

## A LETTER OF THANKS

A LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Ladies and Gentlemen:—  
As declaration day is somewhat distant, I desire to say that I deeply appreciate the magnificent support that I received from you in the recent contest. To all those who stood for national unity I tender my sincere thanks. I regard the finding of the people of this county, together with that of Canada at large, to be such that the democracy of Canada stands for what is best and highest in national life.

I congratulate you on the good work you have done in the interests of home and country, and especially in expressing your desire that our brave and heroic boys in the trenches should be supported by the enforcement of the Military Service Act.

I am,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
W. S. LOGGIE.

### Newcastle Curlers Elect Officers

The annual meeting of the Newcastle Curling Club was held in the Club Rooms in the Rink on Wednesday evening of last week, with a large attendance of members.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of \$42.13. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

President—R. W. Crocker  
Vice-President—Fred V. Dalton  
Captain—Rev. Joseph Trudel  
Secretary—J. E. T. Lindon  
Treasurer—G. G. Stothart  
Managing Committee—Charles J. Manning, J. Russell McKnight, J. R. Lawler, Percy Russell, John H. Troy  
Following were admitted to membership—W. W. Bailey, W. W. Cormier, Joseph Mitchell, J. P. Pyder, Geo. Hanson, Wm. Gifford, H. A. Russell, Ernest Robinson, Jas. McCullam, George Thomas, Albert Dickison, James Giffis, Harry McLean, A. J. Taverner, Robert Graham, C. P. Stothart, H. E. Cassidy and George Mann  
The North Shore Bonspiel will be held during the winter at Bathurst probably in February.

### The Only Medicine For Little Ones

Mr. H. Blanche, St. Pamphile, Que., writes:—"I have obtained great results from the use of Baby's Own Tablets. They are the only medicine I know of that one can depend upon to promptly cure bowel and stomach troubles. The Tablets never fail to relieve the little one and besides the mother has the guarantee of a government analyst that they are absolutely safe. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

### Dark Outlook For Europe

Washington, Dec. 13.—A warning was sounded by Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, to-day, that the American people were to be called upon to sacrifice far more in order to feed the Allies and friendly neutrals than was at first thought necessary. "Starvation on an unparalleled scale" must ensue abroad unless there was a hearty response Mr. Hoover said. "The food situation in Europe," he said, "is far graver than the preliminary survey of the food supply of the world was made for this year. We have an abundance for ourselves, and it is the policy of the food administration, by the prevention of exports, to retain for our people an ample supply of every essential food-stuff. The harvests of our allies have proved less than we had contemplated, and the great curtailment of shipping by the submarine during the last few months has further prevented them from access to remote markets.

"Beyond the demands of the Allies there is a call upon us by the friendly neutrals for food, and if we cannot at least in part respond to these neutral appeals starvation on an unparalleled scale must ensue."

It is the intention of the Quebec government to introduce, at the present session legislation that would fix a minimum of one thousand dollars as the wages of all classes of labor men and to substantially raise the annual indemnity which is at present \$2,000, and that also the law would be amended so that a man with children whose son is killed in a labor accident may have recourse even if that child be not his sole support.

The Canada Temperance Act has gone into effect in Quebec City.

### Interesting Items From All Parts of the World

Canada made a World's record in the sale of her Victory Loan, one in every nine and one half persons in Canada having purchased a bond.

The one hundred thousand men required for reinforcements will be obtained in Class One without making a draft on Class Two, the married men between twenty and thirty-five.

John H. Hughes who is stopping in San Francisco, says that while coming down the Dawson River, Alaska, in a steambot, they sailed through a herd of 40,000 caribou swimming in the river.

A catch fully up to the average, with prices double because of war conditions, is the outlook for the winter herring fishery on the west coast of Newfoundland, in which about forty Canadian and forty American fishing craft are engaged.

A large counterfeiting plant in New York was raided Friday night by U. S. secret service agents, who arrested six men and seized more than \$150,000 in spurious new ten dollar notes of the Federal Reserve Bank issue.

On November 30th there were 11,341 returned soldiers on the rolls of the Military Hospitals Commission command, being an increase of 198 in a week's time. In the hospitals in the United Kingdom on the week ending November 16th there were 22,829, being an increase of 1,704 over the previous week.

Suffering from a fractured collar bone, a scalp wound and several minor abrasions to his body, Sir George Postel, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is confined in the general hospital in Toronto. Sir George was struck down by an engine while walking to his private car in the Union Station yards.

General Leman, the Belgian officer who commanded the Liege forts when the Germans invaded Belgium, arrived at Zurich, Switzerland, Friday. He was met at the station by the Belgian military attaché, and a number of compatriots, among whom were several interned soldiers who had fought under him in the Liege garrison.

According to news received in Russian revolutionist circles at Zurich, Count Tolstoy's original books and manuscripts, also his old chateau at Yasnaya Polyana, have been completely destroyed by peasant mobs, inspired by Leninist opinions. Details show that the peasants, after tearing to pieces invaluable manuscripts, burned them in the stable, and afterwards pilaged the house.

At Friday's sitting of the Legislature, Mr. J. N. Francoeur gave notice that at the next meeting of the assembly, January 8th, he will introduce the following motion: That this House is of the opinion that the province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the federative pact in 1867, if, in the opinion of the other provinces, it is believed that the said province is an obstacle to the union, the progress and the development of Canada.

Thirteen of the negroes of the Twenty-Fourth Infantry, U. S. A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston on August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam. Forty-one were sentenced to life imprisonment.

All Swiss residents of Canada have been requested to register immediately at their respective consular offices. This is not a war measure, it is pointed out, but simply the establishment of a complete register of all Swiss residents in the country and a revision of already existing statistics.

