

## CAPT. "IAN HAY" SPEAKS ON WAR

Author of "First Hundred Thousand" Addresses Canadian Club.

### WAR BEGUN LAST JULY

Then First Britons Matched Germans on Equal Terms—Praises Canadians.

Ian Hay, as his name appears on the title page of "The First Hundred Thousand," or Captain Ian Hay Beth, as it appears on the Imperial army pay roll, in addressing the Canadian Club yesterday, told them that the war began on July 1st, 1916. It was then that, for the first time, the British were ready to go ahead with a grand and prolonged offensive.

"That was a critical day for the British army," said he. "They were as ready as they were ever likely to be. The great question arose, was this army as good as or better than the iron bound army of Germany."

"I have no need to tell you the answer that our boys gave to that question. I may tell you that by Christmas our output of munitions will be just double what it was on the first of July."

"It must have been very gallant for the Boches to find that they could not stand up against the new fair and square blow from an army of amateurs after they had been preparing for forty years."

Ian Hay went on to say that the "revolving frivolity" of the British troops who went into action singing comic songs or kicking a football in front of them, was "very shocking" to the Germans, who regarded war as a very serious matter, almost a sacred one, whether they were losing clouds of gas or sinking hospital ships.

With Kitchener's Army.

Capt. Beth was with the first brigade of Kitchener's army that came to "blow and stiffen the woefully thin line" of the regular army in France that had been holding back desperately the invading hordes. They had stopped that tide, but they could not turn it back. They had "not the munitions, they had been forced 'to learn' the priceless art of playing a poor hand well."

While they were waiting for the message, "We are ready, full speed ahead," it was "not a very exhilarating time." But at last on July 1st had come the order that they had waited for so long.

As for an early peace, it was not difficult to trace these rumors to a country that was learning that he who wantonly draws the sword is likely to fall by the sword. "You all know that the only way to finish this war is to fix it so that it will never happen again," said Capt. Beth.

The captain told a number of good stories about life at the front and at home in war times. One of them was about a Canadian soldier who presented Capt. Beth's wife with a five penny tin, telling her to buy candy even when 8000 miles away from home," said the speaker.

He had fought shoulder to shoulder with the Canadians at Ypres, and had found them the best of fighters and companions. He had heard only one complaint, and that was because he was not used to the lilt he was wearing. He confided to the captain that he intended to get transferred to a "pente battalion."

Capt. Beth praised the Canadians for being particularly good at trench digging, having lots of pep, and always thinking up new schemes for annoying the Boches."

## ENDEAVOR CONVENTION HAS FINAL MEETING

Addresses Are Delivered in Cooke's Church by Many Prominent Leaders.

The final day of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Convention held in Cooke's Church yesterday was featured with inspiring and instructive addresses. The duties and mode of formation of Christian Endeavor Societies were thoroughly discussed. Addressing the session in the morning Dr. J. A. McKenzie spoke on the text "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." He said that selfishness was a hindrance to every man and woman. Many of the defects and downfalls of human life were brought about as a result of this evil.

"Welcoming Recruits" was the subject of a discourse by D. Gordon Dodginton. He outlined the work of the social committees of the Christian Endeavor and said that its duty should be to break up the castles so frequently found in gatherings of this nature. Rev. W. A. McTaggart spoke on "Getting Recruits." Conscription could not be enforced in getting recruits for the society. Every class of the church must contribute members and these must be brought up to the standard of the organization by careful training.

Other addresses were as follows: "Drilling Recruits," by Dan Polling; "Home Service," by Rev. R. B. Cochran; "Overseas Service," by Miss Hicks; "Prayer," by Rev. W. Megaw. At the afternoon session Rev. W. A. McTaggart spoke on "Raising Funds." He suggested that every child member of the society should have his own envelopes for the different givings, thus avoiding asking for funds too often.

### CIVIC PROGRAM TO KEEP THE LEGISLATURE BUSY

Food Markets, Fuel Yard, and Votes for Married Women Among Requests.

The board of control yesterday looked over the program of civic legislation to be asked for at the coming session of the legislature and recommended the following:

Power to establish a civic fuel yard.

A general act for establishing municipal food markets.

To make Toronto and Suburban Railway Co. liable for its proportionate share of the cost of the construction of the pavement on Davenport road.

An amendment to the Insurance Act regarding soldiers' dependents by which those who benefit will be parents, widows, children, sisters, brothers, or any other relatives acting as guardians.

To give married women municipal votes on the same basis as widows.

For power to give fixed assessment to new Yonge street hotel.

