTH

The application of the New Brunswick Power Company for permission to discontinue the service on Rodney wharf, connecting with the ferry, came before the monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission at the provincial government rooms yesterday afternoon, but no decision will be reached before Feb. 26, the date of the next meeting.

There was some question of the commission having jurisdiction in the case, and this point will be decided before any decision is announced. The company says that the wharf is not safe for street

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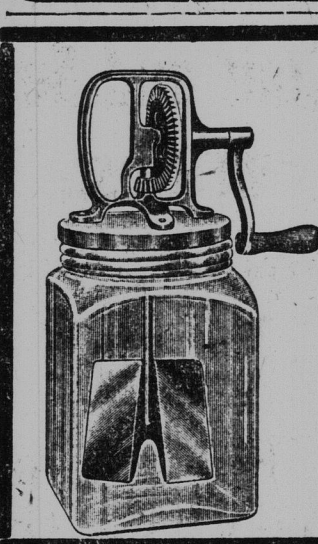
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railway traffic, but D. Maxwell, the engineer appointed by the commission to examine the wharf, reported that it was safe, although it will require some repairs.

**ENTERTAINED BY CHAIRMAN.**

Victor Scott, chairman of St. Luke's church music committee, entertained his committee, the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim, Mrs. McKim and the church choir to a dinner at Bond's Monday evening.

Covers were laid for about fifty-five and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Scott presided and after the request had been disposed of the evening was spent in music and speech-making. There were songs by Miss Hestway, Mrs. A. G.

minister of militia the question of rate of pay to be allowed staff officers in connection with the gratuity allowance on discharge. It is contended that some of these staff officers who had compared their pay to the gratuity allowance on discharge, should be allowed to receive only the six months' post discharge pay on the basis of their regimental rank before they took the staff positions. The staff pay includes extra allowances for rank, mess bills, etc. The veterans are no reason why these extra allowances should be continued for six months after discharge to the favored few while the other officers who did the hard work and the fighting receive only the regular regimental pay.



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