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A Knave's Trick.

Some local knave visited the Central Hotel sheds the other day and after breaking two farmers' whips in pieces, threw the wreckage back into the owners' cutters again, thus causing a whole lot of lively cussing among the victims when they returned. Jim Hyslop is also mourning the loss of a pair of pipe cutters which were stolen from his rig about the same time. The knave who operated after this fashion has certainly light fingers under his mitts and a mental vacuum under his hat, and if the victims of his raid could only get their clutches onto him there would be a certain party here full of sorrows and acquainted with grief.—Herald & Times.

Resolve to make your life, in the year 1918, count for more in real service to yourself, your friends and the Empire, than any other time in your life.

Sir William Mulock, C. J., sitting on appeals from Exemption Tribunals at Toronto, emphasized his opinion that a multiplicity of branch banks in Canadian population centres constitutes unnecessary wastage in operation costs and labor. This wastage he does not propose to endorse by granting exemptions to many of the male clerks whose services are regarded as essential by head office and branch managers. His Lordship's views were expressed in consideration of applications by the Canadian Bank of Commerce for the retention of thirteen members of its Toronto staffs whose replacement by girls is not viewed with favor.

A Walkerton physician, Lt. Col. James J. Fraser, who crossed overseas with the First contingent and has been in the war almost from the start, is mentioned among those in the New Year's honor list who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Order medal for gallantry at the front.

SAVED FROM AN UNTIMELY GRAVE

Seldom has a more tragic tale been told than that of this young woman, whose parents, brothers and sisters have all died of consumption, leaving her alone to make a living as best she could.

Never robust, hard work and worry soon undermined her health, when she, too, became a victim of this dreaded disease. Shunned by friends who feared contagion, without funds, for she had been unable to save from her small earnings, she seemed doomed, like the others of her family, to an untimely grave. Fortunately, she was discovered and sent to the Muskoka Free Hospital, before it was too late, where she is now doing well, with every chance of ultimate recovery.

Appeals are now being made for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives to enable it to continue the great work of caring for just such cases as this. No matter how small the gift, it will be welcome.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Chairman, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, or to Geo. A. Reid, Secretary-Treasurer, Gage Institute, Toronto.

Canadian immigration officers are starting the New Year with a new passport form, which may prove more troublesome than the old forms to Canadians who wish to make a hasty exit from the country and leave no traces behind. The new form has a serial number that gives official record of every paper issued. The destination of the holder must be given and date of passport must be made clear. An additional war-time precaution has been made by the authorities in a space for specific statements of the signer's dependents. Applicant must state whether he is single, married or a widower.

The Canadian Railway War Board calculates that in the measures it is taking for the elimination of passenger trains it will be able to save 100,000 tons of coal. Without incommencing the public there will be elimination which is possible. The Railway War Board has gone carefully into the matter of passenger service, with the thought of conservation in mind—conservation of fuel and of man power. The crews liberated from passenger trains that are cut off may be used on freight trains.

In the Same Boat.

One windy afternoon a landlord, while passing along the country lane observed one of his cottagers eating his frugal meal by the roadside before his humble dwelling. "Why, Henry," he said, "why are you eating out here all alone?"

"Well, sir—" the man stammered, "the—er—chimbley it do smoke, sir."

"That's too bad. I'll have it fixed for you. Let's have a look at it." And before the cottager could stay him the landlord proceeded to enter the cottage.

As soon as he had opened the door a broomstick fell upon his shoulders and a woman's voice shrieked: "Back 'ere again, are ye, ye ould willian! Clear hout wiv ye, or I'll—"

The farmer retired precipitately. The cottager sat in the road shaking his head in sorrow and embarrassment.

The other bent over him, and laid his hand in kindly fashion on his arm. "Never mind, Henry," said he, consolingly, "my chimney smokes sometimes, too."

Why Three Year Men Can't Return.

A dispatch from London, Eng., on Friday said:—Sir Walter Davidson, the retiring Governor of Newfoundland, newly returned from visiting France, explained to a meeting in London yesterday how he failed to do as he promised and secure a furlough for three year service men. This equally explains why it has been found impossible to grant our own war veterans leave. "I went to France determined if possible that men who had been out three years should have some home furlough," he said. When I talked to the military authorities no one could have been nicer, but they would not give a furlough for the excellent and convincing reason that man power is the essence of the game. At this moment we cannot afford to lose this splendid band of veterans of three years' service, whose homes are in far Dominions. It is the hardest case possible that the men who offered themselves first of all should be now denied the privilege of going back to their homes for a short time. Under the present conditions of warfare, however, it is essential that these thousands of men should remain at their posts."

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Arrested as Deserter.

Vincent Petterplace, aged 21, was arrested by Chief Ferguson at his home in Riversdale on Wednesday evening last on a warrant from the Military authorities at London, charging him with being absent from the militia without leave. Petterplace is stated to have signed up for military service a short time ago at Harris but coming later before the Walkerton Tribunal, secured his exemption with scores of others. Returning home, he apparently thought he was clear, but the Military authorities seem to think otherwise and instructed Chief Ferguson to effect his arrest. On being apprehended Petterplace was brought to Walkerton and arraigned before Magistrate Robt. Richardson on Wednesday night, when he was remanded to jail to await the arrival of a military escort who will take him to London for trial.—Herald & Times.

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How Canada is to Become Bone-Dry

Canada's War Cabinet enacts as follows:—

1. Importation of liquor into Canada prohibited on and after Monday, December 24th.

2. Transportation of liquor into any part of Canada where sale is barred is prohibited after April 1st, 1918.

3. Manufacture of liquor in Canada is to be prohibited after a date to be set later on.

Liquor is defined as any beverage having more than two and a half per cent. proof spirits.