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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

## THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

With the distribution of the January telephone directory to its patrons the New Brunswick Telephone Company has issued an attractively printed brochure entitled "Good Telephone Usage" as an aid to good telephone service. A glance through the pages of this booklet suggests to the reader that if the service in question is not at all times what is desired certainly it is not the purpose or disposition of the management that it should be so. As a matter of fact we are not saying that the service is not good, for the most part our citizens, it is believed, have found it to be quite satisfactory. "We as a company" declares the management, "are trying to do our part" and "we ask the co-operation of all our subscribers in further improving the service by doing their part."

Next to water and light probably there is no other public service whose efficiency means so much for the comfort and prosperity of the community as that of the telephone and it is well that the public as well as the employees of that service should be in this way invited to consider in what manner by a mutual attentiveness to the rules of the wire the cause of inefficiency or of irritation may be for the most part eliminated. The work of the "Hello girl" is exacting enough, and not the least part of its weariness comes from its constant day in and day out, monotony, and a considerate public will be unmindful of this fact when inclined to be overly exacting. On the other hand the operator ought to cultivate courtesy and promptness and accuracy. It does not help the efficiency of the service when a subscriber is kept waiting unduly for a response from central and when after such delay the wrong number is given. While, doubtless, it is true that not a few of the conversations over the wire are in all truth trivial enough, yet there is always the possibility that one calling for a certain number is in urgent and pressing need of an immediate connection. New Brunswick has been well served by the telephone company and in the thought that has prompted the issuance of these suggestions for good service there is additional evidence that the company is appreciative of the patronage already received and is bound to press forward to greater and greater efficiency.

## THE MILITARY HOSPITALS.

The official bulletin of the Military Hospitals Commission for the month of November has recently appeared and although comprising in all only some sixteen pages gives a vast amount of information as to the work that is being done on behalf of Canada's increasing army of returned soldiers. Early in 1915, we are informed in a very brief historical account of what has been done, when the stream of invalided soldiers began to seek the home shores, a committee whose duty should be to prepare convalescent homes for them was appointed by the department of militia and defence. As, however, that department was fully occupied in sending men overseas, the Government on June 29, 1915, created a civilian commission with Senator the Honorable Sir James Loughheed, P. C., K. C., as president, to care for the returning men. Later an order-in-council authorized this commission to extend the scope of their operations providing for medical treatment to men who had enlisted but who had not proceeded overseas and also organizing vocational training for the re-education especially of those soldiers who by reason of their disabilities were unable to resume their former lines of occupation. The next step developed the work still further by appointing commissions in each province whose duty it should be to introduce returned soldiers to prospective employers. During 1916 a vocational secretary was named and vocational officers were appointed for each province to establish classes at various homes and about the same time a military command was created, into which all returned soldiers requiring further treatment were drafted. Branch offices have been opened at Halifax, St. John, Fredericton, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. The former assistant provincial secretary for Ontario, Mr. S. A. Armstrong, has been appointed director to co-ordinate and administer the organization. Such in brief may serve to indicate the general lines upon which the Government of Canada has been proceeding in the matter of making provision for comfort and restoration in health as well as to active service in civilian life of those splendid fellows who have valiantly ventured their all

for the sake of their country. The best brains that can be found have been drafted into this work as is evidenced by the list of those men, all eminent in their several callings, who have accepted duty upon the Military Hospitals Commission. The purpose in view is the highest, namely, so to help the returned soldier that he may be the better fitted in the future to help himself and to do some useful work for himself and country.

## FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR.

The United States has adopted a cancellation stamp for letters bearing the words "Food Will Win the War" and the American people are urged by their government to eat less in order that they by a reasonable degree of abstention may release more food for the Allies over in Europe. No one in Canada has as yet felt the pinch of hunger. We say the pinch of hunger, for here and there some undoubtedly there are who have not been dining nearly too sumptuously. During the early stages of the war considerable criticism was heard of the food controller and it was charged frequently if not officially that he did not control. Then prices have kept on soaring and while most people seemed to get about the same articles of diet as formerly they certainly paid more for the man in the trade. Against all the complaints and grumblings of the consumers it was urged that the high cost of living was not infrequently the cost of high living and for this rejoinder there certainly was much to be said. Everyone also knows or might know if he would take the trouble to look into the matter for himself that the amount of good wholesome food wasted annually in Canada was enormous and those practical men who catered to the public taste while themselves frequently disgusted with the conditions that induced this state of things, yet felt powerless by themselves to alter these conditions. Probably nothing less drastic than a great world war and all that such a war involved would ever have sufficed to effect that reformation in the habits of appetite and the table which had made this whole continent to be talked about abroad as a land preeminently given over to wastefulness.

