

BRAVE BLUENOSES WILL VOTE AS WELL AS FIGHT.

Through the Good Office of Mr. Tanner, Nova Scotia Soldiers Will Get Leave of Absence, Full Pay and Free Transportation to Enable Them to Exercise Their Full Rights as Citizens and Soldiers.

Early in the last session of the Legislature, the leader of the opposition, Mr. Tanner, took up the question of making provision whereby the men of overseas battalions at the front and in England could vote in the Provincial elections. He inquired on February 22nd if the Government had taken any steps in the matter.

Premier Murray on the 23rd February made a statement in which he acknowledged that the Government had NOT done anything or even considered the matter; and followed that by suggesting that a committee of the House might be appointed to consider what was the best to be done.

To this Mr. Tanner agreed, and a committee consisting of H. H. Wickwire, J. C. Tory, D. McLennan (Liberals) and W. L. Hall and J. C. Douglas (Conservatives) was appointed in the first week of March.

Mr. Wickwire was chairman of the committee, but strange to say, he allowed two months to pass before he called the committee together. The first meeting was held on May 4th and no other meeting was ever called by him or held. It was evident that the Provincial Government had NO intention whatever of trying to give soldiers overseas the opportunity of voting.

The question of HOW the men under arms in the Province would be able to vote was talked over by the committee, but no conclusion was arrived at; and the Government did NOT make any move in that regard.

Meantime Mr. Tanner was in communication with Sir Robert Borden and was urging that leave of absence should be given to all the enrolled men in Nova Scotia who are voters to enable them to vote and also that they should be given free transportation home for the purpose.

There was a difficulty in the way of free transportation as the election law of the Province appeared to forbid it.

Finally, however, a few days before Legislature prorogued Mr. Tanner received assurance from Sir Robert Borden that not only would voters on military service in the Province be given leave of absence with pay to enable them to go home to vote; but FURTHER, if election laws were changed, free transportation would be provided for them home and back again to camps.

This being settled, Mr. Tanner took the matter up with the Provincial Government with the result that the day the House prorogued the following amendment was made in the election law:—

The following section is hereby added to chapter 6 of the acts of 1909:

137. The payment of the Government of Canada or by the Province of the expenses of transportation by rail or boat or by both, of voters on active military service within the Province to and from the railway station or steamboat landing nearest to the polling district in which the voter is entitled to vote, shall not constitute an offence under this Act.

This clears up the ground, and by the generous action of Sir Robert Borden through the requests of Mr. Tanner, general leave of absence with pay will be available for every soldier who is a voter and on duty in the Province to poll his vote at the elections on June 20th, and he will be given free transportation from camp to the County and return to the camp.

Assistant Adjutant General McInnes and Assistant Judge Advocate General Daly of the staff at Ottawa are coming to Nova Scotia to make arrangements for the men's transportation, and they will consult with the Provincial Government and the Opposition with a view to having the arrangements made as complete and satisfactory as possible.—Herald.

AS YE SOW.

(It is said that Germany has asked the United States to intercede for peace.)

You would have peace, you Hun? Well, peace you'll get
When England, France and Russia say the word,
When you have paid in full your ghastly debt,
And when you weakened voice no more is heard,

When your black buzzards you call eagles stand
Stripped of their feathers, ugly, naked, shamed,
When that fould thing you call "the mailed hand"
Is but a rattling bone, by vengeance claimed,

Who think you, Hohenzollern, that you are?
Great Joshua of old, reincarnate
To lead the chosen into lands afar?
You would be called "the Conqueror," "the Great."

You spun your poisonous web of espionage
And criminal-like hid ever from the light;
Your men of Essen toiled that war might wage
And by thick walls were hidden from the sight.

With boats beneath the sea, airships above,
You thought to crush the Briton's grand home fleet,
Then in your warships, you your might would move
To Britain, making victory complete.

With all prepared, you dared to drink "the day,"
That you would cause our mighty power to cease,
But now your plans are slowly swept away
And now you look to neutrals to make peace.

You would the Lion rouse you thought his rest
Was the deep sleep of aged incompetence;
You even flouted him, and thought it best
To wage your war every vile offence.

You sent your rowdies into peaceful lands
To outrage, murder, pillage and despoil.
With maudlin gloatings and in bloody bands
They did the "goose-step" over Belgian soil.

Now with existence and your throne at stake
You would have peace made, and your troubles o'er,
'Tis not your, nor neutral hands to made,
Yours to begin, 'tis ours to end the war.

—P. M. C. in Toronto Mail.

Kentville Man. Convicted and Fined for Selling Whiskey to Soldiers in Hants County.

About two weeks ago three men came from Kentville in an automobile loaded with whiskey, Windsor being as their objective. They evidently were afraid of Chief McDonald because they stopped outside of the town at Falmouth. There they distributed the booze chiefly to men of the 112th, who apparently had a foreknowledge of the visit of the men from the "Half Acre."

Since that time Chief McDonald assisted by the Military Police of the 112th Battalion have been patrolling the highways in Falmouth keeping strict watch every night until past midnight but the unlawful vendors being wise stayed at home.

In the meantime Chief McDonald learned the identity of the motor saloon and had warrants made out for the chaffeurs. On Wednesday one William Sharp was nabbed at Kentville, charged with unlawfully bringing liquor into the County. He was brought to Windsor the same day escorted by the Chief, who landed him in the Windsor jail.

Yesterday he was up convicted and fined \$100 costs 15.00 total \$115.00, or three months in prison. The Chief has an eagle eye on others, who if "they don't watch out" will be similarly dealt with.

The penalty for selling intoxicating liquor to soldiers is very severe and it is the stern determination of Col. Tremain, the Officer Commanding the 112th Battalion to do everything in his power to safeguard his men from temptation of becoming victims of the demoralizing effect of intoxicating liquor. In this he has the fullest support of the civil and military officials. Every road leading to Windsor is being guarded by civil and military police so that if "bottle peddlers" get whiskey into Windsor they must either reduce themselves to the dimensions of a fly or travel by aeroplane. Last Saturday Chief McDonald seized at the Windsor Station 12 quart bottles and three flasks of rum and whiskey. They were taken to the town office where the offenders will be tried before Stipendiary next week.—Journal.

Mrs. Nalder Returns to America For Well Earned Rest.

Mrs. Rachel Nalder who left here four years ago last April to make an extended tour in behalf of the Mukti Mission organized and conducted by the celebrated Pundita Ramabai, arrived at San Francisco on the 16th inst after a very successful tour. Since she left here Mrs. Nalder has visited the Mukti Mission India where she was greatly impressed with the magnitude and benefit of the Christian work being done by the Ramabai Mission. Mrs. Nalder has, since leaving here toured New Zealand, Tasmania, Australia, China, Japan and Hawaii. As a result of her appeals she has rendered great financial assistance to the Mukti Mission.

Drowned When Horse Backed Into Lake.

Halifax, May 25—Matthew Lownds and wife were drowned last night in Hocley Lake. They were driving along the road and it is supposed the horse became frightened and backed into the lake.

Mr. George Goodwin and son Vernon of Clarks Harbor, were drowned on Monday while out in a gasoline boat fishing. Mr. Goodwin formerly belonged to Argyle Sound about two years ago. He was 52 years of age and the son 14 years. He leaves a widow, and 3 daughters, Mrs. Herbert Goodwin of Massachusetts, and Mildred and Regina at home; also a mother, two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Jacob Seeley of Lower Argyle.

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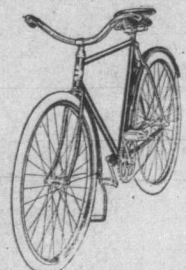
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