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## CANADIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS.

In view of the fact that Canadian soldiers were fighting in France almost from the time of their arrival early in 1915 until the cessation of hostilities, it is impossible to give anything like a comprehensive review of the operations in which they were engaged. But among the most notable experiences of our men may be mentioned the second battle of Ypres, commencing on April 22, 1915, in which the First Division greatly distinguished itself. This part of our army was again in action at Festubert and Givenchy in May and June of the same year. In 1916 the Canadians, who by that time formed three divisions, were very heavily engaged at St. Eloi in April and at Sanctuary Wood and Hooge in June. In September, October and November of this same year the whole four Canadian Divisions fought in the battle of the Somme, especially distinguishing themselves at Courcellette, the Mouquet Farm and the Kenora, Regina and Deslre Trenches.

In 1917 Canadian Troops carried the heavy end of the assault at Vimy Ridge on April 19th and of Arras and Fresnoy on April 23rd and May 3rd. They fought the great success in the assault on Lens and in the taking of Hill 70 in August of that year, and were again heavily engaged in Passchendaele, fighting in October and November, and capturing all their objectives, although at enormous cost.

In 1918, although the main Infantry Brigades were not heavily engaged, the Canadian Cavalry, Motor Machine Guns and Railway Troops were active in their resistance of the German advance in March. The Canadian Corps formed the centre of the British front in the second battle of Amiens, commencing on August 8th, advancing 14,000 yards in one day, which record marked the deepest advance made by any corps in one day during the war.

At the beginning of September the Canadians played an important part in breaking the Quenestown Line, a part of the Hindenburg System. And previous to this in the Battle of Arras the Canadians were engaged in two assaults in which, although their losses were heavy, the total casualties were not as numerous as the prisoners taken. The Battle of Cambrai, the last great engagement in which Canadian forces participated, began on September 27th, and on October 9th our troops after heavy losses took the town and made important captures of men and material. In the last stage of the fighting Denain was captured on Oct. 20th, Valenciennes on Nov. 2nd, and Mons at daylight on the morning of Nov. 11th, the day on which the armistice came into force. Thus Canada's troops in France and Flanders have, during the period of the war, captured 45,000 prisoners, 890 heavy guns, 4,300 machine guns, have retaken 130 towns and villages and liberated 310,000 French and Belgian civilians.

Canadian units have also served in Palestine, Macedonia, and Russia, and the Canadian Cavalry, although separated from the Canadian Army Corps for the greater part of the time, distinguished themselves in France and Belgium. In March, 1917, this Cavalry Brigade captured six villages in two days. In the German advance in March and April 1918, it was actively engaged and suffered heavy casualties. It fought as part of the Canadian Corps in the second battle of Amiens and in the great advance at the end of the fighting, capturing the town of LeCateau on Nov. 9th.

## SHALE DEVELOPMENT.

The policy of the local Government in regard to oil shale areas in Albert County and elsewhere in New Brunswick seems to be one of passive waiting in the hope that English capitalists may do something. The speech from the throne contained a paragraph referring to the oil shale areas, which reference is pretty well stereotyped by this time. Nor does there appear to be any particular advantage in waiting for British capital to come this way, for such capitalists who have acquired interests in shale areas have been very much like American capitalists who, many years ago, secured power privileges at Grand Falls. They still hold these privileges, but up to the present there has not been the expenditure of a single dollar along the line of definite development, nor has anything whatever been accomplished in the Albert and Westmoreland shale areas, although of course there has been a lot of talk. The only suggestion of value which so far has been made is Mr. Baxter's proposition that the Dominion Government be asked to employ the services of its mining engineers in making borings and making a report of the possibilities of the development of the whole shale area. If such a report proves satisfactory then the Provincial Government might undertake development as a New Brunswick enterprise. The success or otherwise of such a venture would depend wholly upon the actual commercial value of the shale areas, and although exploitation of shale areas in other countries has not always been profitable, still the information now available touching on New

Brunswick deposits, incomplete as this information may be, leads to the belief that the Albert County oil shale areas contain a higher average value than do those of the majority of other countries in which reduction processes are now in operation.

Apart from the actual commercial value of the oil produced it should be borne in mind that development work, if carried on an extensive scale, would materially assist in ameliorating the fuel problem which is every year becoming more difficult in New Brunswick.