Power to issue debentures for purchase of rifles and ammunition for protection of city property.

Validation of school debenture, by laws.

To exempt soldiers' insurance money from attachment or garnishment.

### POST STILL BUSY

Record Shipments of Christmas Parcels Are on Their Way From This City.

Approximately 112,500 Christmas packages mailed thru the Toronto postoffice have been despatched to the soldiers in the trenches and to relatives and friends abroad by way of England during the last three weeks, according to the estimate of Postmaster W. B. Rogers. This is in excess by several thousand of the number anticipated. The estimated value of this mail is \$280,500, an average value of \$2.50 for each parcel.

The total postage was approximately \$56,100, an average of 50 cents to each parcel. The largest mail for one day was Thursday, when 21,364 parcels were despatched. About 1,359 receptacles were required for the packages. This week's mail, which will reach its destination in time for New Year's Day, is about one-half the size of last week, the postmaster said.

## DOUBLE CAPACITY AT ORPINGTON

Will Increase Number of Beds to Two Thousand and Fourteen.

### AT BORDEN'S REQUEST

Site Sufficient and No Material Increase in Size of Staff Necessary.

The Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington, England, will be almost doubled in capacity, according to a statement issued by Premier Hearn yesterday.

"For some time past the hospital has been taxed to its fullest capacity," said the premier. "A further indication of the usefulness of the hospital has now come to hand in the shape of a request from the Ottawa government, made at the suggestion of Sir George Perley, that the hospital be enlarged to meet the growing demands upon it; in fact, that its capacity be about doubled. In making this request Sir Robert Borden has pointed out that the extension can be accomplished without materially increasing the staff or kitchen accommodation of the hospital. He adds:

"I would be grateful if your government would consider the question of enlarging the Ontario Hospital at Orpington by one thousand beds, and in doing so I am confident you will be rendering a real service to the Dominion and the empire at this juncture."

Undertake Work.

On receipt of this request the government of Ontario promptly agreed to undertake the work, provided difficulties of an unsurmountable nature do not intervene. In doing so the prime minister assured Sir Robert that this province is anxious to assist in every way possible in bringing about final and complete victory, and that it considers that the providing of the best hospital accommodation is of the utmost importance.

"The site already secured is sufficient for the enlarged hospital, and it will not be necessary, as already mentioned, to materially increase the staff. Instructions have been sent to England by the Ontario Government for the immediate preparation of plans and estimates. As the cost of all sorts of material has risen considerably since the hospital was erected, the new hospital will entail proportionally a larger expenditure than was required for the original hospital, but an important part of the necessary material has already been secured, and no time will be lost in carrying out the plans to a successful completion. With this addition the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington will have a capacity of 2014 beds."

### Motor Car Runs Amuck And Wrecks Fire Hall Door

Falling to observe that a motor car was in gear, John Adams, 191 Riverdale avenue, employed by the Dominion Automobile Co., started the machine in the company's garage yesterday afternoon and went crashing thru the open door, ran across the street, and smashed in the doorway of the Bay street firehall. The fire chief's motor car was only a few feet away. Fortunately the street was clear at the time, or the damage might have been greater. No one was injured.

### DISCUSS SOCIAL WORK.

The Girls' Friendly Society are holding a two days' convention, the sessions of which opened yesterday morning with a meeting of the executive. Social work in many fields is being discussed, among the speakers being Miss Charles, head worker at the Charles Street Centre; Miss Sibbey of Detroit; Mrs. Huotia, Miss Knox of Haverhill, and Mrs. Kerwin Martin of the Dominion society, who is presiding at the meetings.

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### FOR PATRIOTIC PURPOSES.

Thru their bazaar, held at the home of Mrs. James B. O'Brien, the Bishop Strachan School Association made the handsome sum of \$400, which will go for their social service work. Three hundred dollars was raised by the bazaar held at the Orthopedic Hospital. The proceeds will go for patriotic purposes. Mrs. Bogart, Miss Jean Blewett and Miss Sanderson were amongst the enthusiastic workers.

### MANY CASES OF DRUNKENNESS

Forty cases of drunkenness were heard in the police court yesterday,

the usual fine being imposed in the case of first offenders. Others who reappeared were fined more heavily.

### THEFT IS CHARGED

Twenty minutes after he had started to work in a Yonge street restaurant, Joseph Taber, 43 Ann street, who told the police he had come from New York, is alleged to have gone thru the employees' lockers and stolen several articles, including a watch and chain belonging to Nicholas Chaves, 113 Bond street. Taber was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Cronin.

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