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THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

With large numbers of men to be recruited before spring the local recruiting committee has done little more than mark time of late, while it waited for the military authorities to do what should have been done many weeks ago. Over and over again since the committee was organized the need of a central military authority for this province has been demonstrated. There is no reasonable excuse for a condition which makes necessary appeals to Halifax and then to Ottawa, with inaction and delay when there is urgent need for prompt decision. So far as can be gathered from information available, St. John appears to have been set down at first as having about enough accommodation for one battalion. Later it seems to have been discovered that two could be comfortably quartered here. Last week it was apparently decided that room could be found for three battalions. As a matter of fact, by fitting up and using the west side immigration buildings, the army and all the exhibition buildings, quarters could be provided to give four battalions better quarters than they get in many places.

There is no reasonable excuse for not having quarters ready weeks ago for two full battalions and part of another, to which further accommodation could be added by the time it was needed. And yet, here is Lt. Col. Fowler with hundreds of men shivering in cold quarters at Sussex who ought to be comfortably housed in St. John; and here is Lt. Col. Wedderburn with the nucleus of a battalion recruited but no quarters for the men.

Whenever it has been suggested that Sir Sam Hughes is a reasonable man who would cut through red tape and settle the matter off-hand if it were plainly and respectfully presented to him, there have always been objectors, who appear to think that military rules and regulations are sacred things and not to be meddled with by mere laymen, even those laymen who are the backbone of the whole recruiting movement in this province and throughout Canada. There were those in St. John who deprecated the attempt to get a special recruiting officer for New Brunswick, on the ground that it would be of no use; but no sooner was the matter placed before the department at Ottawa, with the cooperation of Mr. Hazen, than authority was given to appoint such an officer, and the thing was done. It has resulted in a very decided gain in recruiting in the province at large.

Not long ago it was announced that three thousand more men would be needed from New Brunswick by next spring. Since then it has been announced that a third army division from Canada is to be created for service at the front, and that some of the troops now in England will be required for that division, making it necessary to send men in larger numbers to England, not only to replace those going to France but to provide reinforcements. This means that after the three thousand asked for have been provided by New Brunswick other thousands must be recruited as reinforcements. We cannot afford, therefore, to mark time, nor can the recruiting committee and the business men of St. John absolve themselves from responsibility by blaming the military authorities unless they have exhausted every effort to have the situation made clear, not at Halifax, but at Ottawa.

There is no reason whatever to fear that Sir Sam Hughes will not do the thing that is necessary to boost recruiting in this city and province. The immediate need is to have quarters fitted up so that every man who enlists may be taken care of at once. If proper representations are made at Ottawa the matter will be attended to, just as was the matter of a recruiting officer for the province. The more energy we put into the recruiting campaign, and the more men we train and send to the front the sooner the war will end. It is a business proposition and every man's duty is to lend a hand. Whatever difficulties appear must be brushed aside and the work go on. New Brunswick needs more direct connection with the department at Ottawa, and there is no ground for the belief that it cannot be secured. This is war-time, and whatever changes are necessary will be made by Sir Sam Hughes the moment it is made clear to him that they ought to be made. It will require our best efforts under the most favorable conditions to perform the task that lies at our hand, and the minister who is calling for men may be relied on to do all in his power to facilitate the work. Let the situation be placed clearly before him, and without delay.

The request for authority to recruit a battalion of Acadians in the maritime provinces will doubtless be complied with. Many Acadians have enlisted in battalions already formed, but there will be no difficulty in filling the ranks of one composed entirely of provincialists of French extraction. Such a battalion would appeal to a great many young men in Nova Scotia as well as in New Brunswick, and could be relied on to win laurels for the Acadians when it went to the front.

SERGT. KNIGHT.

When Sergt. Knight left St. John today he carried with him the heartfelt good wishes of the people of St. John. As a recruiting agent he holds the record, and getting recruits has been and is the most important business of the war. Sergt. Knight has not spared himself. He has worked early and late, though suffering from wounds and knowing that he must submit to another serious operation before he can hope to have his strength restored. Those associated with him know that at more than one great public meeting where he threw his whole soul into the appeal for men he almost collapsed at the close. He would be again at the front if he could, but here at home he has rendered service of the highest value, and if he sometimes said what appeared to be harsh words he had earned the right to say them to any man or men who prefer safety and ease to a place in the ranks when the rights of humanity and the fate of Canada hang in the balance. He stands as the fearless advocate of a righteous cause, and will have no reason to reproach himself in the years to come, when the world has been made a better world through the devotion and sacrifice of the brave and noble men and women who heard and gladly answered the call of honor and of service. Last night's great audience in the Imperial Theatre left no doubt in the mind of Sergt. Knight concerning the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of St. John; and it was characteristic of him that he asked that the cheers be given to the young men who are enlisting for active service rather than to himself. Nevertheless it cannot but be a source of deep satisfaction to him in this city and province there are many people who, in the words of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, will be wishing him God-speed on the road to renewed health and strength. Sergt. Knight cannot understand how young men can hold back. It is the more difficult to understand how they can hold back after they have listened to one of his heart-searching and conscience-moving appeals in behalf of the noblest cause that ever challenged the manhood of men.

Last night's Imperial meeting should give a strong boost to the 118th Battalion.

The presence of French Canadian officers on the platform at the Imperial last evening was an object lesson in Canadian unity.

St. John will part with the 104th Band, whenever it may leave St. John, with very great reluctance. It has become a fine musical organization, and fully deserves the popularity it has won.

