



"IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE."

## Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDEK, - - - Proprietor

FRIDAY, April 5, 1918.

### Selective Conscription.

We make no excuses for nailing the flag of Selective Conscription to the mast, nor are we to be turned aside from the attitude adopted by this paper as announced yesterday, by any attempts on the part of ANY PERSON OR PERSONS, who may for reasons best known to themselves, endeavour to make capital out of, or misconstrue this stand. Our position all along has been one of urging upon the Government the gravity of the situation, so far as the Royal Newfoundland Regiment is concerned, and we were prepared to back up any strong measure which would have had the effect aimed at. It is obvious now that those in authority never had the remotest intention of doing anything. They were content to drift along, and like Mr. Micawber "wait for something to turn up." That something has turned up, and to-day the Government is panic-stricken. On the 21st February a meeting of the Recruiting Committee was held in the Board of Trade Rooms at which both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia were present. After a session lasting two and one half hours without anything being done, it was agreed that the Government formulate new plans for another recruiting campaign, the draft of which was to be submitted to the Committee at an early date. Weeks passed and nothing, apparently was done. At least, far as the members knew. Then in the face of the Imperial Prime Minister's message, asking that the Newfoundland Regiment be reinforced at once, the people were told that one day before the receipt of that despatch, fresh plans for a strong campaign of recruiting were in the hands of the Prime Minister of this Dominion. The nature of these plans were NOT announced at the Patriotic meeting Wednesday night. We ask, what not? Surely that was the time to have taken the public into their confidence and published them, for their information, just what has been decided upon. Instead of that the people were asked to wait, and this new, strong appeal would be sent out in due time. Was there ever such stupidity displayed? Was there ever such a playing of fast and loose with our very existence and being, for the manhood and womanhood of the country the Regiment lives. The apologists for the Government were the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia, and it is certain that neither of them can be complimented on the presentation of their case, for the simple reason that they both were in the main issue and made an abortive attempt to shield themselves behind the skirts of public opinion, the expression of which, to their misfortune, just what has been decided upon. Instead of that the people were asked to wait, and this new, strong appeal would be sent out in due time. Was there ever such stupidity displayed? Was there ever such a playing of fast and loose with our very existence and being, for the manhood and womanhood of the country the Regiment lives. The apologists for the Government were the Prime Minister and the Minister of Militia, and it is certain that neither of them can be complimented on the presentation of their case, for the simple reason that they both were in the main issue and made an abortive attempt to shield themselves behind the skirts of public opinion, the expression of which, to their misfortune, just what has been decided upon.

### The Regiment Not In It.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Dear Sir,—In answer to my message of yesterday to the Record Office, London, asking whether or not the Royal Newfoundland Regiment had participated in the recent big action, I have received a reply, stating that it is learned from unofficial, but reliable information, that the Regiment did not participate.

Yours faithfully,  
J. R. BENNETT,  
Acting Minister of Militia.

### Grand Black Chapter Closed.

The Provincial Grand Black Chapter opened at Curling, Bay of Islands, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, and closed Thursday, April 4th, after a splendid session. The reports showed the past year to be the best in the Chapter's history. The officers for the new year were elected as follows: Grand Master—Robert J. Smith. Deputy Grand Master—William H. Cave. Associate Deputy Grand Master—G. B. Hickman. Chaplain—Rev. W. J. Wilson. Registrar—Jordan Milley. Deputy Registrar—Wellington Crammer. Treasurer—George Langmead. Deputy Treasurer—John Milley. Lecturer—W. Mercer. Deputy Lecturer—J. R. Martin. Censors—H. V. Hutchings and H. Abbott. Standard Bearers—James Wheeler and James Whitten.

### Two Queries.

Editor Evening Telegram.  
Dear Sir,—Will Dr. Lloyd please answer these two questions?  
1. Where was Hon. W. F. Coaker during last night's patriotic meeting?  
2. When is the next patriotic meeting taking place?  
Yours truly,  
ONE WHO WAS THERE.  
April 4th, 1918.

Ye Olden Time Bazaar will close this evening at 6 o'clock. Lots of goods marked at attractive prices. Everything to be disposed of.—april 5.

NOTICE.—Correspondents are requested to accompany contributions with their REAL NAMES, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. The editor refuses to accept any matter unless this rule is adhered to.

### Safe at Aquatote

The French topsail schr. Maja, Captain Lissels, bound to St. Pierre from Lisbon, which was picked up by the sloop in a damaged condition off Cape Race, has been towed to Aquatote. The ship was 62 days out from Lisbon and within 16 miles of her destination on March 26th when she was driven back to sea. When picked up she had only one barrel of biscuit on board and for over two weeks had been without food for cozier or heating purposes. Several of the crew are suffering from frost bites and are being attended by Dr. Froebel.

### Casualty List.

RECEIVED APRIL 5th, 1918.  
Previously Reported Missing, Now Reported Killed in Action. Buried at Swanville Cemetery, near Cambridge.

1355—Corp. Thomas Lynch, 38 Livingston Street.  
3404—Private Arthur H. Pittman, Pilley's Island, N.D.B.  
3357—Private Wilson Benson, 41 South Side.  
2646—Private Aaron King, New Bonaventure.  
3692—Private Dorman Butt, Ex-plotts, N.D.B.  
3389—Private Patricia Keating, Torbay.  
1998—Private Stephen Martin, Hr. Grace.  
3511—Sergt. Percy W. Pitt, Norbury Surrey, England.