## LEMON EXTRACT.

Men have no business with lemon extract. They are not the home bakers and it is only on rare occasions that a husband is sent out to the grocery store to buy a bottle of flavoring. So that finding quantities of this alcoholic preparation in the pockets of arrested drunks, is practical evidence of the consumption of lemon extract for purposes of intoxication. In this town conditions are such that lemon extract drunks can be distinguished on the streets from those who are sober by their library of wood alcohol, red ink, Florida water, Worcester sauce and concoctions distributed by bootleggers under the name of whiskey. Yet the prohibitory law fails to provide punishment for those found with lemon extract in their possession, while it imposes a very high penalty upon persons carrying liquor. The law is not perfect—no law ever was—and there are many phases in the enforcement of prohibition which were not foreseen when the act was framed. It is intimated that amendments may be introduced at the present session covering some of these weak points. This is desirable, for substitutes are doing more physical harm under present conditions than would be caused by the consumption of an equal amount of whiskey.

## A GREAT RELIEF.

Members of the Veniot-Foster party league are no doubt feeling a lot better. Having got the lead off their chests they may be expected to settle down to business. Now that the whole thing is over in so far as that widely advertised resolution is concerned, what good did it do Mr. Foster and his friends? They simply sought a further opportunity to attack a number of their associates in the Legislature. They knew perfectly well that a resolution as was introduced in the report, which no stretch of imagination could be justified by reason of the evidence taken at the potato inquiry, would result in a division on party lines, and they must realize that condemnation in a vote such as this is not to the discredit of those against whom it was directed. The majority in a Legislature can do almost anything it wishes to do, and when a house divides on eristic party lines, as was the case on Thursday night, the immediate result is merely to increase the bitterness between parties.

## B. R. MACAULAY.

Mr. Beyerley R. Macaulay was not a public man in the generally accepted sense of the word. During his many years in St. John he has interested himself in matters touching the welfare of the people and the progress of the City, but his great pleasure was found in his home and in association with a circle of intimate friends. A man of decided opinions, watch, however, he did not go out of his way to impose on others, unassuming in his manner, quiet, yet with abundant energy and a strong sense of humor, Mr. Macaulay represented a high class of citizenship and in his death St. John loses one who was in every way worthy of the respect of his fellows.

## WHAT THEY SAY

**Pertinent Question.**  
Salt Lake Tribune—Senator Fall says he will never vote to send a million boys to guard the harem of Turkey or protect the Indian Empire of Great Britain. Who asked him to?

**3,000 Miles Away.**  
Toronto News—Naturally this was a situation not to be borne by an intelligent giant. Carefully assembling his "facts" and then throwing them away, Col. Pratt laboriously put three thousand miles of stormy water between him and the men he desired to destroy, and then did a little long distance flying. His foot was on his native heath, and he felt free to enter upon a course of sustained vituperation.

**A Far Worse Evil.**  
Hamilton Spectator—And is not the instinct which bids the Britisher hold so firmly to his relations and his justifications a sound one? The merry heart goes all the way; it is often more to be prized than the cool, calculating head. When life becomes too material, too utilitarian, even in the best sense of the word, without its care-free hours, its leaven of fun, its unrestrained enjoyment, it is a thing of little worth. Is it not possible to be too serious, too artificial, too prudish, too mechanical? Allowance must be made for differences of temperament, for the play of emotions, for the expression of personality. Citizens cannot be turned out by legislative machinery after an ideal, standardized

pattern. The same moral garment will not fit every soul. The charm of variety—the spice of life—should not be jeopardized in striving to eliminate the peccadillo, let me make sure we do not succumb to a far worse evil—national self-righteousness.

**Glory Enough for All.**  
Buffalo Express—Jealousy is bound to crop out and it is no secret that Canada, weary and badly bloodied, is annoyed at the claims that she hears to the south of her. She should not be. Canada's part in the war will take many pages in the history of this conflict. Hers was a gallant role. This country will never forget how her troops turned back the German hordes at the time of the first gas attack at Ypres, and saved the Belgian coast. That is but one of her glorious feats. At the same time, Canada must not forget how the United States turned back the Germans at Chateau-Thierry and saved Paris in one of the darkest moments of the war.

**Industrial Understandings.**  
Chicago Tribune—It is a good sign, these days, when large employers of labor exhibit an honest desire to sit across the table with those they employ and get together on matters that concern them both.

