

Very Serious Charges by Hon. Mr. Pugsley; Inquiry "In the Full Light of Day" Demanded

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Parliament will be asked to appoint a special investigating committee to probe "in the full light of day" the conduct and operations of the government through its agents in relation to war munition contracts and the expenditure of public money voted for war purposes.

Hon. Dr. William Pugsley gave notice of this intention at the conclusion of his serious speech in the house of commons today. He cited from a large number of Conservative newspapers, editorials calling for an investigation by the government.

"The country will not be satisfied with a government investigation," commented Dr. Pugsley. "The charges are made against agents of this government, appointed by this government, and for their conduct the government stands responsible. The investigation can be properly conducted only by parliament in the full light of day."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley submitted a series of direct and serious charges. He spoke quietly, without embellishment of language, and without the customary accompaniment of partisan plaudits. The house listened silently and seriously. At one point Hon. Arthur Meighen, the solicitor-general, interrupted with a somewhat petulant exclamation that certain Liberals had shared in the war contracts.

During the course of Hon. Dr. Pugsley's charges a significant exchange occurred between himself and Premier Borden. Dr. Pugsley cited the case of General Manager Jones, of the Canada Cement Company, who decided to offer the services of his company for the making of shells, and tendered a proposition to the shell commission to manufacture them at a considerably lower price than was being paid. He was refused an order. He then went to St. Robert Borden personally and from the premier, Dr. Pugsley understood, he received sympathetic consideration.

"Mr. Jones came to see me," interrupted Premier Borden, "and I arranged by telephone to get him in touch with D. A. Thomas, who was then in the country."

"I am afraid it is that all the premier did I have been giving him too much credit," observed Dr. Pugsley. "I should have thought that the premier, having been informed by a responsible and prominent gentleman like Mr. Jones that shells could be manufactured for very much less than was being paid, he would, in view of the fact that the Canadian people were paying their share of this unnecessary profit, at once have intervened and endeavored to secure the lesser price."

Dr. Pugsley added that if the figures submitted by Mr. Jones in his tender had obtained, there would have been a saving to the Canadian and British taxpayers of over \$20,000,000.

Mr. Thomas, as the agent of Lloyd George, the British minister of munitions, had found it necessary to investigate for himself and the British government. As a result of his investigation this shell commission, the creation of the Canadian government had to go. "And go they did," exclaimed Dr. Pugsley, "and a new commission, with Mr. Flavelle at its head, had been appointed."

Dr. Pugsley added that he had recently learned that St. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, was already dissatisfied with the conduct of the new commission, but this was only hearsay and he would not touch upon it at this stage.

Mr. Hughes, who was sitting with the premier, smiled, but did not say or affirm Dr. Pugsley's suggestion.

The responsibility for the actions of the shell commission, concluded Dr. Pugsley, must rest with the government which created it, and practically directed it. The blame does not rest with the manufacturers, who simply and naturally took the price offered by the government. There must be a full and free inquiry into all the orders placed aggregating \$25,000,000, or more than \$30,000,000 in excess of the whole government expenditures for domestic purposes.

Oliver Wilcox, who followed Dr. Pugsley, said that the latter was more interested in undermining the government than in the overthrow of Kaiserism.

Hon. Frank Oliver congratulated the government upon its choice of a champion and asked if the people of this country are to give their lives and treasure for the defence of the empire while the government and its friends profit from the hour of trial and that any one who criticises the government for its course is to be accused of being disloyal.

Mr. Pugsley's speech was a masterpiece of logic and force. He pointed out the enormous waste of money in the production of shells, and the enormous waste of money in the production of shells, and the enormous waste of money in the production of shells.

ONLY RUMORS AS TO DEPARTURE OF 55TH FOR FRONT

New Brunswick Boys Would Prefer Canadian Snow and Cold to Moorland Rain

AUTOMOBILE IN HOSPITAL AS WELL

Several Officers Taking Physical Culture Course—"Everybody Out for Fun" on New Year's Eve.

(Special Correspondence.) Bramshott Camp, England, Jan. 6.—One of the doctors here tells of approaching a patient in the hospital and upon enquiring as to his age, being told that he was forty-four years. The doctor told him that it was not his military age he wanted but his actual age. After much persuasion it transpired that the man was 29 years old, and had three sons in active service, one of them a prisoner in Germany. He withheld his age because of his desire to let nothing interfere with his purpose to get even with the Hun.

His kindness of heart, the doctor assured "Sandy" that he would only use the knowledge of his age so that he might have the most suitable treatment, and "Sandy" will have his chance.