(Authority for the foregoing:—Official German List forwarded through Geneva Red Cross Society, 14th March.)  
7th General Hospital, Stomer, March 29th.  
Lieut. James Milford, Bonavista. G.S.W. right buttock; previously reported wounded, no particulars.  
Seriously ill, 7th General Hospital, Stomer, 2nd April.  
2843—Sergt. Gregory L. Green, Bell Island. Not yet diagnosed.  
68th General Hospital, Stomer, March 29th.  
3182—Corp. Alfred Anstey, Back Harbour, Twillingate. Wounded slightly.

Died of Wounds, 8th Australian Casualty Clearing Station, 27th March.  
3727—Private William Stephenson, Cavendish, T.B. G.S.W. head. (Previously reported dangerously ill.)  
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3711—Private Gilbert Baldwin, Middle Arm, Bay of Islands. G.S.W. left side penetrating abdomen.  
3544—Private Mamaduke Manuel, Salt Pond, Green Bay. G.S.W. face and chest.  
2566—Private John Prince, Prince-ton, B.B. Fleury.  
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1544—Private Neville Samson, Flat Islands, B.B.  
3332—Private Marcus S. Wiseman, Hear's Delight, T.B.  
3720—Private Albert F. Wagg, Stepaside, Burn.

3168—Private Charles Chaytor, Greenspond.  
2599—Sergt. Thomas J. Kean, 91 Monkstown Road.  
208—Private George Kane, 43 Job's Street.

1893—Private Frank H. Simms, Burn.  
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### Selective Conscription Indorsed

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Sir,—Permit me to congratulate you on the many and patriotic attitude you have adopted in coming out openly in favor of Selective Conscription. I feel sure the people of Newfoundland who have always looked upon the Evening Telegram as their paper will back you up.

Now then, sir, I wish to make a few remarks on Wednesday night's big recruiting meeting at the Casino Theatre. The presence of such a vast audience shows that the people of St. John's are interested in our Regiment and want to see it kept up as a fighting unit. The questions which the audience repeatedly kept asking the Premier, Dr. Lloyd, convinced me that they are tired of voluntary enlistment and want Selective Conscription enforced. Both Dr. Lloyd and the Minister of Militia seem anxious to put the blame of their past failures on the people, and every time they attempted to use this argument they were interrupted by the audience, and rightly so. How are the people to blame? They have had no opportunity to express their opinion on the subject. The members of the Government themselves have not gone to their districts to appeal for recruits from the public platform.

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### "Weather Permitting"

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Dear Sir,—I notice that the Premier, Dr. Lloyd, is reported to have said at the Recruiting Meeting on Wednesday night that "No effort at recruiting had been made since the first of January because the weather at this time of the year did not permit recruiting parties being sent out." I fear that the memory of our friend, "The Silent Doctor," is not as good as it used to be, or he would have remembered that the most successful recruiting meetings ever held in Newfoundland were held in the months of January and February and that they were held in Conception Bay, Trinity Bay and Bonavista Bay, and while doubtless the recruiting parties sent out at that time were favoured with boisterous winds and snow storms rather than the gentle biphys that "The Silent Doctor" hopes his recruiting parties will be favoured with during April, May and June, they probably remembered that the Premier could not have thought of a better excuse for neglecting the urgent call for reinforcements.

Yours in fair weather and foul.  
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A Little Bit of Praise.

I am certain that the public praise which has been so freely given to women in their new endeavors is the spice that has put such "push and go" into them.

I see my daughters come home at night. One makes munitions—she knows she is doing a fine bit, the papers tell her so, and the men from the front bless her. Another wears her land armband that tells of long days of arduous toil, and wherever it appears there is a little murmur of curiosity, and a little buzz of praise. The youngest is a "bus conductor," and whole articles are written around this band of workers complimenting them on the way they fill their job.

These girls feel that they have got to live up to what is being said about them, that they must be worthy of the praise meted out, and this often helps them to stick to their guns with a grin instead of a grumble.

It is the subtle oil of praise that helps make the commercial wheels run smoothly.

But it is not only outside the home that a little appreciation smooths the way—it has just as great an effect inside. Many a woman who has labored for years in the interest of husband, home and children, without a word of praise, has now received her due.

Sons have gone, husbands have departed, daughters have migrated, and for the first time many of them have had a chance to appreciate the women who have cooked, worked, and cared for them so uncomplainingly. And into their letters has crept the word of gratitude, into their eyes has leapt the glance of appreciation, to their lips has come the word that might never have been spoken but for the dark days.

I have been through it all, therefore I know just what this word of praise means to the woman at home, for so often her service is taken for granted.

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Reserve seat tickets will be on sale to-morrow, Saturday, at the Atlantic Bookstore for the Lecture to be given by Lieut. L. C. Murphy in aid of the C. C. C. Band, Wednesday, 10th April, at the Casino Theatre. Subject, "From Belgium to Monchy, or Personal Experiences of Nine Months in the Trenches." Prices 50c. and 40c.—april 2.

"THE BLACK FLAG"—The comedy-drama entitled "The Black Flag," to be staged by the B.I.S. Dramatic Co. on the 15th inst., promises to exceed all previous performances of those well known players. Among those taking part are Miss Kitty Ryall who will act as "Red the boy" and Mr. P. Moore as "Jim Lazarus" a Jew. Tickets will be on sale early next week at the Atlantic Bookstore.

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