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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 CANADIANS IN FLANDERS.

The first official report from the "recorder" with the Canadian Expeditionary Force is published this morning. While it does not tell of much fighting in which our men were engaged, it is an interesting document which will be carefully pursued by all. The conclusions the writer draws are, that while the Canadians, except the Princess Patricia regiment, at the time of writing, had not been subjected to any severe test of fighting ability, there was not a doubt in the mind of any person who saw them that they would measure up to all requirements when the time came.

To date the branch of the Canadian force which has been principally engaged is the artillery, and they have "more than made good." At Neuve Chapelle and on other fields the Patricia's were in action and stood coolly under fire, showing perfect discipline and the result of rigorous training. The other units of the Canadian contingent had not got into actual battle although they took their turn in the trenches, side by side with seasoned British regiments, and showed in splendid light.

It does not require the certificate of the official "recorder" to convince the people of the Dominion that the Canadian lads will be "there" when the supreme test comes. It is reported that during the first night in the trenches the Germans opposing them called out "Come on out Canadians, come out and fight." But the Canadians were too wise, and had been too well schooled, to be fooled thus. They had been taught by General Alderson that the best soldier was the man who inflicted as much damage as possible on the enemy and, at the same time saved himself. Consequently they will fight with their heads.

During the South African war it was stated that the advent of the Canadians and other troops from the British Daughter Nations changed the methods employed against the Boers. The Canadians fought intelligently, taking advantage of all cover, running no unnecessary risks. It will probably be found that they will pursue the same course against the Germans, and will be successful with it.

Beyond doubt the next report from the "recorder" will contain details of active service, for by that time the Canadians will have participated in fighting. This communication will be awaited with keen interest and in full confidence that the wearers of the Maple Leaf will bring fresh credit and glory to this country.

THE FLY MENACE

The Dominion Conservation Commission, in one of its recent publications, once more directs attention to the menace of the house fly and suggests that during the coming summer months the campaign of extermination against this pest be prosecuted more vigorously than ever. Long before it was generally known that insects were carriers of disease, they were regarded merely as nuisances and the reason for their extermination had to do more particularly with one's personal and individual comfort and was in no wise a matter of public concern. Now, however, it is known that the house fly is one of the most prolific disseminators of disease and for this reason an enemy to the race. The Conservation Commission in outlining measures to be pursued against the house fly suggests that prevention is better than cure and that it is easier to do away with unclean conditions, under which flies breed, than to fight the pest after it has arrived. The Board of Health might well take the fly menace under its care and instruct citizens to take the necessary precautions so that, as far as can be, St. John this summer will be a fly free city.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News has gathered some interesting statistics relative to Canada's part in the present war. From authoritative sources he learns that at the present time there are 95,000 Canadians under arms, distributed as follows:

First contingent now at the front, with reserves in England—33,000.
 Princess Patricia Light Infantry, and reinforcements—1,600 men.
 Royal Canadian Regiment at Bermuda—1,200 men.
 Regiment at St. Lucia, British West Indies—500 men.
 Thirteen regiments of mounted men—7,400.
 Second contingent, including 4,000 already in England—20,000 men.
 Twenty-six regiments of third and fourth contingent—20,000 men.
 Men on home defence duty and guarding alien camps—10,000 men.

In addition to the foregoing, there has been sent forward various hospital, veterinary and other detachments, which would make something like fifteen hundred or two thousand men.

Detective "Pat" Killen yesterday decided to resign from the police force after almost a quarter of a century of faithful service. No official in the city employ was more widely or more favorably known than Detective Killen. He was especially popular with the newspaper fraternity, every member of which will join with his multitude of friends in extending to him very best wishes for continued good health and prosperity.

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thought great. No more is there any thought of the destruction of London from the air. Even as terrorizers the Zeppelins have failed.

"They have had opportunities at sea, both against the British navy and British commerce. They have done no damage to either. They have been easily driven off by the anti-aircraft guns of the warships, while the merchantships have been able to dodge their bombs by skilful sailing.

"Next to her army, Germany's Zeppelin fleet was her pride and joy. None of her enemies was similarly equipped so that she was to have an undisputed advantage. The Allies had some such idea, too, about these Zeppelins, but this has been long since abandoned. How long will it be before Germany herself is disillusioned?"

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I hope these few lines will give the general public a little idea of what the crime was, for which the 26th has been slurped from one end to the other.