Bramshott a Boom Town. Bramshott was first used as a camp, last year, and although once it was largely a moorland, it is now quite a town. There are a number of stores which have recently been erected and there is that necessary adjunct of all military camps, a cinema with Charles Chaplin in the forefront. For better or for worse there is a tavern and inn. Rain continues to interfere with regular drill work, but despite this difficulty a vast amount of work is being done. It is said that twenty-two days during December.

Various rumors are in circulation here about the early departure of the camp to the front. It is not likely that any great change will take place until the 3rd Division has been sent forward. There are now some eighteen or twenty camps in camp, and of these will form part of the 3rd Division.

The process of becoming acclimatized is one that has given the 55th Battalion considerable distress, but upon nothing has the effect been so marked as the automobile, so kindly donated by New Brunswick friends. Owing to stiffness of joints or some similar complaint, it has failed to respond to all the doctors' treatment, and for the present is relegated in the hospital for incurables. Perhaps it's a case of faint heartedness or homesickness.

Greetings From Ontario. The following telegram was received by the 55th Battalion in camp from the people of Ontario: "The government and the people of the Province of Ontario extend to yourself and officers and troops under your command heartiest Christmas greetings. Ontario is proud of the men who have gone out and are making sacrifices for the cause of king and empire. We know they will maintain the best British traditions, and will follow their work with interest and admiration."

Private J. W. Hart, "A" company, is promoted to be lance-corporal. Men in Hospital. The following among others have been admitted to hospital lately: Privates J. A. Chandler, W. E. Gadsden, H. Lindsay, Sergeant A. D. Graham, Privates C. H. Turner, C. L. Mercer, P. C. Rourke, J. McLaughlin, C. Carmichael, L. W. Weeden, Corporal A. Currie, Privates Berman, Mallet, Crowe, Seymour, Cotten, Walsh, Lance-Corporal E. Cowell, Privates H. Burchill, F. Renne, T. Marquis, H. Boney, T. Landry, H. Gammage, C. Spence.

Officers (Gardiner, Murdoch and Thomas) who were in the hospital are all reported better. Lieutenants are taking the physical culture course.

Lieutenants Baldwin, Coster, Murray and Cory; Sergeants A. Allen, E. Parent, R. Cabbot, W. E. Gadsden, H. Lindsay, Grant, T. Proctor, W. Best, J. Hart, R. Nutter, J. J. Ryan, S. McBeath, J. Conroy, W. Hebert, N. Thompson, F. Perry, A. A. "A" company.

New Year's Day was ushered in at midnight by the playing of bands, singing and a general noisy celebration. Every one seemed to be out for fun. The following were the winners of the prizes: A. Philips, F. Corr, B. Smith, J. Ryan, are all living near the camp.

Life at Bramshott Camp. Sergeant J. J. Graham of the 55th Battalion now at Bramshott Camp in a recent letter describing the big training camp, expressed strong approval of the proposed legislation. They estimated that Canada would be the happiest country in the world, he declared.

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ACCEPTING THEIR FULL SHARE OF THE BURDEN



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WANT PROHIBITION DURING THE WAR. Strong Resolution Framed at Ottawa Meeting of Temperance Men—Will Present it to Government for Action.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A resolution calling for prohibition of liquor in Canada for the duration of the war and a reconstruction period of three years thereafter, was passed today at a meeting of members of the Dominion Alliance executive, the Ottawa committee recently organized to further the federal prohibition movement.

The resolution, in effect determines the wording of that which will be introduced in the commons law in the session. A committee was appointed to wait on the cabinet and ask that the government facilitate passage of the resolution and follow it up with legislation.

At the instance of the committee on federal prohibition, which is seeking to force the issue in parliament, the resolution was offered to ask for prohibition during the war and for a reconstruction period of at least three years thereafter, and until repealed by vote of the people.

A. W. Fraser, K. C. Ottawa, said the committee was attacking liquor from the economic viewpoint. They estimated that Canada would be the happiest country in the world, he declared.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Three maritime province men are included in the midnight casualty list. John C. Thornton, 111 Paradise row, St. John (N. B.), of the 12th Battalion is reported seriously ill. George Fuller formerly of the 52nd Battalion but later attached to the 23rd Battalion is reported killed in action. Joseph C. Shilton, Annapolis Royal (N. S.), of the Princess Patricia Light Infantry is reported dead.

