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DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF MEN ARE CALLED

One Hundred Drafts a Day
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—Were 150 Men at Depot
Yesterday—Had Their First
Drill.

The authorities announce that in the future 100 men will be called up in this province daily. This is just double the number which has been called up daily since January 3rd. One of the reasons advanced is that the depot in St. John is now in a position to attend to more men than they could at first. In other provinces and training depots the number of men called up in the most cases has been considerably larger than here.

The men enjoyed their first day's drill in khaki yesterday morning. They were drawn up in column of platoons and to the martial air of the march did some marching round the Barrack square. The total number of drafts in barracks is about 100. There seems to be no way of ascertaining the exact number of men who respond daily as the authorities claim they have not been ordered to make public this news. There is reasonable ground to believe

however, that a fairly large percentage of the men call report.

Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity left the city last evening for Boston. He will be away until Saturday evening.

London, Jan. 7.—Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice, has been appointed British high commissioner in the United States. Besides taking over the work of the British embassy in Washington he will have charge of the work of the British war mission and its establishments in New York and Washington.

The official announcement of Earl Reading's appointment says that Lord Northcliffe will remain head of the British mission to the United States in London.

DIED.

EARLE—At Rotherham, Saturday, January 5th, William Zbolski Earle, C. E., son of the late S. Z. Earle, M. D., of St. John, N. B.

FUNERAL—On Tuesday, at 3 o'clock, REDMOND—Sudden, at Black River, St. John county, on Jan. 6th, Catherine, widow of John J. Redmond, and daughter of the late Robert and Catherine Power of Black River, in her eighty-third year, leaving two sisters and one brother to mourn. Funeral Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment at Black River.

INTERESTING ADDRESS BEFORE MEMBERS OF CANADIAN CLUB

Joseph Israel of India Lectured Last Night in the High School Assembly Room—Coal at the Pit Mouth for \$1.25 per Ton — Laborers Receive Ten Cents a Day Wage—Some Other Interesting Facts.

Coal can be produced at the pit's mouth in India for \$1.25 per ton. The natives can purchase brands at the nominal price of five cents per dozen. Fifty millions of the people labor in the heat of the day for ten cents per every twelve hours. One can send a telegram within the country for eight cents providing the words do not total over twelve. Sixteen millions of the population speak English. Nearly two hundred millions of the people worship idols of wood or stone. These were but a few of the interesting features of India and her people as related by Joseph Israel, who lectured before a fairly representative and influential audience in the High School Assembly room last night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Canadian Club of St. John and it is regrettable that the audience was not larger. This was due to the lack of advertising, owing to the shortness of time the club had to complete the final arrangements.

Although a native of India Mr. Israel speaks the English language quite fluently and is very clear in his pronunciation. He proved a very interesting lecturer and held his audience for over an hour and a half while he unfolded many highly educational facts in the life of the Hindu and other natives of his country.

Gnanamuthu Joseph Israel is the founder and principal of the Orphanage Home at Madras. He commenced his educational campaign in a small stable and, as he claims, by perseverance and the help of God he has increased the number of teachers as well as the school so that now he can say he has accomplished what no one else has ever done before in India. J. H. Frink, president of the Canadian Club, occupied the chair. He paid a tribute to the secretary of the club for his energetic efforts in securing the speaker.

Mr. Israel in rising was greeted with applause. He said in his opening remarks that after he had concluded the lecture it was his desire that those who were anxious to hear anything more fully explained or new matters touched he would be glad to answer all questions. Many of the audience took advantage of the opportunity. The result was that many instructive features of the country were brought out. He said that India was not nearly as large as the Dominion of Canada, yet compared with other European countries it could be considered large, as it was one-third the size of the entire continent. Some sections of the country were very hot, the thermometer registering as high as 113 degrees. Europeans however could escape the hot climate by ascending the mountains. In the north of the country, in some places to a height of 5,000 feet above the sea level, while in some districts the climate was identical the same as that in the Dominion. All climates and temperatures from the extreme heat characteristic of the torrid zone to the Arctic cold of the north can be found within the country. The speaker referred to the wheat shortage in England at the outset of the war when it was found impossible

