

GERMANS WORRIED OVER ABSENCE OF TWO SUBMARINES FROM THEIR BASE AT CUXHAVEN

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM THE WAR THEATRES

Russians and Austrians Still Struggling in Carpathians With Neither Side Able to Advance — No Word of Additional Disasters on Account of Submarine Blockade — No Change in Situation in Western Area.

London, Feb. 22.—A despatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph Company says reports from the German frontier state that much uneasiness exists at the German fortified sea port of Cuxhaven concerning two large submarines which have not returned to their base. The under-sea boats are said to be two days overdue and it is feared they have been destroyed.

London, Feb. 22.—The wisp of modern warfare, the submarine, by means of which Germany has declared she will blockade the British Isles, daily becomes a factor of more and more importance in the great war in Europe with respect to its influence on the policies of the nations engaged in connection with the contraband question, so vital to neutral states. Almost coincident with the unofficial reports that Austria proposes to follow the example of her ally by making war on merchant ships in the Adriatic, came the announcement by Premier Asquith, in the British House of Commons, that the much-discussed retaliatory plan of Great Britain, though still tentative, was much broader in scope than has been previously suggested, in that it was a matter for the consideration of all the Allies, concerning which a joint note from the Allies might be expected.

The statement was likewise made in the House of Commons that the British government might deem it necessary to alter its decision whereby cotton, up to the present, has not been classified as contraband.

The day passed without news of any additional merchant ships, belligerent or neutral, having fallen a victim to a German submarine, but three small British craft are missing, and fears are expressed as to their fate.

Amsterdam reports that two German submarines are overdue at their base, Cuxhaven, but whether they have been sunk is not known. Traffic in the North Sea remains somewhat disorganized, Dutch and Scandinavian steamers showing a reluctance to go to sea, owing to the menace of both submarines and mines. Reports from Copenhagen that traffic between Sweden and England has been temporarily discontinued are not officially confirmed.

The British newspapers print today two conflicting versions of the recent allied governments plan of reprisal.

London, Feb. 22.—The allied governments have not yet decided upon the precise attitude which it is proposed to adopt in retaliation against Germany's recently initiated belligerent policy, but a speedy agreement is expected. Replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Premier Asquith said:

"The allied governments are considering what action it would be proper to take in the way of reprisals against the German policy of attacking and destroying British allied and neutral merchant vessels, without warning and without an attempt being made to save the lives of civilians and innocent crews."

"Pending a decision, which I hope will very soon be announced, I cannot make a statement regarding the nature or scope of the measures to be taken."

As to the form in which the decisions will be published Premier Asquith said: "There certainly will be a note from Great Britain, and I hope there will be a joint one."

Canada a real and important part of the British Empire. The speeches were not along political lines but dealt generally with the great activities of the world today. Canada's trade, Canada's agricultural opportunities and the greater questions of the Empire welfare were ably dealt with by the speakers and all pre-

NO MOVE YET RUSSIANS PREPARE FOR ATTACK ON TURKISH CAPITAL

CONCENTRATING LARGE FORCES AT ODESSA READINESS TO SHIP THEM TO MIDIA ON BLACK SEA, 60 MILES FROM CONSTANTINOPLE — TURKS PREPARE TO RESIST ALLIES ENTRANCE INTO SEA OF MARMORA.

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 23.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung publishes an official despatch from Sofia which says the Russians are concentrating large forces at Odessa in readiness to ship them to Midia, on the Black Sea, 60 miles northwest of Constantinople, for an attack on Constantinople.

London, Feb. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says that the Turks, expecting the entrance of the Allies fleet into the Sea of Marmora, have sent troops and heavy artillery to all the islands in that sea.

MAJOR GENERAL HUGHES MAY GO TO BATTLE FRONT

Growing Opinion that Minister of Militia May Follow His Desire to See Active Service for the Empire.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The opinion is growing that Major General Sam Hughes will shortly announce his retirement from the office of Minister of Militia and proceed to England with the second contingent. It is well known that General Hughes, when war broke out, would have preferred to buckle on his sword and go with the first contingent, but he found that impossible owing to the mass of detail and organization work which confronted his department.

It is also known that the objections of Sir Robert Borden to his leaving Canada at the present time have weighed strongly with General Hughes, and it is just possible that he may still comply with the wishes of the prime minister and remain at the post of executive duty.

The Minister of Militia, however, has his department now working with the utmost smoothness. The mammoth task he had to undertake is largely done and an arrangement may be entered into whereby the portfolio may be kept open for him and this fighting veteran of the South African war and the Northwest rebellion allowed to take his place on the firing line.

UNPATRIOTIC GRITS WOULD ROB CANADA'S SOLDIERS OF VOTE

EVERY CONCEIVABLE OBJECTION TO GIVING SOLDIERS AT FRONT CHANCE TO VOTE IN EVENT OF ELECTION. PUT FORTH BY OPPOSITION, WHEN BILL IS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE TO GIVE MEMBERS OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCES CHANCE TO EXERCISE THEIR FRANCHISE.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Every conceivable objection that could be raised against giving the soldiers of Canada an opportunity to record their votes if an election occurs while they are fighting the battle of the Empire was put forward tonight by Liberal leaders, when A. R. Fripp's bill was under discussion. The purpose of this bill is to give that opportunity to the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and to the men who may be mobilized at different points of the Dominion, probably far from their homes.

Mr. Fripp pointed out the iniquity of disfranchising men who were themselves fighting for liberty and citizenship. Unless they passed such a measure they would take away this liberty from their own Canadian volunteers.

Then along came Hon. George F. Graham with a shallow cry that he was not opposing the measure and immediately called into criticism it and placed every obstacle in its way that his imagination could conceive. They could not preserve the secrecy of the ballot, he argued, and in any event it would be undesirable to sow the seed of discord amongst men who were fighting shoulder to shoulder. It would cause quarrelling, he exclaimed. Altogether he said the difficulties were tremendous.

Then Dr. Clark of Red Deer asked how Mr. Fripp proposed to have the men at the front "seized of the issue." He threw out some insinuations and hinted that the government had treated badly those who had gone to the war.

This brought Hon. Robert Rogers to his feet and in the course of a few pithy remarks he uttered significantly this warning: that he knew he expressed the earnest hopes and wishes of every member of the House when he said he hoped it would not be necessary to hold a general election before the termination of this war.

BELDRIDGE'S CARGO WAS FOR DUTCH GOV'T

Norwegian Steamer Torpedoed by German Submarine Now Anchored in the Thames

London, Feb. 23. 2.55 a. m.—The Norwegian tank steamer Beldrige, which was torpedoed several days ago near Folkestone by a German submarine, is now safely anchored in the Thames unloading her cargo. The Norwegian legation in London declares that her cargo was consigned to the Dutch government, thus disposing of the rumor that it was intended for Germany.

HON. MR. PERLEY MAKES REPLY

To Criticism for Appeal for Clothing and Comforts of Canadian Troops.

London, Feb. 22.—The cabled reports of Mr. Turriff's attack on Sir Geo. Perley in regard to the latter's appeal for clothing and comforts for the Canadian troops, on being brought to the Acting High Commissioner's notice, elicited the remark: "Everybody's doing it."

While declaring that he had no wish to make any explanation of an action of his unless requested by the government, Sir George Perley pointed out to the Montreal Gazette representative that the existence of scores of organizations designed to look after the comforts of the troops, whether Imperial or Colonial, indicated that the necessity of giving such help was proven, an outstanding instance was Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, to which no one would take exception.

Every one acquainted with military life knew that much depended upon the quartermasters. Some regiments had all they wanted, while others went short. Regarding the Canadian papers which had just arrived with reports of his visit to France, Sir George maintained silence, refusing to affirm or deny; but he commented on the indiscretions of the same papers in publishing the movements of the contingent which, he said, was also incorrect.

LYOYD'S INCREASE THE TRANS-ATLANTIC WAR RISK PREMIUMS

London, Feb. 23.—The Lloyd's underwriters have advanced war risk premiums on trans-Atlantic passages nearly one half. Coastal risks have also been increased. Lloyd's rate for trans-Atlantic passages is now from one and one-quarter to one and one-half per cent.

The government, however, continues to write business at its old rate of one and one-twentieth per cent.

PLAN TO HELP OPERA SINGERS IN DISTRESS

Committee Being Formed in Paris to Help Operatic People Suffering on Account of War.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A committee is being formed in Paris by patrons of music representing France, Great Britain, Russia, Belgium and the United States with the object of creating and endowing an institution for the relief of distressed opera singers, chorists and musicians. Forty opera houses in France and Belgium have been indefinitely closed.

Otto H. Kahn, chairman of the executive board of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, it is understood, is directing American participation in the plan. It is intended to convert one of the Parisian theatres into an operatic academy, in which Jean De Reszke and Henry Russell, director of the Boston Opera Company, will assist.

NO WORD IN HOLLAND OF THE EVELYN'S CREW

Dutch Marine Department Heard Nothing From Survivors of American Steamer Sunk by Mine off German Coast.

Berlin, Feb. 22 (via London).—Further reports concerning the sinking of the American steamer Evelyn yesterday off Borkum Island, in the North Sea, show that only one man of the crew lost his life. This man was frozen to death in a small boat after the sinking of the steamer.

The Evelyn, which sailed from New York, January 29, with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck two mines, but the crew had time to get into life boats. Some members of the crew were taken by a German ship to Hellgoland while the others were landed in Holland.

The Hague, via London, Feb. 22.—Inquiry of the coast guard stations in North Holland, have brought the reply that nothing has been seen or heard of that part of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn who were reported to have proceeded for Holland after the steamer was blown up. A very dense fog prevailed throughout yesterday and today along the coast.

The Dutch Marine Department also is without information concerning the missing men of the Evelyn's crew.

STEERING GEAR OF EMPRESS WAS IN GOOD ORDER

Pilot Who Steered Ill-fated C. P. R. Liner Out of Mersey on Last Trip Says.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—The hearing of the \$3,000,000 suit brought by the C. P. R. Company against the S. S. Storstad for the sinking of the Empress of Ireland, on May 29, will probably be finished before Mr. Justice Dunlop tomorrow. Considerable time was taken up in the case today by rebuttal evidence on the part of the plaintiff company, which sought to prove that while sinking, it was possible for the Empress to take a sheer and change her position in the St. Lawrence river and for her to be heading in a direction other than the one she was taking when the collision with the Storstad occurred.

