



Evening Telegram

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MONDAY, April 8, 1918.

It Must Come!

Overwhelming testimony is being given to prove that Selective Conscription as advocated by the Evening Telegram is the only remedy in the present crisis, if we are to save our honor as the youngest dominion, by creation, but the oldest by discovery, of the British Empire. And the guarding of that honor lies with ourselves. The Regiment is ours, the child of the Dominion of Newfoundland, and should it die, we alone are responsible, directly because of the reluctance of the manhood of the country to volunteer. And indirectly because of the dilatoriness of the Government in the adoption of a definite policy by which to create reinforcements. It is not enough to ally anxiety to publish information received from unofficial, tho' reliable, sources that the Regiment is not, as has been in every engagement of importance, where the bullets of the enemy fly thickest there is the 29th. Yet assuming that "Ours" is not in the heavy fighting, small casualty lists are continuing to come in daily, the total of which will eventually reach large proportions. Nine hundred men all told and no reserves. How long will it take to put this number hors de combat? And yet the Regiment is asked to wait until a played out system is again exploited. Our men are there, people of Newfoundland, nobly dying still unconquered, with their faces to the foe. What is your answer to their silent appeal for reinforcements? What is your answer, fathers and mothers of those heroes who have given their lives? Will you not demand that their sacrifices be made good and their deaths avenged? What is your answer, wives and orphans of those who gave up their dearest heritage that the world might be freed from the menace of a brutal and bestial militarism? What is your answer, relatives of the nine hundred who are maintaining the honor of Newfoundland in the firing line? Do you favor the re-adoption of a worn out method or will you not make your voices heard throughout the length and breadth of the land, demanding that a measure, which will at once be productive of the desired result, be enacted without further delay? This is no time for addition, gentlemen, of the Government. Upon you rests the responsibility. You must play the game of Imperialism now, or be forever disgraced in the future history not only of Newfoundland, but of your sister Dominions as well. The occasion demands drastic action. Desperate diseases require desperate remedies. Are you prepared to administer the remedy of SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION to save the life of the Regiment? Not only your own honor is involved but the honor of the Dominion of Newfoundland. And when you come to look at it, don't you think that her honor is far above any personal consideration?

Returned Soldiers, Attention!

You Have Your Coats Off,
Now Sharpen Up Your
Bayonets and Pre-
pare for Action
Thursday
Night.

There will be a dinner held at the British Hall at 7 p.m. for Returned Soldiers only. At 8.30 p.m. a meeting will be held and will not only be opened to returned men, but also to Rejected Volunteers.

COME

and see what we can do to send speedy help to Our Boys in the trenches, now doing double duty. apr.8,11

A Strong Endorsation.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Mr. Editor, I have been out of the city and on returning last night learned that you had called the flag of selective conscription to the mast. Permit me an ardent advocate of such a measure to congratulate you on the stand you have taken that is now over nine months since the Methodist Conference by resolution called upon the Legislature and the Government to pass a measure for conscription, and much valuable time has been lost. That vote was significant coming from men who are haters of Militarism and who, before the war, were anti-conscriptionists probably to a man. But the logic of events had proved too strong for them and coming as they did from all parts of the country, they were convinced that selective conscription alone would meet the needs of the hour and that such a measure could be enforced.

I do not know from whom His Excellency the Governor got his information that appeals for volunteers had not been made by the Churches on a religious basis. I can assure him that as far as Methodist ministers are concerned his informant was mistaken. Very early in the war we recognized that the associations of German leaders that the principles of the Christian religion only governed the relations between individuals, but had no force in the State was a direct challenge of the claims of the Christ to Lordship in every sphere of human thought and action. And it became increasingly evident as the war went on that underlying all the conflicting issues of the war this one was supreme, namely, whether we were to live by the law of Christ—the law of love—the law of Christ—for the individual, and another, the law of MIGHT not love, and the law of MIGHT not love, and the mere patriotism that led to the vote mentioned above. The ministers of the Churches, and the Government, and the people and that some of them would suffer in consequence, but their loyalty to the Christ whose duty to His Flock constrained them to such action.

