

# The Charlottetown Guardian

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Monday, December 25th being Christmas Day and a statutory holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Monday, but will be published as usual on Tuesday. Advertisers please note these changes.

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## NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

The National Service Board of Canada under the direction of the Director General has set apart the first week in January as "National Service Week" for the purpose of taking an inventory of the man power of Canada, with a view to providing "for those adjustments in our national life necessary for the maintenance of the agricultural and other basic industries of the dominion at that high point of production and efficiency so absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war while continuing unimpaired the indispensable public services of the country. To accomplish these results and insure the maximum production of war material and equipment, the services of all available men and women of Canada must be utilized in such a manner as will, while achieving these purposes, permit of the release from their present employment of men who, physically fit and of suitable age, may desire to serve overseas with our military or naval forces."

In order to secure this inventory at the earliest possible moment and with the least possible expense, every Post-master throughout the dominion has been provided with a quantity of National Service Cards to be handed out to every man between 16 and 65 inclusive. The cards, the questions on which were published in The Guardian some days ago, are to be answered within ten days and the cards returned in a self-addressed envelope, unstamped.

In addition to the cards, notices and instructions sent to the Postmasters, personal communications have been sent to all the school teachers, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, secretaries of Canadian Clubs and other organizations asking their active support and assistance. Besides all this the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden, is addressing a series of meetings throughout Canada on National Service.

The National Service Board is doing its part; the government is assisting. It is now up to the people to do their part. We are in the war to a finish, either our finish or Germany's. It remains for us, individually and collectively to say which it shall be. The whole man power of the Empire is needed to carry it through successfully. Germany's man power and its woman power are both in the war, both mobilized and organized to the finest detail. Over 600,000 German youths are coming of age yearly and as soon as they come of age their services are requisitioned for the state in whatever capacity they can fill to the best advantage. This is the power we have to crush or that must crush us. It is to enable us to crush it by actual, national, useful service, that the present inventory is being taken. Men are needed in munition works, in the ranks, in the navy, on the farms, in the factories. The inventory about to be taken will secure positions for all available men in which they shall be of the most service to their country and their Empire to civilization and Christianity and the world's future peace.

Everybody can help in securing this inventory; everybody can encourage everybody else to do what he or she can to get the inventory completed within the specified time. Let the response be prompt, willing and truthful. In this way and this only can the man power of the dominion be organized and there never was a time in its history when the dominion needed organization as it does now both for carrying on the war and for meeting the conditions that confront us after the war.

## FIRE INSURANCE

The action of the Charlottetown insurance agents in levying an assessment of fifteen percent on its present and prospective policy holders to cover the losses by the recent fires in Summerside and to recoup their companies for the war tax, seems inexplicable and extraordinary. Whether this action was taken on instructions from the offices represented by the agents or on the initiative of the agents themselves we are not informed but in any case it is extremely improbable that policy holders will submit to it without a protest. Fire insurance like life, marine or any other insurance, is based upon certain actuarial data, the rates are fixed on these data but in no case, except in that of assessment companies, are policy holders expected to be specially levied upon to cover losses when they occur.

If the Insurance companies insist upon carrying out the decision taken yesterday by their agents it may be looked upon as a precedent, and the only recourse would be mutual insurance by merchants and other property owners. Then when a loss occurs such an assessment as that proposed by the agents of the "straight line" companies will be in order, and the policy holders will have the additional advantage of paying no premiums when there are no losses. The great majority of policy holders have been paying heavy premiums year after year without a dollar of cost to the insurance companies and now, when a loss occurs, they are expected to make it good.

Charlottetown, with its splendid fire fighting equipment and a fire engine costing about \$5,000, secured on the recommendation of the Board of Fire Underwriters, had been looking

forward to a reduction of insurance rates. Now, when, instead of the reduction they had hoped for, they are confronted with a fifteen per cent. increase to pay for losses incurred elsewhere they will likely cast about them for a less expensive means of fire protection.

