

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Believing that young people will indulge in dancing notwithstanding any rules to the contrary, the National Council of Winnipeg has given its approval of this social custom in church halls, under church control and religious influence.

A subscriber has favored the Express with a clipping from a pamphlet issued by the National War Savings Committee, London, England. It tells its own story of the absolute need of conservation. Read it, it may teach you a lesson: "I am a slice of bread. I measure three inches by two and a-half, and my thickness is half an inch. My weight is exactly an ounce. I am wasted once a day by 48,000,000 people of Britain. I am the bit left over; the slice eaten absent-mindedly when really I wasn't needed. I am the waste crust. If you collect me and my companions for a whole week you would find that we amounted to 9,380 tons of good bread—wasted! Two shiploads of good bread! Almost as much—striking an average—as twenty German submarines could sink, even if they had good luck. When you throw me away or waste me you are adding twenty submarines to the German navy."

Some weeks ago there appeared in the Tribune some verses under the heading "My Flag and Your Flag," over the initials of one of its editors, to make it appear he was the author. We have reason to believe they were simply an emulsified version of a poem written by an American writer, which may be found in our excellent public library. The original was written in praise of "Old Glory," but as it appears in the Tribune it might be to the French tri-color, which is flown everywhere in Quebec by Nationalists, to the exclusion of the Union Jack. If we are mistaken in our deductions, we would consider it a favor if the lines could be reproduced in the next issue of the Tribune, as we do not like to get a wrong impression from them. If the Library Board will compare these verses with the original lines, they will certainly be much impressed with the eccentricity of genius, or whatever term best describes such a marked similarity.

This week we cannot help but contrast the utterances of such representative Liberals as Mr. Rowell, Rev. Father Minehan, Michael Clarke, and others, with the misfits who profess to speak in the name of East Elgin, which will repudiate them as it did those who sought to make Canada an adjunct to the U. S. in 1911. In Macedonia and elsewhere Christians are being slaughtered by Turks and infidels, and their appeal for help is only met with a sneer. We like the attitude of Mr. Rowell and all others who are big enough to preserve the honor of Canada at this critical time. At Toronto on Saturday a mass meeting of four thousands Liberals enthusiastically endorsed conscription of man power, who urged and arranged this meeting material and wealth. Among those were descendants and representatives of Blake, Mowat, Ross, Moss, Mulock and Joffray, able men who were prominent in the progress of Canada. This dominion began fifty years ago with a coalition government, and it seemed but fitting that its fiftieth anniversary should have been marked by one.

Toronto Saturday Night, the well edited Independent Weekly says: "In bringing in conscription, Premier Borden has done the wise thing. Indeed, it was the only measure possible if Canada is to maintain her army at the front. There was no choice if our sadly depleted divisions are to remain at fighting strength and continue to aid the Allied cause in the future in the same measure as in the past. The end of the war looks as far away as it did a year ago, and it is not at all unlikely that in place of fifty or a hundred thousand fresh troops being enrolled under the Conscription Act, as intimated

by the Premier, it will be necessary to multiply the larger figure by at least two, and perhaps three, in the course of the months to come. Much will depend as to whether or not Russia can be counted upon for further active participation in the war, and the present outlook is, to say the least, dubious. If the war is to be fought out on the west front in place of both the east and west, it is going to take more troops than either England or France counted upon some months ago. As a nation, Canada has received the conscription announcement whole-heartedly. That portions of French Quebec should object was to be expected. A far-away rumble of discontent is also heard from the Maritime Provinces, where it may be pointed out, enlistment has been lighter than in any other part of Canada, save Quebec. Besides, the Maritimes are in the midst of a wave of prosperity, the like of which has never been known, and naturally they object to being disturbed.