Several pilots testified that the Empress steering gear was in good condition. Among these was Wm. George Harrison, of Liverpool, who had steered the Empress out of the Mersey on her last trip across the ocean.

At the inquiry into the disaster, presided over by Lord Mersey, a witness named Galway testified that the Empress steering gear was in bad order.

ENGLAND MAY PUT COTTON ON THE CONTRABAND LIST

London, Feb. 22.—The British government may reconsider its ruling permitting the entrance of cotton into Germany. This was intimated in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, Under Secretary for War.

Mr. Tennant stated that when the decision was reached not to make cotton contraband, the government believed that the requirements of Germany were already satisfied, but he added, "this attitude must be revised from time to time."

LOCAL MEMBERS ADDRESSED ST. JOHN CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hon. J. E. Wilson, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, L. P. D. Tilley, C. B. Lockhart and H. W. Woods, M. L. A.'s, in Interesting Speeches — A Rousing Meeting.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Hon. John E. Wilson, L. P. D. Tilley, M. L. A., C. B. Lockhart, M. L. A., and H. W. Woods, M. L. A., visited the St. John Conservative Club last evening and addressed the members. The meeting was a large one and showed the members strongly supporting the plan of the Conservative Government in its work of making

FIVE CIVILIANS IN CASAS KILLED BY BOMBS DROPPED FROM A ZEPPELIN

Ten Projectiles Dropped Into City by German Airship — Rhems Again Bombarded by Germans — French War Office Reports Small but Important Advances in the West.

Paris, Feb. 22 (via London, Feb. 23)—The official communication issued by the French War Office tonight tells of the bombardment of Calais by a Zeppelin dirigible, which dropped bombs and killed five civilians. The text of the communication follows:

"A Zeppelin airship bombarded Calais this morning. It dropped ten projectiles, which killed five persons belonging to the civil population, and caused some unimportant material damage.
"Our batteries demolished a heavy gun occupying a position near Lombartzyde. Between the Lys and the Aisne there has been effective practice by our artillery.
"The enemy violently bombarded Rhems Sunday night and Monday. The bombardment resulted in numerous victims, who represent the toll taken by the Germans for their defeats of the last few days.
"On the Souain-Beauejour front we have made progress, capturing a line of trenches and two woods, completely repulsing two particularly violent counter-attacks, taking numerous prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.
"In the Argonne our artillery and infantry have asserted their superiority, particularly near Fontaine-Aux-Charmes and Marie Therese, as well as at Bolant. Between the Argonne and the Meuse, our progress in the last two days at Cheppy Wood has been extended and consolidated.
"By fresh attacks at Les Eparges we have continued to gain ground. We now hold almost the whole of the enemy positions at Combres, southeast of Les Eparges, which is thus under our fire.
"At Bois-Bouchet, south of Les Eparges, a German attack has been repulsed.
"At Bois-Boule, in the forest of Apremont, we captured a trench.
"In Alsace we have captured the greater part of the village of Steesweier, of which we held only the outskirts yesterday."

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The total amount of trade in 1895 was \$224,000,000 while it had increased to \$1,129,000,000 in 1914. These figures indicated what was meant by the great increase in railways during the last few years in this country. There was not the building of the railways alone but the operation of them and this meant a big item in the welfare of the country.
Hon. Mr. Baxter pointed out that the volume of business had increased five times in twenty years and that meant a great increase in the transportation work on all lines.
He referred to the growth of St. John and Moncton and other places in the Maritime Provinces.
"When twenty years had brought about this enormous increase in Canadian trade," said the Attorney-General, "can you not see that the increase during the next twenty years will be much greater and should be multiplied by ten instead of five. The growth of trade is like that of a snow ball started rolling down a snowy hill, the further it goes the faster it grows. It is the same with trade."
"Should the trade even grow only ten times in the next twenty years how is it going to be handled? During a great part of the year trade cannot be taken out of the St. Lawrence. So it must come out through the Maritime Provinces and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the ports of St. John and Halifax must be benefited."
"There may be development in other ports. Some people say, wait, but you all will agree that we must provide for the future. The government of the country cannot equip these two ports fast enough or create new ports to handle the trade."
Hon. Mr. Baxter referred to the history of the growth of St. John; how it rose from 1895 with no wharves to the present fine system of wharves. Up to 1895 the winter port business was unknown to us.
"We had some hope and faith," said he, "and that faith has been well placed. The total of the trade through this port has increased. There have been some checks, but the general business has increased."
The work at Courtenay Bay had been carried on in spite of extreme difficulties, and while there might be a temporary lull in the work, eventually the new harbor would be completed. Railway building had also been temporarily paralyzed, but the Valley Railway had shown its usefulness and the traffic on part of the road so far surpassed the hopes of the men who brought the road into being.

PATRIOT PICTURE EXHIBIT NEARS CLOSE

Those Who Have Not Visited Exhibition in Art Club Rooms Should do so at Once.
The exhibit of Canadian art by Canadian artists, now being shown in the rooms of the St. John Art Club, would do well to remember that the time to do so is very short as the exhibit will close tomorrow night. Never before in this city has there been gathered together such a magnificent collection of paintings, and we are safe in saying it will be many years again before St. John people will have a chance to see such a splendid collection gathered under one roof. These paintings are the work of the best Canadian artists, and they have been donated by the artists to the Patriotic Fund, as the pictures are to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds to be given to the benefit of our brave soldier boys. Among the artists who have contributed to the exhibit are Patricia. The pictures are being exhibited in all the large Canadian cities and wherever so far shown they have been attended by thousands. Considering the beauty of the exhibit and the worthy object to which the proceeds are to be devoted, it will be strange indeed if the old Loyalist city of St. John doesn't contribute as large a share to the fund as other Canadian cities of similar size.

Rotarians to Halifax

Members of the St. John Rotary Club went to Halifax on the midnight express. They will be the guests of the Halifax Club today. They had a sleeper to themselves and will return Thursday. Those who went were A. P. Allingham, president; Stan. F. Jamieson, secretary; H. L. Gahner, H. C. Creighton, H. G. Marr, Dr. W. E. Bowley, C. Winter, Brown, R. H. Watt, M. Murray, Chas. Munro, F. A. Dyke, J. M. Roche, F. H. Quirt, H. C. Brown, H. B. Robinson, A. E. Everett, T. R. Smith, E. W. Wigmore, R. E. Armstrong, T. H. McGuire, John H. Bond, E. Clinton Brown, J. H. Farrell, E. C. Weyman, Dr. Merrill, W. A. Stuart and Rev. J. J. McCaskill.

UNPATRIOTIC GRITS WOULD ROB CANADA'S SOLDIERS OF BOTE

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Hon. Chas. Murphy Added to Committee on Army Boots.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—At the opening of the House of Commons the Speaker announced the return of Mr. Rochond, member-elect for Terrebonne county, in succession to the Hon. W. B. Nantel.
On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the name of Hon. Charles Murphy was added to the special committee on the investigation of army boots, in place of that of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who is absent through illness.
Hon. George F. Graham questioned the government in regard to a despatch from England, stating that wagons, harness, Ross rifles and other supplies had been abandoned at Salisbury Plain.
The prime minister replied that the Princess Patricia had been supplied with the British rifles because they had been brigaded with a British division. He was also informed by the Minister of Militia that the long Ross rifle was found unsuitable for cavalry, not because of any defect therein, but because of the difficulty of handling it on horseback. Sir Robert stated that the motor transports, he understood, had been ordered to be used for severe usage at Salisbury, and it was desirable that new motor-transports should be sent to the front. He had no detailed information as to the transports, and did not know of alleged abandonment of wagons and harness.
P. E. I. Representation in Commons.
The House passed a large number of unopposed motions for the production of papers, and took up the resolution of Mr. J. A. Hughes, of Prince Edward Island, that representation of Prince Edward Island in the House of Commons be fixed at a minimum of six members, that being the number with which the Island entered confederation.
Mr. Hughes, speaking of his motion, pointed out that the representatives of Prince Edward Island had insisted upon a representation of six members, and had been reduced to five until, as they thought, the interests of the Island had been safeguarded in this respect. It was clear that they thought the arrangements entered into at the time of confederation were a permanent one. Mr. Hughes urged the Parliament to treat the Island generously, and argued that no serious departure from the principle of representation would be involved.
Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, of North Cape Breton, said that while the solution did not appear so easy to a lawyer, the courts having decided against the claim of Prince Edward Island, it was a resolution which was possible for parliament to take action.
Mr. Angus A. McLean, of Queen's P. E. Island, reminded the House that last year the Redistribution Committee had recommended that an address be presented to the Imperial Parliament to have the British North America Act so amended that no province should have fewer members than it has Senators. The Senate, however, had declined to accept the resolution which had been attached to the Redistribution Bill, to provide that it was not to come into force until after the next election. This had killed the resolution, as the amendment was, of course, refused. Why, asked Mr. McLean, had Mr. Hughes not endeavored to influence some of his friends in the Senate at this time. Mr. McLean suggested to Sir Robert Borden that the resolution should be attached to the Redistribution Bill instead of to a resolution in regard to western senators, it would have passed the Senate.
Senate Killed It.
Sir Robert Borden contended that the report of the Redistribution Committee, recommending that the representation in the Commons for any province should not be less than in the Senate, should have been accepted, unless there were cogent reasons for otherwise acting in regard to it. He placed the responsibility for the killing of the resolution upon the Senate alone. The Prime Minister, in conclusion, promised to consider Mr. McLean's suggestion that the resolution be re-introduced this session.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier recalled that this question has been discussed in parliament as long ago as 1881, and since then all governments and parties had dealt with it. Last year he had told the House the only way in which it could deal with the question was through the Imperial government. Prince Edward Island was not the only sufferer, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick having also sustained a reduction in representation. At the same time Sir Wilfrid maintained that representation by population was fair and just, and that the resolution proposed last session was a fair compromise. "It seems to me," he said, "our friends from the Maritime Provinces should be satisfied that in passing that resolution we have dealt with the question fairly."
Mr. Hughes had pointed out that the Senate's action was solely confined to asking that the Senatorial increase from the western provinces come into effect only at the dissolution of the present parliament. The resolution was declared lost.
Militia Matters.
Some two score questions, relating principally to matters affecting the Department of Militia and Defence, were answered by the government in the Commons this afternoon. Major General Hughes furnished the principal answer. He told Mr. Turritt that 62,363 razors had been bought by

