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### BREWSTER KEEPS HIS WORD

When Rev. Dr. Pidgeon was in St. John, attending the Social Service Congress, he said in one of his public addresses that the new government of British Columbia had announced that it would abolish the patronage civil. Dr. Pidgeon said from what he knew of Premier Brewster he believed that pledge would be kept. As a matter of fact, the government invited Dr. Adam Shortt, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, to draft a civil service reform bill. Dr. Shortt has done so, and Premier Brewster himself introduced the bill in the legislature.

The Toronto Globe says it is the first thorough-going civil service reform bill introduced in Canada, and is a complete fulfilment of the government's pledge. Under it, says the Globe, "every vestige of the patronage civil will be swept away, and the civil service will be entirely based on the merit system, following the British practice." The following is an extract from the premier's speech in introducing the measure:

"Patronage is the twin sister of corruption. There is nothing that I could say that would be so strong to express the sentiments of horror with which I regard this monster, which has been tolerated too long in this self-governing Dominion of Canada and in its provinces. There are only two or three excuses offered for its existence, and I think I can easily dispose of these. They are party exigencies, the reward of party fealty, and a depreciated moral sense. How many times have I had it thrown at me in the past few months that so and so must not run here unless someone else gets this or that; this must have something or we cannot expect to accomplish this or the other; I would say that if we are not here for bigger and better purposes than that, if the future of the party depends upon the politician who wants a job, then it is time to get out and let someone else conduct the government who has not got to consider the petty, selfish demands of these sort of people."

These are courageous words, and ought to be read very thoughtfully by the politicians of all provinces. When the present war broke out it was obvious to the Liberals, pledged men their support, to abolish the patronage committee. Because he failed to do his duty, graft has been rampant. It is with a great deal of satisfaction the people of this province remember that Premier Brewster, who has taken such a bold step in the Pacific province, is a native of New Brunswick.

### VIMY RIDGE

The Canadians were in at the capture of Vimy Ridge. Another historic name is added to the list of those that will forever be associated with Canadian valor. The French fought for Vimy Ridge in 1915, and carried part of it, but were unable to do more. The British took over that part of the line but were later forced to give up a portion of the ground that had been held by the French. For many months past the Canadians have been under the shadow of Vimy Ridge, keeping the enemy constantly busy, and waiting impatiently for the time when an assault in force might be made. That time came, and yesterday, following a long and terrific artillery fire, which flattened out the German defences, the gallant sons of Canada swept over the long-coveted Ridge, and became masters of one of the greatest strongholds of the enemy on the western front. It was brilliant work, and resulted in the capture of many guns and thousands of prisoners. On either side of the Canadians were English and Scotch battalions, and all of them swept on to victory over an extended front. The enemy had been dazed by the awful bombardment by British guns, and his defences had been blown to shreds; and then came the irresistible onrush of the British and Canadian troops, who had impatiently waited long and weary months for this hour. It was a glorious victory; and, what is more gratifying still, the British and Canadian casualties were comparatively light. The big guns had done their deadly work so effectively that though the enemy put up a stout resistance he was hopelessly beaten from the moment the British assault was launched. This victory will compel the Germans to withdraw still farther, and it confirms the belief that when the British bring their big guns into action there is no German position strong enough to withstand their attack; for the crest of the Vimy Ridge is described as the strongest position on the western front.

### NO LEADERSHIP

All over Canada the people are taking an interest in the subject of increased production. In all the cities vacant-lot gardening is being discussed. It is also suggested that it might be possible to have high school boys spend part of their summer holidays helping the farmer in his work; and that in many ways the people of the cities and towns might

### LIGHTER VEIN

Less-Majesty

The late King Edward used to like talking to his eldest grandson. When the little prince was eleven his grandfather asked him what he was studying in his history lesson, and was told: "Oh, all about Perkin Warbeck." The king asked: "Who was Perkin Warbeck?" and the lad replied: "He pretended that he was the son of a king. But he wasn't; he was the son of respectable parents."

### Steak and Mistake

"You have some beefsteak of course?" queried a man who had hurriedly entered a butcher's shop. "Yes, sir." "And beef steak, is good to take the color out of a black eye?" The best thing in the world, sir." "Good! Save two pounds for Riley." "What Riley?" "The Riley who lives in Blank street. I'm going to black both his eyes. He'll probably call in half an hour. Good evening."

Twenty minutes later the same man came back with his coat in rags, his collar gone, his nose damaged, and both eyes puffed up.

"Did you find Riley?" asked the shopman, with a twinkle in his eye. "I did, sir, and he's kindly consented to let me use the beefsteak. Mr. Riley is a gentleman, sir."

