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MAJOR D. M. MATHIESON, ONE OF 14, LIVES TO BE HONORED

Major D. M. Mathieson, M. C., with his wife and mother, who was presented with the Military Cross by the Duke of Devonshire at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, February 6th. Major Mathieson is the O. C. at Spadina Military Hospital, and was the only survivor of the fourteen honored the decorations of their medal in person. Relatives of deceased soldiers received the decorations of their dead in the other thirteen cases.

The Patronage System

By Professor George M. Wrenn of The University of Toronto

The second and most widespread of the patronage system relates to the expenditure of the government on public contracts. The first thing to note is that in every place in Canada where the government spends money there is either for Federal or provincial affairs, or for both, a patronage list of approved merchants and manufacturers, and the government deals only with persons whose names are on this list. Each party when in power controls the list. With the Liberals in, Conservatives are struck out, and vice versa. We will suppose that in a certain riding there is a factory which makes large quantities of supplies needed by the government. The Liberals are in, the firm is Liberal, and everything works smoothly. But suddenly, after an election, the Liberals are out, and the firm is in danger of a heavy loss if business by being struck off the patronage list. The crisis is met in various ways. "Often, to insure security, care is taken that one partner shall be Liberal and another Conservative. If the firm is not already in this position and its party is beaten it is likely, after the election, to be approached by, or to approach, someone who has influence, and is obliged to take him or his nominee to the firm. There is in Canada a class of adventurers who make a business of it. In the spring of 1915, in the war had just begun, I took an active part in trying to avert an election. Among prominent people in business I found the strongest agreement. But I also found great reluctance to take in open stand. Business men feared the loss of contracts if they spoke out. Most of the persons of this type to whom I appealed were quite silent in their agreement with me. They would write privately to the Prime Minister, they said, but I must regard the expression of their opinion as confidential. The natural leaders in the community were just in many cases not free men, and were the bondage of the patronage system.

... This, bad as it is, is only one of the esser evils of the system. It involves corruption on a scale colossal. In 1908, when a special commission inquired into the working of the system, they found that huge losses were being made, and in Quebec, for instance, where great quantities of stores are bought, they found that there was only one dealer in the patronage list. He had no competition, and for years he had been filling orders of the government at the highest retail price. For one barrel of flour he was charging \$6.00 a barrel, while the market price was only \$4.00. His willingness to supply any quantity at \$4.00 a barrel. When we remember that this sort of thing has been going on for half a century, in a greater or less degree, from Halifax to Victoria, we can see how the Canadian people have been plundered.

... But there is a still worse story to tell. Canada has spent hundreds of millions on the building and keeping up of railways, canals and public buildings, and contracts go to those who are prepared to give substantial support to the government of the day. This has involved many intricate types of corruption. A contractor, to get a contract, must often pay what is really a bribe, but is called a contribution to the election fund of the party in power. Often, to be quite

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RECENT DEATHS

William Callan.
The death of William Callan occurred at his late residence, 288 City road, on Monday, Feb. 25. Mr. Callan has been ill for the last year. For the last twelve years he was employed with the C. G. R. as painter at the round house, and previously with the C. G. R. as a car painter. He is survived by two sons, Arthur and Charles; by three daughters, Mrs. G. Fred Thompson, and the Misses Hazel and Mary, at home; and by one brother, George, all of this city.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, 288 City road. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. James McClary died at his home in Lower Brighton on Tuesday morning after a long illness.

At the home of his daughter, Mrs. William McLeod, Bedford Turner, aged ninety-three years, passed away on Saturday night at Port Elgin.

This death of John F. Kevin, aged forty-two years, occurred at his home in Sunny Brae yesterday morning. He leaves his wife and five small children.

REVAL CAPTURED.
The German forces have occupied Reval after an engagement with the Russians. The Germans have also captured Pskov, about 165 miles southwest of Petrograd.

Miss Lena Leota Reicker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Reicker, of Kars, Kings county, was united in marriage to John Arnold Urquhart of York county, at the home of the bride's parents on Feb. 25, Rev. H. W. Hopkins officiating.

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William J. Bowles, special salesman of the Canadian Chewing Gum Company, was in St. John last week. Mr. Bowles is a native of Vancouver, but resides in Toronto, and travels for the company from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts. This firm is doubling their advertising over that of last year, and have every expectation that sales will show a corresponding increase both in Canada and the United States. In 1916 \$700,000 worth of chewing gum was sold in both countries. In 1917 the Adams Company sold upwards of \$600,000 worth of their article. The business doubled in one year, and the company, who are represented by such an able salesman as Mr. Bowles, have reason for anticipating a record sale this year.

Large quantities of this article are sent to England. In fact, it is looked upon as a ration by the Canadian troops. Chewing gum is one of the few articles containing sugar upon which the British government have lifted the embargo. In an interview Mr. Bowles was asked: "Do the English people take chewing gum?"

