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COMPULSORY VS VOLUN-
TARY SERVICE

The announcement of Premier Asquith at the opening of the British Parliament last week that the conscription issue would not be pressed by the Government this session, was not unexpected. From the recent distrust of conscription expressed by Labour circles in Great Britain, it is evident that the Government would cause unusual domestic unrest by pressing the matter. In the face of Lord Kitchener's statement that the voluntary system of recruiting is breaking in all the soldiers at present needed, there seems to be no particular reason why the question of conscription should be pressed.

The stand taken against compulsory service by organized labor in Great Britain is not unqualified. There is a saving clause in the anti-conscription resolution adopted unanimously by the Trade Union Congress, reverting to the 2,000,000 Laborites, and this saving clause shows that the action taken is aimed at the Northcliffe press campaign rather than at conscription in itself. This view is supported by the statements it makes.

It is expected that the Cabinet is divided upon the question, but all such reports claim that Lord Kitchener is "not committed." This appears to be significant. No decisive result can come from the popular debate regarding conscription until the War Secretary's opinion is heard. His statement on the question would settle the whole matter. It would be the trump card of a Cabinet convinced of the necessity of conscription, as its influence is the safeguard of a Cabinet divided on the question.

The policy of the Asquith Government is pursuing in regard to compulsory service, appears to be one of "watchful waiting." In the event of the demonstration of the need for conscription, Lord Kitchener may be expected to come forward with the view that shall be decisive. For the present, the statement of the War Minister that the voluntary system is satisfactory must suffice.

In the early days of the present session attempts by various members or factions to bring the issue to the front are probable. The fact that Mr. Asquith deemed it necessary to make the statement he did so indicates the importance of the issue is assuming. But the Premier is a master hand at checking off Parliamentary discussion with evasive answers, and Kitchener's pronouncement will probably take the ground from under the feet of the enthusiasts in the time.

CARE OF FIRE ENGINE

At Thursday night's meeting of the town council, Chairman Stables of the Park and Fire Committee gave notice that his committee had secured the services of an engineer whose duty it was to look after the fire engine, keep it in running order, and try it out once a month, and to accompany it to fires outside of the town limits at any time it should be taken out, his salary per year for this to be \$25.00. Ald. Stables, as Chairman, was to take all responsibility in seeing that this engineer's work was satisfactorily performed. This matter, while meeting with the approval of the council, brought forth much discussion as to how the council was to know whether or no the engine really did try the engine every month. Some of the aldermen considered it the duty of the chief of the fire department to know whether the engine was being properly looked after, and Ald. McGrath suggested that the engineer be required to sign a voucher each month, which would show that he had performed his work.

These suggestions, however, did not meet with the approval of the Chairman, who felt that as Chairman, it was his duty, and gave every assurance that he would see the engineer did his duty faithfully. The matter was finally settled by the words, "Has the fire engine been tested?" added to the Order of Business.

Is this not the duty of the Town Superintendent? And why not increase his salary and let the duty of testing the engine be a part of his work?

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is satisfactory to know that the matter of house accommodation, which was taken up in these columns a few weeks ago, has also been taken up by the Town Improvement League, with a view to bettering conditions. The want of

more house accommodation is sorely felt in Newcastle at the present time, and if it is the desire that the town should grow, this state of affairs must be remedied.

The hunting season has commenced, and shooting accident accounts are beginning to fill up the newspaper columns. It is the same old story—the was mistaken for a deer. If some of these careless hunters were given a stretch, it would make others more careful.

How about the advertising sign board at the I. C. R. station? A reader in the Province of Ontario who read the Advocate's suggestion a couple of weeks ago, to have this board erected, complimented the Advocate for its enterprise. Do you see, gentle reader, how it pays to advertise?

TOWN COUNCIL

(Continued from page 1.)

