



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Military Service Act, 1917.

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#### Men Nineteen and Twenty Years of Age.

It has come to the attention of the Government that there is a widespread impression that young men of nineteen years, and those who became twenty since October 13, 1917, as well as those who may become nineteen from time to time and who have been or will be called upon to register under the Military Service Act, are to be immediately called to the colours.

This impression is quite incorrect. No date has yet been fixed for calling upon such men to so report for duty, nor has the question been brought before the Cabinet for decision. In view of the need of labour on the farm, it is most unlikely that consideration will be given to the matter until after the harvest is over, although of course the Government's action must be determined primarily by the military situation.

There is no further obligation incumbent upon young men of the ages above mentioned who have registered or who do so hereafter, until they receive notice from the Registrars.

#### Harvest Leave.

Some enquiries have been received as to the possibility of granting harvest leave to such troops as may be in the country at that time. No definite assurance can be given on this point as advantage must be taken of ships as they become available. On the other hand, harvest leave will be given if at all possible.

#### Leave of Absence on Grounds of Extreme Hardship.

It is desired that the Regulations respecting leave of absence in cases of hardship should be widely known and fully understood. Such leave will be granted in two cases:— (a) where extreme hardship arises by reason of the fact that the man concerned is either the only son capable of earning a livelihood, of a father killed or disabled on service or presently in service overseas, or in training for such service, or under treatment after returning from overseas; or the only remaining of two or more brothers capable of earning a livelihood (the other brother or brothers having been killed or disabled on service, or being presently in service overseas, or in training for overseas or under treatment after his or their return from overseas); brothers married before 4th August, 1914, living in separate establishments and having a child or children not to be counted, in determining the fact that the man is the "only" remaining son or brother; (b) where extreme hardship arises by reason of exceptional circumstances such as the fact that the man concerned is the sole support of a widowed mother, an invalid father or other helpless dependents.

It is to be noted that in all these cases the governing factor is not hardship, loss or suffering to the individual concerned, but to others, that is, members of his family or those depending upon him.

#### Procedure to obtain leave of absence.

A simple system for dealing with these cases has been adopted. Forms of application have been supplied to every Depot Battalion and an officer of each battalion has been detailed whose duty it is to give them immediate attention. The man concerned should on reporting to his unit state that he desires to apply for leave of absence on one or more of the grounds mentioned and his application form will then be filled out and forwarded to Militia Headquarters, Ottawa. In the meantime, if the case appears meritorious, the man will be given provisional leave of absence for thirty days so that he may return home and continue his civil occupation while his case is being finally disposed of.

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#### The Widow M'Katt.

"It's a comfort," said she, with her eyes growing dim,  
"For a widow to lose such a husband as him.  
He was born in this town, and I say it with pride.  
He honored the village the day that he died,  
For he'd never been out of the county, he said,  
Nor out of tobacco, nor out of his head,  
So they had the town marshal to head the parade  
And the constable spoke and the band played and played!  
"Yes," added the Widow McKatt with a sigh,  
"most was as good as the First of July."  
He was easy to manage. He'd sit for a year  
A-watchin' me work and not once interfere.  
And when work was scarce and not easy to find,  
He'd seldom reproach me, his heart was that kind!  
And well I remember him tellin' the court  
He would ask no divorce for the lack of support  
For he loved me so well he'd not leave me alone  
To face the whole world with no face but me own.  
Now how could I help," said the Widow McKatt,  
"To cherish and work work for a husband like that?"

