## VETERANS HEAR CASE STATED AT LARGE MEETING

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speaker said that the money conditions in Europe were such that for some time business looked good, then it became stalled and left matters so that it was almost impossible to carry on. Mr. Schofield thought that all should take an interest in the caring for the returned man.

Everything possible had been done with the assistance of the Red Cross in the establishing of a workshop, and this shop had been fairly successful, but only last season the committee found that it was impossible to sell the toys made by returned soldiers in St. John or other parts of New Brunswick, because the merchants were stocked with toys manufactured by Germans, the goods of the former enemy taking the place of those manufactured by the brave men who were responsible in preventing the Germans from taking this country.

He closed his address by wishing the Carleton branch of the G. W. V. A. success in carnying out the objects

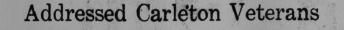
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After referring to the fact that appeals had been made by citizens, who sincarely believed that civilization was endangered but who were not in a position to take up active war duties themselves. Dr. Baxter said with re-

themselves, Dr. Baxter said with regard to these citizens:

"As I said before, no one questions their sincerity nor the necessity of the responsible action which they took, but surely they made a bargain with the men who did what they asked and the important question today is whether or not that bargain is being kept in the spirit in which it was entered into. Politics did not enter into that appeal and party politics should be eliminated from all consideration of the questions which the war has left behind it.

"The man who went to the front did not go as a member of any political party. The obligation to treat him and those belonging to him fairly because of his service is as national in the character as the existence of Con-





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Dr. Baxter then told of the money aised to relieve sufferers in the great St. John fire of 1877 being used years after the fire itself to aid people whose John, met last evening and planned misfortune then could be attributed to the fire years before. He continued in part as follows: "I think we get from this a hint of possible improvement in dealing with the problems of the returned soldier. Wants Public Opinion Aroused.

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"Decentralization in administration will give very much better results and this should be accompanied by an opportunity for latitude in judgment until the circumstances of the case are finally resolved. There is no question whatever but that the men of prominence who appealed to others to enlist are still desirous that the nation should meet the obligations to which it was thereby committed. I would be glad if those men would to day use their influence to arouse public opinion so that there will not be the cases which I have seen of men spending a long period before they could be admitted to a local institution for treatment and after that admission having to ask their friends to carry on correspondence so that their wives and families may get the benefit of pay and allowances instead of depending on private or sometimes public charity for subsistence. These cases are fortunately not many in number but when they do occur they cause the bitterest possible feeling on the part of the unfortunate and those who know of the circumstances.

His Suggested Remedy. His Suggested Remedy.

"Underlying all the problems is, I fear, the fact that there is no provision for their administration in terms of human sympathy. I believe the wise and generous solution can be found by giving to proper tribunals unlimited discretion to afford relief where they feel that the case is one where the conscience of the nation would say that relief ought to be given, and I would advise that legislation of this character should be sought.

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"Now in bringing this very sketchy discussion to a close may I again impress upon you that the returned soldier should pay no attention whatever to the demagogue who seeks to attract him and his fellows by specious promises of what will be done for them by men of his class. The best representatives, the best friends that the returned soldier can find, irrespective of what side of political opinion they may adhere to, will be those men who bring to the problem sober, careful thought and a sympathetic desire

thim and those belonging to him fairly because of his service is as national in its character as the existence of Confederation itself. Therefore, when I say a few words to you on this who because of his service is as national in its character as the existence of Confederation itself. Therefore, when I say a few words to you on this who him to the distinctly understood that I am not critically in the many of these men, anxious to get home at the first possible moment, in pretending that the solution of the sproblem is to be found or even ought to be found within the vanish of any ingle political party.

"I have said," continued Dr. Baxter, "that in the main Canada's obligations, "the same time I have come in perd and the same time I have come in perd and the places discussion out received the generous described in the configuration of the configuration of the configuration of the very same thing in order to go the configuration of the confi

At the conclusion of Dr. Baxter's address the chairman called on the orchestra for a selection, and just as the musicians were about to start the electric lights went out and the hall was left in darkness. When the flare of a match was seen, when a returned man was lighting a "fag" there would be calls "Douce it; be careful of Fritzie," and other remarks.

There was a call from one of those present, "while the lights are out, let us have a sing song." This remark was greeted with applause, and the piano player, who could find the keys with the light of a candle, played, while the assemblage sang numerous choruses. But still the electrics failed to illuminate, and the committee in charge procured oil lamps from persons residing near the hall, and also hrought in a supply of candles, with the result that all tables were illuminated in the manner of years past, the

nated in the manner of years past, the card games were commenced, the re-freshments were served and a real good time was spent by all present. DANCE CANCELLED.

The dance that was to have been held at Loch Lomond last evening to end the fair, did not take place owing to the storm.

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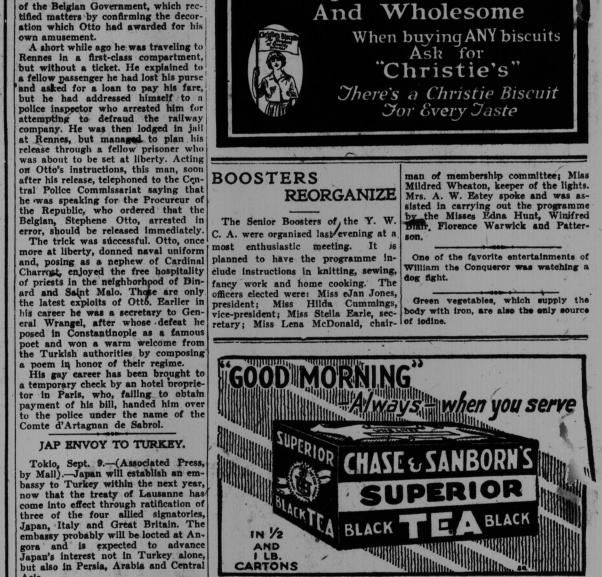
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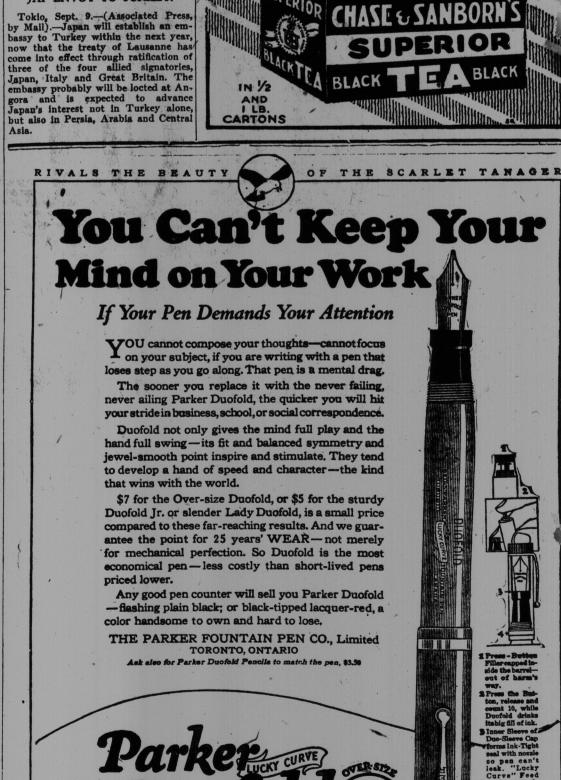
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