The revenue of Canada is growing, railroad earnings are increasing, and other significant signs of growing prosperity are visible. The strain of the war is being borne wonderfully well. No doubt this is one of the chief reasons for the fact that there are still many people who do not fully grasp the deadly nature and the profound significance of the struggle that is being waged in Europe.

Congratulations to Rev. M. E. Fletcher on being the father of a son who had the courage to do such a deed as should win for him the highest honors awarded for conspicuous examples of courage and devotion. These lads at the front shame their comrades who linger at home, content to have their fighting done by others.

The Toronto World says that to provide all the soldiers required from that city should recruit 200 per day from now till March, and the present average is only about 30 per day. The average in St. John of late has also been far below the requirements. The World hopes for a better showing after the Christmas holidays. Perhaps the same will be true of St. John. Meanwhile the lads in the trenches are calling. Who answers?

The New York Tribune calls upon the Republicans in Congress to introduce a resolution asking the president to sever diplomatic relations with Germany if she does not specifically disavow the crime of the Lusitania or pay suitable indemnities. A New York despatch says that lively times in Congress this week are expected. The government has demanded the recall of several members of the German embassy, but that does not touch the matter of the Lusitania and the murder of American citizens, whose death is still unavenged.

If the men who go to the front go there to fight for the triumph of righteousness in the world there can be no irreverence in a Sunday recruiting meeting. With all reverence it may be said that one could have little respect for a religion which did not regard as a sacred duty the overthrow of the butchers of Berlin, and not less a duty on Sunday than on Monday. Sergt. Knight put the case in a nutshell last night when he asked if he would be justified in permitting his neighbor's wife to be murdered on Sunday and refrain from going to her aid because it was Sunday. In Europe yonder the butchers of women and children are as busy on Sunday as on other days.



THE HONOR ROLL.

(T. H. Lister.)
(The Presbyterian lantern slide department is sending out these verses all over the country for the use of Sunday schools and recruiting meetings. They can be sung to the tune of "Kosmopolite" or "Onward Christian Soldiers.")

When the cry from Belgium
Echoed through the world,
Empire sons responded,
Freedom's flag unfurled,
Blood of British heroes
Coursing through their veins,
Live or die, no matter,
Just as God ordains.
Forward they are marching,
On to victory,
Just our cause, and righteous,
Death or liberty.

Some have "crossed the border,"
Some are fighting still,
Langemarck and Ypres
Give each heart a thrill,
On the "roll of honor"
Etched with British blood,
Names of brave Canadians,
Dead on field and flood.
Forward, ever forward,
May our steps incline,
For the world's eternal peace,
All our prayers combine.

British sons, for freedom,
Shall their life's blood drain,
Love and mercy blending,
Shield the flag from stain.
Loved ones gone forever,
Sacrifices made,
Liberty's foundations
Have for aye been laid.
Forward, always forward,
Watchword "God and King,"
Britain's love for truth and right,
Peace on earth will bring.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Signs in the Trenches.

"Gott Mit Uns" was the sign noticed by active service rather than to himself. Nevertheless it cannot but be a source of deep satisfaction to him in this city and province there are many people who, in the words of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, will be wishing him God-speed on the road to renewed health and strength. Sergt. Knight cannot understand how young men can hold back. It is the more difficult to understand how they can hold back after they have listened to one of his heart-searching and conscience-moving appeals in behalf of the noblest cause that ever challenged the manhood of men.

"Resigned!" he gasped. "But what- ever for?"

"Well, I don't know exactly," said the secretary, "but it strikes me that it may have something to do with the solo we picked for her at the next performance." "Why? What is it?"

"Don't you know? It begins, 'I once was young but now am old.'"

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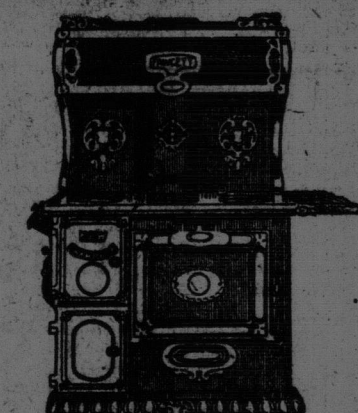
Tuesday, Dec. 7

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WEEK-END FIRES

Damage amounting to \$85,000 was caused by a fire in the three story brick building occupied by A. E. Wry Stand- ard, Ltd., at Sackville, yesterday morning. The chief damage was done to the section devoted to war harness and equipment and the mysterious nature of the fire lends color to the belief that it may have been incendiary. In another part of the building their general stock, including pianos, was damaged, chiefly by water. The damage to the building is estimated at \$5,000 and to the stock at \$80,000, only partially covered by insurance.

JUST THINK OF IT

A Three Hundred and Fifty Dol-
lar Emnis Piano Absolutely
Given Away!

That advertising is now a science is again demonstrated practically to the buying public of this section by the wonderful advertising system now employed by the most enterprising business house of H. N. DeMille & Co., who are going to give away absolutely free to some one of their customers on May 30, 1916, the beautiful Emnis parlor grand piano, which is now on exhibition at their store. The Emnis sells for \$850, and is a high-class instrument in every respect, guaranteed by the makers for ten years. Just think of it! A \$850 piano to be given away! A few years ago, if a merchant was to do such a thing he would be considered a fit subject for an asylum, but conditions have changed, yet in the face of the enormous sum spent in advertising, the fact of H. N. DeMille & Co. giving away a \$850 piano is a stupendous undertaking, and it clearly demonstrated their desire to be

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