

## Canadians' News Items

A Militia order just passed provides that during the war all members of the Canadian permanent staff and permanent force who are married, including widows with children under age and those who are given permission to marry, may be considered as on the married establishment.

Sir Sam Hughes states that the Second Canadian Division has been furnished with the Ross rifle in place of the Lee-Enfield, the chamber now having been enlarged. The First Canadian Contingent will also be furnished with Ross rifles.

Major Hercule Barré, of the French-Canadian Hospital, who recently returned to Canada wounded, has undertaken the formation of a Foreign Legion in Canada.

A branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has been organised among the Indians in the Filehill Reserve in Saskatchewan, with "Painted Cap," who is 108 years of age, at its head.

It is expected that Manitoba will receive over \$250,000 from the estate of the late Lord Strathcona, who owned lands in the Province valued at \$2,400,000.

Mr. Richard Reid, Agent-General for Ontario, has received notification of the despatch from Toronto of a further consignment of Ontario apples for Canadian soldiers in Hospital. Similar consignments are expected to follow.

The funeral of the largest man in Elgin County took place when John H. Dennis, who had lived all his life on the farm where he died, was buried. His weight was 569 lbs., his waist measure 9 ft., and his chest 8 ft.

Rural mail deliveries in Ontario have resulted in the closing of 1,100 small post offices in that Province in the last three years.

Plans have been made for the largest public school in Canada. The building will be located in Sydenham Street, Toronto. It will contain 37 rooms, and cost approximately \$200,000.

The Hamilton health authorities state that the city's death rate for the past year is the lowest in Canada, and probably in America, being 10.9 per thousand of population.

There may be a plebiscite on the question of woman suffrage in Alberta. If the Legislature of the next session, which will be held about February, does not concede the right to vote, the aid of the Direct Legislation Act, under which Alberta recently voted the Province "dry," will be again invoked.

The Dominion police of Canada have set aside 1 per cent per month of their salary for five months, from August to December. The proceeds will amount to about £270, and will be devoted to the purchase of a machine gun for the 77th Canadian Battalion. The balance will be given to the Tobacco Fund, or will be used for the benefit of Canadian prisoners of war.

The Hon. Thos. Johnson announces that Manitoba will contribute \$10,000 to the new school of aviation there to train men for aeroplane service with the Canadian forces.

JUST SO.

SALESMAN: Now, here, sir, is the real thing in men's hose!

OLD CODGER: Young man, the real thing is never found in men's hose.

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## To the Slacker.

Young sir, you often claim my thoughts,  
When I have time for thinking;  
I think of you, a young galoot,  
From duty daily slinking.  
I think I see you in the park,  
Your socks and tie a-gleaming,  
I see you saunter down the Mall,  
In new clothes, idly dreaming.  
At office desk you make pretence  
That you're my country serving.  
I wish I had you near my hands—  
You'd get your full deserving!  
Our sisters spin, our men-folk toil,  
With patriot's firm endeavour,  
But you—a sluggard all your days—  
You idle on for ever!  
Some day we'll meet. (May it be soon!  
I'm keen to try your mettle.)  
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Till we our old scores settle!

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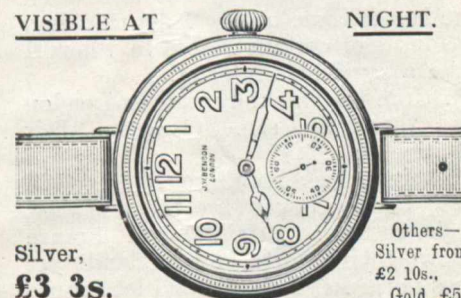
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