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Government Tries Desperate Means To Get Votes.

MONEY IS USED FREELY

Telegraph Companies Deluged With Messages on Behalf of Borden.

It has happened. The Borden Government, driven to desperation by the fearful drift of public sentiment against it, has started to appease the farmers.

Capt. Hazzlewood, Toronto, a Government representative, has dispatched no less than 1,400 telegrams. The Advertiser was informed today, to farmers and farmers' sons in this district, telling them that, although they have been drafted for service, an honorable discharge will be given them.

These telegrams have been forwarded to all parts of Military District No. 1, and the telegraph companies are handling bundles of these telegrams. The personal message is thought strong enough to get the farmer, and make him change his mind.

Every Trick is Ready. Let every farmer look out for his telegram. Conscripted is apparently the tool of the Government candidate. When he says, "go to war, young men," when he says, "stay home, they stay," conscription is the private preserve of the Bordenites.

Watch for more telegrams. The Government has the habit now, and farmers will be deluged with them from now until election day. Save them up.

HERE FROM GUELPH.—A detachment of ten men has arrived in the city from the 4th Depot Battery at Guelph, and they will be attached to the 3rd Battery at Carleton Place, "camp" until they leave for the east with the next draft.

WHEN TONGUE IS COATED

your liver is torpid and is affecting your stomach and bowels. To rouse your liver, take the little, purely vegetable and in-all-ways satisfactory Hood's Pills. They relieve biliousness, constipation, all liver ills. Do not irritate nor grip. Price 25c, of druggists or C. I. Hood Company, Lowell, Mass.

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BETWEEN THE ELECTION ACTS

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association which stopped voluntary enlistment has come out for Borden. Nothing quite so faithful as a dog.

Sir Robert Borden will probably announce this week that only servant girls and widows will be taken to war. All the rest will be exempted.

The Bordenites are offering 12 a day, and more to taxi drivers and the rest to work their machines on election day. No money behind that outfit.

Winnipeg only turned out a few thousand in support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Think of all the money, all the rich men, and all the influence being turned out to defeat a lone man. The result will not be funny to them.

You noticed what the fuel controller is doing to the city of London? You know what Food Controller Bill Hanna has not been doing for the people of Canada for the past year? For you like that to continue, vote for Borden and Bill Hanna and C. A. Magrath, and keep it up.

Hon. Tom Crothers' supporters in West Elgin are in an awful panic, and are doing all they can to stem the overwhelming weight of public sentiment against him. The laborious minister of labor will be left home to continue his laborious efforts without receiving largess from the public treasury.

Reports from the West say that "Little Arthur" Sifton, brother of Sir Clifford Sifton, is in for a first-class beating on December 17. Good-bye, L'il Atha, nobody's mad.

Sir Sam Hughes, Sham boss, "lustful Binoculars, Rotten Ross Rifles, Heavy Horses, Purring Profiters, Grasping Graters, Infamous Iniquities, Foppish Favoritism, these are the creations of the Borden Government. Do you like them? Keep on voting for the Borden gang.

Joe Atkinson and G. Fred Pearson say the soldiers overseas are going against Borden. They have every reason to do so, and they will show what they think of the Bordenites who have grafted on them when they vote.

Look out for Borden money. The profiteers are not going to give up without a struggle. They have gold to toss to the birds. They are not going to lose the opportunity of making odious money by putting the "Borden Government" in the hands of the people.

Look out for it. If some philanthropic gentleman hands you a few dollars to vote for the Borden Government, take the coin, but the kiddies a present, and then vote Gibbons. It's your money, only it is coming back in a rotten way.

One enumerator, a conscientious chap, put a traveler's name on his list, as the man owned property and was entitled to vote. Several gentlemen saw his name there. The lists were taken to the Borden headquarters here, and the traveler's name mysteriously disappeared between the time the lists were taken to headquarters and posted up for scrutiny. Several gentlemen can swear to this. The machine figured that this traveler would be out of the city and could not appeal to get his name on. Of course, he was a Liberal.

The Borden crowd are in a panic. The farmers have been promised exemptions in naming tribunals, and now skilled mechanics are to be exempted. It's a lovely conscription act. If the Government has to make a change every time somebody tells it to, and yet, and yet, the Government says it is sincere.

The Huns have a trick which our political Prussians were not slow to adopt. It has been their custom whenever possible to advance to children behind a shield of women and children whom they would drive before them. In the present campaign the Tories have adopted as a shield a number of journalistic old women and political cripples.