THIRD BATTALION. Killed in Action—F. J. Keown, Buffalo (N. Y.); Sergeant L. A. B. Inglis, Edmonton (Alb.). EIGHTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—Corporal Joe A. Vachon, Moose Jaw (Sask.). TENTH BATTALION. Wounded—Walter T. Green, Victoria (B. C.). TWELFTH BATTALION. Seriously ill—JOHN C. THORNTON, NO. 111 PARADISE ROW, ST. JOHN (N. B.).

SIXTEENTH BATTALION. Wounded—D. Heyland, Kaslo (B. C.). TWENTIETH BATTALION. Wounded—Percy E. Harvey, Rosemeath (Ont.). TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Thomas M. Flanagan, Kingston (Ont.). TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—George Fuller, 52nd Battalion, (no address given).

THIRTY-FIRST BATTALION. Suffering from Shock—George Sylvester, Harrison (Ont.). Accidentally Wounded—Lieut. David C. Robertson, Scotland. PRINCESS PATRICIAS. Died—JOSEPH C. SHILTON, ANNAPOLIS ROYAL (N. S.).

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A new unit appears in the midnight casualty list, the Number Seven Canadian Stationary Hospital, evidently the Dalhousie University detachment. The list follows:

SECOND BATTALION. Wounded, accidentally—Lieutenant Malcolm Neilson, England. THIRD BATTALION. Severely wounded—Alfred Hare, England. FOURTH BATTALION. Died of wounds—Frank Mulhern, Toronto. Missing—Lieutenant Charles V. G. Field, England.

FIFTH BATTALION. Died of wounds—James A. Cutler, England. Killed in action—George Ireland, Austin (Man.). SEVENTH BATTALION. Severely wounded—Charles Bruce Erington, Vancouver. EIGHTH BATTALION. Wounded—Captain Lloyd W. Bingley, Port Arthur (Ont.). FIFTEENTH BATTALION. Wounded—William G. Bacon, Toronto. SEVENTEENTH BATTALION. Severely wounded—Sylvester Brodbeck, Woodstock (Ont.); William Doherty, Toronto.

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Who will qualify themselves advantage of those great opportunities. Catalogue free to any address.

15,536 RECRUITS IN A FORTNIGHT

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The announcement that 15,536 recruits were enlisted in Canada between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15, 1916, for service in the expeditionary forces, was made by Sir Robert Borden at the opening of the sitting of the commons today.

Sir Robert included in his speech on the address in reply to the speech from the throne a statement regarding enlistments for active service. At that time he gave the house the estimate of the enlistments for the year, and during the first two weeks of 1916, eight thousand men were accepted for overseas service. Today, he was able to inform the members of the general staff, that in fact, he had almost doubled, in the six months ended Dec. 31 last, 94,400 men were enlisted, and altogether 220,000 have been placed under arms in Canada, and 120,000 have left the country for the front.

SOLDIERS' COMFORT ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT. The Soldiers' Comfort Association wish to thank all who so generously responded to the appeal for cash or money to purchase socks, issued Jan. 3, 1916. Socks donated totalled 3,281 pairs; cash received amounted to \$305.96. Donations in cash received up to Jan. 10 were previously acknowledged. Those received since Jan. 10 are as follows:

Mrs. G. P. Smith, \$5; Mrs. J. Hamilton, \$3; Mrs. A. O. Skinner, \$3; Mrs. W. C. Henderson, \$3; Miss A. G. Mackin, \$2; Miss Murdoch, \$1; Girls' Association S. C. A., \$2; Miss C. A. Macdonald, \$1; Mr. George McAvilly, \$2; Douglas Avenue Circle, \$5; per Miss Neud Barker, Loch Lomond, \$16; Albert Woman's Institute, per Mrs. Prescott, \$15; Mrs. Jewett, \$2; Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, \$2; Miss Fairweather (Hamilton), \$2; Mrs. J. E. Boulton, \$1; Miss Rowan, \$2; Onnetone Circle, S. C. A., per Miss Hoyt, \$1.15; Queenstown Woman's Institute, per Helen Davis, \$8; Miss Lida McFawn, \$3; Miss Susie McFawn, \$2; Miss Adeline McKim (Upham), \$1; Rothsay Ladies, per Mrs. Brook, \$1; Brookville S. C. A., \$2; Gagetown S. C. A., \$30.44; Mr. W. Brodie, \$2; Mr. H. C. Grant, \$1; A. Friend, \$1; Mrs. J. R. Vanwart, \$1; Mrs. Work, 50 cents; Miss Brock, \$1; A. Friend, \$1; Chipman S. C. A., \$25; Mrs. Philip Nasc, \$3.30; Lunenburg Ladies' Club, per Miss Murray, \$3; Ladies of Macs Bay, per Mrs. Melvin Mawhinney, \$35; Mrs. Joseph Knowles, \$1; Alexandra Circle, S. C. A., \$2; Douglas Avenue Circle, S. C. A., \$20, from members as follows: Mrs. John Horn, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, \$10; Mrs. Chas. Miller, \$2; Miss Louise Murray, \$2; Mrs. John E. Moore, \$1; Mrs. Fred. Beatty, \$3; Mrs. John Russell, \$3; Mrs. Harry Miller, \$3; Mrs. J. D. Maher, \$3; Mrs. E. R. Murray, \$2; Mrs. B. E. Travis, \$2; Mrs. W. A. Henderson, \$2; Mrs. Geo. McDonald, \$1; Mrs. B. H. Holly, \$1; Miss Margery Tappley, \$1; Mrs. Thos. O'Hillyard, \$1; Mrs. Geo. Murray, \$1; Miss D. O'Connor, \$1; from treasury, \$1.