When I read the next morning the Premier's speech at the Casino Theatre I was glad, Mr. Editor, that the crowd prevented me from getting in the night before. I am afraid I should have shown my sympathies with the hecklers. At the opening of the Assembly last summer after listening to the speech of the leader of the Government, Baron Morris, and that of the leader of the Opposition, the present Premier, I remarked to a friend that I would not willingly listen to either on a patriotic theme, as their speeches had convinced me that the thing of supreme interest to the people was the conduct of the war or the regiment or even the fate of the Empire, but their own political standing. My friend who had listened to both speeches agreed that my judgment though severe was probably just. Subsequent events have only served to confirm my opinion.

The Premier tells us that Public Opinion is not ready for conscription. But are not the members of the Government and Assembly the chosen leaders of the people? They have access to sources of information that others cannot have. They were chosen because they were supposed to be more intelligent and better qualified to form a correct judgment upon matters of state than the ordinary voter. They constantly create public opinion. If they want a Spring Election, or a general Railway, or a change in the Sealing Law, or to abolish the law of Supply and Demand they set about doing it, and then try to work up public opinion to sustain their action. They tell us they believe in conscription, and that it is the best method of keeping up the Regiment. Then they should have passed a conscription measure and gone out to their constituents and laid the reasons for their action before them. They were chosen to have come back with a solid body of Public Opinion behind them, and have shown themselves worthy of their high trust, not more politicians vainly trimming their sails to the various currents of an uninformed public opinion.

With the shibboleths of the People's Party or the Fishermen's Union, neither the writer nor thousands of his countrymen, have now any concern. These are only of local and passing interest. Our one concern is the help-

ing to win this war. If the war is lost the People's Party or Fishermen's Union or Liberal Party will not matter. When the balance is trembling on the pivot, a light weight thrown into one scale or the other brings it down. The handful of men in our gallant Regiment may be the light weight turning the scale for victory, or withdrawn for defeat. This war is ours. Either it is a Holy Cause, demanding our utmost sacrifice, or we should strip our appeals for recruits. The young men of this country and the gallant lads of our Regiment are not called to sacrifice their lives while we live in ease and comfort and carelessness. The call for sacrifice is as imperative for us as for them. If they are fighting for us, we are equally a call to sacrifice for them and for those they have left in our care.

There are only two courses open to the Government and people of Newfoundland at this juncture. One is to find the men and find them and keep the Regiment up to strength, the other to recall the Regiment NOW. It will be monstrous to keep the Regiment in the line until the service stripes which are worn on the right sleeve of the tunic; the red stripe shows that a man went overseas in 1914, and the blue stripe is worn for every year that a man had been away from home; e.g. a man of the first contingent who returned home in 1915 is entitled to wear the red stripe and three blues.

The Battalion color which is now out in the shape of a circle and worn on the back of the collar of the tunic also shows that a man has been away from home. Surely with all these "distinguishing marks" a returned soldier feels quite satisfied, and is not losing very much sleep because he has been ordered to stop wearing the Divisional Patch.

There is an order issued in Canada now, that all Canadians who return to Canada must wear any of the colors that they are wearing. As regards the different badges issued in Canada, it is quite a different subject; and as to the matter of the Canadian authorities, we do not wear their badges. The Imperial badge for honorable discharge is given to all our men that receive their discharge.

As the Herald says, "at the present time, when every nerve will have to be strained in an effort to obtain recruits," it does look a little strange that the editor should labor such a trifling matter which might be the means of causing trouble, when what we want is united effort.

Yours truly,
RETURNED SOLDIER.
April 8th, 1918.

And Still They Come.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir, I congratulate you on coming out flat-footed for Selective Conscription. It is time for the people to assert itself and it is fitting that the good and reliable Editor of the Telegram should take the lead. How often, by the way, has the Telegram championed the right? We all remember when the Proprietor and Editor of the Telegram, and the penalty of the law rather than surrender the right—the British right—to speak out.

