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MILITARY BILL NEXT YEAR SOME \$25,000,000

Canada's Re-organized Permanent
Force and Active Militia

Something Will Depend on Report
of General on Re-organization
— Gratitudes of British Ex-service
Men

(Special to Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 11.—In the neighborhood of \$25,000,000, it is reported, will be required next year for the reorganized Canadian permanent force and the active militia at its pre-war strength. During the war period military expenditures have been met out of special war appropriations. Hereafter such expenses will be paid out of the departmental estimates. These are now in maintenance of the permanent force and the active militia in 1918 was in the neighborhood of \$11,000,000. Prices of materials have, however, since increased upwards of 110 per cent. The total will to some extent depend upon the decision of the government upon the report of Major-General Sir William Otter, Sir Edward Morrison and Gwatkin and Brigadier-General McNaughton, a committee which has been preparing a plan for the reorganization of the active militia and the perpetuation of units of the expeditionary forces.

Gratuities.
The first batch of statutory declarations by British ex-service men who seek to share in the appropriation voted by parliament to supplement imperial war service gratuities will be forwarded to England by the steamship Corsican from St. John. There they will be verified. An officer is now on the way to England to organize a section of the Canadian staff there to handle the documents and have them returned as expeditiously as possible. It is said that from six weeks to sixty days will elapse before gratuity payments based on any of these statements can be made. The applicant for a share of the gratuity appropriation has to make a sworn statement setting forth in detail the record of his war service, the amounts of post discharge pay, bonus or gratuity he has received and his intention to reside permanently in Canada. Forms of declaration have been prepared and printed for the use of the veterans. Attached is a declaration to be made by a soldier's wife in claiming the separation allowance portion of the gratuity appropriation. Persons entitled to share in the appropriation will receive first one-half of the amount due them and then the balance in equal monthly periods.

FARMERS HEAR HON. MR. CRERAR OUTLINE PLANS

Meeting in Woodstock Told of
Platform of United Farmers—
Says High Tariff Has Demoralizing Effect

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 10.—At a big public meeting this evening the platform of the United Farmers of Canada was outlined by Hon. T. A. Crerar, former minister of agriculture and president of the Grain Growers' Association of Canada; G. F. Chipman, editor and managing director of the Grand Growers' Guide of Winnipeg, and T. W. Caldwell, M. P. C. L. Smith, president of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, Ltd., was chairman, and in introducing Mr. Crerar referred to him as probably the next premier of Canada.

Mr. Caldwell made a brief speech in which he thanked the electors of his constituency for the vote they had given him. Mr. Chipman referred to the growth of the farmers' party movement, saying that the membership now in Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan totalled about 130,000. The farmers' platform, he said, had been outlined by the Canadian Council of Agriculture and had favored public ownership of railways, aerial and water navigation and mines.

Other planks in the platform included the abolition of titles, compelling newspapers to publish full facts with regard to their ownership, the abolition of the order-in-council form of government, to be replaced by government by the legislature; direct legislation that is giving the people a voice in the government of the country when the legislature does not reflect the voice of the people; no natural resources to be alienated from the crown, but be given on short term leases; the basing of taxation on the prices fixed on lands for sale by land owners. This was in an effort to release vast tracts of land, which the speaker claimed, were held by speculators.

The speaker said that in Assiniboia the method of raising campaign funds had been to have each elector in a group of ten give \$1, the proceeds then being brought to the convention by the delegates and sufficient funds had been provided. He looked to see a large delegation of farmers in the next federal house—every rural seat in western Canada, he felt certain, would elect a farmer.

Mr. Crerar received a fine reception when he arose to address the meeting. He first stated that the new national policy, which had been adopted, as the farmers' platform, was not a class policy as claimed by many. A study of the platform would show one of the most important planks in the farmers' policy was the tariff at which they were aiming for reduction in the necessities of life. Protection, Mr. Crerar said, meant the conferring of special privileges on industries protected. It is claimed by the protectionists, Mr. Crerar said, that the high tariff aimed at the protection of industries at home, but the result has been that the manufac-

WOMAN CHIEF OF GERMAN SPIES

Madame Blonde, Organizer and
Head of System in Northern
France

Paris, Dec. 11.—An investigation being conducted by the first council of war here on the workings of Germany's spy system in France has disclosed, according to the newspaper Excelsior, that the organizer and head of the system in Northern France was a woman known as Madame Blonde, who appears to have been either the daughter or niece of General von Heinrich, governor of Lille.

Light has been thrown on the mystery by the arrest of a man named Blanquart, alleged to have been the woman's principal agent. Under examination by Capt. Verrier, Blanquart said the woman maintained headquarters in a large chateau in the suburbs of Antwerp, where all her agents reported to her, including Blanquart. He said he could not indicate exactly the location of the chateau because he was always taken there in the night and blindfolded. The woman maintained a large organization divided into numerous bureaus, each equipped with secretaries and stenographers and under an officer. There were many telephone and telegraph instruments. Madame Blonde, he testified, saw agents personally, and gave them gold from a well-filled purse.