As the war drags itself along and the weeks merge into months and possibly into years there is no doubt but that the Government will learn by experience in what manner it can more efficiently control the supply and distribution as well as the prices of the nation's food. But we will look in vain for the perfect condition to arrive as the result of action by those in authority. They can and will do their part, but let every citizen of Canada understand and realize that he himself also has grave responsibility in this matter.

This community has always responded generously to any appeal which has been made to it for funds for any worthy object. It is safe to assume that if any fund is not receiving the assistance which it requires, that the lack of support is due wholly to want of knowledge of the need. Therefore The Standard gladly responds to the appeal of the Red Cross to make public this pressing need for more money, a need so great that unless the response is prompt and generous the work will have to be greatly curtailed or even abandoned. Going about our daily work in comfort and security we are perhaps prone to forget that sympathy is not enough to meet the suffering which is being endured for our sakes by the men who have gone overseas. Practical assistance must accompany sentiment to render it of any avail. More members for the Red Cross League and more subscriptions for the funds are an immediate necessity and the appeal is made directly to each reader of these lines for him or her to respond, not to leave it to some one else to do the work.

## TWO P. E. I. MEN WITH RED SOX

Boston Americans Get "Stuffy" McInnis from Philadelphia Athletics.

Boston, Jan. 10.—John ("Stuffy") McInnis, the hard hitting first baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics, has been sold to the Red Sox. The change will suit McInnis as his home is in Gloucester. He and Harry Hooper of the Red Sox were born in the same village in Prince Edward Island.

## A BIT OF VERSE

**ONLY A VOLUNTEER.**  
From W. H. Ennis, Jr., Barracks Block H, No. 27, Camp No. 10, Jacksonville, Fla., Q. M. G.

Why didn't I wait to be drafted,  
And be led to the train by a hand,  
And put in a claim for exemption:  
Oh! why did I hold up my mind:  
Why didn't I wait for the banquet,  
Why didn't I wait to be cheered,  
For the drafted men get all the credit  
Why, I only volunteered.

Nobody gave me a banquet,  
Nobody said a kind word,  
The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels  
Were all the goodbyes that I heard.  
Then off to the training camp hustled  
To be trained for the next half year,  
And in the shuffle I was forgotten—  
I was only a volunteer.

And perhaps some day in the future  
When my boy sits on my knee  
And asks what I did in the great war,  
And his blue eyes look up to me:  
I will have to look in the young fellow's eyes  
That ask me a trustingly peer,  
And tell him I wasn't drafted—  
I was only a volunteer.

## A BIT OF FUN

Six feet of bathtub make all men equal.  
Everybody expects everybody else to set a good example.

The road to success is slippery and he who travels thereon needs a lot of sand.

No disappointment can be quite so intolerable as disappointment in one's self.

**LENGTHY PERFORMANCE.**  
"Did the matinee last longer than you expected, daughter?"  
"I should say it did! I consumed nearly two pounds of chocolate, and didn't hurry either."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**COLONEL IS LOGICAL.**  
"I won't say that I ain't got a jug buried somewhere, said the old colonel, but I ain't going to resurrect it till sugar comes down and I can put three lumps in the toddy."—Atlanta Constitution.

**NATURE'S LAVISHNESS.**  
"It doesn't seem right," said the man with worn-out shoes.  
"What doesn't seem right?"  
"That a mere cow can afford to wear all that leather."—Washington Star.

**BESIDE THE MARK.**  
Shobley—I was shooting at Lord Boodie's place last week.  
Cobley—Did you hit it?—Sketch.

**HER RING.**  
Little Lydia had been given a ring as a birthday present, but much to her disappointment, no one of the guests at dinner noticed it. Finally, unable to withstand their obtuseness or indifference, she exclaimed:  
"Oh, dear, I'm so warm in my new ring!"—Youth's Companion.