Would it not be a good idea for some person or persons to place within the reach of the different units, formed or being formed, copies of the latest drill books, also copies of regulations and orders, so that green recruits will be able to study and fit themselves for the hazardous calling they are now undertaking.

The money that has been spent in entertaining the different units would be better spent in purchasing books of this kind. For it is a well known fact that such books cannot be purchased in St. John.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is to be hoped that the "C.O." and all officers under him in the 26th and all other units, will be careful in the selection of their N.C.O.'s and see to it that they come to attention in a proper manner and that a man has something more to his character than some medal ribbons before he is made an "N.C.O.", for they are the men who really should see to it that there is proper discipline in the different corps.

Yours truly,
 ONE WHO KNOWS.

One of the most popular and efficient officers on the St. John police force, Detective Patrick Killen, tendered his resignation to Chief of Police Simpson yesterday morning requesting that it be taken into effect immediately. Chief Simpson said he was greatly surprised, and had no idea that Detective Killen was going to leave the force, also that he did not wish to accept the resignation, but was strongly in favor of the officer remaining in the service.

When asked yesterday why he had resigned the good natured detective replied that he had performed 24 years of faithful service, and, having put in such a long time, he thought he would take a rest for a while.

On the 28th of this month (tomorrow), Patrick Killen would have completed the long term of 24 years as a member of the police force, and for the last fourteen years he has been city detective. During his long time on the force he has never had a black mark, and has been looked on by his superior officers as a most valuable man in the position which he held.

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Now it is quite evident that those bottles were not thrown with the intent of doing anyone any harm, but simply as a lark, and if there had been no notice taken of it, like "Tipperary", it would have died a natural death.

Since the night march the whole battalion has been confined to barracks, even to the chaplain. Now it seems to me that it was rather a poor way to punish the whole battalion for the acts of a few foolish persons.

Your article also states that some of the companies made considerable noise through the streets which was as little as the battalion could do to march quietly through the streets of St. John when one takes into consideration the extreme kindness of the citizens of St. John to the members of the 26th.

The men might have respected the citizens enough not to disturb them in their night's rest or give them unnecessary alarm. There are a good many unsavory stories and rumors in circulation regarding the 26th which are greatly exaggerated. There are some few men in the 26th who are a disgrace to any body and it is to be hoped that the "C.O." will punish those guilty of misbehavior as they should be, and that he will treat the decent members of his battalion who have left their homes willing to offer up their lives for the honor of their country like human beings and not like wild beasts to be caged at night.

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Letters to the Editor
 CONCERNING THE 25TH.

To the Editor of The Standard.
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Little Benny's Note Book.

GERMS.
 O, germs are little animals
 Of different shapes and sizes
 With dwell inside yure body
 And fill you with surprizes.
 There's a millyin different kinds of germs
 And each has a different shape,
 If more than 10,000 attack you at wunts
 Yure lucky to escape.
 O thares good germs and bad germs
 And germs that are jest fair.
 They attack the rich as well as the poor,
 The ragpickr as well as the Mayor.
 The good germs file the bad wuns,
 Thare always having fites,
 Ony we cant feal them doing it
 Or we coodent sleep at nites.
 O, thares mesell germs and mump germs
 And germs of appendisets,
 Thares littel germs that make us cold
 And littel germs that heat us.
 Sum peopl have moar than uithrs
 And evrybodys got atleast wun,
 And wen you feal yure stummick herting,
 Its only sum germs having fun.
 You can put 5,000 awn the point of a pin,
 Ony you haff to get hold of them ferst,
 Germs are so small thare invisibl,
 And the littelst wuns are the west.
 There is ony wun to see them,
 If you got a microskope to do it,
 So thare probertly cant see each uithr,
 Bekause how cood a germ look throo it?

manner that caused him to be esteemed by every person who had the pleasure of being acquainted with him. He was fair and square and never once failed to perform his duty when called on.

During the many years that he had been detective he worked on a great number of cases with much success. He knew every person who was under suspicion in the city, and nearly every time was able to land his man.

"Pat" Killen is widely known all over the country, and his thousands of friends will learn with regret that he has retired from the force, but will be pleased to know that his retiring is of his own accord, and he is leaving with one of the best records that any official could wish for.

The detective says that he has not yet any plans laid out for the future, but intends to take a short rest before becoming active again.

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