PRIZE WINNERS AT BABY SHOW

Mothers Are Congratulated by
Lieut. Governor Grant at Halifax

(Halifax Chronicle.)

Yesterday afternoon the Y. M. C. A. hall was crowded to capacity when Lieutenant-Governor Grant presented to six happy mothers the certificates and prizes won by their babies in the recent contest in connection with the Baby Saving and Welfare Week. The six small people who were found to be perfect and therefore averaged up 100 per cent. were Emma Hilda Pace and Kenneth Falkner in the three to six months old class; Francis Harris and Vernon Palmer in the six to twelve months old class, and Douglas Martin and Bernice Brakespear in the one to two year old class. The Baby Saving Week which was held by the Victorian Order of Nurses, was a distinct success and showed the interest taken by Halifax mothers in the well-being and comfort of their children.

In the opening remarks made by Mrs. Dennis, it was stated that at a recent baby show held in Toronto that 150 babies were exhibited. In Halifax the number was 233 babies. Of these four were found to average 100 per cent. 220 took 90 per cent., 28 took 80 per cent., and one baby took 79½ per cent. There were 144 boys and 109 girls. Of these there were 50 babies from three to six months, 83 babies from six to twelve months, and 116 babies from one to two years. The report concerning the statistics was read by Miss Luxon of the Victorian Order, and Lieutenant-Governor Grant made a few appropriate remarks congratulating the mothers of the prize babies. The certificates and prizes—which took the form of thrift stamps for the small champions—were presented and the mothers and their babies took seats on the platform.

MARITIME APPOINTMENTS

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The civil service committee has made the following appointments: R. G. McKay, Amherst (N. S.), as senior clerk for staff of chief fishery officer for the Maritime Provinces; R. S. Shreve, Digby (N. S.), as principal clerk for staff of chief fishery officer for Maritime Provinces; G. S. Wong, Toronto, railway accountant for transportation division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.



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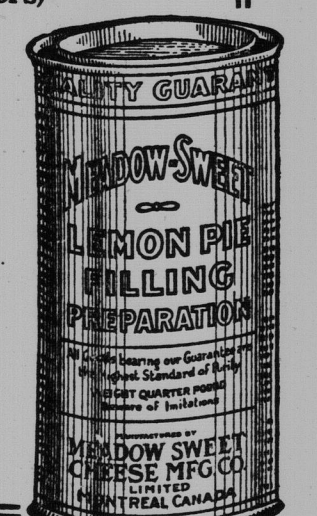
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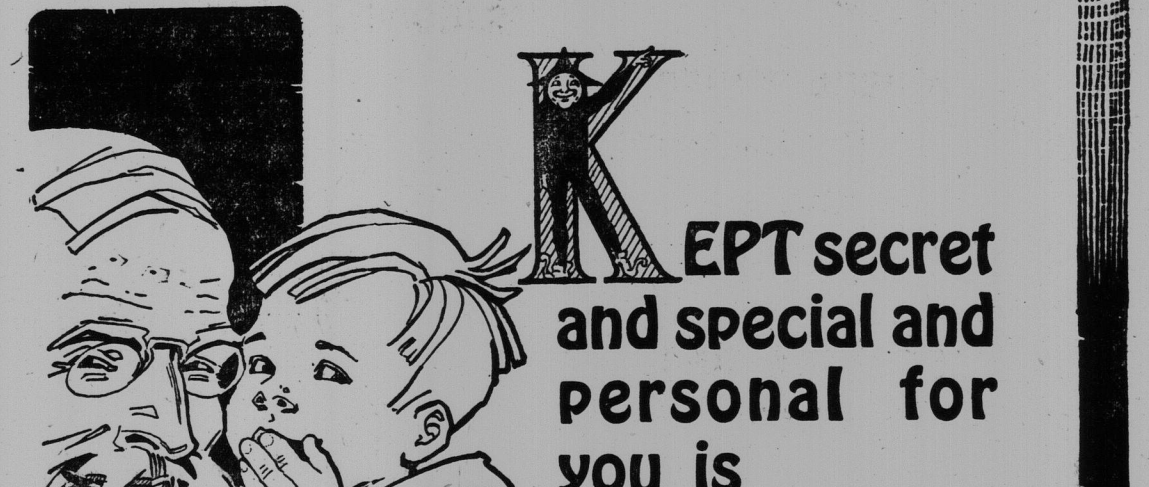


Women's Voices
The music supervisor was trying to get the children to sing with expression. They were singing an ocean song and she told them that in certain places only the boys would sing. "Their voices are deep like the waters in the ocean," she explained. "Men's voices make you think of oceans—don't they?" The children agreed that they did. "And now," she smiled encouragingly, "what do women's voices make you think of?" Silence and then a little hand in the back of the room went up. "Why, of

th' swimming pool at the Y. W. C. A.'s a shrill treble piped out—Indianapolis News.

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