## VALLEY RAILWAY ENQUIRY RESUMED, WITNESSES HEARD

Sessions Yesterday Morning and Afternoon—Thomas Cuzzolino and Miles E. Agar Give Evidence—Enquiry Adjourned Until this Morning.

The Valley Railway enquiry was resumed yesterday before Commissioner Stevens. Two witnesses were heard, Thomas Cuzzolino and Miles E. Agar. Mr. Cuzzolino was on the stand all morning. He told the Commissioner that W. B. Tennant was not now a member of the Nova Scotia Construction Company and had never been a director of the company. Several drafts had been paid to Mr. Tennant but his connection with the company was of knowledge of the need. Therefore The Standard gladly responds to the appeal of the Red Cross to make public this pressing need for more money, a need so great that unless the response is prompt and generous the work will have to be greatly curtailed or even abandoned. Going about our daily work in comfort and security we are perhaps prone to forget that sympathy is not enough to meet the suffering which is being endured for our sakes by the men who have gone overseas. Practical assistance must accompany sentiment to render it of any avail. More members for the Red Cross League and more subscriptions for the funds are an immediate necessity and the appeal is made directly to each reader of these lines for him or her to respond, not to leave it to some one else to do the work.

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## Little Benny's Note Book

I was coming home from a errand yesterday and I met Mary Watkins coming home from one, and we started to walk along together, talking about who we thought had the biggest Christmas tree and weather people would get tired of giving us presents if Christmas came about every week, and different things, and we passed Whites drug store and the window was all full of boxes of candy, with a big sign saying, Angel brand candy is pure and sanitary, take home a box.

If I had the money I'd buy all those boxes of candy, I said.

I don't think I'd want them all, some mits get stale before I could eat them, said Mary Watkins.

Well, I'd buy them all for you anyway, and if my got stale I'd eat them for you so you wouldn't have to throw them away, I said.

That's pretty good of you, you only live never threw any away yet, she said. Well, just then a grate big red automobile went past with a lady setting in it looking as if she thought she was a millionaire, which maybe she was, and I said, if I had the money I'd buy you a automobile just like that, only better.

You're a thawful, said Mary Watkins, and I said, O, that's nothing. And I took my skate key out of my pocket and started to throw it up and catch it again, and Mary Watkins said, O, a skate key, that's just what I need. With which she stopped throwing it up and put it back in my pocket, saying, That's the only one I got.

And Mary Watkins looked insulted, saying, I didn't ask you for it, did I, goodness, the idea of promising me all those automobiles and everything and then making all that fuss about a old skate key. And she kept on walking without saying anything more, not even answering me when I talked to her.

Proving girls are unreasonable.

while on duty at Rendcombe: Squadron R. F. C. Dear Sir: It was with deep regret that I informed you by telegram on the 5th inst. of the death of your nephew, Lieut. Eccles, due to injuries received in an aeroplane accident. He had only been with this squadron for a short time, but had already developed into an exceptionally good pilot, though inclined to be reckless. At about 8.15 a. m. on Wednesday morning he was told to take up a Bristol Fighter, and as he was to fly it alone ballast was put in the passenger seat. After starting his engine, and when about to "take off" he called to a friend, Lieut. Sutherland, to accompany him.

Lieut. Sutherland got in the machine—both forgetting that the passenger's seat had been weighted with ballast. The result was that on "taking off" the machine rose too rapidly, and when at the height of about 100 feet stalled and dropped to the ground.

The occupants received medical attendance at once and were removed to the hospital, but Lieut. Eccles succumbed to his injuries a few hours afterwards.

Lieut. Sutherland is still in a dangerous condition.

Lieut. Eccles was buried with full military honors on Saturday last in the churchyard at North Corney, two miles from Cirencester.

I looked upon Lieut. Eccles as one of my best pilots, and expected great things from him when the squadron moved overseas next month.

Yours sincerely, F. W. SMITH, Major, O. C. 62 Sd. R. F. C. H. W. Cronk, 916 52nd St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**MORNING SESSION.**  
When the session opened at ten o'clock Mr. Jones called Mr. E. Agar, president of the Nova Scotia Construction Company. Mr. Cuzzolino placed in evidence several drafts in favor of Mr. W. B. Tennant. The witness knew that Mr. Tennant was to have half profits of the company from the contract for the Valley Railway and understood that Mr. Tennant was to use his influence in their favor. When the sub-contraction was let Mr. Lindsay had estimated the profits would be \$250,000. The witness had never seen any statement of expenses or salary from Mr. Tennant or had he seen any of the drafts until after they were paid. Mr. Lindsay had never mentioned to him that the politicians had to be looked after. With the exception of Mr. Tennant they had not paid anything to any politician, all the profits made so far had gone to Mr. Tennant. He could not call it buying a contract, it was rather a partnership.

