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The following paragraphs are therefore quoted from the St. Johns News and Advocate of June 6th.

Although the temptation to add our own comment is very strong, yet after all, we realize that such comment as we might add, would be entirely superfluous, and is, indeed, quite unnecessary.

THE CITY OF SAINT JOHNS.

Office of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Regular meeting, Tuesday the 4th June, 1918.

In the chair, His Honor Mayor Henderson Black.

Present, Councillors M. Rhéaume, E. J. Plante, L. P. Cloutier, J. B. Gaudette, Eugène Normandin, and Gédéon Frédette.

Moved by Coun. Martial Rhéaume, seconded by Coun. J. B. Gaudette, and carried unanimously:

"That the City Council of the city of St. Johns, Que., being informed that accusations have been made in the House of Commons of Canada, by Mr. Joseph Archambault, M.P. for Chambly-Verchères, against Lieut.-Col. W. W. Melville, commanding officer, E.T.D., St. Johns, Que., and his officers and men, in relation to the voting which took place at the St. Johns barracks, on December 17th last, deeply regrets that such an action on the part of Mr. Archambault took place.

That the citizens of the city of St. Johns have always had cordial relations with Lieut.-Col. Melville and his officers and hold in very high esteem the O.C. and all the officers and men of the E. T. D. in this city.

That without entering the merits of the said declarations, this City Council is of opinion that they have been made without due reflection, and against the will of the citizens of St. Johns, and that the good opinion they had has not been altered by such declarations.

That a copy of the resolution be addressed to Lieut.-Col. W. W. Melville and to the newspapers for publication."

NOTES FROM THE "VARSITY BOYS" AT THE COLLEGE BARRACKS.

Overheard in Orderly room:—

"Sergt. Major, I would like to get a little leave."

"How much would you like?"

"Just six or seven days."

Did he get it?

It is awful the way the Grandmothers are dying off these days. (??)

Lee, Corpl. R.:—"The smell of those old bones in the back yard is so thick that it gets into my eyes."

Who was the Corporal of Base Coy., when the men were lined up in the mess room for pay parade, gave the command:—"Parade will move over to the Riding School at the 'walk march'?"

If Mississippi wore Missouri's New Jersey, what would Delaware?

Ten drops, one drink,
Ten drinks, one drunk,
One drunk, ten days.

One of the bright young Varsity Boys asks,—"If beef is beef, and pork is pork, is Mutt an Jeff."

Who was the Corporal, when the men were making their wills, wanted to know who was going to be "Ex-e-kutor" of their wills?

Overheard at the Vinegar Factory Bathing Parade:—

1st Sapper:—"I bet I am dirtier than you are."

2nd Sapper:—"No wonder; you are five years older."

Sapper (to bran' new Lance Jack):—"How does your arm feel with that stripe on? Much heavier?"

One of the 'Varsity Boys was up before Capt. Derick, the other day, and the genial M.O. inquired where he felt sick. "I eat well and sleep well, but when they mention squad drill, I come all out in a cold sweat," replied the Sapper. "Two No. 9's and the wood pile," was the ready verdict. "Next!"

E. W. J.

TO H. A. W.

Who started the craze of collecting?

Be it stamps, old coins, or fags;
Who caused all this raving and keeping,

Of bric-a-brac, china and rags?

Some things I'll admit have a value,

And some are both costly and rare;

But why a collection of ribbon,
That was used to tie back her hair?

In a gentleman's room is it proper,
To find hanging there on the door,

A yard, more or less of hair ribbon?
I said, more or less, this was more!

The happy young man who's collecting,

These "keepers" of damsels' fair locks,

Must steady the pace he is running,
Or accustom himself to hard knocks!

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