Says Villa 'Would Take Mexico in Two Weeks if He Knew How Badly Prepared U. S. is For War'

Washington, Feb. 22.—War and preparedness for war were the sole topics of discussion today in congress, the Senate debating the Army Bill and the House working on appropriations for coast fortifications. Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate military committee, gave notice that legislation for an army of 250,000 men and a reserve system would be taken up at the next session.
"With re-organization along these lines," said he, "the United States will be in position to meet dangers within or without the nation."
In the House, Representative Gardner declared that at the present rate it would be eighteen years before coast defence guns had sufficient ammunition for an hour's engagement and that the coast fortifications could be taken from the rear.
Mexico figured much in the Senate debate. Senator Norris suggested that if General Villa knew how unprepared the United States was for war he would take the country in two weeks. Senator Fall declared a situation had developed in Mexico similar to that as a result of which the French established Maximilian on a throne. Should the United States be drawn into the European war, he declared, Mexico would furnish an inviting base from which it could be attacked.

TO ELIMINATE POLITICS FROM CIVIL SERVICE

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Complete disenfranchisement of the members of the civil service, inside and outside, is the purpose of a bill which Andrew Broder, M. P., for Dundas, introduced in Commons today. He did not explain the measure to the House, preferring to delay the formal explanation until the bill has been printed and is in the hands of the members.
In a chat which The Standard representative had with Mr. Broder, the member for Dundas said he was taking steps to disenfranchise the members of the service after consultation with a number of leading members of the House. He said that the measure was to attain its greatest efficiency, such a step would have to be taken. He had found that the most responsible civil servants were anxious to have politics eliminated, and the only way to accomplish this was to take away the voting power of every individual connected with the service who earned what might be called a living wage paid by the government.
Applies to Municipal Politics.
Mr. Broder's bill will apply not only to the federal civil service, but also to the municipal, provincial and county civil servants, but to votes for the legislatures, but not to votes for the legislatures, wanted to know how the soldiers could be apprised of the issue.
Mr. Fripp replied that as they and their families were concerned, the men at the front might be set off by the news of the issue, to a great extent than the people at home. Moreover the majority of the soldiers were in communication with friends at home.
Mr. Burnham of Peterboro: "There is nothing in the statute to require an elector to know one blooming thing which is going on in the country." (Laughter.)
All that was required was that the voter be a British subject, of the full age of 21 years, and a resident of the constituency.
Mr. Edmund Froulx, Prescott, thought the proposal might be feasible if there were clear cut issues, but felt that it would be difficult to devise machinery to enable the soldiers to cast their votes intelligently.
Hon. Robert Rogers said that it was to be hoped that it might not be necessary to have a general election before the termination of the war. However, it was a time of rapid changes, and it was necessary to have a general election for such changes. Therefore Mr. Fripp's suggestion was deserving of careful consideration. He was sure that in the event of a general election, no one would like to see a good citizen who had gone to the front, in defence of the flag and country, his right to vote.
Hon. George P. Graham expressed the earnest hope that there would be no necessity for a general election in Canada until the war was concluded. He agreed that Canada's volunteers should be allowed to exercise their franchise. But he could not see a possible way of enforcing the Election Act among the men in the trenches and in the field, and did not know whether it would be wise to throw controversial questions into the midst of the Canadian troops.
Committee to Deal With Matter.
Sir Robert Borden said that the government had not had much opportunity for discussing Mr. Fripp's proposal. He could foresee difficulties in the way of carrying on an election among soldiers at the front, but was convinced that the subject should command careful consideration. He moved that the matter be referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Northrup, MacLean, Halifax; Murphy, Carvell, Robb, Bennett, Calgary; and Doherty. His motion was adopted.
Following the discussion on Mr. Fripp's proposal the House went into supply on the estimates of the Marine Department. During the discussion of various items, Hon. Geo. P. Graham said he had seen the statement in a Montreal paper that an official of the Marine Department had conducted an examination into the curpents in the St. Lawrence, in connection with the Empire of Ireland disaster. When asked by C. P. R. officials for information in this regard, he had declined to give it, stating he had been engaged by the Hon. J. D. Hazen, in connection with the report only to them. Mr. Graham wished to know why information secured by a government official was available for a Norwegian company, and not for a Canadian one. In reply, Hon. J. D. Hazen promised to secure information, and bring the matter up again.
After a number of items were passed the House adjourned at 10.30.

was decided to have no managing director during the coming year. The directors were given a salary of \$15 a year while the secretary and treasurer were to receive \$15 additional. The meeting was rather stormy in places and the minutes of the last annual meeting were not read until after the bylaws were amended. The new board of directors as selected last evening were:—George W. Mullin, M. J. Doney, M. D. Brown, J. Stout, W. H. Allingham, George Chamberlain, A. G. Gregory. The officers will be selected at a later meeting. Mr. Gregory was chairman last night.

Policeman Joins Benedict's
A happy event of considerable interest took place last evening at the residence of Policeman Fred W. Storm, at 11 Pine street, when this popular patrolman was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Irene West. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson in the presence of a large number of friends. The bridemaid was Miss A. N. Storm, sister of the groom, while the groomsmen were Sigs. A. Waldron of the 26th Battalion. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. After the ceremony a wedding feast was partaken of, after which a pleasant evening was spent by the guests. The policeman at the Central Police Station last evening were each presented with a choice of cigars. The officiating officer did not forget his brother policemen, but presented them with a box of choice smokes in honor of the occasion.

AUSTRIA
Vienna, via London, Feb. 22.—The following official communication was issued tonight:
"Along the front in Russian Poland and West Galicia only artillery duels and infantry skirmishes have taken place.
"In the Carpathians numerous attacks have been made, and there have been attacks also in the western sector, mostly at night. All these attempts to penetrate our lines are required with great losses to the enemy."
BORN.
MALCOLM—On February 22, 1915, at East St. John, to Rev. and Mrs. William Wallace Malcolm a daughter.

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FRENCH OFFICER AND A FEW FOLLOWERS RISK DEATH TO PRESENT INSULT TO BRITISH COMRADES.

Germans in Trenches Opposite Put up Banner Insulting English—Frenchmen Raid Enemy's Ground and Riddle Offending Sign—Swiss Doctor Describes Case of German Brutality He Witnessed in War Zone.

London, Feb. 22.—In a letter to his sister in England, a young French officer on service in the neighborhood of St. Mihiel, recently promoted for gallantry on the field of battle, tells this story: "The Germans could think of nothing better to do a few days ago than to put on the walls of their barracks a large placard of white cotton, on which was written: 'Mardi 14 Mars Franco batte l'Angleterre.' Our trenches are from 50 to 90 metres from those of the 'Boches' and with glasses it was easy to read the placard. In the evening I was on patrol with three good fellows if my half section, and we crawled towards the German lines till we were within twenty-five metres or so; and we hid ourselves in a big hole made by a shell. I said to my men: 'I have given you socks, gloves, cigarettes and other things. You know where they came from—they were sent from England. I want to see no more of that placard. Let us do away with it. We have our rifles; let us put some shots through and destroy it.' The thing was done. I gave the order to fire, and in three minutes only some shreds of the stuff remained. The worst of it was that our fire provoked a terrible fusillade along the whole length of the line. We dropped into the shell hole and waited till the firing had finished—about half an hour—and then we regained our own trenches. My lieutenant greeted me with 'So it was you who started



WAR ZONE INCLUDES COASTS OF BRITISH ISLES AND OF NORTHERN FRANCE. THE war zone proclaimed by Germany includes the entire coasts of all the British Isles and the coast of Northern France, including the English Channel. In these waters already the following ships have been sunk, indicated by numbers on the map:—1—Amiral Ganteaume, October 21; 2—Mascotte, November 22; 3—Primo, November 23; 4—Durward, January 23; 5—Tosca, January 23; 6—Toko Maru, January 23; 7—Linda Bianca; 8—Ben Cruchan; and 9—Kilcoan, all sunk January 23; 10—Ville de Lille, and 11—Delwich, sunk on February 14, and 12—Clitra, sunk on October 12.

AN ENEMY'S TRIBUTE TO BRITISH SOLDIER

The Die Zukunft, a political review, edited and published in Berlin by Herr Maximilian Harden, prints the following: "The English army has discredited many of the prejudices of the tacticians against mercenaries. In the British Isles there are plenty of professions bringing in good money. If a man voluntarily joins the army instead of becoming a clerk, agent, games-professional, or jobber, then it is pleasure in his work that raises a man's achievements above the average. On German soil, England is still rightly hated, but the German warrior spirit, just in its appreciation, has over and over again raised the courage, stamina, and shooting skill of the English. The beggars are artists. Show them two fingers above the edge of the trench, and they hit the mark. Dum-dum bullets? Certainly! Still such things as bombs, arrows, arrows from the sky, benzol, 'Minerwerfer' hardly appertain to the armoury of pious knights. Tommy has amazed us. We thought that something ridged colour was on its way to us from the other side of the water. Now every one takes him seriously. Twice, three times wounded, he fights on. And when in a hand-to-hand struggle has reached the end of his tether, he tears open his tunic and with bared breast, flings himself on the glittering steel. Such fighting is worth the doing."

At a meeting held at the Mansion House, London, a few weeks back for the purpose of raising funds to provide bands for the new units of British army, Mr. Rudyard Kipling delivered a speech on the influence of music which has attracted much attention. Mr. Kipling in the course of his speech remarked that the new regiments "were quite rightly born in silence, but that it is no reason why they should walk in silence for the rest of their lives. At present, unfortunately, most of them are obliged to walk in silence or to march with more worthy music for their help, and comfort and honor."