Following Light & Water bills passed:
Carlock Packing Co. \$27.47
Maritime Foundry 19.15
Crandall Harrison & Co. 79.00
T. McAvity & Sons 32.75
\$158.37

Ald. Stuart asked if the policemen had collected or tried to collect all the licenses as ordered to do by a recent resolution of the Council? Ald. McGrath said that the Finance Committee had been trying to collect licenses all summer. At most every second time he met the policeman he had asked about his collection. The policeman had been put on with one excuse or another at least of the places he went to collect licenses from workmen. He had failed to bring either the men or the money to the town office. If the policeman had done his duty he would not have needed to go to collect more than once. Probably many licenses were lost through the laxity of the policeman. He was sorry that probably many who should pay had already left town without paying.

Ald. Stuart said all licenses—Livery Stable and others, as well as those collected from men—should be collected, if right, or if wrong, the by-laws should be amended to move them. Ald. Croughan—Livery stables, the custom here, and in most every other town, some places they pay like the law, move to amend it, do not let us while showing it to acquire in its non-enforcement. Ald. Croughan—Some laws should be amended. His Worship said the matter will be adjusted itself now. Ald. Stuart—Well, if you don't like the law, move to amend it, do not let us while showing it to acquire in its non-enforcement. Ald. Croughan—Some laws should be amended.

Ald. Stables of the Park & Fire Committee reported that the fire engine had been put into shape, and worked well. The following contract had been made with Mr. Beckwith: "I hereby agree with the Park & Fire Committee of Newcastle to keep the steam fire engine in running order, and to try it out each month during the next year. I will also operate engine at all times within the town, where its services may be required, and if unable to attend in person, will supply a qualified substitute. All of above services to be for the sum of \$25.00 per year, payable each month, say 1st and 15th. I will also accompany and operate engine, either in person or by substitute, at any fires outside the town, where engine may be sent, and for say such outside services shall receive pay at the rate of thirty cents per hour. Newcastle, N. B., Sept. 16, 1915. (Sgd.) R. BECKWITH"

Ald. Croughan and Stables moved agreement ratified. Ald. Stables said that Mr. Beckwith had no duty as fireman except as engine goes out. Ald. Doyle wanted the Chief of the Fire Department to see that the monthly tests and repairs were made. The engine should not be neglected as in the past. Ald. McGrath wanted the Town Clerk to keep record of tests and repairs.

Ald. Doyle said that no doubt Chairman of P. & F. Committee would see that the engine was taken out and tested each month. Ald. Stables said the Chief of the Dept. should not have the matter in his control. The agreement was with the committee. He himself would take responsibility of seeing the agreement carried out. Ald. Doyle said the Chief of the Fire Dept. was the man to see that all his apparatus was in order. It was very important that the town should not be caught with the engine out of order.

The Mayor read from the by-laws that it was the duty of the fire chief to absolutely control and direct all apparatus for extinguishing fire during the continuance of any fire. Ald. Ritchie took his seat at this point.

Ald. Hayward suggested that Mr. Beckwith be paid monthly after each monthly test. Ald. McGrath agreed. Ald. Stables asked to have the responsibility taken off the P. & F. Com. if they did not think the committee capable. Ald. McGrath said there was no lack of confidence, but the system should be right, for far an incapable committee might some day have control.

Ald. Doyle disclaimed any reflection, but it would be a reflection on the whole town if the engine should ever refuse to work, as at Redbank. Ald. Stables said that the engine had been reported all right at end of the year, and it was not then the custom to test it monthly. Monthly payment after testing might result in some tests being omitted. It was better to leave the agreement as it was.

Ald. Doyle, Croughan and Stuart all thought the matter would be settled with the chairman, and the agreement was adopted. After the Mayor said that a new rule of order could be adopted. "Has the fire engine been tested?"

Notice to Public

R. H. Gremley wishes to thank the Newcastle firemen and the many citizens who so promptly rendered all the assistance in their power at the burning of his Livery Stable. He also wishes to inform the public that he is doing business the same as usual, AT THE OLD STAND where all his old patrons and any new ones will receive the best attention. 25-1m

Girl Wanted

A good reliable girl. One who understands cooking. Apply: MRS. A. ALCOCK, Blackville, N. B.

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