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NATIONAL DEFENCE

Once in a while one hears in Canada the term "militarism," and frequently it is used by earnest folk who are protesting against increased expenditure on the militia, or the introduction of physical and military exercises in the public schools.

It is of interest in this connection to turn for a moment to the new confederation of South Africa, and see what is being done there in these matters.

All school boys between the ages of ten and fifteen will be compelled to join the cadet forces, and from fifteen to eighteen to enroll in the senior cadets.

From eighteen to twenty-five young men will have to take part in drills and a course for trained soldiers, with an annual camp lasting fourteen days.

From twenty-five to thirty-five they will join the Union reserves, and be required to spend from four days to a week in an annual camp.

To carry out the system the whole of South Africa will be divided into small areas, with a permanent instructional officer to each, while a military college will be established at Bloemfontein for training officers.

It will be said by some that this would resemble compulsory service. It should be said, rather, that it closely resembles voluntary service.

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In the present instance it would, perhaps, be well if the Conservative newspaper would apply for this information to those from whom it alleges it received the news that had so excited it.

A little while ago, the Standard was in despair over its asserted conviction that the Grand Trunk Pacific would never develop terminals at Courtenay Bay.

The Standard has already abandoned its former position regarding the G. T. P. and Courtenay Bay, and no doubt it will soon alter its opinion also with respect to the Intercolonial and the Empress.

WORK'S VIRTUES In dismissing a person brought before him the other day, an Ontario magistrate said:

"You seem to have been a hard worker all your life. Because of this fact I shall give you the benefit of the doubt and dismiss the case."

This man was probably guilty of the offence with which he was charged, but it seems to have been a minor one, and the magistrate very properly emphasized the benefit of steady work and also took advantage of this instance to give a warning to idlers.

THE THIRD DEGREE Perhaps because the police of some American cities have given "the third degree" a certain evil notoriety by abusing prisoners and forcing confessions from them when they were mentally unbalanced or deprived of the assistance of counsel, some Canadian judges are issuing warnings against this form of police activity.

A CHANGE OF FRONT Our disturbed neighbor, The Standard, makes serious objection to being charged with a revision of its former opinions regarding the development of Courtenay Bay.

THE ALARM OF MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT Once upon a time Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, then Conservative M. P. for Brantford, was among the orators at a political dinner given in the city of St. John.

position in St. John and whose death a year or two ago caused a general sense of loss, was to have replied to a toast that was on the list just after the one opposite the name of Mr. Cockshutt.

BOYS AND GUNS In a list of school prizes, which appeared in a Canadian newspaper the other day in connection with the school games, there was an air rifle.

A LIBERAL ANNIVERSARY Canada has just passed, without much notice, an anniversary of no little significance—June 23.

THE CASHIERED LIEUTENANT The Toronto Globe, in a searching article dealing with the relations of Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster, and the outlook for the effective reorganization of the Opposition, points out that certain recent declarations by Conservative speakers at one of Mr. Borden's Ontario meetings, leave a highly awkward situation for the Conservative leader to deal with.

THE NATION'S SLIDING DOWN THE PATH THAT LEADS TO RUIN The nation's dogs of wrath will chew its vitals there; each day will deeper plunge in grief; we'll soon have reached the worst; why don't we turn, then, for relief, to William Randolph Hurst?

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NOTE AND COMMENT This country can get along very well without any trainmen's strike.

HOUSEHOLD NOTES When making button holes always select a thread twenty numbers larger than the one you should use for sewing the same material.

ST. GEORGE'S ST. GEORGE, N. B., Kent entertained a very pleasant trip their yacht on Monday.

SHE WAS SURPRISED Mrs. R. Smith, of Winnipeg, Man., tells an interesting story of relief from almost intolerable sufferings.

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