SIX HUNDRED MOTOR AMBULANCES NOW IN WESTERN WAR ZONE

London, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons this week Albert Smith, M. P., a member of the Labor party, appeared on the floor in the uniform of Lord Kitchener's new army, while Sir Herbert Raphael, M. P., one of the wealthiest members of the House came in the uniform of a private soldier. The fleet of British motor-ambulances in France and Flanders has now reached six hundred and is still expanding at the rate of forty cars a week, an average which has been maintained ever since the middle of September.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson

BUDGET OF ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The provincial budget brought down in the legislature this afternoon shows a deficit for the past year on the ordinary account of \$697,928, with total receipts standing at \$11,121,332, and expenditures at \$11,819,310. The ordinary account, in addition to the capital account, brings the total receipts and expenditure balancing at \$22,196,758. The expenditure for the year on capital account was \$8,501,641. The year opened with cash on hand \$2,286,695, and closed with cash on hand, \$1,575,805. The year's receipts included: Department of Lands, Forests and Mines, \$2,340,657.07; succession duties, \$1,996,818.38; public institutions, \$376,483.74; Hydro-Electric Power Commission, \$316,483.74; Temiskaming and North-Western Railway, \$250,000; consolidated revenue fund, \$344,491.17; corporation tax account, \$1,386,308.

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT NEEDS COPPER CARGES SEIZED BY ENGLAND

Urgently Needed to Fill Government Contracts. London, Feb. 22.—The seizure of a considerable quantity of unwrought copper for Sweden, which was brought over in two neutral and three British ships, came up before the prize court today. The counsel for the Swedish company said he was authorized by the Swedish minister to say that the copper was urgently needed in Sweden in order to fill government contracts. He asked for an undertaking by the British government that the government, which had requisitioned the copper, would not use it before a legal settlement was reached. The Attorney-General said the British government, while it was prepared to act reasonably in the matter, could not give such an undertaking. If the Swedish minister desired to make any representations, he added, he must do so through the foreign office. The case was adjourned on the application of the Attorney-General.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES WILL ACT ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE

London, Feb. 22.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from Copenhagen, says that the conference between the representatives of the Scandinavian governments over the situation created by Germany's submarine blockade was begun today but that the questions at issue were so important that it will probably be prolonged tomorrow. The despatch adds that it is understood that the Scandinavian countries are not planning to act in concert with Holland and the United States as the interests of the latter countries are entirely different from those of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

DRUMS FOR OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Women's Canadian Club Will Make Presentation Today at Noon. Regimental drums will be presented to Lieutenant Colonel McAvery for the 26th Battalion today at noon by members of the Women's Canadian Club. The drums were on exhibition in the window of Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., King street. They are two bass drums, each emblazoned with the crest of the battalion. It had been the intention of the club at first to present colors to the battalion, but owing to militia regulations it was decided to give the drums. One drum will be for the Pipe and Drum band, and the other for the Bugle Corps. It is expected that many will be present at the Armory today at noon when the drums are presented. The following inscription is on the drums: "Presented to the 26th New Brunswick Expeditionary Force, upon their leaving St. John for active service overseas, by the Women's Canadian Club of St. John, N. B., February, 1915."

MRS. JAS. ROSS DIED AT MONTREAL YESTERDAY

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Mrs. James Ross widow of Hon. Lieutenant Col. James Ross and mother of Lieut. J. K. L. Ross of the naval forces at Halifax, died this afternoon at her residence, 369 Peel street, Montreal, after a brief illness.

QUICK HELP FOR CHEST SORENESS! ALL CONGESTION MADE TO GO QUICKLY!

Worst Cold or Sore Throat Cured in Quick Order. RUB ON NERVILINE For nearly forty years Nerviline has been quickly curing colds, coughs and throat troubles. Thousands use it for rheumatism, sciatica and neuralgia—they all speak of this grand family liniment, because they have proved its almost magical power. Whenever you have an ache or pain, be it neuralgia, sciatica, lumbago, joint or muscle stiffness, always remember that Nerviline is the quickest, safest cure. Every good dealer in medicine sells the large size family size bottle of Nerviline, trial size 35c, or direct from the Catarthozos Co., Kingston, Canada.

EAT SPARINGLY, KAISER'S ADVICE TO HIS SUBJECTS

During visit to East few days ago, said he expects loyal Germans to reduce their rations during war

Berlin, via London, Feb. 22.—A special despatch to the Zeitung Am Mittag from Koenigsberg says that Emperor William, during his visit to Loetzen, East Prussia, at the time of the recent operations, spoke of the necessity of dealing sparingly with food supplies. He said he expected of every German that he would restrict the consumption of food as much as possible, particularly potatoes, which the Emperor said under no circumstances, should be used as food for horses.

AMBASSADOR OF KAISER DENIES HE WAS EXPELLED FROM MEXICO

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 22.—Heinrich Von Eckardt, Ambassador of Germany to Mexico, arrived here today from Vera Cruz on board the Norwegian steamship Imperator. He said he was en route to New Orleans and New York on business and expected to return to his post in Mexico. He denied stories told by fellow passengers that he had been expelled at the direction of General Carranza.

FEET AREN'T ACHING OR TIRED NOW—"TIZ"

It's grand for sore, swollen, sweaty, calloused feet and corns.

"How 'TIZ' does help sore feet."

Good-bye sore feet, burning feet, swollen feet, smelly feet, tired feet, good-bye corns, callouses, bunions and raw spots. No more shoe tightness, no more limping with pain or drawing up your face in agony. "TIZ" draws out all the poisonous excretions which puff up the feet. Use "TIZ" and wear smaller shoes. Use "TIZ" and forget your foot misery. Ah! how comfortable your feet feel. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" now at any drugist or department store. Don't suffer. Have good feet, glad feet, feet that never swell, never hurt, never get tired. A year's foot comfort guaranteed or money refunded.

What to Do to Get Fat and Increase Weight.

The Real Cause of Thinness. A Physician's Advice. Most thin people eat from food to six pounds of good solid fat-making food every day and still do not increase in weight one ounce, while on the other hand many of the plump, chunky folks eat very lightly and keep gaining all the time. It's all down to this: that this is the nature of the individual. It isn't Nature's way at all. Thin folks stay thin because their powers of assimilation are defective. They absorb just enough of the food they eat to maintain life and a semblance of health and strength. Stuffing won't help them. A dozen meals a day won't make them gain a single "stay there" pound. All the fat-producing elements of their food just stay in the intestines until they pass through the body as waste. What such people need is something that will prepare these fatty food elements so that their blood can absorb them and deposit them all about the body—something, too, that will multiply their red blood corpuscles and increase their blood's carrying power. For such a condition I always recommend eating a Sargol tablet with every meal. Sargol is not, as some believe, a patented drug, but is a scientific combination of six of the most effective and powerful flesh building elements known to chemistry. It is absolutely harmless, yet wonderfully effective and a single tablet eaten with each meal often has the effect of increasing the weight of a thin man or woman from three to five pounds a week. Sargol is sold by all good druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee of weight increase or money back.

LOOK!

If you were told of a new discovery for the treatment of coughs, colds and bronchitis, as certain in its action on all chest troubles as anti-toxin is on diphtheria, or vaccination on small-pox, wouldn't you feel like giving it a trial? Especially if you could try it for fifty cents!

Peps is the discovery!

Peps is a little tablet, nicely wrapped in air and germ-proof silver foil. They contain certain medicinal ingredients, which, when placed upon the tongue, immediately pass into your system, and are at once breathed down the air passages to the lungs. On their journey, they soothe the inflamed and irritated membranes of the bronchial tubes, the delicate walls of the air passages, and finally enter and carry relief and healing to the capillaries and tiny air sacs in the lungs.

In a word, while no liquid or solid can get to the lungs and air passages, these Peps fumes get there direct, and as soon commence their work of healing.

Peps are entirely distinct from the old-fashioned liquid cough cures, which are merely swallowed into the stomach, and never reach the work of healing.

Most of coughs and colds is direct treatment.

If you have not yet tried Peps, cut out this article, write across it the name and date of this paper, and mail it (with 10c. stamp to pay return postage) to Peps Co., Toronto. A few trial packets will then be sent you. All druggists and stores sell Peps at 50c. box.

TWO NERVOUS WOMEN

Made Well By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Philadelphia, Pa.—"I had a severe case of nervous prostration, with palpitation of the heart, constipation, headaches, dizziness, noise in my ears, timid, nervous, restless feelings and sleeplessness. I read in the paper where a young woman had been cured of the same troubles by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound so I threw away the medicines the doctor left me and began taking the Compound. Before I had taken half a bottle I was able to sit up and in a short time I was able to do all my work. Your medicine has proved itself able to do all you say it will and I have recommended it in every household I have visited."—Mrs. MARY JOHNSTON, 210 Siegel Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Another Bad Case. Ephrata, Pa.—"About a year ago I was down with nervous prostration. I was pale and weak and would have hysterical spells, sick headaches and a bad pain under my shoulder-blade. I was under the care of different doctors but did not improve. I wrote to see if I could hardly stand long enough to do my dishes. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me well and happy and I have begun to gain in weight and my face looks healthy now."—Mrs. J. W. HOFFMEYER, R. No. 3, Ephrata, Pa.

DANDRUFF SOON RUINS THE HAIR

Makes It Lifeless, Dull, Dry, Brittle and Thin. Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff, for it will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't. It doesn't do much good to try to brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid astringent; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it. You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop, and your hair will be silky, fluffy, lustreous, soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid astringent at any drug store. It is inexpensive and four ounces is all you will need, no matter how much dandruff you have. This simple remedy never fails.

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

A NOTABLE VOLUNTEER.

The Standard this morning publishes a despatch from its correspondent in Ottawa in which there is the suggestion that Major General the Honorable Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, may, after all, yield to his desire to serve the Empire on the firing line and so with the second Canadian contingent to the front. It is not known whether General Hughes has already made his mind up to this effect but if so it would only be in line with his statement to the men of the First Contingent at Camp Valcartier and which he repeated while in England. He then said it was his heartfelt desire to go with the Canadian lads into the fight for freedom in which the Empire is engaged, and he more than half promised that, although he was unable to leave Canada at that time, he would be with them before the campaign ended.