## PETTY THIEVING

It was not before time that the Children's Aid Society made their representations to the City Council with reference to the care of the "little ones" on the streets. The longer the reforms asked for are delayed the more difficult will they become. We are informed that certain boys representing themselves as newsboys have recently succeeded in entering certain houses in the City. If observed, they innocently offer to sell a paper, a parcel of which they carry a-le regular newsboy; if not observed they usually succeed in picking up some article of more or less value. At the home of Professor Vinnicombe on Thursday two of these young thieves succeeded in getting away with a case of musical instrument tools worth about forty-five dollars. Other instances have been reported in which the visitation resulted only in the innocent offer above mentioned.

Now the newsboys of Charlottetown are, we believe without exception, thoroughly honest and reliable as the newspapers are exceedingly careful in their selection of sales boys and it is almost absolutely certain they had nothing to do with any of the thefts perpetrated. Householders are warned however to look out for "irregulars" posing as newsboys and the police also will do well to keep an eye upon them. Each of the newspaper offices has the names of its newsboys on file and the irregulars can be spotted without much difficulty. To protect themselves against suspicion the regular newsboys should at once form themselves into a union or organization of some kind and institute a system of registration. This would make it at least a little more difficult for the irregulars to get in any shady business such as that above referred to.

## THE WAR

The German Chancellor told the Reichstag that in the summer, when the Russians had advanced in Galicia almost to the gates of Lemberg, and the Allies being battered prodigiously on the Somme, the position was "serious." He admits the truth. The fact was prodded into the minds of the war lords that, after all, they were facing real defeat in 1917. If the Allies were so strong in 1917. Peace must be brought about during the winter, when operations would slacken.

Many circumstances, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, coincide to support the conclusion. The Belgian slave raids began in the autumn. The announcement was made of a Kingdom of Poland under German suzerainty. The one was designed to coerce Belgium into pleading with the Allies for acceptance of German offers, the other to prepare Russia for terms that would include the loss of Poland and Lithuania. But the war lords knew that in the face of the reverses of June, July and August they could not offer peace without openly admitting fear of defeat and confessing weakness. They had to have the stage properly set. There must be a notable triumph that would lend an air of magnanimity to the offer. Roumania was selected as the stage. Reliable information from Europe is to the effect, contrary to most press despatches, that Roumania had not decided to go into the war this year. After the Russian successes, Roumania had agreed to go into the war next March, in the meantime to be provided with Entente heavy artillery and ammunition. The Germans saw their chance. They issued an ultimatum to Bucharest to make its choice. Roumania received from Bulgaria a promise to remain aloof—which the Roumanians foolishly believed. The Teuton forces holding the Roumanian border were withdrawn to let the eager invaders spread themselves out in most vulnerable fashion. In the meantime, the armies of Von Mackensen and Falkenhayn were gathered, and the double-jointed campaign to crush Roumania and get Bucharest began. The Roumanians fought bravely, but their lack of heavy artillery and experience disabled them. The Germans got Bucharest, got large stocks of foodstuffs, and their stage was made ready whereon to offer peace as a victor.

Without minimizing for a moment the importance of the Teuton gains in the Balkans, let us not forget that the true military position, as between the main contestants, was represented by the events of June, July, August and September. Winter weather holds the armies tight in their trenches. The Germans have the advantage of this, but as soon as the weather rights for operations the military condition of this summer will be restored, and Germany will undergo a further period of pressure that will succeed eventually in bringing her to her knees. To talk peace now, on the strength of the Bucharest event, would be to ignore the real military position and be dazzled by a minor condition created specially for psychological ends.

## NOTES

With children playing on the streets or in muddy alleyways or back yards one wonders what evolution may do for city parks. There is something prophetic in the announcement recently made that a model park, being planned by a New Hampshire town, is to include a football field, three baseball diamonds, two tennis courts, race tracks, jumping pits, and three playgrounds for boys and two for girls. Just what the sedate adult will be expected to do in such a place is not mentioned. He will, however, at all times have the opportunity of playing the role of the interested spectator.