"Yes, in large quantities, owing to the Canadian and American soldiers who first introduced it."

Mr. Bowles went on to state that we were chewing gum in the trenches. He said that the British soldiers, who he said were in the trenches, were chewing gum. He said that the British soldiers, who he said were in the trenches, were chewing gum.

On the whole my verdict would be that the patronage system has increased the reasonable cost of government in Canada by something like twenty per cent, and this means that the average annual loss due to the system is not less than about twenty-five million dollars. Since the outbreak of the war the loss, even in the "inside" service at Ottawa, has been very great. The emergency of the war led to the suspension of the Civil Service Act in regard to appointments. The inside service. Some of the ministers, however, finding that the commission was best able to choose fit men, continued to use its services. Other departments did not, and a preventable waste in his department, due to inefficient appointments by political favoritism, was a very short period to a quarter of a million dollars. This, too, is only a minor incident. Before the war I heard a cabinet minister say that his proposed "deadweight" could be bought off by the abolition of the waste in the patronage system. It was, indeed, a mild estimate of the losses due to the vilest thing in the public life of Canada.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB OPENED

Has Quarters in the Exhibition Building—Young Campbellton Soldier Gives His Life

The Red Triangle Club room at the Exhibition Building was thrown open to the men for the first time last evening. There was no formal opening. Major Barnes of the 1st Depot Battalion, has been appointed to co-operate with the Y. M. C. A. A boxing class has been arranged for with Jack Clements as instructor.

To Locate Soldiers.
E. J. Puddy, secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, has been asked to try to locate several St. John men for the officer in charge of post-

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LOCAL NEWS

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SAFETY FIRST.
Having about completed renovating and refitting the premises at 276 Brunswick street, I am now in a position to handle all trade coming my way. American and Chinese dishes, Chinese Luncheon, etc. Private tables, cleanliness our motto. American Cafe, 276 Brunswick street. J. N. Shing, proprietor.

Coupons mean valuable gifts free. Save them, they are given away with every purchase of cigars, cigarettes, pipes, tobacco, at Louis Green's, Charlotte street.

Contractors are of the opinion that the rush of laborers to the maritime provinces is largely due to the fact that many men who are liable under the Military Service Act think that by a sudden change of location they may avoid being called under the act. Many men are at present in Halifax.

The annual supper of the Philatelic Bible Class of the German street Baptist church was held in the Sunday school last evening. About seventy were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Supper was served at 7 o'clock and after the conclusion of the meal short speeches were made by the following: Rev. S. S. Poole, Miss Amos, president, and W. C. Cross, honorary president, and by S. R. H. Davis. After the speeches a short informal programme was given and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

A NEW RAILWAY.
At the next session of the legislature a charter will be asked for a new railway which will give the C. G. R. an independent outlet to New England. The proposed road will connect with the Valley Railway near Pokok, and extending across country twenty-four miles, will connect with the proposed Eastern Maine Railway at a point near the international boundary.

FISH SALES INCREASED.
A large fish company operating on the Pacific coast reports that its sales during December, 1917, amounted to \$70,000, as compared with only \$47,123, pounds for December, 1916.

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Graham Flour, 3 lbs. for 25c.
New Prunes, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Best C. Starch, 2 lbs. for 25c.
Oatmeal, 4 lbs. for 25c.
Rabbit's Clans, 5c. pkge.
Grapenuts, 6c. pkge.
Cornflakes, 10c. pkge.
Cream of Wheat, 25c. pkge.
Canned Beans, 20c. tin
Baking Powder (1 lb.), 23c. tin
Mixed Pickles, 20c. bottle

FRUITS
Apples (Cooking), 35c. peck
Wineapples (Red, Rosy), 35c. doz.
Large Oranges (Florida), 40c. doz.
Mixed Nuts, 25c. lb.
Kitcheners Kisses, 30c. lb.

FISH
Salt Salmon, 17c. lb.
Salt Mackerel, 15c. lb.
Canso Herring, 5c. each
B. C. Fish, 20c. lb.

MEATS
Steak Mince, 16c. lb.
Sausages, 25c. lb.
Potatoes (New White), 40c. peck
Ox-heart Carrots, 35c. peck
Nice Winter Turnips, 25c. peck
Fine Parsnips, 35c. peck
A Few Beets, 40c. peck

BISCUITS
Soda Biscuits (Twin), 10c. lb.
Butt Soda Biscuits, 15c. lb.
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2 pkgs. Seed Raisins, 25c.
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3 lbs. W. G. Buckwheat, 25c.

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Royal Household—Barrels, \$32.75
Five House—98 lb. bags, 6.25
Blue Banner—98 lb. bags, 6.25
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Maple Leaf Baking Powder, 15c. tin.
Pink Salmon, 15c. can, \$2.25 doz.
Mayflower Salmon, 15c. can, \$2.25 doz.
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