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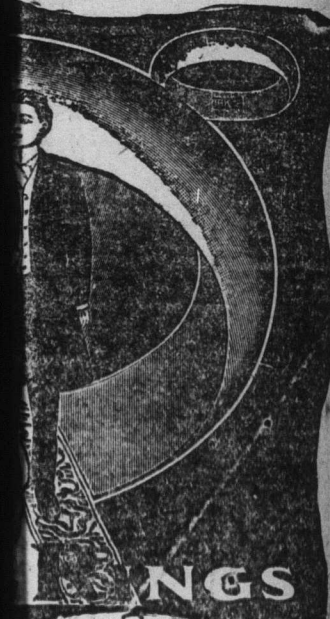
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AN APPEAL

I am addressing this Appeal to all the people of Newfoundland, but especially to those of the Outports.

Your Government have decided to make another special attempt to obtain further recruits for the duties forced upon us by the War. I am anxious to explain to you in simple and strong words why those duties are yours.

In your sea-girt home you have, I know, your own dangers and anxieties to face. As I write this my mind is still full of the appalling disaster to the Florizel. But War you do not realise; you are beyond the sound of the guns which, in the South East corner of England, I have heard day after day breaking in upon the beauty and calmness of the summer air.

That awe-inspiring rumble of the guns which I ask you to imagine—that lurid light on the horizon which I ask you to picture are the signs of a terrible struggle for Right—a mighty effort to save from ruin, not only France, but every bit of free soil in the world, including this island of which you are so proud. The awful struggle seems to be approaching its climax now and your close kinsmen are in the middle of it.

Some may ask, What is the danger? and it is my purpose to endeavour to make it clear to you.

By some permission of Divine Providence, which we do not understand, a nation of criminals is now attacking all that is just and true in the whole world. Germany has set herself deliberately to violate every law of Right and every principle of Humanity.

Never before in History has a War been planned like this. Hitherto all wars have had some sort of pretext of right or impulse of passion. It has been reserved to the German military party to plot wilfully and wantonly a great crime against the peace of mankind.

And the hypocrisy with which Germany supports the crime makes it still more abominable. As Judas treated the Christ, Germany is treating Civilization. Under appeals to God, Germany masks the utmost malignities of the devil. The German nation to-day knows no Law except that of the pagan, the liar, the rascal, the murderer. They are a curse let loose on the Earth. And the task demanded of all of us is to fight and conquer this curse just as in our moral life we are bound to fight and conquer Sin. The Cause is a far broader and holier Cause than that which impelled the Crusaders against the Saracens.

We may thank God that the greater nations of the World have realised the justice of the Cause; and I believe that every man in Newfoundland will one day be thankful that he was at least asked to face this question—"Is it not my higher duty to go out and save humanity from destruction?"

Remember that your wives, your children, your cottages, your boats, are in positive danger if the German breaks through France. As he is treating the foolish Russians, so he will treat every nation whom he touches—America, Canada, Newfoundland, are to him mere objectives for his greedy brutality. He is entirely evil, he has no sense of right and no feelings of Mercy.

This mass of incarnate selfishness is held back by the strong arm of the Allies in France. Will any man of British race decline to do all he can to defeat and crush it?

At this moment the need is specially great, for the Germans are now desperate. They begin to realise the truth of that dread decree "He that takes the sword, shall perish with the sword". At no horror will they hesitate if they can but escape the punishment that is their due.

Now on every man and woman among us lies the duty to bear a hand in administering that punishment a duty not only to ourselves but to posterity. If age or health prevent some of us from going they do not prevent us from following the greatest example ever set to mankind and making the sacrifice of that which is dearest to our hearts.

You young men I ask to listen carefully to the appeals which will once more be made to you in the next few weeks. Believe me that the voluntary act of a man, impelled by the high sense of duty, is far nobler than the mere obedience to the provisions of a public enactment.

One special word I say to women. Try to realise the sufferings of women and children wherever the Germans come: think of the little children starved in Belgium and slaughtered in cold blood in Armenia. Let your men folk stand out and protect you, for in helping to defeat the Germans they are protecting the honour and safety of all their dear ones at home.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS,
 Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Government House, St. John's,
 30th March, 1918.

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Owing to the collapse in Russia, which allowed Germany to remove the main part of her Army from the Eastern to the Western front, the Allies have been severely handicapped in meeting the greatest offensive of the war.

There is an urgent call to all parts of the Empire for men.

In the United Kingdom steps are being taken to conscript all men up to the age of 51 years.

As a self-governing Dominion Newfoundland has been called upon to do her part in filling the gaps. We have been specially called upon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to keep the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at its full war strength. Three hundred men (300) are required immediately and sixty (60) men additional per month. The need for these men is set forth in the despatch received Tuesday, April 9th, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which reads as follows:—

"April 9th.—Statement has been received from Army Council, the effect of the Newfoundlander Regiment in France is now short of the authorized War Establishment by 170 men, and that the number of men under training in England is not sufficient to make up this deficit. Since very heavy fighting must be anticipated at least 300 men will be required from Newfoundland as early as possible in order to bring the Battalion up to strength and an additional sixty men per month will be required to maintain it in the field.

