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THE CANADIAN SOLDIER.

The report of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, now issued in blue book form, covers the work of this important branch of the administration from May, 1918, to the close of the last calendar year. It is a report which ought to be given the widest possible distribution so that what is being done for the returned soldier may be more fully known. A knowledge of the facts in this case, as in many others, will go far toward answering unfounded and therefore unintelligent criticism, remarks on exchange. The broad scope of the department's activities is indicated in an introductory letter to the Minister, Sir James Lougheed, in which the assistant deputy minister, Mr. E. H. Scammell, gives some illuminating and impressive figures. The department, at the end of 1919, was maintaining, under its direct operation, 44 hospitals and sanatoria; was partially operating six others, and was maintaining beds in 54 other institutions by arrangement. There were on the strength of the department 6,520 in-patients, 1,634 out-patients, and there was a weekly average of 8,393 outside clinic treatments being given. The Vocational Training Branch was giving instruction to 27,602 men, a considerable number, of whom 20,107 were disabled men and 7,495 were men who had enlisted under the military age of 18 years. These men receive training according to their physical capabilities as well as their mechanical proficiency. At the end of December there were 3,958 men in training in curative workshops; 12,327 in schools, including those operated by the department, and 11,223 were being trained in industries. Not only is this department looking after the welfare of the returned soldier, but it is staffed very largely by returned soldiers, who comprise the great majority of its male personnel. The total staff at the head office and units, including hospital staff, on December 31 last, was 8,121, of which 3,766, or 46.4 per cent., were soldiers who served in France, 467 soldiers who served in England, and 277 who served in Canada. The remainder included men exempted or rejected, boys under military age, a relatively small number of male civilians, and 2,829 women and girls. This proportion of returned men in the administrative organization hardly warrants the familiar claim that the army is not adequately represented in the personnel.

The report of the Director of Medical Services gives some special attention to the treatment of tubercular cases and shows how prominent a place the "white plague" occupies among the afflictions of the returned soldier. It shows also, however, that every effort has been and is being made to check the spread of the disease, the present extensive system of sanatoria having developed from small beginnings in 1905. Cases of tuberculosis already treated amount approximately to 7,000, while the mortality has been under 5 per cent. In 20 per cent. of cases the disease has been arrested and in 25 per cent. it has become quiescent. There were in January 2,032 consecutive cases under treatment in twenty-six sanatoria, while of those ex-soldiers who had previously received treatment 75 per cent. had been able to resume useful occupations in civil life. This is an encouraging result of the work done in only one of the several branches of civil re-establishment. Space does not permit a review of the very interesting details which are given as to the origin and treatment of the disease.

The same encouraging tone and similarly encouraging results are found in the reports of other branches, each dealing with an important work. The department, however, is not resting upon what it has accomplished, but is aiming at even better things. This promising spirit is found in the following characteristic paragraph among general observations: "The work of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment is still in a transitional stage, and progress must naturally be that of evolution. The conditions and problems which arise from day to day have had no precedent in the history of the world, and must be grappled with one by one as they arise. . . . The medical problems,

as well as the other problems connected with the ex-soldier, are being solved as rapidly as is consistent with efficiency and the welfare of the individual." The department aims to improve upon a record which is already creditable, and probably unequalled in any other country.

POLAND.

First among the peoples rescued from the grip of the Central Powers, the Poles are receiving their baptism of fire. For several days their army along the eastern frontier has been subjected to a terrific assault from Trotsky's victorious veterans, with all the paraphernalia of modern war—tanks, airplanes, machine guns, heavy artillery. Although it is too early to predict the outcome, at present the Polish troops seem to have conducted themselves admirably and to have held firm at all points.

The Pole is a brave fighter. The unhappy history of his country, the fact that it fell an easy victim to the greed of its neighbors, its partition into three divisions and its century of subjection, resulted not from lack either of patriotism or of military prowess. Poland fell because of the hopeless weakness of her government, because of her antiquated and unworkable constitution.

Two centuries ago and over, there was no more redoubtable warrior in all the East than John Sobieski, the Polish hero. It was he who defeated the Russian forces of Alexis. It was he who overthrew the Turks at Choczim and Leopold. It was he who saved Christendom by leading his cavalry down the vine covered slopes of Kalenberg and shattering the Moslem forces that were besieging Vienna. In the days of this hero king, Poland was a power which had to be reckoned with by every court in Europe. Today the Polish republic has had assigned to it a place of vital importance in the new world which has emerged from the chaos of the war. Placed as she is between Russia on the one hand and Germany on the other, she must serve not only as a bulwark against the armies of Lenin and Trotsky but as a counterweight to 75,000,000 Teutons of Central Europe.

How well Poland will play her difficult role remains to be seen. Apparently, however, she has made a good start. A stable, democratic government has been set up; a formidable army which is giving a good account of itself against the Bolsheviks has been collected, equipped and trained; progress has been made in the revival of industry. In fact, it seems not improbable that Poland will soon become, what once she was, one of the strongest of European Powers.

ST. STEPHEN MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Was Passing Between Two Cars When They Came Together and Caught Him.

St. Stephen, April 4.—The many friends of John H. McWha were shocked last night to hear of his accidental death which occurred in the C. P. R. yards here Saturday afternoon about five o'clock. Mr. McWha, who was a valued employee of the Croft Soap Manufacturing Co., was having the usual Saturday half holiday, and as is his custom he went across the tracks in front of the soap factory to watch the ice going out of the docks and also to look at his boat which had been hauled up. On returning it is supposed that he saw space enough between two cars to let his body through, and it being departure time for the evening train he no doubt thought that the yard crew would not be shifting, but just as he went to pass through the cars came together, crushing him below the stomach.