Lack of confidence has been the deterrent to complete industrial understanding. Tradition has made it seem impossible for the workers to take the employer into his trust. Tradition has made it impossible for the employer to speak frankly with his employees. Each always has been apprehensive of sharp dealing on the part of the other. Neither has felt sure of the other's good intentions. It is a false barrier.

## Great Good Fortune.

Toronto Star—Mr. Fielding has, we think, expressed the opinions of the overwhelming body of the Canadian people. The desire is to stand fast with the British Empire, forming a part of it ever growing in importance, but retaining complete Canadian self-government within the larger organization. What the future may have in store for us no man knows, but the present state of the world serves to illustrate the great good fortune that is ours in forming part of so great and powerful an organization as this Empire—which, as we see it, is shaping into a group of British nations, held together by sympathy, interest, tradition, and sound purpose and understanding.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**When I Have Time.**  
(Providence News-Democrat)  
When I have time, so many things I'll do  
To make life happier and more fair  
To package up Stuart's Calcium  
Now with care;  
I'll help to lift them from their low  
depression.

**When I have time.**  
When I have time, the friend I love  
Shall know no more the weary, toiling  
days;  
I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths  
all ways  
And cheer her heart with words of  
sweetest praise.

**When I have time.**  
When I have time the friend you hold  
so dear  
May be beyond the reach of all your  
sweet intent.  
May never know that you so kindly  
meant  
To fill her life with sweet content.  
When you had time.

**Now is the time.** Ah! friend, no  
longer wait  
To scatter loving smiles and words  
of cheer  
To those around whose lives are  
now so dear.  
That may not meet you in the com-  
ing year.  
Now is the time.

## A BIT OF FUN

**Those Brutally Frank People.**  
"You wouldn't suppose," she said, "that I had a son in High School, would you?"  
"Indeed no," he replied. "I had an idea that all your children must be through college by this time."—Boston Transcript.

**Sympathy.**  
Father—So you are beginning to find that married life has its troubles?  
Daughter—Well, yes; Jack sometimes simply won't listen to reason.

## HAMPTON

Mrs. James Fairweather, who has been spending the winter with Mrs. Charles Hendricks, left on Friday for St. John to be the guest of Mrs. Clarence Dixon.

Dr. B. S. Stevens returned on Sunday from a business trip to Sydney and Halifax.

The Ladies' Guild of the Baptist Church is being entertained this evening at the home of Mrs. E. N. Stockford.

Mrs. Percy Ryden spent the latter part of the week in the city, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Steele.

The Red Cross Society, which for

the last few weeks has been meeting at the home of Mrs. Cecil March have completed the work which they had on hand and will discontinue their meetings until further notice.

Miss Alice McNaught held her opening of spring millinery on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Frances Fairweather and Miss Margaret Turnbull were week-end guests of St. John friends.

Rev. Mr. Johnson returned on Friday from Havelock, where he was called to attend the funeral of one of his former parishioners.

Mr. A. B. Sanders, labor representative of the W. S. S. Committee, spent Tuesday in Hampton in an endeavor to interest the merchants and other citizens in the campaign.

In the afternoon Mr. Sanders visited the school and advised the forming of a society among the pupils who have already taken active interest in the work.

Mrs. N. W. Barnes and daughters, who for the winter months have been occupying the Holly residence on Germaine street, are returning this week to re-open their home on Everett street.

## Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE.

VICTORY.

Scene, a battle field with one going on. All the American soldiers retreating on account of having been ordered to and feeling like it anyway.  
Fred Fearless, (standing there) Darn if I'm going to retreat. The Fearlesses never retreat.  
Fred Fearless, (retreating past) Hay, you better retreat if you don't want to wake up dead in some hospital.  
Fred Fearless, The Fearlesses never retreat.  
Fred Fearless, Say, fello, there's about a million Germans coming and the Americans ain't bin since yet.  
Fred Fearless, The Fearlesses never retreat.  
Fred Fearless, Never mind them—they you better beat it.  
General, Hay, what you see us all retreating? Wards did you get a license to stand there and block the traffic?  
Fred Fearless, The Fearlesses never retreat.  
General, Never mind changing the subject. Men, I command you to make this heavy gink retreat.  
Fred Fearless, You'll haff to catch me first. (Starts to run towards the enemies with the hole American army chasing him.)  
Everybody, Hay, you come back here and retreat.  
The German, Cheese ill—they're not going, they're coming! (All the Germans retreat.)  
Fred Fearless, The victory is ours.  
General, Well, it wouldnt of bin if we didnt of chased you.  
Fred Fearless, There ain't any gratitudes in the army.  
The end.

