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## DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF MEN ARE CALLED

### One Hundred Draftees a Day in Province Will Be Called—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 depot band did some marching round the Barrack square. The total number of draftees in barracks is about 100. There seems to be no difficulty in ascertaining the exact number of men who respond daily as the authorities claim they have not been obliged to make public this news. There is reasonable ground to believe

## PLEASING 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 bananas 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 large and interesting 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 auditors 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 Wesleyan and Orphanage Home at Madras. He commenced his educational campaign in a small stable and, as he claims, by perseverance and the help of 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 mountain 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 of 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.

Mr. Israel said it was a remarkable fact when one realized that but one hundred Englishmen governed three hundred and thirteen millions of Indians 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 war and the financial support rendered by the government.

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 Baranco 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 is said in 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 Baranco, 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 Baranco 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 Harding. 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 f.o.b. 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.

Sir Joseph White and J. Ramsey

## MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ST. MONICA'S ASSOCIATION HELD

The monthly meeting of St. Monica's Catholic Ladies' 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. Scully, reporting for the charity committee, stated that on December 22, large Christmas boxes containing chickens, vegetables, groceries, and in some cases books 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 two meetings in December, but nevertheless they were able to distribute 27 garments, mostly to school children. They also made and filled with Christmas comforts, eighteen comfort coats for the sailors of the Seaman's Institute, and made up 36 garments which were given to the Local Council of Women for the Halifax relief work.

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

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The topic last night in the Week of Prayer services was "Sin." The meetings were held in St. John's church where the speaker was Rev. S. B. Culp, in St. David's, where the services were almost entirely 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, secretary-treasurer.

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## THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MEETING

### Reports Received and Officers Elected—Tuberculosis Sunday Last of Month—Mass Meeting for Boys to Be Addressed by Evangelist Kenyon.

The Evangelical Alliance were in session yesterday morning in St. Andrew's church with Rev. Neil McLaughlin presiding. The annual report of Rev. J. C. B. Appel, secretary-treasurer, showed fifteen meetings to have been held with an average attendance of sixteen.

The financial report showed:

Subscriptions	\$10.50
Week of prayer collection	94.51
City-wide mission	370.45
Due treasurer	11.27
	\$487.03
Expenditures:	
Jan. 1, 1917	
Balance due treasurer	22.90
Printing	17.43
Chaplain, Industrial Home for Boys	50.09
Postage	7.50
Telephone (secretary)	20.00
City-wide mission	
Newspapers, adv.	\$146.40
Printing	141.00
Street, bus, etc.	20.00
Postage and typewriting	62.15
Flowers	36.05
Expressage	1.50
	370.10
	\$487.03

## COMMON COUNCIL MET IN COMMITTEE; THE BUSINESS DONE

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 C. Price be paid from 1918 street appropriation as there was no unexpended balance for 1917.

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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.