

CANADIANS' GRATUITIES.

Length of Service to Count in a New Scheme.

The office of the Ministry of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada has issued an important statement regarding the demobilisation of the Canadian troops overseas, and a new scheme for substituting the old post discharge pay by a system of war service gratuities on a sliding scale according to the length of service.

Provision is also made for the return to their homes in Canada, at Government expense, of the dependants of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Force sent to Canada for demobilisation. The schemes are retrospective. All ranks who have already been discharged in Canada prior to November 11th last, and have served at the front in an actual theatre of war, will be placed on the same basis as those still to be discharged, and all dependants who have paid for their passages home since November 11th will have their fares refunded. An assurance is given that the demobilisation scheme is being carried out with the utmost speed possible.

These war service gratuities, it is pointed out, recognise length of overseas service, which was not done under the former provision. For the purpose of the payments all "other ranks" except first-class warrant officers are placed on the same footing in regard to rate of pay. The pay to be received by "other ranks" is as follows:—

Service.	Days' Pay.	Rec'd where S.A. paid dependents.	Rec'd where no S.A. paid.
3 years or over ..	183	£120	£84
2 years and under 3 ..	153	£100	£70
1 year and under 2 ..	122	£80	£56
Under 1 year ..	92	£60	£42

Officers and first-class warrant officers will receive the same number of days' pay as is provided for "other ranks" at their respective rates of pay.—*Daily Express.*

"What's this?" asked the acquitted man.

"The bill for my services," said the lawyer.

"Go on! You proved that I was insane, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, you cannot do business with an insane man—you ought to know that."

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The demand for divorces seem to be greater than for a long time past.

Evidently the "separate peace" idea is being adopted generally.

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Having read in the papers something about Onion smut, Mrs. Smith plaintively declares that the spread of indecency seems to have no limit.



O.C. No. NINES.

"Now which shall it be, SOLID or LIQUID?"

What did you do in the Great War, Daddy?

"Yes, old son; it was way back at the beginning of 1919, I think, just after the Armistice had been signed. Of course, you wouldn't remember the Great War, but I remember distinctly the old Record Office where I used to hang out; I believe it was originally built for a cold storage, and a d— good one it would make, too! Gee, but it was a cold place! But I was going to say, just after the Armistice had been signed, there was a great change at this particular office. While the war was on, we couldn't do this, and we had to do that, till we began to say nasty things about everybody and nobody in particular. Anyway, I was going to say that one day, they told us we could smoke all day. Yes, all day. Yes, my boy, and do you know, the boys found that they didn't smoke any more than they did before! The only difference it made was that they had time to finish a pipe of tobacco, with the result that they didn't need another smoke for quite a long time, because they'd had a proper one. Besides, instead of the air being clouded with smoke every hour, there was just enough smoke hanging about all day to keep away the 'flu. Yes, old son, this made the boys feel real happy, and we all worked much harder, too, and those who were responsible for the bringing about of this reform were to be congratulated on their enterprise. Pass me my old pipe, son."

TRANSLATION OF THE FAMOUS MONS POSTER.

Of which a facsimile is given with this number as a supplement.

To the Population of Mons.

After 51 months of suffering, which was caused through being occupied by the German Army, the Town of Mons is at last liberated by the victorious British Army, who at the hour of the Armistice, concluded the series of her victories on the same spot as the 23rd of August, 1914, when she first came in contact with the enemy.

The 3rd Canadian Division, at the cost of great sacrifices, penetrated into the town at 3 o'clock this morning, then revenging, by a great success, the retreat of 1914. **GLORY AND REMEMBRANCE TO HER!**

The Armistice is signed, the German Army has capitulated, the brutal force has been beaten; justice and right have won. Belgium comes out greater and fortified by the terrible experience she has gone through.

The population has supported with confidence and courage the sufferings of the occupation. We are convinced that in the joy of triumph she will keep the dignity and measure which she has always kept.

We look forward to the good faith of you all, that order shall be kept. We invite also the population to start working as soon as possible. The ruins inflicted by the war are great, and the co-operation of the best willingness and energy is needed to rapidly heal the wounds which have been caused.

In this hour of thanksgiving, our gratitude goes to the Allied Armies, and among them all, from the bottom of our hearts; to our valiant Belgian Army and the King, her heroic chief.

Long live the King!

Long live Belgium!

(Sgd.) GASTON TALAUPÉ.

The Communal Secretary.

Mons, 11th November, 1918.

Are YOU going to the DANCE?

Take your old Aunt dressed up as a Sausage!

Or your Mother-in-Law as the Kaiser!
and then lose her on the way!