"He was such a deep student of men and affairs!  
He'd sit with his feet on two splint-bot-

tom chairs  
A-readin' the almanac, till he could quote it  
And all of its symptoms, as if he had wrote it.  
And though dreadful good-humored, he used to get mad  
If the Clarion dropped out a liniment ad.  
Ner it isn't a boast, for it's true as you'd-ve heard,  
Every barn in the township he knew word for word!  
So there's nobody left," said the Widow "I'm sure  
Who had such a passion for liter-a-choor."  
"If only he'd lived till the fifth of next May,  
He'd have been sixty-five, seven months and a day.  
But for half of his life he had seldom been sober  
And so he expired on the tenth of October,  
And just as he left on the pathway to Heaven,  
Says he Molly, dear, I'm but seventy seven,  
But if I'd abjured the Great Temper, said he,  
Long years before this I'd have been eighty-three.  
It's a mighty great comfort," said Widow McKatt.  
For a woman to bury a husband like that."

#### Early Joy-Ride.

There was considerable excitement in town very early Wednesday morning at about 9 o'clock, when Mr. Joe McKague and family were awakened up by the noise

of someone starting their new Ford car and making off the road to Ambleside, but must have just gone around the block and come into the village, making an attempt to get into the Dormer Hardware Co's gasoline tank when discovered by Mr. McKague, who had come into the village, to make arrangements to follow the ambitious ones.  
There were two men with the car when sighted by Mr. McKague, who immediately made off down the alley way. Mr. McKague stepped into his car and drove it home and some speculation is taking place as to who the guilty parties could have been. No doubt they were preparing for a long, fast ride when discovered and the owner was very fortunate in arriving at just the opportune time. No attempt has been made to trace the guilty men, who may be young fellows trying to elude military regulations. Teeswater News.

The factory and brick plant in Hepworth are both busy. The factory has about 45 hands on its pay roll, and the brick plant 18, while the latter could place nearly as many more if they could be had. There are orders at present for more than 40 cars of brick, but as there is only one shift, operations are not so rapid as they otherwise would be.

New York is taking seriously the threat of the Huns to bombard New York, and the entertainers always in the van with new improvements, are providing underground theatres, where the show may go on uninterrupted. No bomb will be allowed to interfere with the cheerfulness of the Yanks in New York any more than they do in Paris.

#### Drunk on Dandelion Wine

That dandelion wine will put a wobble in a man's gait and make him eligible for a drunk charge was demonstrated by a complaint laid by License Inspector White against Chas. Hetsler of Cargill for being intoxicated in a public place. The accused pleaded guilty last week to the charge before Magistrates George Sirras and Thos. Chisholm and was assessed \$10 and costs. In explaining how he came to get a slant on Hetsler stated that he had taken a glass of dandelion wine on an empty stomach, and this had apparently done the trick as well as any race-horse whiskey. While Old Glory was at its height he went out and stepped on the corns of the Goddess of Justice by appearing on the street with it, seems, a rather demonstrative jag on. The majesty of the law took its course and relieved him of a bunch of currency for the offence.—Herald & Times.

#### A Big Dream.

A lot of people in this world delight in a lot of vain outward show. I isn't alone in the dress and by their department that they are distinguishable, but in other ways they like to be prominent. You see them in social life, in the churches; you see them on the verandahs, knitting socks for soldiers on Sundays (of course all who do this are not to be classed as above, but amongst them are the ones referred to.) You see them trying to knit in the street cars, where the haughty dame must be a sight to behold on account of the way in which the cars pitch about. You see them, the men especially, hovering about and disporting themselves, but accomplishing little practical good. Usually they do nothing except what the public sees. They feed on what they imagine the public thinks of them, while, if they only knew what lies behind the cynical smile that greets them, they would recognize that their bluff deceives no one. It isn't the braying donkey that can pull the biggest load.

#### Young Egremont Farmer Killed Instantly

One of the most distressing and sudden fatal accidents that has occurred for some time took place last Friday about the noon hour on the John Lawrence farm, concession 21, Egremont. The farm was being run this year by his grandson, Ralph Harrison, who was just sitting down to dinner when Mr. Moses Glasser drove in. Ralph went out to assist in unhitching the team and by some mischance one of the tugs was left unfastened and unnoticed. Ralph removed the bridle from one of the horses which stepped forward a little and finding the unusual side pull got alarmed and dashed off, making for a gateway. The horse attempted to jump but the tongue of the wagon now down, ran under the bars and in the melee upset the horse sideways and caught or drove the unfortunate young man against a gatepost, killing him instantly, his neck being broken.—Durham Review.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS TORONTO.