H. M. Government trust that your Government will be able to supply these men.

(Signed) LONG.

Conscription prevails throughout Canada and the United States, and Newfoundlander's in Canada are being conscripted.

Under the War Measures Act the Newfoundland Government have ordered:—

That no unmarried man between the ages of twenty and thirty-five, who is eligible for the British Army or Navy, shall be permitted to leave the Dominion.

That no person who is liable to be called up to the British Army or Navy shall be permitted to leave the Dominion without a Passport.

Newfoundland must do its part, and cost what it will, the Regiment must be maintained. Our Regiment has performed deeds of valor equal to any in the history of the British Army.

Its gallantry in the field has won the recognition of the King by the bestowal of the glorious prefix "ROYAL".

It has earned so many encomiums from the Commander-in-Chief, the Divisional and Brigade Generals, that we cannot allow it to be withdrawn from the scene of conflict.

It has placed the name of Newfoundland on the Honour Roll of the nations. It would be an eternal disgrace to the children of Newfoundland to allow the name to be erased from that Honour Roll by failing to keep the Regiment up to its full fighting strength.

An opportunity is now afforded the young men of the country to join the ranks.

On St. George's Day, the 23rd April, the Legislature will be convened, and immediate attention will be given to the consideration of the steps to be taken to maintain the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at full war strength.

In the meantime the need is urgent, and every effort should be made to answer the call from His Excellency the Governor and from the War Council, to enlist as many men as possible.

W. W. HALFYARD,
 Acting Colonial Secretary,
 Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
 April 11, 1918.

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NOTICE!

Four weeks after the date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for "New and Useful Improvements in Motor Boat Captains" to be granted to Denis F. Meaney of Humbermouth, Newfoundland, Telegraph Operator.

St. John's, April 28th, 1918.
GIBBS & BARRON,
 Solicitors for Applicant,
 Bank of Montreal Building,
 St. John's. apr28,4,tu



Public Notice

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to issue the following notice under Authority of Minute in Council passed 28th February, 1918.

Augmentation of the Pay of Royal Naval Reservists Newfoundland.

The Government of Newfoundland have decided to augment the pay of Newfoundland Royal Naval Reservists so as to place them on the same footing as men of the Newfoundland Regiment.

Under the provision of the War Measure Act, authority is given to the Minister of Militia to deal with the matter of augmentation of pay of the Royal Naval Reservists, Nfld., in consultation with the Senior Naval Officer, St. John's.

It is ordered that a sum of 33c. per day be placed to the credit of each Naval Reservist from the time of commencement of the war, in cases where men were then serving, or otherwise, from the time when their services began up to the time of discharge, or of death, or to the 30th of September, 1917, inclusive.

As the rate of pay of Naval Reservists was increased from October 1st, 1917, and as the difference between the amount they receive and that allowed the members of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment is 17c. per day, this difference will also be credited them from that date.

The foregoing amounts will not in any case be made a payment from Admiralty sources. The Minister of Militia, St. John's, Nfld., is solely responsible for the issue of any sums due.

Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve men serving in any of H. M. Ships, including all members of the Trawler Reserve and those in Defensively Armed Merchant Ships etc., are eligible for the pay as set forth, and should be informed of the following alternatives as regards the method of payment:—

(a) Payment will be made on personal application to the Minister of Militia, St. John's.

(b) Payment will be made to the nominee of any Reserve man, on written application duly witnessed, to the Minister of Militia, St. John's.

(c) Sums due will be placed to the credit of Reserve men who do not desire to avail themselves of the foregoing and can be drawn by them at the expiration of their service.

The following form is to be compiled and forwarded direct to the Minister of Militia, St. John's, Newfoundland, at the earliest possible date:—

NAME AND OFFICIAL NO.	WHAT IS DESIRED DISPOSAL OF AMOUNT DUE UNDER ORDER 1, 2, or 3 (IN CASE OF 2, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS MUST BE GIVEN.)	SIGNATURE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL.

All communications of any description with regard to these payments are to be made to the Minister of Militia, St. John's, direct.

Payment will commence on 1st May, 1918.

In cases where members of the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) have been killed in action or died of wounds or sickness, or through any other cause, the amount due as Augmentation Pay will go to the Estate of the deceased. The authority to obtain the Estate of the deceased is, in case of a Will, Letters of Probate; and in case there is not a Will, Letters of Administration. Such letters are issued by the Supreme Court of Newfoundland on the Petition and Proofs of Executor of the Will, or the next of kin. If the Estate does not exceed \$500.00, after the proof of the facts has been obtained the petition can be applied for by the Minister of Justice.

J. R. BENNETT,
 Minister of Militia.