I want to say a word or two about Wednesday's Patriotic meeting. In the sense that it showed that the right spirit was here in St. John's, it was a grand meeting. But we must show our politicians made! There was a very strong plea for united action, but it was not a patriotic plea. It was a very patriotic plea, and a long, long pull and a pull altogether put the best that is in us to the test. That was in effect the plea and we all shouted: Amen, so let it be. But there is one great hindrance. Our politicians are not playing the game and our Government is not upholding the dignity and majesty of a National Government. As a Government it is playing a policy of drifting and shirking with this recruiting business, and, from doing works of command the united action of the people, is setting class against class; while individual members of the Government are utilizing their high office to protect their own interests of the community. This was surely very evident at the Sealers' meeting held in the beginning of March when the Prime Minister and the Colonial Secretary made cheap clap-trap electioneering speeches appealing to the passions of the people, "pull together boys" to win the war, but rather for their favor and support, while the Hon. W. F. Coaker wrote a letter such as might have been written by a politician in the days of the purpose of securing their personal attachment to him and his dog, and as a Minister of the Crown, President of a Trading Company, I say, then, Honorable advisers of the Government, let them realize what they are in office for, let them not, like a lot of cheap-jack politicians, be swayed by the favor of any section or class in the community, but rather be fearless in following the path of sacred duty, and then we will follow them, then we will give them united support, and then men will abound for our noble Regiment and for the Empire's defence. Our Governor has telegraphed to the Secretary of State, "Please assure Prime Minister this Government will do all that is possible." These are responsible words, and our Government can only "do all that is possible," if it abandons politics and directs its energy with undivided mind to the prosecution of the war and the conservation of the welfare of this Dominion.

There is one other point I should like to draw to your attention—the vacancies in the People's House. There are four vacancies in the city of St. John's. One in Placentia Bay, one in Fortune Bay, one in Carbonear—perhaps others. What is there to prevent all these seats being filled before the House meets. Surely it is wrong to have these districts disfranchised. These by-elections would afford a splendid opportunity of learning the minds of the people on the question of the country's duty in this hour of peril and trial.

Yours truly,
ONE OF THE PEOPLE.
April 6th, 1918.

Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, and various Lung Troubles can be cured by taking Stafford's Phosphate Cough and Cold Cure. Price 30c. Btl. Postage 5c. extra.—apr.8,11

Explanatory.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—In Saturday's issue of the Evening Herald an article, under the heading of "Recruiting," makes some very conflicting statements re the wearing of the Divisional Patch. I would like to point out that when a man of our Regiment is wounded and sent to England, he is no longer on the strength of the 29th Division, and therefore, he is not entitled to wear the Divisional Patch. The Herald seems to think that the Red Patch is a decoration, whereas it is merely the distinctive mark of the 29th Division. When the Regiment was at Gallipoli with the 29th Division, there was no such thing as a Divisional Patch. It was not until May or June, 1916, when the Division went to France, that this Patch was worn.

A returned soldier can be easily distinguished from a man who has never gone overseas. For instance, if a soldier has been wounded, he wears the authorized gold stripe. There are also service stripes which are worn on the right sleeve of the tunic; the red stripe shows that a man went overseas in 1914, and the blue stripe is worn for every year that a man had been away from home; e.g. a man of the first contingent who returned home in 1915 is entitled to wear the red stripe and three blues.

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To All the Patriotic People of Nfld.

Who Wish to Uphold the Honour of Our Country by Keeping Our Glorious Royal Newfoundland Regiment at the Front.

Saturday, my letter to the soldiers met with a response that was spontaneous. To-day I will ask the patriotic people of Newfoundland to come out under cover and show their colours. The United States has what is called a Service Flag, and for every man gone from the home front, the mother has a white background. For every woman doing Red Cross work or patriotic work of any description, a Red Cross is sewn on a white background. The size of the flag depends on the number gone. Some businesses have two, three and four flags flying, and they are not taken in. Private families have the service flag and red cross flag hanging in their windows. I might suggest that instead of a star, we could have a Caribou Head, which is the emblem of our Regiment. This is the emblem of the Caribou Head. EMBLEM WEEK, so you cannot refuse us. The day we call upon you to fly your flags we expect to see and hear of the patriotic people of Newfoundland. Soldiers' Day will be towards the end of this week. For those whose sons have received the highest promotion we will ask them to fly the flag just the same. If they are not with us in flesh, they are with us in spirit. We the soldiers will consider by these signs and tokens that you are with us.

We ask your help for OUR PATLS OVER THERE.

HAROLD MITCHELL.

S. A. Chancellors

Called from Nfld.

Leaving on the 12.30 Train To-morrow Tuesday.

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Ernest Turner, Chancellors of the Salvation Army for Newfoundland, travelled from St. John's III. Corps Sunday at 11 a.m. St. John's II. at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m. from St. John's I. Splendid audiences attended these meetings, and representative speakers spoke in terms that showed they have entered themselves to the hearts of this island Dominion in the twelve months which, by the Providence of God, they have been permitted to spend here. The Staff-Captain and his able wife, combined, have given 74 years service as soldiers and officers of the Salvation Army. They also have three sons and one daughter, three of which are officers in the Army—and one a minister. He leaves the island with the good wishes of all Newfoundlanders, adherents and friends, from the Provisional Commander down. They leave on the 12.30 train. Tuesday, April 9th. Those who have not had the opportunity to say good bye to them will have opportunity and will be welcomed at the train.—Com.