FORMER LONDONERS SAFE.—Armourer-Sergeant A. J. Croft of Halifax, formerly of London, and his family have come safely through the catastrophe in that city, according to a message from Sergeant Croft, received by Robert Fraser, 237 Waterloo street, today.

BOARD WILL SUE CITY FOR MONEY TO PAY ACCOUNTS

Mayor Refuses To Sign Checks For Smallpox Expenses.

SOLICITORS INSTRUCTED

If Council Will Find Money, Mayor Says He Will Sign.

The board of health, at the last meeting of the year, held yesterday afternoon, instructed C. Somerville, mayor, and Jeffrey Hale to secure the services of Ivey & Ivey to issue a writ against the city for a sum sufficient to pay the accounts of the board.

This is the result of the dispute over the accounts due to the outbreak of smallpox some months ago. There was no appropriation for this disease, and accounts amounting to about \$750 accumulated. The council ordered them paid, but did not specify from what fund the money was to come.

Mayor Stevenson has refused to sign any checks for the accounts, and they are unpaid. John W. Cunliffe, a returned soldier, was paid \$24 for his work in connection with this, but his was the only account paid.

"Cunliffe's account has been paid," said the mayor when the matter had been brought up. "As instructed at a special meeting, Mr. Hale and myself have secured C. H. Ivey to take our case," declared C. R. Somerville, the chairman. "If it is our wish, we will take immediate steps to issue a writ against the city to compel the payment of the accounts of this board. We are acting under advice from the attorney-general's department, and our ground is clear. Further steps will be taken also to collect the accounts passed today."

No Money Available. "You provide the money, and I will pay the accounts," answered the mayor. "I have no money to pay them with."

"I have been given the money for a smallpox outbreak, we would have had plenty to meet this indebtedness," continued Mr. Somerville. "I had \$1,500 last year, and we did not spend a cent. If that had been left to us, we would have had plenty and to spare. We have got to get the money to pay our legitimate accounts."

"We the council to find the money, and I will pay it," continued the mayor. "I have no money."

"If you had no money, where did you get the \$2,000 for the Halifax relief fund?" asked Mr. Somerville. "That is not to be paid until next year," answered the mayor.

"Let this go to next year, the same as that which you are paying in the meantime," declared Mr. Somerville. "You can be generous, but not just."

said E. H. Russell. "There are some people who are but petty taxshirts." It was decided to secure Ivey & Ivey to issue the writ. It was then decided to have the provincial board start an investigation. An officer will be asked to come here at once.

Has No Authority. The question of the authority over them. "I am glad," said Mr. Somerville. "We want no responsibility in connection with them. Much money is being wasted."

The secretary will prepare the annual statement of the board's activities, this to be submitted to the council.

Dr. J. W. S. McLaughlin of the provincial health department, stated that returned soldiers were being trained as sanitary inspectors, and asked the board to keep an opening for such a man. This will be kept in mind, although there is no need of an inspector now.

During the month of November, 184 cases of infectious disease were discovered, of which 100 were measles, 15 chickenpox, 22 diphtheria, 25 sore throat, 1 German measles, 6 scarlet fever, 3 tuberculosis, whooping cough, and one cerebro spinal meningitis. There were six deaths, 2 from diphtheria, and 4 from tuberculosis.

There were 182 reported cases of tuberculosis, of which 117 were old cases, 7 were incipient, 8 moderately advanced, 7 were being treated at the dispensary, and 3 were found to be not tuberculous. There were 4 deaths. If the board had a field man regularly employed, it was said, the outbreaks would have been kept down. The majority of cases of measles were in the Lorne Avenue school district.

Health Inspector Lutman made 256 inspections. Dr. Tumbin stated that the dairies were in fair shape. The question of a sewer system for Chelsea Green was referred to next year's council.

LANCER-CORP. JACK IRWIN ESCAPES UNINJURED

London Boy Goes Through Halifax Disaster Without Scratch.

Lancer-Corp. Jack Irwin, a survivor of the Halifax explosion, who wired his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, 144 Fullarton street, Tuesday that he had escaped unhurt. Corp. Irwin enlisted here with the A. M. C., and saw three years service in France before being transferred to a hospital ship, upon which he has been employed for some months. In his telegram he says that help is urgently needed by the stricken

ATTLEBORO, MASS., LOSES BUSINESS AREA BY FIRE

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12.—Fire swept through the business centre of this city early today, causing damage estimated by the police at approximately \$500,000. Four buildings were destroyed and several others damaged. The fire was finally checked by the combined efforts of the local department and apparatus from several other cities.