Out of a shop entrance he dashed with a small length of cane, with which he manfully attacked a rumpsteak. He struck it repeatedly, then thrust it upward as far as it would go. Next moment the passers-by heard the familiar squeaking of an imprisoned rat. Women fearfully ran away with uplifted skirts; men and boys gathered round. The man prodded and prodded, and the squeaks became shriller.

Carts drew up by the curb and advice came from all quarters. "Get a long stick, mate!" "Bring a dog, some one!" "Let him come out and we'll get him!" But the hunter took no notice. He meant to catch that rat in his own way. At length, when a crowd of about 100 had gathered, he turned round and produced a tiny whistle from his mouth. "Ladies and gentlemen," he cried, "the funniest toy of the age! Amuses boys and girls for hours. Imitate every bird ever known, as well as mice and rats. Roars of laughter when used at a mixed party. One nickel each, gentlemen!"

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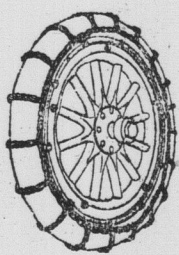
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Thirteen recruits were secured in the city yesterday: Thomas J. Dean, St. John, Canadian Engineers; John McGinley, St. John, Forestry Company; William Rich, Raymond Paris, St. John, No. 9 Siege Battery; Fred Gauding, John Scott, Arno Goodman, James Ogilvie, St. John, 238th Battalion; John Kelly, Indiana, U.S.A.; Joseph Duggan, Cork, Ireland; Robert H. Wallace, Sunbury county; John Garbriel, Parrsboro, A.S.C.; Claude T. Chittick, Penobscus, 238th Battalion.

### The Official Report.

The official report as given out last night by Lieut.-Colonel J. L. McAvity, C.R.O., covering the week ending Saturday, April 7, is as follows:

Kings county—30

Forestry Company—2

Home Service—1

Aviation Corps—1

St. John county—33

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Forestry Company ..... 8

Aviation Corps ..... 2

238th Battalion ..... 1

Westmorland—2

Canadian Engineers ..... 2

Forestry Company ..... 5

Restigouche county—7

Divisional Ammunition Column 2

238th Battalion ..... 1

Forestry Company ..... 1

Home Service ..... 3

Carleton county—4

Forestry Company ..... 4

Charlottetown—1

Canadian Engineers ..... 1

65th Field Battery ..... 2

Kent county—2

Home Service ..... 1

Albert county—1

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Mrs. W. G. Dowden, Greenspond.

Bonaville Bay, Nfld., writes: "I suffered with eczema on my hands; and for eighteen months was so bad that I could not use a needle to sew or do anything. I could scarcely dress myself. Though I had lots of salves from doctors, I could never get much benefit from them. Then I sent for a sample of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and found it very different in action. It was not long before my hands began to heal, and four 60c. boxes made them well. I cannot praise Dr. Chase's Ointment highly, and frequently give some to others to get them using it, for I know that it will cure."

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Major Dr. C. H. Morris, a native of Windsor, N.S., arrived in St. John yesterday, after spending two years in the medical service of the British army. He was the senior medical officer in charge of the returned that arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. Major Morris did not learn of his mother's death, which occurred three weeks ago, until he reached St. John.

BOY SCOUT NOTES

The call of king and country has found such ready response from the leaders of Boy Scout troops in Canada that today there is urgent need of more scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters in every province. The appeal is for men who are willing to play the game with the boys. Many a man who today knows nothing of technique of scouting will eventually, if possessed of the qualities of leadership, make a good scoutmaster. The scoutmaster may be twenty-one years old or he may be sixty-one years old; he is the man who has some interest in boys, who can squeeze out of a very busy life an evening a week and a occasional half day or day for a hike; who has in his heart the lust of the trail and of the open sky, and who knows some of the things the scout is supposed to know and who has a thirst to know more of them.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell writing in the assistance book "The Scout," points to the assistance boy scouts can and are giving to combat the German U-boat menace by growing their own vegetables. "I don't know which lot of scouts is leading the way in the matter of potato growing," he writes, "but there is a splendid response to my suggestion that we can best the German U-boat campaign by growing our own vegetables if we try. If the farmers can grow the corn, the boy scouts can grow a good lot of the vegetables that will be needed during the coming year."

"In Leeds the scouts have taken over 20,000 square yards of ground from the parks committee, and some 1,500 of them are already beginning work on it."

There is a plan carried out at other big places, where there are lots of scouts and plenty of waste ground, it will be a great help to spilling the German's idea of starving us out by sinking all our food ships with their submarines."

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