Q—Did you know Tennant was close to Baxter?  
A—No. I know he was a great friend of Mr. Hassen's.

Mr. Tennant was not a director of the company. His name was never mentioned in the statement in answer to questions put by Hon. Mr. Carvell he had meant agent and asked to have the record corrected. He had been a partner but not a director. Mr. Tennant was not now connected with the company. The matter had been taken up with Mr. Lindsay in September last and Mr. Lindsay had stated that arrangements had been made whereby Mr. Tennant's connection with the company ceased. He had not seen the agreement but he had seen all the correspondence from Mr. Tennant which might be in the offices of the company to the Commissioner.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
Hon. Mr. Jones called Mr. E. Agar. Mr. Agar said he was not connected with the St. John and Quebec Railway in any way nor in any contract.

He had no knowledge of any money being received from W. B. Tennant for a campaign fund neither did he know of any person to whom money was paid during the campaign. He did know that a certain amount of money had to be sent in every campaign and he supposed some had been spent in the 1917 campaign.

He was a member of the finance committee of the St. John but had not paid out any money. The only money he had handled was some subscriptions paid to him and he had given them to Mr. Bell. He supposed the chairman of the different wards had made up their requisitions for the sums needed for the campaign, and he had given them to Mr. Bell. He had heard of a general fund for the province and did not have any idea how much money was in the campaign and of how much was spent. This was all left in the hands of Mr. Bell. It was outside his province and he did not look for any information in that regard. He had been paid as he had been used to buy votes that he knew of. He did not think that \$100,000 or \$50,000 had been spent, in fact he thought there was very little money spent.

Adjournment was made until 10 o'clock this morning when R. B. Emerson will be the first witness.

## PROMINENT MEN WENT TO HALIFAX

Sir Arthur Harris and Sir George Bury Come from Montreal—Sir Arthur is Director of Overseas Transport.

Sir Arthur Harris, director of overseas transports, and Sir George Bury, vice-president of the C.P.R., passed through the city Wednesday night in a private car en route from Montreal to Halifax.

Sir Arthur H. Harris, K.C.B.E., is a son of the late Henry Vincent Harris of Devonport, Devonshire, England. He was educated at the Devonport and Stock Grammar School, and came to this country in the seventies. He entered the services of the Grand Trunk, rising to the position of general freight agent, through traffic. In 1902 he joined the Canadian Pacific Railway, since which date, to August, 1914, he has been actively engaged in initiating traffic for the company's rail and ocean services.

On the outbreak of the war the president of the Canadian Pacific offered Sir Arthur's services to the Imperial and Canadian governments, for the purpose of organizing and directing an overseas transport department, the successful administration of which is now recognized by His Majesty.

Sir Arthur is a member of St. James' Club, Montreal, Racine Club, Ottawa and Royal Montreal Golf Club. In 1888 he married the daughter of the late Wm. B. Lamb, B.C.L., of Montreal, granddaughter of the late Honorable Wm. Morris, at one time receiver general of Canada, and niece of the late Honorable Alexander Morris, first governor of Manitoba and the North West Territories.

## Doctors Said Operation

When Chatham Lady Suffered From Extreme Nervous Exhaustion—Now Feeling Fine and Working Large Garden.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 3.—This letter will interest every lady reader, because it describes a condition for which many doctors advise an operation. "That the operation is often unnecessary and very often leaves the patient an invalid for life is well known."

You will read here of what Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done for this lady, and you will understand the great good it is accomplishing in many thousands of similar cases throughout the continent.

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## HOW LT. ECCLES LOST HIS LIFE

Dashed to Ground While Piloting a Bristol Fighter—Letter Received by His Uncle, W. H. Cronk, of Brooklyn.

The following letter regarding the death of Lieut. Eccles, of the Royal Flying Corps, was received by W. H. Cronk, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is an uncle of the hero who lost his life.

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