

fine. It's just practice the girl needs. She's getting more like you every day, and I'm thinking the man that gets Hilda will be lucky."

"Oh, James," said Ruth softly. "And how do you like Gladys's home?" he asked anxiously after a bit.

"Oh, it's just great. They have such a handy kitchen and she gets through her work so easily. The work now seems very simple in the up-to-date kitchens. But, James dear, convenience or no convenience, I'd never live anywhere but on our old farm."

By this time they had arrived at home and Hilda and Jimmy were climbing over the buggy, looking in all the parcels to see what mother had brought home from the big city.

"We'll just have supper in the kitchen," said Hilda, with a knowing look at her father, as Mr. and Mrs. Graham entered the house and Jimmy drove to the barn with the horse.

"Oh, James!" It was all Mrs. Graham could say when they entered the kitchen. And as he showed her over the various improvements she kept on saying it. It was with a very sat-

isfactory exclamation and James Graham felt strangely happy.

It was several hours later. The moon gave the farm a silvery sheen. Fences and buildings stood out clearly in the white light. James Graham, on his way in from seeing the stock safely housed for the night, leaned his arms on the top rail of the fence and looked over his farm. It was in sooth a goodly farm. A great peace stole over his soul.

Now presently from the direction of the house came a few chords struck softly on the piano and a voice up-

raised in singing. It was a quavery, teary voice, but very sweet and true, and the words of the song were these: "Still to me at twilight Comes love's old sweet song."

Farm Women Do Economize

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up, because we would have a Government behind us, and power to do things. In any case, it's a long, hard row, but we can see the end. It's coming, when we will hold the sacred ballot in our hands, and cast our vote right and clean into the ballot box.

So give me a strong right arm, for a wrong's the swift righting; Stave of a song on my lips, as my sword is smiling; Death in my boots, maybe, but fighting, fighting.

Give us light on these things if we need it, but give us also plain, common sense. What we have been getting has been nonsense. In one of our daily papers the other day I read a menu for the day, the breakfast starting off with fresh fruit. How on earth are farmers to get fresh fruit who are from four to 14 miles from a store? Let me say also that there was more in that menu for one day than the average farmer's family will use in a week in the way of variety, simply because we can't get it. True, we could have veal, mutton, or lamb, but it would only spoil on us, unless we got the neighbors to help eat it.

We do not suffer for fresh fruit in reason. We have plums, cherries, apples and melons in abundance, and we can have these for the trouble of picking, any hour in the day. We might save on bought cooked ham, cakes of all kinds, store candy, pickled relishes and pickles which some of our farm women use to lend variety to the menu.

We hear the scorching remarks passed by many about the farmers buying automobiles. In our defence I would say that the farm automobile is not a luxury these days, but a necessity.

Let each of us plod along our own way these days, minding our own affairs and doing with our might what our hands find to do.

Oh! spacious days of glory, and of grieving;

Oh! sounding hours of lustre and of loss.

Let us be glad we loved you, still believing

The God who gave the cannon gave the Cross.

Let us not doubt, beneath these seething passions

The lusts of blood, and hate, our souls abhor.

The Power that order out of chaos fashions,

Smites fiercest in the wrath-red force of war.

Have faith! Fight on! Beneath the battle bell

Love triumphs, Freedom beckons; all is well.

Dad's Excuses Were Poor.

Johnny B——, who has seen eight summers go by, not very long ago developed a fondness for playing hooky from school. After two or three offences of this kind he was taken to task by his teacher.

"Johnny," she said, "the next time you are absent I want you to bring me an excuse from your father telling me why you were not here."

"I don't want to bring an excuse from my father," protested the boy.

"Why not?" asked the teacher, her suspicion plain.

"Cause father isn't any good at making excuses."



Pay Will Be The Same

Men selected under the Military Service Act will receive the same pay as those now on active service receive. Pay will start from the time a man reports for duty. Money from the Patriotic Fund and Separation Allowance will also be available for selected men.

Canadian soldiers are well paid. The fact that wages in Canada are generally higher than those paid in Europe is recognized in the system of remuneration for men on active service. Clothing and all equipment in addition to food is also supplied to the Canadian soldier, leaving him with no expense except personal incidentals.

The rate of pay for men in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, other than commissioned officers, is as follows:

	Pay	Field Allowance
Warrant Officers	\$2.00	30 cts.
Regimental Sergeant-Major, if not a Warrant Officer	1.85	20 "
Quartermaster-Sergeants	1.60	20 "
Orderly Room Clerks	1.50	20 "
Orderly Room Sergeants	1.50	20 "
Pay Sergeants	1.50	20 "
Squad, Batt., or Co. Sergt-Major	1.60	20 "
Colour-Sergeant or Staff-Sergeant	1.60	20 "
Squad, Batt., or Co. Q.M.S.	1.50	20 "
Sergeants	1.35	15 "
Lance-Sergeants	1.15	15 "
Corporals	1.10	10 "
Lance-Corporals	1.05	10 "
Bombardiers, or Second Corporals	1.05	10 "
Trumpeters, Buglers, and Drummers	1.00	10 "
Privates, Gunners, Drivers	1.00	10 "
Sappers, Batmen, etc.	1.00	10 "

As in the case of those already gone overseas, Separation Allowances will be available for those dependent for livelihood upon selected men. The Separation Allowance is \$20.00 per month for the rank and file, \$25.00 for sergeants and staff-sergeants and \$30.00 for warrant officers. The experience is that many men can afford to assign half their pay to dependents, in addition.

A considerable number of men who have enlisted in the Canadian forces have found themselves better off under the army rate of pay, which is granted in addition to board, lodging, clothing, equipment, transportation, etc., than they were while in civilian positions. Their wants are provided for, and they receive a steady addition to the bank account each month.

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