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While the Canadian army has been growing to its present great proportions, one of the most remarkable bureaus of military information has grown with it at Ottawa.

Under the fostering care of Surgeon-General Fleist, Deputy Minister of Militia, and the direct guidance of Mr. Frank Beard, Chief Record Officer for the Dominion, the unassuming and painstaking charge d'affaires of the casualty division, this bureau has grown until it is claimed that it outshines even the most famous bureaus of bureaucratic efficiency.

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relieve so far as possible the anxiety of relatives and friends, by keeping them posted as to how each man is progressing and when he is well enough to be discharged from hospital.

But the handling of casualties is only one of the fifteen departments controlled by Mr. Beard in the Record Office. When a man enlists he has to make out an attestation paper, giving complete details of himself.

Card Filing Very Heavy. The filing of special index cards and the answering of enquiries also takes up a large share of the work and time of the office. At the present time over 200,000 index cards have been written and filed in alphabetical order.

Verbal enquiries are also answered. In Mr. Beard's office many a pathetic scene is enacted. Anxious parents travel miles to see the man in charge of casualty records, to see if he can relieve them of their anxiety.

Promotions Recorded. They must keep track of all promotions and transfers. This is an almost Herculean task, considering the fact that all battalions are broken up when they get over different units, and further, when many men are promoted, and some demoted of their own free will in order to keep with their chums.

The writing of nominal rolls also requires a great deal of care and research. These rolls enable an officer or soldier whose name appears on the casualty list to be readily identified, and serve the press and public as a means of ascertaining what unit an officer or soldier belonged to when he left Canada.

The records of men discharged from duty and returned to Canada are also tabulated and filed. Over a hundred discharge documents are now in the pigeon holes of the Record Office. The importance of this section is judged by the fact that the information governs pensions for soldiers, because information is given as to men who have returned to Canada for medical treatment.

Returning Convalescents. Preparations also have to be made for the reception of men returned home for hospital treatment and this department must notify all the medical staff officers in the Dominion as to what men are going to be placed in their hands during each period.

As the number of men enlisted increases, as well as the number of casualties, so does the work of this section increase correspondingly. At the present time the average number of telegrams and letters sent out daily is 750. This work is done in the correspondence section, where is the work involved in handling what are known as the "war service messages." Telegrams are received in which enquiry is made as to the condition of officers and whose names have appeared on the casualty list. On receipt of each, if no very recent information is on record, a cable is sent to England asking for particulars, and replies, when received, are communicated to the relative or en-

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice instead of what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anaemic-looking souls with nasty, muddy complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living.

For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood. Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clean the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning, inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effects upon the system.

Quirer. Messages of this nature average fifty per day.

Missing Men. The Record Office deals with cases of all men who have been missing for a period of six months or over, whose next of kin resides on this continent. In each case an enquiry is addressed to the next of kin asking if information is not obtainable to show that the man is alive, he is officially presumed dead, and a certificate is issued accordingly. No man is ever officially reported dead until all sources of information are exhausted, and the parents of boys reported under this heading have unfortunately never had occasion to doubt the veracity of the department.

The insurance companies look very largely to this section for their information. Yet another section makes investigations and reports upon the cases of alien prisoners of war. These are forwarded to the different societies which exist to look after the men's welfare. In short there is nothing of no detail in connection with Canada's forces which can be recorded that is overlooked by this office.

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FAREWELL TO MISS E. MOFFAT

Member of Zion Church Choir Honored on Eve of Her Departure as a Nurse.

The choir of Zion Church met at the manse on Friday evening last to say good-bye to Miss Ella Moffat, who has been a faithful and valued member of the choir for several years, and who leaves shortly for Montreal to go in training at Royal Victoria Hospital there.

After a dainty lunch had been served by Mrs. Woodside, assisted by several of the lady members of the choir, occasion was taken to present Miss Moffat with a travelling bag. Mrs. D. L. Wright expressing the kind feelings of the choir toward Miss Moffat and Master Moffat Woodside making the presentation, presented Miss Moffat with a beautiful bouquet of white "Mums."