Members of the county council at its session last week paid the members of the Malahide township council a decided compliment when they contended that through the instigation of the latter unpretentious body, the provincial government enacted a law for the special benefit of the said Malahide township. Difficult as it may be to believe, the charge was made seriously, and so strong was the resentment that a resolution was actually submitted and warmly supported censuring the government for its action. Doubtless the Malahide councillors will be surprised to learn that they hold such a strong hand with the government. The Stalter bridge in South Malahide, which has cost the township so much anxiety and a mint of money to repair and rebuild in past years, was the innocent cause of the fracas. It will be remembered that the township sought to have this bridge declared a county structure, which was strenuously opposed by the county council, and the learned judge upheld the objections on the ground that the bridge lacked a few feet of the necessary length. But it seems that at the last session of the legislature, the Act was amended shortening the required length of such bridges sufficiently to bring the Stalter bridge within the jurisdiction of the county council, which is thus made liable for its construction and maintenance. It appears to be a sore touch for some of the county members, but there is unlimited satisfaction expressed in the township. Reeve McKenney, of this place, was quite right when he discouraged the resolution of condemnation, and told his fellow members that the legislature would not care a snap for a resolution from them or any other body in such matters as these.

The County Council was again disposed to sidetrack the good roads movement in Elgin county at its recent session. This august body, it appears to us, has dilly-dallied over the question quite long enough, and they should either turn it down or adopt the system, preferably the latter. Elgin county should not be lagging behind in the good roads procession, notwithstanding the fact that it is war time. Good roads are one of the very best assets possible to have, as has been amply proven by Aylmer. But if the scheme be adopted, the council should be prepared, once the roads are constructed, to keep them in proper repair. This may easily be done if a little attention is given them each year. A few years ago one of the finest highways in the province was between Ingersoll and Woodstock. Apparently no repairs were made, however, and last week, when the writer went over this road, he found it one of the worst in his experience. Just here it might not be amiss to warn the township council that attention by way of a top dressing and use of the roller will save the beautiful piece of roadway between Aylmer and Rogers' Corners from a similar fate. We note that a small piece has been treated and we hope the good work will be continued. Members of the county council recently went on an

extended tour of inspection through good roads counties, at an expense, as reported by Reeve Hare, of Malahide, exceeding \$300. The scheme was recommended, but did not go through. A committee consisting of the Reeves of the various municipalities was, however, appointed, who will consider and revise the good roads by-law and report at a special meeting of the council within the next month. At this meeting it is to be hoped the question will be finally disposed of one way or the other.

Last week we took occasion to contrast the remarkable utterances of General Smuts, formerly an avowed enemy of Great Britain, with those of Col. Armand Lavergne, who will be a member of any house headed by a French-Canadian premier. These brought forward some language from an aspirant for a \$2,000 job, who used a milk jug for an illustration, and a toad as illustrating Lavergne's chances. Wait and see. Sir Wilfrid is credited with making fifteen recruiting speeches in Quebec, but we have not read one in which he did not first express his lack of confidence in the government, thereby showing those addressed their first duty was to turn the rascals out. Similarly he sent in a reproach for the breaking of newspaper windows, but only after stating the papers were clearly at fault. Sir Wilfrid knows the French-Canadians, and they can read between the lines through their spokesman, though the words themselves as spoken might not be considered seriously. Notwithstanding the drain of this great war, Germany has to-day a greater gold reserve than when it began, as the only purchases she can make is of disloyal subjects. She had several millions in America for the subversion of the U. S., Mexico, Cuba, etc., but now that they cannot be used there, Quebec disloyalists can revel in it, and unfortunately there are many outside Quebec who are in politics for what they can make out of it, and feel that such a golden opportunity as this should not be missed. Their attitude is giving great comfort to the enemy and stiffening the morale of the army, whose members are told Canada is divided against itself, and may be in a state of rebellion. But some, who have not sent representatives to the front, and are quite heartless as regards the needs of dependents of those who are there, do not for a moment consider the lives which will be lost and the millions it will cost the country by them playing into the enemy's hands.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. Clarence Parker left last week for Kansas City and St. Louis, where he will spend some weeks.

Mrs. (Dr.) McKechnie, of Chicago, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. (Dr.) Augustine.

The motor bus line was well patronized last Sunday. The day being fine a large number spent it in St. Thomas and Pt. Stanley.