## Prisoners of War

Sir.—The statement that appeared in the Montreal Witness, recently saying that no more funds are required for the Prisoners of War. I have just received a cable from the Headquarters of the Canadian Prisoners Fund, London, England, saying "Statement" in Witness quite incorrect, please contradict, signed Bulkeley." Since my last letter, the following Societies and persons have each adopted a prisoner. The Tignish Red Cross. The Cavendish Presbyterian W. A. Miss Dorothy Simpson and one in memory of the late Mrs. D. C. MacKinnon, North River. Also a donation of \$16.00 from the Grapland Red Cross, proceeds of Picture Entertainment and Sale. Fifty-one prisoners are now adopted and we want as many more as possible before the end of the year. Two Canadian prisoners who escaped recently stated that the prisoners parcels were always received.

I am Sir, &c., JAMES SIMPSON, Treasurer, Prisoners of War Dept. Canadian Red Cross.

## Sir Wilfrid Laurier

Sir.—In regard to the rumour going the rounds of our local Canadian Press, and occasionally you will see the same rumour in the leading American Papers to the effect that the Liberals are trying hard to put Sir Wilfrid on the shelf, the Toronto Sentinel—Independent—has this to say:—"The men who are trying to oust Sir Wilfrid from the leadership know what is good for their party. Those Liberals who think Sir Wilfrid Laurier will retire to make way for Premier Murray of Nova Scotia to lead the party do not know him. The move to be rid of him will make Sir Wilfrid stick the tighter."

I am Sir, etc., INDEPENDENT.

## EMMA ABBOTT

AND HER SONGS.

The winsome and witching personality of Emma Abbott will always be associated with Balfe's "Bohemian Girl" although she made a great triumph in "La Traviata" and Meyerbeer's "Faust" in London and Paris. Emma Abbott was born in Chicago in 1840, and her early death in Salt Lake City from pneumonia in 1891 deprived America of one of her most gifted prima donnas. It was her delight to sing selections from "The Bohemian Girl", "I Dreamt I Dwell in Marble Halls", "The Heart Bowed Down", and "Then You'll Remember Me." These songs are contained in "Heart Songs"—a collection of 400 of the world's favorite songs. This paper endorses this book and is now distributing it. Read the coupon elsewhere in today's issue.

## AT THE HOTELS.

REVERE.—F. W. Aetherington, Wiltshire; D. C. E. Derome, Summerside; Fred Hooper, Freetown; H. Carvell, Freetown; G. F. Shank, Glace Bay; A. A. Cosgrove, Midgell.

VICTORIA.—H. H. Cox, Morell; Russell C. Clark, Mt. Stittewick; C. B. Murray, Summerside; C. Fairall Fisher, Montreal; Mrs. G. H. Prowse, Murray Harbor; George R. Keefe, Summerside; A. G. Mercer, Halifax.

QUEEN.—D. C. Morson, Cardigan; A. Bulman, Summerside; J. S. McNally, Summerside.

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Leuson.

## A LITTLE WHILE

It is so natural that we fall asleep Like tired children when the day is done. That I would question why though living weep When death has kissed the laughing lips of one. We do not sigh when golden skies have dawned The purple shadows and the gray of night. Because we know the morning lies beyond. And we must wait a little while for light. So when grown weary with the care and strife, Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave. We should not weep, but learn to count this life. A prelude to the one beyond the grave; And thus be happy for Xmas, not distressed. But lift your hearts with love to God and smile, And we, anon, like tired ones will rest. If we will hope and wait—a little while. BY ELLA BENTLEY

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Cigar Cases	Cigarette Cases
Pipes	Smokers Sets
Tobacco Pouches	Cigars Hum'dors
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Thermos Lunch kits	Clothes Brushes
	Etc, Etc, Etc?

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TO KEEP 50,000 MEN IN CANADA.  
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—A minimum of forty-five or fifty thousand soldiers will be kept in Canada this winter, though the policy of sending reinforcements by drafts instead of complete regiments will tend to expedite the movement overseas. Recruiting is now going ahead at the rate between six and seven thousand per month. It is believed that this figure during the winter will be materially increased, so that while the minimum number of troops in the country will be maintained, the needs of overseas organization will be fully met.

# New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation

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# Public Fur Auction Sale

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