In behalf of the musical committee of Zion Church, Mr. E. L. Cockshutt presented Miss Moffat with a splendid wardrobe trunk, and pressed the board's appreciation of the service rendered by the guest of the evening and the regret of all in losing her. Miss Moffat extended thanks in a neat speech, stating that the choir and congregation of Zion Church were more by her than she would be missed by the choir.

Mr. Woodside also spoke a few words, making use of the work that Miss Moffat is about to enter upon and wishing her every success in her new duties, as does every member of Zion Church where she will be greatly missed in almost every department of the work.

Trades and Labor Notes. A communication from Mrs. Mary Secord of the Toronto Franchise Club, was read, outlining the organization if it were possible to have the members of the club in the labor council. The speaker was expressed that the meeting would be entirely successful in securing the rights until equal with men.

The Hospital for the Blind in Toronto was read, and assistance of the council was given them during the coming year. This item was filed, to be considered at a more opportune time in the future. A letter from Delegate Sweetman was read, in which he declined the privilege of contesting at the coming election, having a position on the board of education, on the Labor ticket.

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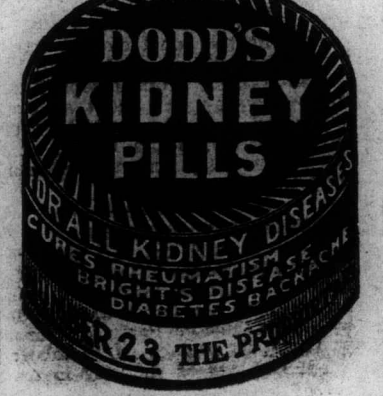
CASUALTIES NEAR TOTAL OF 75,000

In British Forces During November, Over 2,000 Officers Included.

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 30.—British casualties in the month of November, as reported from all fronts, were 74,650.

Of the total 2,351 of the casualties were among officers and 72,299 men. There was a marked falling off in the November losses as compared with recent months, probably owing to the slowing down of the Somme campaign on account of bad weather. The average daily loss in October was 3,452, compared with 2,488 in November. The November casualties bring up the total of British casualties reported in the five months since the beginning of the Somme offensive to 483,852.

TO AUTO OWNERS. Chief of police Chas Slein states today that the police of the city desired the co-operation of automobile owners, in the new system of parking vehicles before the theatres. In conforming with the desires of the police and theatres managers, patrons should remember that the precautions are being taken solely for the public good, and that the enforcement of the law should be understood that they can not be held responsible for the theft of articles from the waiting cars.



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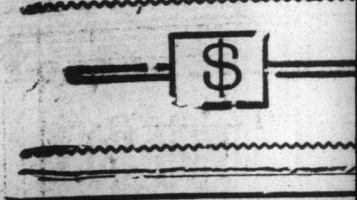
Courier Xmas Edition

A special Christmas Edition will be published by The Courier this year, on Saturday, December 16th. There will be three extra sections, supplementing the regular issue. Of these, one will be a hand-colored section, replete with Christmas stories, etc. Another section will be devoted to an illustrated record of the part taken by Brantford and Brant County in connection with the war.

There will be no additional charge to regular subscribers, but extra copies will be printed and may be secured at 5 cents each. Orders for extra copies should be left with carriers or at the office, at once.

Villa's army is reported to control all Chihuahua city's suburbs and to have pushed Trevino to the heart of the city, where he is making his stand against the bandit. Captain Hoak Amundson, Arctic explorer, has arrived at New York to prepare for a trip to the North Pole, in which he expects the aeroplane to play a big part.

Mrs. F. Hennessey, known on the stage as Amy Ames, is dead at New York. She was noted as an Irish comedienne, and appeared in many of the Hoyt productions. The fight to legalize Sunday "movies" promises to find legislators from the cities working together against the rural members, most of whom apparently oppose the exhibition.



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