The Old Man and Jim.

(Montreal Star.)

Old man never had much to say
'Cepta' to Jim—
And Jim was the wildest boy he had—
And the old man jes' wrapped up
to him!
Never heard him speak but once
Er twice in my life—and first time
was
When the army broke out, and Jim
he went,
The old man backin' im for three
months,
And all 'at I heard the old man say
Was, jes' as he turned to start away,
"Well, good-bye, Jim,
Take keer of yerself!"

Feared like he was more satisfied
Jes lookin' at Jim,
And likin' all to hisself-like, see?
'Cause he was jes' wrapped up in
him!
An' over and over I mind the day
The old man came and stood round in
the way
While he was drillin', a-watchin' Jim,
And down at the deepo a-hearin' him
say,
"Well, good-bye, Jim,
Take care of yourself!"

Never was nothin' about the farm
Disting'shed Jim;
Neighbors all us't to wonder why
The old man 'peared wrapped up in
him;
But when Cap. Biggler he' writ back
'At Jim was the bravest boy we had
In the whole dern regiment, white or
black,
And his fightin' good as his farmin'
bad—
'At he had led, with a bullet clean
Bored through his thigh, and carried
the flag,
Through the bloodiest battle you ever
seen,
The old man wound up a letter to him
'At Cap. read to us, 'at said, "Tell
Jim Good-bye;
And take care of hisse'f!"

Jim come back jes' long enough
To take the whim
'At he'd like to go back to calvery—
And the old man jes' wrapped up in
him!—
Jim 'lowed he'd had such luck afore,
Guessed he'd tackle her three years
more.
And the old man gave him a colt he'd
raised
And follered him over to Camp Ben
Wade,
And laid round for a week or so
Watchin' Jim on dress parade—
Tel finally he rid away,
And last he heard was the old man
say,
"Well, good-bye, Jim,
Take care of yourself!"

Tuk the papers, the old man did,
A watchin' for Jim—
Fully believin' he'd made his mark
Some way—jes' wrapped up in him!
And many a time the word 'ud come
'At stirred him up like the tap of a
drum—
'At Petersburg, for instance, where
Jim tud right into their cannons
there,
And tuk 'em and p'nted 'em t'other
way
And socked it home to the boys in
gray
As they skooted fer timber, and on
and on—
Jim a lieutenant, and one arm gone.
And the old man's words in his mind
all day—
"Well, good-bye, Jim,
Take care of yourself!"

Think of a private, now, perhaps,
We'll say like Jim,
'At's clumb clean up to the shoulder-
straps—
And the old man jes' wrapped up
in him!
Think of him with the war plum
through,
And the glorious old Red-White-and-
Blue
A-laughin' the news down over Jim
And the old man bendin' over him,
The surgeon turnin' away with tears
At hadn't leaked for years and years—
As the hand of the dyin' boy clung to
His father's, the old voice in his ears,
"Well, good-bye, Jim,
Take care of yourself!"

James W. Riley.

Essential Preference.

The fear that Imperial Preference may lead to undiluted Protection found forcible expression in the House of Commons debate on June 11th, when an amendment against the Preferential rates in the Budget was defeated by a majority of 105. Sir William Joynson-Hicks showed that while Preference in some cases materially reduced costs to the consumer, it has been of substantial benefit to the Empire producer. Advantages have been mutual. Canada is extending her Preference on British goods, and throughout the Empire the movement is distinctly in favor of fiscal measures which aim at securing the best of all markets on a reciprocal basis. Sir Edward Davson puts in a strong plea for an all-around Imperial Preference of thirty-three and one-third per cent. It would greatly simplify matters if some such arrangement could be egected, and no doubt the pros and cons will be well weighed at the Economic Conference. The case for Preference, always strong, was never so strong as it is to-day. Apart from any question of making good the promise held out during the war, the action of other countries since the war and the economic needs of the Empire combine to make it imperative. Major Ashton's references to Canada's need of markets, in his address on migration, are only an echo of the demand which is growing in Australia in connection with the movement. It cannot too often be pointed out that to send men to open up the vast spaces beyond the seas only to leave them at the mercy of underpaid alien labor or the dumpers of heavily protected countries, is to invite graver disaster than any which would follow Protection. Empire Preference reinforces patriotic sentiment with tangible gain. Without it, the policy of Empire migration has slender chances of success, and the ranks of Great Britain's unemployed cannot be relieved.

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Woman to go to Electric Chair

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Without a tremor or change of expression, Mrs. Anna Buzzi heard Supreme Court Justice O'Malley, in Bronx county court, in New York City, pronounce sentence of death upon her for the murder of Frederick Schneider, the wealthy contractor, with whom she lived eight years.

She was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison during the week beginning August 6. Until then she will be kept in Auburn prison.

A motion by her attorney, James F. Donnelly, to set aside the verdict as contrary to the evidence, and on the ground of alleged perjured testimony, was denied. Donnelly refused to say whether he would move for a new trial, as was expected.

Mrs. Buzzi received the sentence standing with her shoulders squared and her head back, looking Justice O'Malley straight in the eye. Not by so much as a swallow or a flicker on her eyelids did she betray any emotion.

She was brought to the court room at 10.45 and had to wait 55 minutes while Justice O'Malley, in his chambers, prepared the sentence in writing as required by the new law.

Not once during the long wait did the woman, who wept during her trial and was sometimes seized with hysteria in her cell, lose her amazing composure. She sat beside two deputies and a matron, with whom she chatted in animated fashion, laughing a great deal. She was equally composed in her cell during the earlier morning hours. She had passed a good night.

After Donnelly's motion was denied he asked permission for his client to make a statement, and this was granted.

The prisoner protested innocence and declared that she had been convicted of a crime that she knew nothing about.

Women were excluded from the court room while sentence was pronounced.

Mrs. Buzzi was then led through the justice's chambers to the corridor and taken to her cell. She was formally turned over to the custody of Superintendent Edward B. Beckwith, of Auburn prison, who had come for her, accompanied by his wife.

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Add a few grating of orange rind to each chocolate milk shake.

Scoop out the centres of plain drop cakes and fill with marmalade.

Seven Soldiers' Policies Allowed

D.S.C.R. PREPARING HANDBOOK OF INFORMATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN.

OTTAWA, July 17 — (Canadian Press.)—Of the 71 soldiers insurance policies brought into question by amendments made to the act last session, seven have been allowed by the D.S.C.R. for payment and six others are held up for additional information regarding dependents. The remaining 53 applications have been turned down as not coming within the provisions of the act.

The reasons in most cases are either that the beneficiaries named are not dependents, or that the time which elapsed between the application for insurance and the death of the applicant did not allow time for its approval, which is a statutory bar. In one case the application was received several days after the death of the applicant. It was anticipated that the entire number of cases will be cleared up within the next few days.

It is pointed out by the department that the privilege of soldiers to insurance expires by statute on September 1 next. No applications received after that date can be considered.

It was stated by the pensions board to-day that the review of cases affected by the amending law is now under way and all cases are treated as urgent. Some delay has been occassioned by the fact that the new statute is not yet printed.

The official travelling appeal board provided for by the amendments has yet to be named. The law calls for the appointments to be made by the Governor-in-Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice.

The D.S.C.R. is engaged at present in preparing a handbook which will inform the ex-soldier as to just where he stands in all matters affecting claims for belief by virtue of service. It is expected that about 200,000 will be printed for distribution.

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