Greenwich Hill Concert. Greenwich Hill, Jan. 14.—An interesting concert was held in the Oratory, Greenwich Hill, on Thursday January 13, in order to raise some money for the benefit of the St. Margaret's Hospital, Boulogne, France, who contribute them amongst the Canadian soldiers at the front, that she might need of aid. A sum of money was forwarded to her previously, spent in sending boxes of cheer to the trenches.

The programme consisted of: Solo, Boys of the King of Albert; Recitation, Never Out But Rankin; Drama, Songs of Seven; Recitation, The Young Man; Miss Annie Day; Songs, Glorious England—Henderson; Recitation, The Vacant Room; Song, Glorious Devon—Mr. Dialogue, A Pain in the Side; Recitation, Handling Dishes; Recitation, A Recruiting Ella Adams.

Duet, Three Fishers Went and Mrs. Buckland; Recitation, An Affection of Solo, The Shamrock—Miss Carson; Recitation, When Daddy Fire—Miss Georgie Weldon; Dialogue, A Rumpus in a Tableau followed by God King.

A pie-social followed the concert proved to be a great success of daintily and appropriate decorations. Without Pitt acted as and proved himself equal to the task. In spite of the rather weather, the concert was well attended and was a success.

Unless anything unforeseen occurs this concert will be a Jones' Creek and Westfield.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. W. H. Sheppard to John property in Musquash.

Kings County. Hannah Hamilton to D. H. Dore, in Sussex. Mary F. Willett to Westfield Parsonage, property in Westfield.

Mistress—"I see that another has called for my Mary. I had only one sweetheart!" No, my dear; you see, one and the other's a reserve."

A Patriotic Appeal for Federal Prohibition

To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir,—On the 4th December last, a very instructive address was delivered at the Canadian Club, Ottawa, by Hon. R. H. Brand, C.M.G., on "Prohibition in England is fighting for the War and how Canada can help."

The speaker explained the enormous annual burden which Britain is carrying, and that only by rigid economy and by increasing the wealth-producing powers of the country, would Canada be able to help.

How to attain this end should be the aim of government and people. While not directly indicating the manner in which Canada could accomplish this, he referred to the enormous waste from drink, stating that in 1914 the British expenditure on drink amounted to \$300,000,000, besides the loss of thousands of tons of barley and the productive employment of tens of thousands of men, and the final result is that all this drink goes down the people's throat and nothing is left.

Mr. Brand was too courteous to apply this to Canada, but left the application for us. The expenditure on liquor in Canada runs into many millions. It is not only absolutely wasted, but, as Mr. Brand states, it also takes away from productive employment thousands of men.

What, then, is the remedy? Pass a prohibitory law to remain in force during the war and for a reconstruction period of three years thereafter, at which time let the question of repeal be submitted to the people.

J. R. BOOTH (Ottawa). WM. C. EDWARDS (Ottawa). E. LAFONTAINE (Montreal). President of the Ligue Antialcoolique de Montreal. FRED. H. DEACON (Toronto). GEO. H. MILLEN (Hull). STUART J. CARTER (Montreal). HIRAM ROBINSON (Ottawa). Honorary Chairman. A. W. FRASER (Ottawa). Chairman.

J. W. HENNESSY, (Fort Coulonge, P. Q.) Vice-Chairman. EDWARD SEYBOLD (Ottawa). Secretary.

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