Justice Ducloux and MacLennan sat in appeal in the Montreal Superior Court Friday and considered thirteen applications from young men seeking to quash the decisions of the local tribunals which had refused to grant them exemption from service under the military law. In two cases, Mr. Justice Ducloux disallowed the appeals. In five instances the applicants were engaged on transportation work on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and in view of the importance of this work in relation to the war Justice Ducloux allowed the appeal and granted the applicant's exemption.

With the very axe which her son, J. O. Bush, used to kill his eleven year old son, Mrs. J. H. Bush, 72 years of age, slew the father while he slept Sunday night, according to the confession Mrs. Bush made at Montreal, Col. on Tuesday. The murder of the child was disclosed yesterday, when Mrs. Bush told officers that Bush had killed his son because the boy had stolen a sum of money, and then had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. Mrs. Bush, in her confession made to the coroner, says she was compelled to witness the murder of the boy and forced to assist her son in disposing of the dismembered body. After the murder, the confession says, Bush went to his room, taking the axe he had used with him and went to sleep. As Bush slept, the mother entered the room and killed him with the axe, disposing of his body as he had disposed of his son's.

### Town Council Meeting

Men Wanted at Once for Halifax—Scott Act Transferred to Contingent Account

Newcastle Town Council met in regular monthly session in the Police Court Room, Thursday evening, Dec. 20th inst., Mayor Morrissey in the chair. Alderman present: D. P. Doyle, D. Ritchie, C. Sargeant and J. H. Troy.

Following appeal for workmen was read:  
Halifax Hotel, Halifax, N. S.  
Dec 16, 1917  
To the Mayor, Newcastle, N. B.  
Dear Sir:—

As you are aware, Halifax is up against a very serious proposition in regard to getting sufficient labor into the city to proceed with the very necessary repairs that are to be done in making the houses habitable, as it will be quite a time before we will put them in the same position as they were before the disaster. I wish you would get the Press of your town to bring this to the notice of all classes to register with your city clerk, how many of them can proceed to Halifax and help us in this very necessary and charitable work. We will pay the following wages:

Carpenters	\$ .40
Glaziers	.45
Plumbers	.45
Stone Masons	.50
Bricklayers	.50
Laborers	.30
Single Teams	.40
Double Teams	.65

Other trades: Standard Halifax Union wage prevails. Board \$4.00 per week. As soon as you can get this tabulated do not wait more than twenty-four hours to let us know how many of the different classes you can get, then you can follow it by letter advising us of any others that may register. I am making this to you to-day, the 16th. No doubt you will not be able to take any action in this matter until Tuesday. I think by that time you will be able to notify us just what you can do. I am having this sent out by the Canadian Press so that everybody will see it tomorrow, but fear that on account of the excitement of the Election it will be overlooked and I am confirming it by this letter.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter I remain,  
Yours very truly,  
R. S. Low, Colonel, Manager Reconstruction

Ald Sargeant moved that communication be received and that the Town Clerk instructed, as the local newspapers will not appear for a week, to issue dodgers explaining the situation so that men can be secured at once. Seconded by Ald Ritchie, and carried.

Report of Committee of the whole held on Dec. 7, was read. It had decided to send \$1000 worth of material to Halifax.

On motion of Ald Doyle and Sargeant, the action of the committee was ratified:  
Following bill was passed:

Finance	
P. Hennessy	\$87.42
D. J. Ritchie & Co.	94.95
Can Gear Works	377.09
S. B. Dean	1.81
Stochart Merc Co.	330.00
	\$841.17
Ald Troy moved that a list of \$250.59 of default taxes, mostly overcharges, be struck off the list. Seconded by Ald Sargeant and carried.	
Following bills were passed:	
Park & Fire	
D. W. Stochart	\$32.27
Stochart Mercantile Co.	1.05
	33.32
Public Works	
D. J. Ritchie & Co.	\$32.27
P. Hennessy	99.12
Stochart Mercantile Co.	2.30
	\$331.77
Police	
D. W. Stochart	\$10.66
Stochart Mercantile Co.	5.97
	\$16.63

Ald Troy moved that the Scott Act account be cleared and the balance, if any, be transferred to the Contingent Account. Seconded by Ald Doyle.

The mayor asked if the Scott Act money did not belong to the Provincial Government.

The Town Clerk said that Chatham had transferred their Scott Act fund.

The motion was carried. Ald Ritchie said that the Police Committee had not yet taken action re the Policemen, who were also Scott Act Inspectors. The chairman had not called the Committee together.

The Mayor said that he would call a special meeting as soon as the Police Committee should request it.

Ald Doyle wished the merchants of the front street to throw the snow off their sidewalks well out into the street, and level it off in order to keep the road good.

The Mayor and Ald Sargeant thought it would be well to have the town occasionally remove the snow from the narrower parts of the front street.

The matter of having the snow-pough out on Sunday mornings when needed was also discussed, and left in the hands of the Public Work Committee.

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In certain districts a homesteader may secure an adjoining quarter section as pre-emption. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Reside Six months in each of three years after earning homestead patent and cultivate 50 acres extra. May obtain pre-emption patent as soon as homestead patent on certain conditions.

A settler after obtaining homestead patent, if he cannot secure a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

Holders of entries may count time of employment as farm laborers in Canada during 1917, as residence duties under certain conditions.

When Dominion Lands are arvested or posted for entry, returned soldiers who have served overseas and have been honourably discharged, receive one day priority in applying for entry at local Agent's Office (but not Sub-Agency). Discharge papers must be presented to Agent.

W. W. CORY,  
Deputy Minister of the Interior,  
N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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