Mr. T. Bruce Nairn liberated 100 homing pigeons early Saturday morning which had been sent to him from Malden, Mass., a distance of about 500 miles.

Lord Northcliffe, commercial representative of the British government, arrived in the United States on the American steamer, St. Paul, last Sunday. It is said that he will also visit Canada.

While motoring on Sunday, Mrs. Arthur Doan, of Yarmouth Heights and her daughter, Miss May were severely injured when their car overturned. Mrs. Doan's leg was broken and her daughter's knee-cap broken. Mrs. Doan is a sister of Mrs. Thos. Hammond of this place.

The District meeting of District No. 16, Independent Order of Odl Fellows, was held in the Aylmer Lodge rooms Monday evening. A full representation of delegates of all lodges of the district was present and a large amount of important business transacted. Mr. W. W. Kiddie was elected as the D. D. G. M. for District No. 16.

Returned soldiers or sailors who decided to settle on the land in Ontario will receive \$110 per day for every day spent at the training farm at Monteith, and in the case of married men their wives will receive the same separation allowance as they got while their husbands were serving in the forces, while each child under 16 years will get \$6 per month which is slightly more than is allowed by the patriotic fund. The wives also will get the same amount as they got from the patriotic fund.

Mothers and Fathers

WE know that you are proud of your boys and it is your ambition to have them dressed as nicely as other boys and when you get him a new Suit it must be a perfect fit, the latest style and the cloth must have wearing qualities and price right. If he needs: Shoes, Stockings, Underwear, Shirts, Waists, Collars, Neckties, a Hat and other things so often needed by the boy, and after you have fitted him out, you look at him and say to yourself, "Doesn't he look fine, I am proud of him." We have heard similar expressions from mothers and fathers after a short visit to our Boys' Clothing and Furnishing department and we feel confident that you will say just such things if you make a selection here.

Clothing

Blue Serges in all the latest style and very low in price considering the scarcity of blues that are fast color. We are showing a beautiful line of Nobby Tweeds from the best makers in Canada, also every day suits made of Cottonade, very strong and reasonable in price, made in the same styles as the highest priced suits, all pants are bloomers and most of them have the patent fastener.

Shoes

Boys' School Shoes, work shoes, play shoes, sport shoes.

Collars

All sizes and shapes in linen and Kant Krack.

Ties

Windsor four-in-hand, bat-wing and wash, a great variety of colors and patterns.



box calf kip canvas and rubbers. We are prepared to fit the boy right.

Stockings

Black and tan, fast colors in plain and ribbed, well made and lasting.

Shirts

We are extra well stocked and the selection of patterns are as good as any city store. Sizes from 12 to 14.

Waists

No need of you making them when you can get them at the price we are showing them at.

Underwear

Balbriggan two-piece and union suits, all sizes.

Hats

Straw, Silk, Linen and Felt. The Rah Rah hat is the thing for the small boy and we have never had such a stock of them.

We intend to give a great deal of attention to the fitting of the boy and your boy will receive the best of service and when you have dressed him from our store you will have a feeling of pride. We invite your inspection of our stock.

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Boy Outfitters

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Monteith and son, George, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cole, St. Thomas.

Miss Helen Laur, London, is spending a few days in town with Miss Lena Monteith.

Ern Millard, Lorne Fowler and G. W. Howse were in Oshawa last week and brought back with them two new autos.

Mrs. Raymond has moved from Talbot street to St. George street, where she has rented Mr. T. Hammond's house.

Mr. C. Showers received word last week that his nephew, who resides in Dakota, had been killed by an explosion which blew his body to pieces.

It is announced that The Interurban Motors Limited will commence operating their busses from Aylmer to Pt. Burwell this week, providing the car is delivered by the manufacturers when promised.

Douglas Fear, who came home from Royal Oak, Mich., to enlist, has been successful in getting in the 63rd Battery at London, and with a number of other Aylmer young men, will report for duty on the 21st inst.