Every hour of delay increases the need for Selective Conscription.

FINISHED DISCHARGING.—The T. S. Band discharged Saturday, her turn-out being 13,689 young harps, 1,827 young hounds, 178 bedlamers, 75 old harps and 1,406 old hounds, a total of 16,975 men. The gross weight of the catch was 444 tons, 17 cwt., 2 qrs., 10 lbs., and the net weight 420 tons, 10 cwt., 2 qrs., 4 lbs. The men shared \$154.20.

The one person in the Colony who is qualified and equipped to do everything in the Optical line as applied to the needs of the human eye is R. H. TRAPNELL.—apr.8,11

Casualty List.

(Received April 7, 1918.)

2nd London General Hospital, Chelsea.

1822—Private Gregory Barrett, East Wabana, Bell Island. Shell wound left forearm.

At Richmond Military Hospital.

2676—Private Herbert White, Moreton's Bay, Blood poisoning, slight.

Still dangerously ill, March 31st.

3870—Private Joseph West, Musgrave Harbor. Previously reported.

2744—Private Philip Stickland, Pass Island, Hermitage Bay. Previously reported.

New Zealand Stationary Hospital, Wisesque, March 27th.

1244—Sergt. Peter Kelly, 23 Livingstone, G.S.W. left ear.

58th General Hospital, Stomer, March 29th.

2869—Private Joseph Hillard, Summerside, St. George's. Wounded slightly.

J. R. BENNETT, Actg. Minister Militia.

Sealing Arrivals.

S. S. NEPTUNE.

The S.S. Neptune, Capt. Geo. Barbour, arrived from the sea fishery yesterday afternoon hauling for 13,500 young seals, the weight of about 18,000. The Neptune took the bulk of her seals in company with others of the fleet. For the past ten days Capt. Barbour was hunting old seals and picked up a hundred or more daily. The seals were plentiful and the ice was in poor condition. Captain Barbour and crew have had good health during the voyage.

S. S. RANGER.

The S.S. Ranger, Capt. S. R. Winsor, was the last of the Northern fleet to arrive, he hauled for 14,000 old and young seals, the weight of about 20,000. Capt. Winsor was amongst the first in the harps and hoods, and kept on picking up pans. Capt. Winsor and crew are all well and had the best of health during the voyage.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, April 8, 1918.

We are able to say that our Sutton's Seeds are now open and available for sale. Catalogues are in the printer's hands and will be ready for distribution in a few days. While we have been fortunate enough to secure a fair stock of these Seeds this year, we would advise our customers to order early, as the demand for them is increasing rapidly. The advantage of sending in their orders as soon as possible, as the demand for Sutton's Seeds will certainly be very large this year—and there are no seeds whose quality is equal to Sutton's.

Pastor Russell's Literature.

Colonel Otway, of the Salvation Army, writes to the effect that his attention has been called to the fact that recently Pastor Russell's books have been circulating in the Dominion. The impression created that the Salvation Army approved of this literature. Colonel Otway wishes it to be known that this is not so, and the Salvation Army has not the slightest sympathy with the religious teaching of these books. The books are considered same to be not only erroneous, but vitally offensive, and advises all to put them on the fire. In view of the reasonable aspect of the matter it is hoped the authorities will soon prohibit their entrance to the Dominion.

Death of Capt. Webb.

Major Macpherson received a cable late Saturday evening containing the late intelligence of the death of his brother-in-law, Capt. H. Webb, who had been killed in action in France. At the outbreak of the war Doctor Webb was attached to the staff of the University College Hospital, London, and was engaged in his professional career for active service. About the beginning of 1915 he was gazetted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, of which he was soon afterwards appointed Adjutant. So valuable were his services in this capacity that he was recommended for foreign service was refused. There are a number of Newfoundland nurses attached to the Royal Victoria Hospital, many of our boys have been tenderly cared for at that institution. Captain Webb was very attentive to all of "our" who came under his care and on several occasions had them at his home. Six weeks ago he was gazetted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, of which he was soon afterwards appointed Adjutant. 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