Prices for all classes of cattle on the Union Stock Yards Market declined from 25c to 50c yesterday, the biggest decline being on the butcher cows and medium butcher cattle. There was a steady inquiry for the better class of cattle showing weight and quality, and more of this class would have found ready sale if they had been on the market.

The bull trade was steady and there was a fair demand for good springers, but there was not a very good demand for fresh calved cows and they were slow of sale at lower prices. The prospects are steady for good cattle, but the common to medium class as already pointed out, are easier and prices shaded off from last week. The run of cattle was 3337 head altogether, which for this season of the year is considered fairly heavy.

The was a comparatively light run of sheep and lambs, 562 all told, and the market, while closing strong and probably 25c higher, closed steady with last week. Choice light sheep sold at from 13 1/2c to 14c; heavy fat sheep and bucks at 11 1/2c to 13c; spring lambs, choice, 20c to 21c, and medium at 16c to 19c.

There was a good demand for all classes of calves, with a light run. Choice veal sold at from 16c to 17c; medium calves at 11 1/2c to 15c; grassers and common calves at 9c to 12c.

With 1800 hogs on the market the price held steady around 18c fed and watered; 18 1/4c weighed off, and 17 1/4c f.o.b.

The woman who spends three or four hours a day doing her hair is sure to kick if her husband comes home with his moustache curled.

Mr. George Stokes, a former station agent at Midway, and who for the past three years has been Supt. of Terminals at Port Huron, is about to be appointed, it is said, to the important position of Terminal Supt. of the Grand Trunk Railway at Toronto.

Just received a car load of heavy Chop, Corn, Oats, etc. All the weed seeds taken out before chopped, is kiln dried and will keep any length of time.  
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#### HUNTINGFIELD.

The union Sunday School picnic of Belmore and McIntosh. Presbyterian churches will be held in Fleming Bal-laghs bush on Friday afternoon of this week.

Misses Gardiner and Hooey of Toronto spent the past week the guests of Mrs. Geo. Harkness.

Mr. James Kemp is improving his farm by erecting a neat wire fence along the sideroad. This is a good example for many other sideroad farmers to follow, as it would greatly improve our winter roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Haskins and family attended a picnic at Bluevale on Monday.

The less experience a man has the easier it is for him to fall in love—and the harder he falls.

A Leamington company has been fined a hundred dollars and costs on a charge of wilfully permitting the waste of a quantity of onions. On behalf of the company, it was contended that the onions were a drug on the market, so that the company could not sell them, and could scarcely give them away.

Tommy Burns, the ex-professional heavyweight champion scrapper, is suing Mrs. Tommy for divorce, alleging cruelty. The statement of particulars says that his wife is cruel to him and that among other acts of cruelty she practised the vaudeville stunts of bowie-knife experts using her devoted hubby as a target. As Tommy tried to play Jack the Giant Killer with big Jack Johnson and has signed a contract to tackle the Kaiser and his myrimonds it looks as if there is only one thing on this globe that he is afraid of tackling.—Ex.

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Anthrax has appeared in Peel tp. near Brampton, some sheep developing the disease in Chinguacousy tp., and a farmer named Wm. Jas. Snyder who came in contact with the sheep caught the disease and died, the sheep also dying. The veterinary, who was called to see the sheep, is in the hospital as well as his assistant, receiving a special serum treatment which it is hoped will save their lives. Monday's Toronto World says a thorough sifting of the evidence as to the cause of the outbreak seems to point to one of two causes—either the germs, known to be very powerful and very easily spread, have been carried in by stock men, or that it is the work of German enemies, who have been doing the same kind of thing in the States.