

Registration System For the City and the County

Is Favored By Brant Recruiting League in Order to Reach the Eligible Men For Enlistment—Other Recruiting Matters Dealt With.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—General Logie announced yesterday afternoon that an extra special effort is to be made to stimulate recruiting in the counties of Brant, Norfolk, Haldimand, Wentworth, Halton, Dufferin, Lincoln, Welland and Peel with a view to bringing up to war strength the battalions now calling for men in those districts.

The General and Col. George H. Williams, Chief Recruiting Officer for the Toronto Military District, which includes the counties mentioned, came back from Ottawa a conference determined to inaugurate a "big drive" for men in the rural sections of this division. The counties in question are being organized. Wentworth is to supply the men needed by the 265th (Tigers) Battalion, Halton and Dufferin are expected to contribute the quota required by the 164th, Lincoln and Welland are to complete the 170th, the 215th is to fill its ranks in Brant, Norfolk and Haldimand, and the establishment of the 234th is to be completed in Peel county and West Toronto.

General Logie returned to Toronto yesterday from a tour of the Hamilton, St. Catharines and Niagara districts, in the course of which he passed upon plans and helped to smooth out difficulties of the recruiting officers working in that part of the Province.

The adoption of a system of canvassing or registration throughout the city and county in order to ascertain more definitely than is at present known the number of eligible age who are available for military service, was the principal subject of discussion at the meeting of the executive of the Brant County recruiting league. A joint committee of the leading men of the city of both political parties was decided upon for this purpose, and plans were made for the staging of a series of Sunday night recruiting meetings throughout the coming winter, as was done with excellent results last winter.

The securing of a definite policy for recruiting during the winter, explained Mr. J. H. Spence, chairman, in opening, was the object for which the meeting had been called. Whether the old methods were followed or new ones were devised, had not yet been decided. The only manner in which the 215th battalion might be brought to full strength was by united effort of the city and county. A grant had been received from the Government and another would probably be made by the city council, other sums might be raised by individual effort.

Mr. Morgan Harris, Warden of Brant County, did not know where the eligibles of the county were. There were a few young men, but registration of some sort would be required to ascertain their number and where they were to be found. The only manner in which such a system of registration could be carried out, explained Mr. Watts, would be by the formation of committees in all the townships. All the men of military age could not be spared for military service, and the great problem would be to decide which men could be spared and which could not.

Mr. Reg. Scartie considered that registration could not be carried out without the co-operation of the Government. His view was supported by Mr. Spence, who pointed out that individual work along this line would meet with a great deal of discouragement. Those who took up the matter would be cutting their own throats so far as their political future was concerned.

Mr. Watts pointed out that the feeling throughout the county was strongly in favor of recruiting. In all fairness, declared Mr. Harris, some sort of registration should be obtained in order to ascertain just how the county stood in the matter, and what it had accomplished. Efforts to do this would be made by the County officials.

Mr. T. H. Preston approved the Warden's idea, that information might be obtained from the county assessors.

Mr. Scartie enquired as to the purpose of registration, beyond the ascertainment of the number of men available. Nothing definite would be accomplished, and a great deal of time and money would be expected. Government registration might be more accurate.

Dr. Wiley considered that a large number of eligible young men had

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KING GEORGE SCHOOL LEAGUE will hold a talent tea at the school, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 to 6 p.m. Carefully prepared concert will be given by the pupils. Object largely social. Everybody come.

CAPT. C. B. JAKINS, will speak on Thursday evening in Colborne St. Church on "Front Line Experiences with our boys in France." Admission 15c 2-25c.

BRITISH SAILORS—Mr. M. P. Fenell, Jr., Honorary Secretary of British Sailors' Relief Fund will address a meeting in the Assembly Hall of the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The president of the General Committee in Montreal, Mr. Wm. G. Ross, has been elected president of the Mayor and Council, the Board of Trade, Daughters of the Empire, Local Council of Women, and other Public Bodies, to whom he wrote on the subject some time ago.

Y. M. C. A. WEEK OF PRAYER—held in the Association Building, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Friday morning, concluding meeting, 8 o'clock. You are welcome.

DIED
CARY—Mary Duckworth, wife of Thos. Cary, aged 56 years, died at her home in Oakland, on Tuesday, November 14. Funeral will take place from her late residence, on Friday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 p.m. to Farrington cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

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WHAT MEN DISCUSS.

The Popular Topics of Conversation Are Gathered Together.

The proper study of mankind is man, and the classrooms of the university where this curriculum is followed are never closed. On the sidewalk, in the street car, on ferryboat or train, in shop or lunch room or lobby, the course that educates but leads to no academic degree may be pursued. Should a philosopher open his ears to the blended bits of conversation heard commonly without attention as we pass among crowds, could he reduce the chaos of words to an ordered index of life and human nature, and would the result be heard by the cynic or the friend of his fellow men? These notes may do to start with:

Topics of the season. The furnace. Price of coal. Relative merits of hot air, steam, and hot water systems. Fine points in the management of furnaces. Cussedness of ashman nature. Landlord's delinquencies. A long catalogue of kindred matters whose logic leads far but in a straight line from the place of beginning.