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Send in Your Problems and They Will Be Answered From Official Information by The Advertiser.

Question—1. If a married man enlists voluntarily with the Forestry Corps, and is killed in action while at that work, will his wife and children receive a pension? If so, how much, and when would they receive it?

2. Two young men were killed in action two weeks ago. Will their widowed mother receive a pension? They were her sole support.

ANXIOUS SUBSCRIBER. Answer—1. His wife would receive \$40 per month, plus \$8 per month for each child, as soon as notice was received of his death.

2. She will receive it, on submitting proof that they were her sole support. She should communicate with the assistant adjutant-general of Military District No. 1, Wolseley Barracks, London, Ont.

Question—1. A man is given exemption by the local tribunal. He then procures himself for the appeal, and appeals his case, and higher authority has given him exemption, can he demand a decision before he leaves?

3. When after getting an exemption from a local tribunal, he gets word that the military representative has appealed his case, and higher authority has given him exemption, can he demand a decision before he leaves?

SUBSCRIBER. Answer—1. The 43rd and 54th Depot Batteries of Canadian Field Artillery at London and Guelph respectively; the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service, and the Canadian Naval Service.

2. If you have got your exemption you will not be called. However, you may sign up with any corps to which your medical officer has assigned you, provided that the corps chosen is in need of men, and is allowed to recruit.

Question—1. A farmer's son has been granted exemption. The department of education has asked him to attend a Normal School from January, 1918, until June, 1918, to complete his teacher's course. At the end of that time his services would be urgently required on the farm. Would the department of the S. A. in attending the Normal School for the period of time named?

2. If refused exemption, would there be any chance of securing a conditional leave of absence to complete his course as a public school teacher?

A READER. Answer—1. It would appear that he would be placing himself in danger of losing his exemption if he did not actually lose it. His exemption was probably granted on the understanding that it was to continue while he was engaged in farm work.

If he were to cease to be employed in the work of production his exemption might be cancelled. However, it would depend on the terms of his exemption.

2. There might be; it would rest with the tribunal.

Question—A young man tried to enlist before conscription came into force, and was given a few months to get treatment. He is going to get treatment, and is going to be at the end of the time allotted before conscription was in force.

He was put in Class D and told to report in a month. His doctors have just informed him that he must undergo a critical operation. Being willing to enlist, he will keep him off his feet for six months at least, and that he must do no heavy work for over a year. He was told that his lungs were affected.

At the time he is to report to the medical board he will be in the hospital. Could he claim exemption? Being willing to enlist, he did not foresee the necessity and so failed to secure the papers. How could he secure them now?

A CONSTANT READER. Answer—He should have claimed exemption on the grounds of ill-health. He had better write, or have somebody write for him, to the deputy registrar, W. E. Wismer, Royal Bank Building, London, Ont., explaining the circumstances, and if he is unable to appear before the medical board the matter can probably be arranged so that he can still claim exemption, as he will be obviously unfit.

Question—A man had a wife and two children, but his wife took the children and left him, and thinking that he should do so he appeared for an examination and was placed in Category A. Will that man be conscripted? Would he be conscripted if the husband had left the wife?

AN INQUISITIVE PERSON. Answer—No. Class 1 includes only unmarried men and widowers without children. The married men may be called later, but they have not been called yet.

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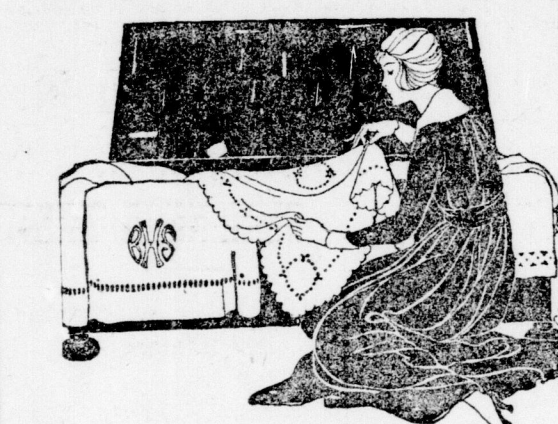
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One piece 52-inch Mid-Brown Broadcloth. Only \$2.50 yard
One piece 52-inch Light Blue Broadcloth. Only \$2.75 yard
One piece 54-inch Oxford Grey Twill Homespun. \$1.50 yard
Three pieces 50-inch Two-Tone Venetian, all wool, in green, brown and blue. Only \$2.00 yard
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