It will be remembered that the Canadian Minister of Militia saw service in South Africa and, on that occasion, won high praise from no less a military hero than Lord Kitchener for excellent work accomplished. Those who have the pleasure of acquaintance with General Hughes know the deep and self-sacrificing love he has for the British Empire and all things pertaining to it, and the spirit of robust Imperialism has been a dominant force in his life and career. In the cabinet position to which he has been called he has done work little short of marvelous and has already earned the deep gratitude and thanks of all Canadians, and should he now decide that it is his duty to go even beyond the important office of Minister of Militia and serve the Empire flag on the firing line in France, to which several members of his family have already gone, Canada can hardly say him nay.

PEACE TALK.

A noteworthy despatch from Berlin to an Italian newspaper emphasizes what it terms "the excellent military position of Germany," and then, as an apparent afterthought, naively remarks that the Kaiser's Government, recognizing that the German people "feel seriously the consequences of the war," has, therefore, "modified materially" the views on peace conditions to be "imposed." On the face of it this appears to be merely another case of Prussian "bluff." No one, not even the most pronouncedly pro-German observer, can seriously imagine at this time that Germany will have much to say regarding the imposition of peace terms. That question will be settled by gentlemen disinclined to look with favor upon Berlin's wishes. Peace will come not because the Prussian militarists are graciously disposed to grant terms, but because they will be glad to accept what terms they can get as the only chance of saving a vestige of the present empire. The nature of that settlement, we imagine, will be determined by London and Paris and Petrograd, after due consideration of the interests not only of Prussia but of the civilized world as well.

It is futile to attempt to speculate on the concessions to be demanded of Prussia as the price of peace. Concessions there must be and undoubtedly they will be sweeping, but it is assured that in the terms to be "imposed" ample safeguards will be erected to provide against a repetition of any policy of German aggression which is likely to disturb the peace of the world for many years to come. The present war has been the most terrible and costly both in blood and treasure which history has ever known. Upon the representatives of the Allied Powers who will determine the nature of its settlement will devolve the duty of guaranteeing to a strife-weary world that there shall never be another. And they are likely to discharge that duty thoroughly.

THAT TRACADIE MEETING

Mr. A. J. Witzel, M. P. P. of Tracadie enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of his county and province who know him to be a just and honest man. He was at the Tracadie meeting, some weeks ago, at which Mr. Turgeon, M. P. for the county of Gloucester, made certain remarks which came with very poor grace from a member of the Canadian Parliament. Had Mr. Witzel desired to talk politics, or to tolerate the truce alleged to be existing between the two political parties, it would have been an easy matter for him to have written at that time an account of the meeting for the newspapers, and thus publish Mr. Turgeon's effort weeks before it eventually saw the light. But Mr. Witzel treated the member for Gloucester,

and the Grit organizer for that portion of the province with the contempt they deserved, and it was not until some time later that The Standard learned from another source that Mr. Turgeon had been guilty of disloyal expressions in addressing a meeting where his hearers were British subjects.

At once the Telegraph, through an anonymous correspondent, shrieked to the skies that the venerable M. P. had not said the things with which The Standard credited him, and Mr. Turgeon, himself, arose in his place in the House of Commons and solemnly declared he had been misquoted. Mr. P. J. Veniot also utilized the columns of the Telegraph for a hysterical production in which he made a number of deliberate misstatements and indulged in a typical Grit play for sympathy.

This morning The Standard publishes a letter from Mr. Witzel who, having been drawn into the matter, was bound to tell the truth, even at the risk of arousing some political feeling. Mr. Witzel plainly and unmistakably says that the statements which The Standard credited to Mr. Turgeon were actually made by Mr. Turgeon, his denial and the Telegraph's hysteria notwithstanding. Others at the Tracadie meeting also declare The Standard's report was correct. It is now up to Mr. Turgeon and the Telegraph. In the light of Mr. Witzel's plain and truthful communication, their replies will be awaited with interest.

DON'T HAMPER THE SURGEONS.

Judged from the standpoint of results the blockade of British ports by German submarines has not been a pronounced success. Up to last night the losses reported comprised but a few small steamers, and at least one of these fell victim to a mine in the North Sea, which might have been floating several days or weeks before Berlin's threat was put into execution. Of the vessels lost, one was of American registry and another Norwegian, while the smallest of all carried the British flag.

Consideration of these facts leads one to question what attitude the United States and Norway will adopt; if, during the next week or ten days, their vessels suffer as much damage as those owned by nations with which Germany is at war? We believe that the great burden of sentiment and opinion in Canada will be found on the side of the United States maintaining her neutrality in the present crisis. Her help is not needed by the Allies and will not be offered to Germany. If, however, it should happen that American shipping and American interests are so greatly injured as to force that country to don the grim panoply of war, that very act is more than likely to hasten cessation of hostilities and, possibly, militate against the attainment of the goal of Great Britain, France and Russia.

Faced by Italy, Norway, the United States and Roumania, in addition to the forces now arrayed against her, Germany could well find ready excuse for sheathing the sword on the ground that she could not fight the whole world and, by putting a comparatively early end to the conflict, save her pride if not her treasure. In the interests of civilization and humanity it, possibly, is desirable that war should end speedily, but it would be folly to conclude peace before the desired condition had been reached, and all will grant it is most necessary that the lesson taught to Germany and Austria shall be so severe as to have lasting effect. This is not a war of conquest or aggression but was entered upon for the maintenance of a principle; that principle can be best maintained when unfriendly nations are rendered powerless to violate it. Germany must undergo a capital operation in order to be cured and anything that might tend to hamper the surgeons should be discouraged.

For Idle Moments

Attention was recently called in the House of Representatives at Washington, to the absurdity of some of the bulletins of the public health department, and as an example of this, mention was made of one bulletin, written by a surgeon receiving a \$5,000 salary, telling in detail of the importance of remembering one's age. The good doctor said: "A capital way to fix one's birth-date in the mind is to put it into some simple nursery jingle." The idea is distinctly original, and should provide the opportunity for many an effusion that might bring everlasting fame to the rhymist who has had the

misfortune to be born. Something like this might fill the bill:
What ho! I was born in '64,
And this I mustn't forget,
On the first of March I started my kicks
And, be jabbers, I'm kicking yet.

An exchange gives the following useful advice to the seeker after health: "If you would continue in good health, it is absolutely necessary that you get up early in the morning. Before undertaking any work, certainly before attempting to break your fast, you should know the open air and breathe deeply for several minutes. You may then be seated quietly for a few minutes indoors before returning to the open and repeating inhalation; this time for a somewhat longer period. The alternation between inhalation and rest cannot well be repeated too often. The result will be, in almost every case, a feeling of exhilaration; you will feel, as it were, fired for strenuous work." That word "fired" seems all right, dear reader. If you occupy too much time over that inhalation stunt, however, you will certainly know the true significance of that word "fired." Ask your employer.

"In no circumstances," says the author of a nice little book entitled, "Proper ways of living," is a man justified in giving way to violent paroxysms of anger. The consequent contortions of the face are dreadful to witness. This kind of talk may sound well, but it won't do. The spectacle of a man, after receiving, for instance, a bumping whack on the head with a mallet, or other convenient weapon, gently remarking, "Dear me, how very inconvenient," or something equally tame, would no doubt refresh, but is never likely to be witnessed. Most will hold that the victim would be quite justified in protesting the contortion act upon the ground, if any plea were required, that he was merely altering the shape of his face to match the alteration of the shape of his brain region.

Most of us have at time felt much interested in the seeming strangeness of the names of foreign personages. We have been delighted to know, for instance, that the Celestial who does our washing is named Ho Yu On Wu, the latter name being especially pleasing as signifying, it may be assumed, that the gentleman is an avoilder of strong drink. But a police case recently reported "out West" is worth referring to as bringing prominently to notice a trio of Chinamen bearing the names of Hang Me, Hu Li and Ho Lo respectively. The former had charged the two others with assaulting him with sticks (not chopsticks) after a game at cards. Yu Li said that Liang Me was not speaking the truth about the alleged assault, and that the complaint had appealed to the law as a sort of retaliation for losing his money. All three names seem to fit in well with the little drama, but Ho Lo, it is suggested, might very appropriately make his name a little longer by the addition of Jack Game.

The Boys in Khaki

Old England's sound is calling,
Across the deep blue sea,
Atlantic's waves resounding,
Echo that call to me.
And every true Canadian,
With loyal heart responds,
And shoulders bravely each his gun,
And uniform he dons.
A fond farewell so quickly o'er,
A parting sigh and tear,—
Our soldier boy has gone to war,
Without a thought of fear.
A tall, courageous lad is he,
So his, so bold, so brave a reply,
Who goes to war quite willingly,
His country's rights to save.

On battlefields in Germany,
On the sunny France,
Bright visions of his land so free,
And of his honor dance.
And with these thoughts to cheer him,
He fights on, as he sees,
His dear old flag in near him,
A-lying in the breeze.
But look! the standard-bearer,
Has fallen from a ball,
Our soldier boy, strong and true,
Saves bearer, flag and all.
And 'midst the roar of cannon
He holds the flag on high,
And shouts to those around him,
"We'll win, or else we die."

Then give three cheers for Canada
And the boys in khaki, too,
Who never shirk, but do their work,
With courage, strength and true.
Of all the soldiers in the world,
They are the best of all,
Who keep the Union Jack unfurled
And never let it fall.
—Estella Irene Fox, 16 years of age.

THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Girls! Try it! Your hair gets soft, fluffy and luxuriant at once.

If you care for heavy hair, that glitters with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderuff.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scour robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots furnish, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast.

Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.
My cousin Sue stayed at our house for supper last night, having tumbled to soap and roast beef and different things, and after supper I and Sue stood in the parlor watching the automobiles go by, sum going by side and sum going by fast, sum standing in wunn window and Sue standing in the uthir wun, and Sue sed, Im going to have a awtomobel wen I gro up, I am. Yes you are, I sed. Meening she wasent.
Yes I am, to, Im going to marry a man with 2 awtomobels, sed Sue.
You any think you are, wy dont you marry wun with 5 wile yure about it, I sed.
I will if I want to, and I want to you in any of them, sed Sue.
Wat do I care, I sed, Im going to have a awtomobel wen I gro up.
A reel awtomobel, sed Sue.
Yes, a reel awtomobel with a enjin and a steering weel, and awl, I sed.
Id rathir have 5 awtomobels than awtomobel, sed Sue.
That shows how much you no, I sed, youd look fine trying to fly up in the air in a awtomobel, wodent you?
Ill give you a ride in wun of my awtomobels if you take me up in yure awtomobel, sed Sue.
No sir, you dont get in this awtomobel, I sed, and Sue sed, I will so, and I sed, No you wont, eathir, and Sue sed, I will, I will. Yelling it so loud that pop cam in the larier, saying, Heer, heer, wats awl this you loud.
Benny wont let me in his awtomobel, sed Sue.
Benny, get out of that awtomobel, sed Pop.
Yes sir, I sed.
Are you out, sed pop.
Yes sir, I sed.
Yes sir, I sed, sed pop. And he went out of the parlor agen and me and Sue played we was submerrens till we nocked over 2 chares and then we went out in the street so we wodent heer pop calling us.

OBITUARY.

Miss Margaret Louise Neales
The funeral of Miss Margaret Louise Neales, eldest daughter of the Rev. Canon Neales of Sussex, took place on Friday afternoon, the first part of the service being held at Trinity Church, Sussex, and statement taking place in the graveyard attached to the Church of Ascension, Apohaqui. The services, which were most impressive, were conducted by the Rev. Canon Smithers, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Darul, Rural Dean of Kingston. The other clergy present were the Rev. G. F. Scovill, St. John; C. G. Lawrence, Kingston; W. B. Hibbard, Rochester; Canon Hanington, Norton; W. J. Wilkinson, Springfield; F. J. LeRoy, St. Martins; F. Gaskell, Waterford; R. Coleman, Peticodiac, and C. A. Warneford, Johnston. The Bishop of Fredericton wrote expressing his deep regret that absence from the diocese prevented him being present. The hymns sung on the occasion were: "Till the hills around, do I lift up my longing eyes; Lord, hear watch thy Church is keeping; and Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face. The Nun-Dimitis was chanted at the close of the service. The very large attendance of the friends of the deceased young lady was an eloquent testimony to the regard in which she was held by the whole community; a further tribute to which was the very large number and the beauty of the floral offerings which were received from near and far. Among the out-of-town friends who attended were Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the U. N. B., and Mrs. W. D. Forster of St. John, representing the executive of the Women's Auxiliary.

The deaths of few young people have caused more widespread expressions of sympathy than has that of Miss Neales, sympathy which was all the more pronounced in consequence of the patient resignation with which she bore the painful illness which has ended so tragically. While only twenty-four years of age, she had already exhibited decided literary tastes, and those who were best acquainted with her did not hesitate to forecast for her a brilliant future. After a very distinguished course at Edrehill College, Windsor, Miss Neales entered the University of New Brunswick, and at the time of her death was in her senior year. Of a bright and amiable disposition, she soon endeared herself to her fellow students as she did to

HALIFAX HAS \$6,000 FIRE

Halifax, Feb. 22.—Fire this afternoon in Brander, Morris and Company's store on Harrington street, did \$5,000 damage to the stock of house furnishings and \$1,000 damage to the building. The blaze started in the shipping department near the elevator and made rapid progress. Three alarms were sounded, and the fire was extinguished, the heaviest damage being caused by water.

You Will Have to Shake Your Rubbers for this Dry fine weather. Our February sale of Fresh Present Style Footwear Affords you the opportunity.

Men's Finest Winter Calf, Leather Lined, Double Sole, \$6.50 and \$5.00. Boots, Black or Tan . . . \$5.00
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Men's Black or Tan \$4.50 and \$4.00. Boots . . . \$3.50
Men's \$3.75 and \$3.50 Boots . . . \$3.00
Men's \$3.25 and \$3.00 Boots . . . \$2.50
Ladies' High Cut, Dark Tan, Double Sole \$6.50. Smartest Boots \$6.50
Ladies' High Cut, Tan, Button and Laced \$6 Boots . . . \$4.50
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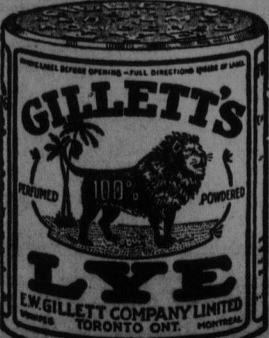
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ANNUAL SEED FAIR AT YARMOUTH N. S. A SPLENDID SUCCESS

Yarmouth, Feb. 19.—Tonight saw the close of the short course in agriculture held at the exhibition building...

- List of prize winners for various seed categories: Sec. 1—Barley wheat, any variety, 1, Geo. W. Pitman...

GILLETT'S LYE EATS DIRT



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- Continuation of prize winners list: Sec. 8—Field peas, 1, Jacob K. Trask...

Newcastle, Feb. 20.—The St. James and Bule Presbyterians Sunday school gave an excellent concert in St. James Hall last night...

Tommy Quill, the Brockton welterweight, believes he can make a good comeback. He has been signed to meet Dave Powers at North Abington March 18.

THE TELEGRAPHY CAUGHT AGAIN ATTEMPT TO MISREPRESENT

A. J. Witzel, M.P.P., was at that Tracadie meeting when Liberal Member for Gloucester made remarks which The Standard credited to him and the Telegraph denied—Turgeon and Veniot also dealt with.

Several days ago The Standard referred to some remarks made by O. Turgeon, M. P., of Gloucester County, at a meeting held in Tracadie. On reliable authority The Standard said that Mr. Turgeon in that course his speech made statements which were hardly such as to promote harmony between the French and English Canadians...

One Who Was Present made a DELIBERATE MISTATEMENT OF FACT when he states that Veniot of Tracadie gave me an hour of the time if I would take the platform; also it is not a fact that Veniot challenged me to give a correct report of that meeting...

Let Veniot Come Out in the Open. I will make a statement over his signature that I have given him the opportunity to prove it in the courts as soon after this publication as the process of law will allow.

Could Hardly Straighten Up For The Pain In Her Back. EPWORTH LEAGUE

Many women suffer from an excruciating pain in the back. They are not even able to look after the common duties of their household, and cannot even walk at times.

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CAPT. BELVEA HONORED BY NEWCASTLE

Ex-Mayor, going to front with 26th Battalion, presented with Gold Watch and Chain and address by citizens.

Newcastle, Feb. 22.—On the evening of the 20th on the eve of his departure overseas Capt. W. H. Belyea, ex-Mayor of Newcastle and manager of the Miramichi Farm Implement Co. here was escorted to the Town Hall by the citizens headed by Newcastle Brass Band...

Dear Sir: We, your fellow citizens of Newcastle, desire to testify our appreciation of the fine spirit of patriotism and devotion to military service you have displayed in volunteering to serve abroad.

At the evening meeting Coun. Wm. S. Macdougall presided and the speakers of the evening were C. W. McDougall, St. John, who dealt with the subject on the broad lines of patriotism.

At the Chateau Laurier this morning the members of the delegation held a conference of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, of which G. E. Gibbard, of Toronto, is secretary; and the Canadian Wholesale Drugists Association, of which Arthur C. Garden, of Hamilton, is president...

ASK TO BE BELIEVED OF SPECIAL STAMP TAX

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Wholesale drugists manufacturing patent medicines had a lengthy conference with Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, during the course of which they asked that the war tariff changes be adjusted, so as to bear less heavily on their industry...

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"CITY BEAUTIFUL" PLANNED LONG AGO THIS TOWN'S AIM

St. Petersburg, Fla., has applied rule to general building projects and all its public improvements for many years.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 22.—When this city was only a small place, it adopted the "city beautiful" plan, and has since applied it to all public improvements and general municipal building projects.

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Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid bowels.

ARRANGE FOR VISIT OF TOWN PLANNING EXPERT.

A meeting of the town planning commission was held yesterday morning at city hall, Mayor Frink presiding.

After the luncheon there will be a discussion of local problems which will be presented to the visiting expert.

FORMER NEWCASTLE MAN KILLED IN MAINE

Geo. McCosh found dead near his home at Brewer, Me.

Newcastle, Feb. 22.—Word has been received here that on Wednesday night last Geo. McCosh of South Brewer, Me., who with his family removed from Newcastle in the summer of 1912, was found dead near his home at six o'clock.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Sister Mary Bernard took place yesterday morning following requiem high mass, which was celebrated at eight o'clock in St. Vincent's chapel by Rev. M. O'Brien.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal Alex Craigie, Halifax; C. R. Rogers, Montreal; A. S. White, Sussex; G. T. Kenny, Montreal; Allen Ritchie, Newcastle; J. W. Brankley, Chatham; E. A. McCurdy, Jas Robinson, Newcastle; E. Loosen, an wife, Bathurst; John McMillan, J. W. Brennan, J. S. Snaedell, Montreal; Dr. J. E. Hetherington, Co.'s; A. J. Waterstrat, Amsterdam; John H. Murphy, Boston; H. A. Butler, Boston; E. T. Hale, E. H. Cunningham, Montreal; W. G. McLeod, River John; V. T. Bradshaw, Toronto; J. T. Gaffney, Sydney.

POLICE COURT.

Samuel London, a member of the 26th Battalion, who was arrested on Saturday night by Policeman McLeese on a charge of drunkenness, using obscene language and assaulting Miss Gladys Graham by catching hold of her and tearing her coat, was sentenced to six months in jail without a fine and in addition \$50 or three months in jail by Magistrate Ritchie in the police court Monday morning.

Miss Graham then testified that she was walking around the corner of Union street when London, who was drunk, seized hold of her and tore her coat.

When asked if he desired to question the witness London said no, as he could not recall his actions on the night in question.