to obtain any from Russia. India came to the rescue of England and shipped millions of bushels of wheat to the old country. He stated that there was an abundance of fruit grown in India and the export of tea and coffee to the European states was enormous. Other resources of the country such as the coal mines and the gold seams were mentioned by the lecturer. The great national dish is rice, and the poorer classes are obliged to make one boiling for the day suffice their wants. The population of India is said to be 313,000,000, or one-fifth of the world's population. Two hundred million people of this wealthy country worship idols, some of wood and others of stone. Some of the better classes worship live monkeys and cows. Men in their dying moments are of the opinion that if they have a hold of a cow's tail when they pass out they will go to heaven, remarked the speaker. There are but four millions of Indian Christians. Sixty years ago the father of the noted missionary worshipped idols, but was converted to the Christian faith long before his death. It was his prayer that his family should all enter upon the work of Christianizing the natives, and the family, consisting of his son and three daughters, all are missionaries.

Mr. Israel said it was a remarkable fact when one realized that but one hundred Englishmen governed three hundred and thirteen millions of natives in India. We have peace in India under this rule, said the eminent student, while the rest of Europe is at war.

Referring to the roads in his country the lecturer said that one could travel for miles and miles either north or south and he would find good roads. These splendid roads cover a territory stretching in both directions for thousands of miles.

In India a letter can be mailed to any part of the state for one half cent. A postal card costs but one-quarter of a farthing. Sixteen millions of the people speak English. In the courts all business is transacted in the English language.

The speaker referred to the noble part the princes and natives have played in the war and the financial support rendered by the government. At the close of the meeting some interesting questions were asked and in the way of answers by the lecturer. A hearty vote of thanks moved by G. B. Allan and seconded by Major A. Bartlett of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and unanimously voted, by the audience was tendered to the speaker. He will leave tonight, accompanied by the lady missionary, Miss Hilda Bergquist for India via Vancouver.

SUGAR PROBLEM

WILL BE SOLVED
ON 15TH OF MONTH

Cuban Consul Barranco Says the 1917-18 Crop Would Amount to 3,600,000 Tons —Will Be Shipped to the Allied Nations and United States.

That the sugar problem will be solved by the 15th of the month at least is news that will come with added interest to the people of St. John who have been filled up with stories concerning the shortage of sugar and the consequent high prices. Cuban Consul Barranco, the authority for the above statement, also said that the Cuban sugar crop for 1917-18 would amount to 3,600,000 tons which would be shipped by every available ship to the allied nations and the United States.

With the advent of this immense shipment of sugar to the allied nations of which Canada will get a good share, the shortage of this commodity will be greatly relieved if not done away with altogether.

When interviewed by a Standard reporter last night Cuban Consul Barranco gave out the following statement.

The Cuban sugar crop for 1917-18 will amount to 3,600,000 tons. The negotiations for the purchase of a large part of the crop have been closed by the international commission and the Cuban commission appointed by President Menocal. The sugar will be distributed among the allied nations and the United States.

I can officially announce that the price of the sugar will be \$4.60 per 100 pounds for Cuba.

The Cuban government, with a fervent desire to aid in every possible way their allies, has directed the Cuban producers to ship the sugar in every steamer available, and I can state positively that the sugar problem will be solved before the 15th of the present month.

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COMMON COUNCIL

MET IN COMMITTEE;

THE BUSINESS DONE

Sardine Factory Question off Until Friday—City Has No Power to Grant Preference Asked by Booth Canneries—Trust Company Wrongfully Assessed.

The common council met in committee yesterday afternoon and heard the city solicitor in regard to the concessions asked for by the Booth Canneries but as Commissioner Wigmore was not present during the discussion and the city solicitor wished to hear Mr. Grady, further action was delayed until Friday morning at eleven o'clock. At the conclusion of the committee meeting the session of the council was held. Commissioner Fisher recommended that the bonus of \$75 each for F. W. Jenkins and Clifford G. Price be paid from 1918 street appropriation as there was no unexpended balance for 1917.