Sport talk. Rugby. Open play is great for the little colleges. "My kid made a touchdown for the high school," or sprained his ankle trying. "When I played end, the longest drop kick, the biggest score, and so on.

In November: Should leaves be raked off the lawn or left on; burning or used for compost? Garden talk, and note of the lengthening or shortening of the days, must follow the seasons.

High cost of living is a fine old standby. Bad wheat year. Embargo. No potato crop in Canada. But down around Freehold, Jamesburg, and Hightstown—The preciousness of shoes. The size of the baker's loaf. Cost of home made bread—count in the gas used! Domestic devils of economy.

Topics permanently available: Jones' foolish play in the card game on the 7-54 this morning. A joke in last night's show. Manners and morals, conduct and clothes of the neighbors. The club. Life insurance. Length of skirts. The weather. Underwear. Matches and pins. Doctors' bills. Brands of smoke. Last Sunday's sermon. Strikes. New books. Back to the land; backyard chicken farming. Fishing. The chicken boss at the office. The dirty streets.

There is a rhythm in all this talk. The war beats time for the chorus. Everything worth while has rhythm, but not everything that has rhythm is worth while. Is listening in on other folks' talk worth while?

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Large Losses Reported

In Pearling Industry Since Outbreak of War

MOST people may not be aware that four-fifths of the world's output of pearl-shell of the best quality is produced from Australian waters almost exclusively—that is, including the few Dutch and other islands in the immediate neighborhood of the northern shores of the island continent. The only other pearling grounds of consequence were high-grade shell is obtained in the Malay Archipelago and Manila.

Mr. James Clark is the authority for the statement, and he has for many years been the foremost figure in the pearl shelling industry. Pearl-shell is a very precious business, and many men fall, Mr. Clark says. As with mining, there is a peculiar fascination about it. Once a man embarks on this enterprise he generally goes on, in the hope of some day striking a pearl of great price, which sometimes comes into his possession if he does not intercept it. Once he has sold four or five for \$17,000, and he has another that has been valued at \$5,000. Vanderbilt bought a pearl on one occasion for \$25,000, but it was not sold.

Mr. Clark was not alone in the industry. He offered \$10,000 in Paris, just before the war broke out for an Australian pearl, and he is glad now that the offer was not accepted, for the pearl might still be on his hands.

The London market is controlled by a few dealers. At the present time most of the Australian product goes to America. Pearl-shell is getting considerably less for their shell now than before the war, although the cost of gathering it and of freighting it is ever so much higher. A great portion of the fleet is now laid up, and the comparatively few boats that are at work are only in commission to keep the men employed.

Mr. Clark has 35 vessels at Broome, while the Celebes Trading Company, in which he has large interests, has 65 vessels at the Aru Islands. Thursday Island, between Australia and New Guinea, was formerly the headquarters of these boats, but the Commonwealth restrictions made it necessary to transfer them to the Dutch flag. When both the fleets in which he is interested are fully working, employment is given to about 800 men, chiefly Japanese, Malays, and Manila men, and the expenses of operation run to about \$65,000 a year.

Prior to the war shellers at Broome got as much as \$220 per ton on the spot for their shell. The price had now dropped to \$110, which was quite unprofitable. The only hope of keeping the industry going as a permanent and profitable business is for the Australian Government to fix such a price for shell as would leave owners a reasonable margin for all the risks they had to take, and to limit the export. If the Government would follow this course, and see that the pearl fleet were so limited that the supply did not overtake the demand to any extent, much could be done to improve the conditions of the industry. The pearling industry, which was well worth encouraging in every possible way.

Jap Maroons Pelt Sun.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK

Memorial Roll of 133rd, Published By Courier, Received With Favor.

(From Our Own Correspondent) Simcoe, Nov. 16.—The electrician, Fred Wilkes, is much brighter this morning. Station Agent, J. E. McCready called this morning and had a short interview with him. He has improved wonderfully since yesterday morning.

Master Roll
Yesterday's publication of the nominal list of the men of the 133rd was greeted here with evident pleasure, and the edition was in demand all evening. Some who went to the trouble to count the names were surprised to learn that the unit had been dropped from almost \$60 to less than 700. There were some losses through the medical examination, but the big decrease is attributed to the number of desertions of men, who in the ardor for numbers, were taken on because they were males and of age. Many of them were ne'er-do-wells and so proved themselves.

We have learned here that one cannot make soldiers out of a certain element that was taken on in the 133rd only to desert later.

Sir Sam.
Party leaders here accept the condition and endorse the call for the resignation of Sir Sam Hughes, though the service of the ex-Minister or the personal strength of the man and his good work is not discounted.

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