No one saw the accident as the cars were behind a pile of sleepers, but the train crew, in looking for a car, heard a moan and discovered Mr. McWha pinned between the cars. He was conscious and talked to the conductor, who held him while the cars were being pushed apart. He was immediately rushed to the hospital, but soon passed away.

Mr. McWha, who was sixty-eight years of age, was a highly respected citizen of this town, and had many friends who will regret to hear of his death.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn for him, Cliff, of the Northwest; Percy, of Vancouver; Harmon, of Winnipeg, and Arthur and Fred at home; also two daughters, Mrs. Bruce Buchanan, of this town, and Mrs. Clifford Morrison, of Calais.

The publicists referred to is to be taken in this province some time in June to finally determine the question for Alberta of inter-provincial traffic in liquor. The Premier takes the stand that if the vote is overwhelmingly against the importation of liquor the province will go "bone-dry."

FATHER J. J. RYAN TO GO TO ST. JOHN

Former Pastor of St. Anthony's Appointed to Succeed Late Father O'Neill.

St. Stephen, N. B., April 4.—The congregation of the Catholic church at Milltown was rather saddened in attendance at the first Mass this morning, when their pastor, Rev. J. J. Ryan, announced that he had been appointed to succeed the late Rev. Father O'Neill as pastor of the Church of the Assumption in St. John, for his removal at this time had not been anticipated by his congregation. Father Ryan came to Milltown in September last from Woodstock, when Father Meenan was transferred to the Church of St. John the Baptist after a brief pastorate following the death of Father Doyle, who had held the Milltown pastorate during many years. As has been his lot in every parish he has ministered to, Father Ryan had early won the esteem of his parishioners and the people generally, and it is regretted that the pleasant relations established are so soon to be broken. Father Ryan will say farewell to the congregation at Milltown next Sunday. His successor has not yet been announced.

EASTER BLIZZARD HEADS FOR CANADA

Washington April 4.—An Easter snowstorm, central today over western Pennsylvania was moving eastward tonight, with indications of rain tomorrow in the Atlantic states and snow in the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley regions. Freezing temperatures were reported as far south as northern Arkansas and Texas.

The heaviest snowfall was approximately eight inches at Chicago. Rain or snow was promised for much of the eastern territory, extending to the Canadian border.

OBITUARY.

John Henry Wright.
The death of John Henry Wright took place on Friday afternoon at St. S. C. R. Hospital, Lancaster, West St. John, after a brief illness. He was twenty-six years of age and had seen considerable service overseas.

Mrs. Charlotte Case.
In the death of Mrs. Charlotte Case, which took place at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Vanwart, last Friday, Wickham loses one of its oldest and most esteemed residents. She was a daughter of the late Jacob and Catherine Vanwart, born in 1835 at Hampstead, Queens county.

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The Stock Market

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)

New York (Wall Street), April 5.—Resumption of trading in the stock market today after the Easter recess was attended by an irregular undertone due in part to latest foreign developments. This was not reflected in foreign exchange, however, the London rate continuing to strengthen. Oils, shippings and motor features the backward issues, losing one to almost two points. The stronger stocks were represented by equipments and specialties, notably food, tobacco, rubber and textile shares, also utilities.

The Quotations.

(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

New York, April 5.—The market quotations today are:

American Beet Sugar	59 1/2
American Sugar	112 1/2
American Smelt	67 1/2
American Sumatra	96
Amer. Sugar Foundry	144 1/2
American Can	47 1/2
American Locomotive	130 1/2
Anacosta	62 1/2
Booth Steel	26 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	123 1/2
Crucible	85 1/2
Central Leather	84 1/2
Chile Copper	104 1/2
Dutch	13 1/2
Erie	38 1/2
General Motors	370 1/2
Great Northern	75 1/2
Great Northern Ore	38 1/2
International Paper	45 1/2
International Alcohol	31 1/2
Kennecott Copper	42 1/2
Lehigh Valley	78 1/2
Lackawanna Steel	78 1/2
Marine preferred	35 1/2
Marine common	33 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	32 1/2
Maxwell common	40 1/2
Midvale Steel	40 1/2
New York Central	72 1/2
Ohio Cities Gas	44 1/2
Pennsylvania	97 1/2
Railway Steel Springs	97 1/2
Reading	105 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel	109 1/2
Rubber	34 1/2
Sinclair Oil	42 1/2
Studebaker	36 1/2
St. Paul	98 1/2
Southern Railway	98 1/2
Texas Oil	20 1/2
United States Steel	102 1/2
Union Pacific	117 1/2

Montreal Exchange Closed.

Montreal, April 5.—The stock exchange is closed today, this being a holiday.

A STABBING AFFRAY.

St. John, April 5.—As a result of a brawl in a barn off Rockland Road at near midnight Saturday, William Colahan was taken to the General Public Hospital suffering from knife wounds in the chest and leg. William McNulty was placed under arrest charged with cutting and wounding Colahan, while John Cullingham was also placed under arrest charged with assaulting and beating Colahan, both assaults having been committed with intent to do bodily harm.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the G. W. V. C. will be held in their rooms, York Street, Monday evening, April 5th, at 8 o'clock.
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