Two men on drunkenness charges were fined \$8 or two months in jail. Two others were remanded in order to ascertain where they procured liquor.

The case against Ernest Fallison, who is charged with an offence in which a woman is involved was further adjourned until Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. D. King Hazen appeared for Fallison.

Robert Sharpe, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of supplying liquor to soldiers in the I. C. R. station was given his freedom on Saturday, after being warned against like actions in the future.

Frank Carson, charged with cruelty to an animal was before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court yesterday morning and allowed to go with a warning. Policeman Hamm testified that Carson had a cow tied to the back of his wagon and it was being dragged along. He ordered him to release it, which he did, but later he again tied the animal in the same position and was reported. Carson explained that he was forced to tie the animal as the boys were stoning it and the horse was becoming unmanageable. Edmund S. Ritchie appeared on his behalf.

MEMBER OF FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES KILLED IN ACTION

Paris, Feb. 22.—The death in battle of M. Chevillon, member of the Chamber of Deputies for Bouche-Du-Rhone, was announced in the chamber today. M. Chevillon was serving as a lieutenant of infantry, and fell in battle on Sunday in eastern France.

ACTUAL SIZE COWAN'S MAPLE BUDS



A VETERAN WHO WAS LAD WITH LORD ROBERTS

Laid Low with Rheumatism—But Cured by "Fruit-a-tives"

Chatham, Ont., April 3rd, 1913. "I am a veteran of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, volunteering from the Royal Artillery into the Royal Engineers, and served under Lord Roberts during the Indian Mutiny, and am a pensioner of the British Government. I was a pioneer of the fighting and continual exposure left me a great sufferer from rheumatism, so much so that my legs swelled up, making it impossible for me to walk.

PRUSSIAN DIET ELATED OVER STORIES OF THE SUCCESS IN THE EAST

Berlin, Feb. 22 (Via London).—When the Prussian Diet resumed its sittings today considerable enthusiasm was displayed by the members of the house in consequence of the latest despatches telling of the German victory in the battle of the Manurian Lakes in East Prussia. The president of the Diet read aloud the list of booty and prisoners taken in the battle and the deputies resolved to send a congratulatory telegram to Emperor William.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 20.—The members of the Hopewell Hill Methodist church met with their pastor Rev. Thos Stebbings to conduct their annual roll call service.

DEATH OF THE LITTLE SIX MONTHS OLD CHILD OF MRS. GEORGE DOWNEY

The death of the little six months old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Downey, of Curryville, took place this week. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harry Pierce on Thursday.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature at its next session for the passage of a Bill or Act to vest the property and trusts of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Province of New Brunswick in the new Brunswick Masonic Hall Company.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of the Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

FREE SAMPLE COUPON.

Form for requesting a free sample of Pyramid Pile Remedy, including fields for Name, Street, City, State, and County.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEXT-OF-KIN.

ALL PERSONS claiming to be Next-of-Kin of the above-named WILLIAM HANNA, who died at Legananny aforesaid on the 27th December, 1914, are hereby required, on or before the 20th day of March, 1915, to send particulars of such Claims, in writing, addressed to the Clerk of the Crown and Peace Court-house, Downpatrick, County Down.

RECRUITS FROM EAST FLORENCEVILLE GIVEN FAREWELL

East Florenceville, N. B., Feb. 19.—Donald McLean and Jack Rowland left on Tuesday to join the 6th N. B. Mounted Rifles. The former is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean and the latter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rowland.

On the evening preceding the departure of the boys the community turned out to express its feelings towards the Florenceville recruits. Private McLean and Rowland had seats of honor on the platform in company with representative citizens. In a few speeches the boys were told of the place which they had taken in the estimation of their fellow citizens and the interest with which the entire population would follow their future career.

WAS TROUBLED WITH ECZEMA.

World Nearly Yell With Pain. BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS CURED HIM. Mr. R. J. Swales, Harriston, Ont., writes: "I have been a great sufferer with eczema. I tried all kinds of salves, but they did me no good. Sometimes I would nearly yell with the pain, and I would pass little white worms. I was told to get at the blood, so I used four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters, and it has made a complete cure."

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Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two-and-One-Half Per Cent upon the paid up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the three months ending 31st January, 1915, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this City, and at its Branches on and after Monday, the 1st day of March, 1915.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., FEB. 22nd, 1915.

Tenders will be received at the Office of the Common Clerk for the printing of the City Account, Year 1914, up to twelve o'clock noon of Saturday, 27th Inst., 1915.

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COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years, renewable at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,000 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton. In unsurveyed territory the tract must be staked out by the applicant in person, and an application to the Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands for the district must in all cases be made, and the rental for the first year must be paid to the agent within thirty days after filing application.

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Francis X. Bushman, the established favorite of the Esplanade Co., presented an American military drama entitled "A Private's Office."

On Wednesday and Thursday Daniel Frohman and the Famous Players Co. will present the "Pink Lady."

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 19.—Centreville is beginning to realize the benefits from the construction of the Valley Railway.

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At first within the House of Jones there followed sad despondent moans. No hopeful word could reconcile, no honied kiss inspire a smile.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime - Moderate winds, generally fair with stationary or lower temperature.

Toronto, Feb. 22.-Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and to the northward of Lake Superior, while a moderate disturbance is centered over the south.

Table with columns: Min., Max., and locations including Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

Around the City

S. A. New Quarters.

The new quarters of the Salvation Army in Britain street, now approaching completion, will be formally opened on Tuesday next, March 2.

Found

The police report finding a lady's glove on Charlotte street and a gentleman's rubber on German street. The owners can secure their property on application at the Central Station.

Remembered Fellow Pupil.

One of the pupils of the Rotheray Collegiate School, E. C. Scovill, who has enlisted with the third contingent, was presented by the masters and boys of the school with a wrist watch. The young soldier is a son of J. W. Scovill of St. Stephen and is very popular with his fellow students.

Assault Case

In the Police Court yesterday afternoon two brothers named Garnett were charged with assaulting a man named Calbe in one of the warehouses at Sand Point last week. The defendants gave testimony to the effect that they did not assault the complainant and the case was adjourned until Friday next.

Important Property Purchase.

H. P. Hayward, who recently returned from Montreal to take up his residence in St. John, has purchased F. G. Spencer's new house on Princess street. The house which is unique both in architecture and fitting, one of the finest and best appointed residences in the city. It was built for Mr. Spencer and only completed a few months ago. It will be occupied by Mr. Hayward in May.

Presentation to Soldier.

At the residence of Commissioner Russell relatives and friends of George E. Spinney, of Hordell street, a member of D Company, 26th Battalion, met last evening in Mr. Spinney's honor. During the enjoyable time spent Mr. Spinney was presented with a valuable sterling silver wrist watch, suitably engraved, as a memento of esteem from many friends. Music and refreshments were in order throughout the evening.

Not a "Murder."

There was some excitement around the head of Long Wharf, North End, last night when the sharp report of a revolver shot was heard. There was quickly a report about that there was a fight, and the police were notified, but on investigation it was learned that the revolver had been discharged by a man who was intoxicated but he had made himself scarce about the place before the officers arrived on the scene.

Firemen at Drill.

The members of the fire department turned out strong at their regular drill last night. A squad of about sixty fire ladders were on hand and for over an hour they were under the command of Instructor Atchison and the manner in which all went through their drill was excellent. On Thursday night next the firemen will drill with the rifles. The men have taken a liking to the drills and are becoming very efficient. On the floor over the drill hall there is a shooting gallery with no less than 19 targets and the firemen and others are steadily at practice and some very good marks are made.

PERSONAL.

A. E. O'Leary, chief game warden of the province, was in the city yesterday.

H. W. Woods of Welsford, N.L.A., was at the Victoria yesterday.

John Mahony, of New York, formerly a well known resident of the North End, is in the city renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Mahony is on the editorial staff of the New York Citizen. He is one of the many St. John boys who have made a success in that profession in the States.

Ladies' Assn. St. John Golf Club. The annual meeting will be held at the Club House on Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p. m.

H. S. SMITH, Sec. N. B.-This meeting will be adjourned for a fortnight.

DIED.

ROBINSON-At St. John on the 20th inst. George A. Robinson, aged seventy-one years. Funeral at Digby on Tuesday.

ASSESSMENT FOR ST. JOHN FIRMS WAS NOT AVAILABLE YESTERDAY

City Commissioners did not find out about the assessment in Stanley Ward, but will ask Legislature to compel property owners to file plans of lots.

The information which the city commissioners requested from the assessors concerning the assessment of Stanley Ward and the vacant lots in other parts of the city was not forthcoming at the meeting of the commissioners yesterday afternoon, although A. W. Sharpe, chairman of the assessors announced that it would mean an extra amount of work to secure the information required and he did not wish to neglect the assessment this year.

The meeting had been called as a result of questions asked by Commissioner Potts at the last meeting of the council and Mayor Frink promised to have the assessors present yesterday to impart the answers to the questions. The assessors were present but they failed to bring the information with them. It was decided to have a bill introduced at the coming session of the legislature providing that all real estate owners of five acres or more, or of any lesser acreage as the assessors may require, must file with the assessors a plan of all lands owned by them in the city under a penalty of \$500.

The meeting took the form of a prolonged discussion of assessment and taxation. The matter of the North End street survey was also brought up and several of the commissioners when completed this survey would tell the size of the different lots held in the city, as well as the houses and owners.

Engineer Murdoch was summoned to the council chamber and told the commissioners that the North End survey as now being carried on only defined the street lines and the property facing on the streets.

Several of the commissioners seemed surprised at this statement, for they seemed to think the survey was to provide a map of the northern part of the city with the different lots marked out in detail.

The meeting was called to order as a committee with Mayor Frink in the chair and Commissioners Potts and Russell with the assessors present. Commissioner Potts asked the chairman of assessors if he could tell the assessment on the different properties in Stanley Ward.

Mr. Sharpe replied that he had asked the commissioners two years ago for a surveyor to go over this land but nothing had been done. As far as bringing down the other information was concerned, the assessors were about ten days behind last year and unless additional help was secured the providing of the records desired would still further delay their work. He thought it was not fair to go into this matter at present. He had no record of the vacant lots nor the acreage of the different holdings in Stanley Ward.