Loves Good Shoes are the best money can buy. If they were not, I would see that they were made so, as my reputation for Good Shoes the past eighteen years must go unchallenged and unchanged. Aylmer's exclusive Shoe Store. Fred W. Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Cohoon, Talbotville, spent Sunday with friends in town.

The Aylmer evangelists, assisted by Mr. Will Starr, who conducted the musical part of the services, had charge of the anniversary services at Grovesend Methodist church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Hodges, of Chabotville, are visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rutherford announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Helen Jean, to Robert William Seed, of London, the marriage to take place quietly the latter part of June.

WANTED

500 New Customers to try our High Quality Meats and Groceries

Rapid Delivery Service to All

Fancy Strawberries, Ripe Tomatoes, Pineapples, Lettuce, etc. Cooked Meats, Smoked Meats and Fresh Meats our specialties.

SPECIALS THIS WEEK

- Cascade Salmon per tin 18c, 6 tins \$1.00
- Standard Peas, per tin 15c, 2 tins 25c
- Gallon Apples, per tin 35c
- French Peas, per tin 15c
- Ripe Tomatoes, per lb. 20c
- Pineapples (special prices by the dozen) 15c & 20c
- Strawberries, about per box 20c
- Home-made Jellied Hock, per lb. 40c
- Home-made Sausage, per lb. 22c
- Rib Roasts, Rump Roasts, Steaks and Stews our Specialty.

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TUESDAY "ALL RAIL" - also THURSDAY'S STEAMER "Great Lakes Routes" (Season Navigation)

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The fertile prairies have put Western Canada on the map. There are still thousands of acres waiting for the man who wants a home and prosperity. Take advantage of Low Rates and travel via Canadian Pacific

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MEN BETWEEN 20 AND 45 DECLARED S

All will be Asked to Register Ten Classes to be Called Upon Provided for.

CONSCRIPTION BILL THE HOUSE

Ottawa, June 11—(C) —By the terms of the Military Act of 1917, which provides introduced on Monday, June 11, all men between 20 and 45 are declared to be soldiers and are to be called up in distinct classes: First, single men 25 years of age; next, 25 then 27 to 31. Marriage then started upon, and if they arise, will go up to 31. All those who have married on May 18, when the bill was announced, will be classed in the Exemption

The Exemption In each county, probably by the judicial authorities, any event not by the Conscription boards will be classed in the Exemption class is called, conscripts eligible to exemption employers think so, may these boards. Elements of exemption will be civil in industrial concerns, vital to the state, such as munition work lines of activity. The number of exemptions will be another determining factor.

The Ten Classes

- 1—Those who have attained 20 and were born not earlier than 1894, are unmarried or widowed children.
- 2—Those born 1889 to married or widowers with children.
- 3—Those born in 1883 to married or widowers with children.
- 4—Those of 20 years or more, born not earlier than 1890 or widowers, with a child or children.
- 5—Those born 1889 to married or widowers with children.
- 6—Those born 1888 to married or widowers, with children.
- 7—Those born 1877 to married or widowers without children.
- 8—Those born 1876 to married or widowers with children.
- 9—Those born in 1872 to married or widowers, with children.
- 10—Those born 1872 to married or widowers, with children.

The number to be secured hundred thousand.

Clergymen and men who branch of the army or navy or have retired from either exempted.

The bill provided for local boards to whom application made by those claiming exemption. One member of the board chosen by the county judge by the Minister of Justice.

Then there will be an appeal composed of a judge and a central provincial chief, the provincial Chief Justice by a central appeal Judge chosen from the Supreme Court.

NOTICE

I, David H. Robins, heretofore a partner in the firm of Robins, Galt & Co., accountants, do hereby certify that the account of the firm of Robins, Galt & Co., for the year ending December 31, 1916, is correct and true, and that I am responsible for the same.

D. H. Robins, Accountant.

Aylmer 12th of June, 1917.

YOUR CHANCE - THE WEST IS OPEN

Home-seekers' excursion to the West. Leave Aylmer for Pacific coast Tuesday after October 30th, inclusive. From any Canadian Pacific W. B. Howard, District Agent, Toronto, Ont.

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