**Father—The young scamp!** He ought to be ashamed of himself. It isn't every married man that gets the chance.

**For Self Esteem.**  
Some men resemble the men they imagine themselves to be about as much as a box of animal crackers resembles a "soo."—Youth's Companion.

**Wedding ends romance.**—San Francisco Chronicle.  
Something can be said for long engagements.

**Wrong Ammunition.**  
"Booger likes to talk about his aim in life."  
"His aim may be all right, but he has the wrong kind of a load."—Boston Transcript.

**Philosophy.**  
Pastor—Well, Mrs. Rodgers, I am pleased to learn that despite your troubles your gratitude to Providence did not fail.  
Mrs. Rodgers—No, sir; rheumatism is bad indeed, but I thank heaven I still have a back to have rheumatism in.

**'Tis Ever So.**  
"Conscience makes cowards of us all," observed the Sage.  
"Conscience is a funny name for a wife," commented the Fool.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Wasn't Appreciated.**  
"If life in these days of high prices is worth living," said Hannibal Horne.  
"Think of the bargain it must have been in the days before the war!"

**The Reason.**  
"Why don't you get up and go?"  
"Can't afford to go south every winter to play it!"

**What the Mind Thinks.**  
Pickpocket (visiting friend in jail)—I hired a lawyer for you this morning, Slim, but I had to haul him my watch as a retainer.  
Slim—And did he keep it?  
Pickpocket—He thinks he did.—But, fello Express.

**Had Another Gun.**  
Uncle Clearwater (noted temperance apostle, on a visit to St. John, looking out of the parlor window)—What a fine building that is across the way!

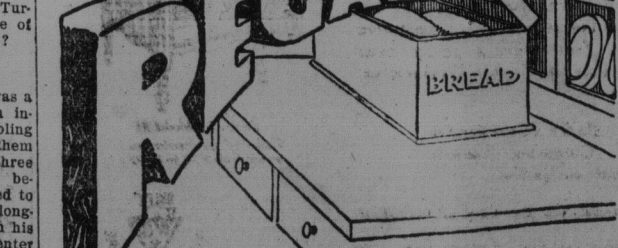
Nephew—Yes, but the owner built it out the blood, the ashes and groans of his fellow men; out of the grief of crying children and the woe of waiting women.

Uncle C—Ah, a saloonkeeper, of course! Yes, yes.  
Nephew—Oh no; he's a dentist.

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## BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL SESSION

**Favored Daylight Saving for the City—Abattoir Matter Referred to Committee—Rimouski Recommended as Port of Call for Mails.**

The council of the Board of Trade met in fortnightly session yesterday and dealt with several matters of importance. The port of Rimouski was recommended as a port of call for mails during the summer months. Communications from the Halifax Board of Trade and the Retail Merchants' Association, to the business profits tax were endorsed, being along the lines of a resolution already passed by the board and forwarded to Ottawa. No action was taken on a communication re revision of the tariff.

The resolution passed at the recent men's Association regarding an appeal of the Farmers' and Dairy Abattoir was referred to a special committee. The council passed a resolution in favor of daylight saving for the city. The proposed bankruptcy act, introduced by the Canadian Credit Men's Association, was referred to a special committee for report. Action on the decision of the Railway Commission re sugar rates was referred until further information was available.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:  
"Whereas fire waste in Canada far exceeds per capita that of any other country in the world, amounting to over \$30,000,000 in the year 1918; and  
"Whereas, as long as such state of affairs continues no reduction in fire insurance rates can be expected; and  
"Whereas, a large percentage of the fires in the province of New Brunswick are due to Municipal indifference, individual carelessness, and defective building construction; and  
"Whereas no adequate provision for the thorough investigation of the origin of fires exist in New Brunswick;  
"Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this council the Legislative Assembly of the Province should be urged to enact the necessary legislation and to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the causes of all fires in New Brunswick, and to prosecute in all cases where carelessness or fraud appears to be in evidence. Such a Commission should be appointed by the government on the joint recommendation of the Premier of the Province and the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters."

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