Commissioner Potts-"Cannot you tell us what system you use in Stanley Ward and what each lots pays?"

Mr. Sharpe-"We do not keep the assessments according to the wards. He pointed out, however, that the assessment on improvements in that ward was \$228,000 (about) and the value of leases there was \$3,900. This amount was capitalized at six per cent, which made \$64,800, and half of this was the amount assessed upon. His Worship thought that \$3,900 was a pretty good income for the \$32,000. Mr. Sharpe explained that the assessment was taken on the ground rents, which was secured from the records of leases.

Commissioner Potts-"If you go into a factory or place of business and ask for a list of employees and their salaries must they give it?"

Mr. Sharpe-"Yes. Employers have to supply information in regard to incomes." In answer to another question, Mr. Sharpe said there was no way of compelling the employer to tell what he gets. He also said that he knew of land owners in Stanley Ward who had maps of their property, but the assessors have no way of securing plans. It was also pointed out that two-thirds of the city area was in Stanley Ward but all of it was assessed with the exception of widows' land under \$500 in value.

Mayor Frink-"There should be maps of the streets with every vacant lot shown, and I am going to see that you get it."

Commissioner Potts thought that the head of the department should have asked for these maps before. As far as the city was concerned, Mr. Sharpe said, that if an unoccupied lot was taxed at one figure the lot next to it unoccupied was taxed at the same value.

Commissioner Potts suggested that vacant lots as well as private lots should be assessed at their value and then it would be up to the city to see that they were earning something instead of lying idle. He believed that if the information he asked was available he could prove with the figures that the vacant lots were not taxed the same as these occupied.

It was then desired that the field books of the assessors for Stanley Ward be produced and the chairman of the assessors brought the book into the council room.

Mayor Frink asked how much land the Turnbull people held in Stanley Ward and it was said that something over 1,000 acres would be the figure. The assessors could not say what taxes they paid nor definitely state the amount of land held.

Commissioner Potts said he knew of a firm that was not paying within \$200,000 of its proper assessment. The assessors should see that these people pay, and if they will not do their duty they should be cleared out and new ones secured.

Commissioner Russell-"You have referred to King street merchants not paying enough. If they paid any more some of them would have to go out of business." Chairman Sharpe explained that some citizens made sworn statements, but Assessors Lantalam and Ross thought if statements were given should board the matter of assessment would be easier.

The resolution for compelling property holders to file their plans was then introduced to the committee, which had been augmented by the arrival of Commissioner Wigmore. When the penalty of \$500 was fixed

Commissioner Russell thought that would kill the bill in the legislature. Commissioner Potts pointed out that the poor man was hit now but the rich man should be made to give an account of his property.

Commissioner Russell thought the city should secure this information for itself. There was some discussion as to the big firms paying on full valuation. The matter of the street survey was brought up and Mr. Sharpe was in doubt as to information secured by the survey of the north end as directed by the city engineer. He thought only street lines would be shown.

Commissioner Wigmore thought all the information as mentioned in the resolution was already in City Hall and shown on the plans of the north end survey.

Engineer Murdoch then came into the room and in answer to the Mayor said the survey would show the street lines and the property abutting on the streets, but would not give the different lots, etc.

The resolution to prepare the bill to compel property owners to file plans was then passed with Commissioner Russell against it.

There was further discussion of the methods employed by the assessors. Mr. Lantalam said he could go into a dry goods or grocery store and size up the amount of stock quite accurately, but the chairman explained that the assessors could not go into a store and demand the stock sheets.

When asked by Commissioner Potts if he did not think he should have the authority he refused to answer. In reply to Mayor Frink he said the assessment as far as stocks went were only guesses.

Commissioner Russell thought the assessment law was good enough as at present. Mr. Sharpe then said he couldn't understand why any change should be made at present. The war was responsible for abnormal conditions and the matter of changing should be left till later.

Mayor Frink-"We came here today to get an idea of the vacant lands in the city and Stanley ward. The chairman of the assessors says that on account of lack of help he cannot furnish the information. I will go through the books myself and get the information by some means, for I think Commissioner Potts is entitled to the information he requires."

The committee then arose and went into council and the report was adopted. It was then decided that the regular meeting of the council be held on Thursday, and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Frink drew attention to Patriotic Day on February 27 and asked citizens to display flags and other patriotic emblems and assist the women in their efforts to raise money for patriotic purposes.

N. B. FARMERS WILL INCREASE PRODUCTION

Secretary of Agriculture Says Campaign to Raise More Food-stuffs For Empire Has Met With Satisfactory Response From Farmers.

"The movement to encourage farmers of this province to increase their production has made good progress and has met with the general approval of well-informed farmers who realize that the least they can do is to make provision for a greater food supply in the emergency which confronts the Empire," said J. B. Daggett, secretary of the Provincial Department of Agriculture who was in the city yesterday.

"Officials of the Federal Department of Agriculture in conjunction with our own officials are holding meetings about the province and these are being well attended. Generally speaking farmers realize the situation and will show their patriotism by increasing the acreage they have under cultivation."

"What about seeds for extra crops?" asked the reporter. "We will have in this province seeds to put in a much larger crop than usual in everything except wheat," said Mr. Daggett. "We are not raising the wheat crop we should in this province, and I think this is to the general disadvantage of the farmer. Too much attention is given to potatoes, to the prejudice of other crops which might prove more profitable. This season I hope the farmers will give more attention to mixed farming, and that the results will be beneficial to them as well as to the Empire."

Money Saving. It will pay one to watch the items that P. A. Dykeman & Co. advertise in this column from day to day. They are ever on the watch for special lines and today they announce for Wednesday a big lot of shirtwaists which they cleared out from a manufacturer at about half their usual price. These they are placing on sale at 89 cents each. The waists are the newest styles that can be bought, and run in values up to \$2.00 each, but the fortunate purchase enables them to sell them at 89 cents.

PARK HOTEL, KING SQUARE.

Cuban Gov't to have permanent exhibit in Department of States, Havana-Local concerns asked to send samples.

Consul Barranco, of Cuba, has been advised that his government proposes establishing a "commercial museum" or permanent exhibit in the Department of State at Havana. The Cuban government asks for the co-operation of boards of trade, manufacturers, etc. The object of the movement is to bring in closer commercial contact the business elements of the respective countries, and to this end the manufacturers of St. John and of New Brunswick are invited to send samples of their merchandise, together with price lists, catalogues, discounts, etc. Consul Barranco will be pleased to supply any needed information.

Consul Barranco has been informed that pending the establishment of the direct line of steamers between St. John and Cuba, merchants can ship their merchandise via the Eastern Steamship Corporation, connecting with the United Fruit Company's steamer to Havana.

The Supply of Pit Props.

The report of British Trade Commissioner Ray, in the Weekly Report of February 16th, says that the congestion of traffic at the ports of the United Kingdom is due to the shortage of labor, and that so long as the block continues prices must advance. The United Kingdom imports have declined in value by 21 per cent, since the beginning of the war, while the shipping tonnage engaged in the carrying of the said imports has fallen 29 per cent. At the port of Liverpool incoming merchandise has fallen five per cent, and outgoing 20 per cent, while the shipping tonnage has decreased 3 per cent, inwards and 12 per cent, outward.

There is a serious shortage of fire wood in the United Kingdom at the present time, owing to all wood being declared contraband of war. In this difficulty, Canada has partly come to our rescue again with supplies of spruce, but this is of no use for firewood, and the freights are still very high. But in the early part of the war, The Canadian wood is hard and very tough, and only useful for the strongest packing-cases.

Trade Commissioner Bickerdike has a report on pit props, in which he says that supplies are coming from France, Norway, Spain and Portugal, the Portuguese government having offered several crown forests for exploitation for that purpose. The report of the pit Prop Commission with visits to Eastern Canada is referred to. Mr. W. Windham, the Board of Trade representative on the commission, says that there is an almost inexhaustible quantity of timber in large areas of Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces of Canada; that large quantities can be secured for shipment in the spring, and that the determining factor resolves itself simply into the question of cost.

Some Increase in Food Prices.

The imports of pit wood from all sources in August were 184,000 loads; September, 193,000; October, 239,000; November, 184,000.

Trade Commissioner Armand notes increases in the prices of butter, cheese, bacon and eggs. Since the outbreak of the war the only fresh eggs procurable have been Irish which have realized about 20 per cent. Canned beef is now fully 25 per cent. higher than it was in July. Bread has risen recently, bringing it up to 7d. a quarter. Most bakers are paying 46s. a sack for the flour; before the war they were paying about 27s. for the same flour.

There is a great demand in Britain for wooden shovel and pick handles in hickory, ash, birch and beech. The prices of Norway are asking after Canadian apples.

Of the 32 trade enquiries in this report 12 are for wooden handles. The report may be consulted at the Board of Trade Office.

LECTURE AT SALVATION ARMY CITADEL

"The Man in Stripes," was the subject of a lecture given by Rev. Byron Thomas, chaplain of Dorchester Penitentiary, last evening at the Salvation Army Citadel. There was a large attendance, and several prominent citizens were present to hear a discourse of a particularly interesting theme.

The lecturer spoke of the contributing causes of crime, and referred in some detail, to the different penal institutions in their order of importance, enquiring: "What puts them there?" Of the most fruitful causes of crime, he said, were civil associations, lack of home care and training and failure to impart religious instruction.

"How can we help the man in stripes," he asked. "By bringing him the story of Jesus Christ, pointing out the way of salvation; by making him feel that he is a brother who has lost his way. This lecturer referred to many cases, in which sympathetic effort had laid to the betterment of the man who had had the stripes, and to the man who had been nearly approaching the unwelcome distinction of crime, he said, were civil associations, lack of home care and training and failure to impart religious instruction.

"Once a man goes to jail," he remarked, "it is difficult to deal with him. The chances are he will repeat his offence. I believe in giving a man a chance to do better, and an opinion that it is better to let him work on a farm under suspended sentence than sending him to jail."

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