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THE RETURNED SOLDIERS.

The returned soldiers have a grievance which they are pressing, and we think they should be backed up by the citizens generally. What they are asking is reasonable and is the fulfilment of promises made to them before they left our shores to fight for the empire. When in the enthusiasm of their going we assured them that upon their return their jobs or better ones would be waiting for them, we were doubtless sincere, but unfortunately in many cases the boys who have returned are finding it difficult to get back to their civil work.

The loudest complaint seems to be in reference to the attitude of certain government railway officials, who in some instances have gone out of their way to treat with contempt such returned men who have applied for work. It is in some cases, seems to be the desire of such officials to keep on young unmarried men, who were exempted from military service, in preference to returned married men who are capable of filling the position.

In one particular case two or three returned men have applied for a position held by a medically fit man, and a man who was dismissed from a previous position because of an offence, which had been pressed might have landed him in jail. Yet he is still holding down his government job, despite all the veterans and their friends can do to have him removed. Is this fair to our boys?

There are many other grievances of such as the matter of increased pay, seniority, promotions, etc., which are also open for discussion but are really of less importance.

The main object of all should be to see that the returned veterans, men who have been overseas, shall have positions at as early a date as possible.

THE HOUSING SCHEME.

Elsewhere in this issue we publish the full text of the Bill to provide for Better Housing, passed at the recent session of the Local Legislature. While the Bill does not give very much information in itself it will be interesting to any who desire to take advantage of the governments proposition.

One serious drawback in Campbellton is the impossibility of the average workman procuring a desirable lot without going beyond the area of water and sewerage. Too much valuable property within the town limits is being held by the owners, who will not sell, at a reasonable price, and upon which taxes are levied at a farm property valuation. We would suggest that the assessors value all such land at its lot value and we know that much of it would be speedily thrown upon the market.

Campbellton needs two hundred new houses this year. This means two hundred building lots, and lots must be procured at a reasonable price.

THE ASSESSORS.

A complete new board of assessors has been appointed. Now with no strings or anything to hamper them it is hoped that a more equitable assessment will be the result. These gentlemen will have a difficult task to perform but we hope they will not allow themselves to be coerced for the right.

One of the worst features of former assessments has been the amounts set opposite citizens names under the heading "income."

Business and professional men with incomes from three to six thousand dollars per year have been assessed on the average on only one thousand, while the working man and smaller

business men earning from one to two thousand have been assessed on from five hundred to one thousand.

Then again there are railway employees whose year or two ago were earning only from one to two thousand who are to-day getting as much as four thousand dollars and who have been assessed on only five hundred. Surely now they should be willing to bear their fair share of taxes.

We hope the assessors will bear these few facts in mind. We realize they have a difficult task in hand and assure them that the Graphic will be ready and anxious to lend their task in its power to make their task an easier one.

THE DAY OF RECKONING.

The Germans have come to the day of reckoning. The road has been long, and bloody, and for years the struggle shook the very foundation of civilization; but today the delegates of nations stand at the door of the free world and the fate of Germany, "World power or downfall," said Bernhardt, and his countrymen took up the cry. Well, it is downhill; and to-day Germany is to know the details of its shame, its punishment; its loss, its deserved humiliation.

There is still the possibility that the Germans will haggle, or seek delay, or even refuse for a time to sign the terms, but now or later there must be complete submission. The terms will not be modified, and there is no escaping already made public Germany will be deprived of between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 of its pre-war population will lose seventy per cent of its iron ore deposits, one-third of its coal iron ore deposits, and a large percentage of its potash. It will part with more than a million square miles of territory in Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands. Of its overseas colonies nothing remains.—St. John Telegraph.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS' WAR SERVICE GRATUITIES.

Official Explanation to Clear Up Some Misunderstandings.

Ottawa, April 29.—The following information is issued by the department of militia with a view to clearing up existing difficulties regarding soldier war service gratuities.

The statutory declaration must be forwarded through the district paymaster of the military district in which applicant was discharged after a certificate has been attached showing the amount of post discharge pay already paid. Up to April 25 there have been received 33,931 applications for war service gratuities for those struck off the strength prior to the 10th of November, 1918. Of these 2,800 have been received since April first and to date 89,150 cheques have been issued, of which 34,841 cheques represent the first payment to soldiers and their dependents; 27,445 the second payment; 25,104 the third payment; and 1,800 the fourth payment. Cases have also arisen where the service as shown by the record office in Canada differs from the service claimed by the soldier. This necessitates reference to overseas authorities.

In the case of any applicant whose claim was forwarded to the direct paymaster of the district in which he was discharged prior to April 17 and which has not received either a cheque or a communication notification should be sent addressed to the paymaster General, military headquarters, Ottawa, advising the date on which the statutory declaration was forwarded, and the military district in which the soldier was discharged.

PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

pieces of the G.W.V.A., in the Opera House last evening drew a fair sized audience, and was a very pleasant affair. Mrs. P. J. Gunn, and Miss Climo of St. John delighted the audience and were enthusiastically received. Miss Ford and Mrs. J. B. Sowerby as well as Mr. Austin McDonald and Mr. O. Guidry were well received. The ladies were presented with handsome bouquets. The members of the G.W.V.A. wish to thank all who contributed towards the success of the entertainment.

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