There were present at the committee meeting Mayor Hayes, Commissioners McLellan, Russell and Fisher and City Solicitor Baxter.

Mr. Baxter reported that the city had no power to grant the preference asked by the Booth Canneries without special legislation and questioned whether in view of the fact that the city only controlled two sardine weirs it was worth the trouble and expense attached to getting the legislation. He also stated that he would like to hear from Mr. Grady why they were so anxious to get this preference when only these two weirs were affected.

At this juncture Commissioner Wigmore arrived but it was decided to lay the matter over until Friday morning at eleven o'clock.

Common council was then called to order by the mayor.

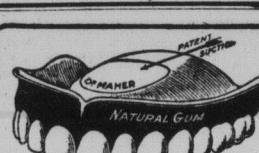
The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs recommended that the Prudential Trust Company Limited of Montreal be refunded the sum of \$106.64 paid in taxes for the present year, the same having been wrongfully assessed, that the Comptroller be authorized to pass for payment the account of the New Brunswick Power Company of \$7,451.25 lighting streets for three months ending 31st December last. Adopted.

The Commissioner of Harbors, Fisheries, and Public Lands recommended that renewal leases issue to the executors of the late Mrs. Ann Walsh of lot No. 495, Brooks Ward for five years from the 1st November 1918 at \$20 per annum rental; and to Annie T. Emerson and John Emerson of lot No. 934 Guys Ward for 7 years from the 1st day of May at \$18.92 per annum, an increase of 10 per cent on the present rental. Adopted.

Commissioner Fisher moved that the bonus to be paid F. W. Jenkins and Clifford G. Price for year 1917 be taken out of the 1918 appropriation as he had discovered there was legally

no unexpended balance for 1917. Commissioner McLellan objected to the bonus practice and said if any commissioner desired to raise the salary of any of the employees of his department he should put it in the estimates at the first of the year and let the taxpayers know where their money was going.

The motion carried. Council then adjourned.



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WEEK OF PRAYER

The topic last night in the Week of Prayer services was "Sin." The meetings were held in Calvin church where the speaker was Rev. S. B. Culp, in St. David's, where the service was almost entirely one of prayer.

Rev. J. A. MacKellan, gave a short address and Revs. S. S. Poole and H. Johnston also took part. On the West Side the meeting was held in Ludlow street Baptist church, the speaker being Rev. J. A. Morrison; and in North End in St. Matthew's church and the speaker was Rev. G. Swin.

Tonight the meetings will be held as follows:

Group 1.—Coburg street. Leader: Rev. S. B. Culp. Speaker: Rev. F. E. Boothroyd.

Group 2.—Queen Square. Leader: Rev. Hammond Johnson.

Group 3.—Carlton. Methodist. Leader: Rev. E. A. Westmorland.

Speaker: Rev. W. R. Robinson.

Group 4.—Victoria street. Speaker: Rev. J. C. B. Appel.

Campobello, Jan. 7.—Rev. J. A. Currier, Baptist pastor here, has resigned to accept a call to a church in Millinocket. Mr. Rev. Mr. Currier has been stationed here three years.

The monthly meeting of St. Monica's Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus Hall. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, occupied the chair.

The treasurer reported that after all bills for the current month had been paid the treasury fund was almost depleted, therefore it is necessary to devise some means of immediately raising money for the continuation of the winter's work. The secretary, Miss Haley, read the minutes of the previous meeting and presented all reports for November.

Mrs. W. E. Sculley, reporting for the sale of the Christmas boxes containing chickens, vegetables, groceries, and in some cases boots and clothing were distributed throughout the various parishes of the city. The major portion of the contents of these boxes were donated by the members of the society. This was supplemented by \$45 from the society's fund.

Mrs. M. Bohan reported that the sewing committee had held only two meetings in December, but nevertheless had distributed 27 garments, mostly to school children. They also made and filled with Christmas comforts, eighteen comfort bags for the sailors of the Seamen's Institute, and made up 36 garments which were given to the Local Council of Women for the Halifax relief work.

Drake are the British representatives in the international commission looking after the purchase and shipping of Cuban sugar to Great Britain.