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Saturday, July 19, being Peace Day and a statutory holiday, The Morning Guardian will not be issued on Monday morning.

PREMIER ARSENAULT.

A report is being industriously spread in his district by interested parties that the Premier is in failing health and has thrown up the fight.

Instead of running away from the fight the Premier went into the enemy's territory and faced Mr. John H. Bell at Tryon and Kinkora, and also attended large meetings at Hope River and Corran Ban in Queen's County.

THE OPPOSITION AND THE RETURNED SOLDIERS.

The following item is clipped from the Island Farmer of the 16th inst.:

"Since this county has been ruled by Order in Council there has been so much tinkering with the voters' list and who may and who may not vote, and, if so, how many times they may or may not, that many are befogged.

This correctly reflects the attitude of the Opposition in the House last spring on the question of giving the returned soldiers the franchise.

GIVE SIR ROBERT BORDEN ENCOURAGEMENT.

Sir Robert Borden is coming to the province to welcome the Prince of Wales on August 18, three weeks after our general election.

THIRD KINGS.

In the Third District of Kings, where the Opposition situation might be described in golf language as "mixed doubles," the two Conservative candidates, Messrs. J. A. McDonald and James Duncan, are finding the political highway much more favorable than when it looked only like a three-cornered fight.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Premier Outlines Some things Already Done.

Sir,—At the last session of the Legislature the following resolution was moved by Mr. McMillan and seconded by Mr. McLean as the resolution was in line with the attitude of the Government in the matter I announced that it would be allowed to go through unanimously.

"That whereas the Federal Government is offering to the returned soldiers who have seen service overseas by giving them free grants of land in Western Canada. And whereas, only a very limited number of our returned men are in a position to take advantage of the land in Western Canada.

"Therefore resolved that representation be made by this Government to the Federal Government to take into their immediate consideration the necessity of giving such assistance to the returned who are not in a position to take up land so that thereby all men who have seen service overseas may be placed in a position of equality."

Let me add this to the above statement: At the joint conference of the province with the Dominion Government held at Ottawa in February last, this very matter, only on a larger scale, was brought up by the Premiers and fully discussed.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon and myself, representing this province, took the attitude that the same measure of assistance should be extended to all returned soldiers as was being given to men taking up lands.

1. The Government was instrumental in having subscribed and sent overseas 1,000,000 bushels of oats for England and her Allies.

2. The Government gave a grant to each man or unit that left the province for overseas.

3. The Government made grants to the Patriotic, Red Cross and other war funds.

4. The Government subscribed for \$100,000 of Victory Bonds in order to help win the war.

5. The Government succeeded in having a Convalescent Home (The Rena McLean Hospital) established at Charlottetown, and a Sanatorium at North Wiltshire, (The Charles Dalton Sanatorium.)

6. The Government assisted by grants to patriotic associations, in recruiting for men to help the boys overseas.

7. The Government pressed for and succeeded in having established in this province (a) Pension Office; (b) a Branch of the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishments; (c) a Vocational Training Office; (d) a Land Settlement Office; (e) a Labor Bureau; (f) Returned Soldiers Aid Commission.

8. During the war a great portion of the Premier's time was engaged in interviewing parents and relatives of boys overseas and in corresponding relative to their wants and in matters pertaining to the war and thus succeeded in having numberless grievances adjusted and rectified.

9. The Premier, representing the Government, has co-operated with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. in receiving the boys on their arrival from overseas, and has put them up at hotels during their stay in town, instead of allowing them to be sent to barracks as was done in all other provinces.

10. The Government is in sympathy with the returned men and has given financial assistance to soldiers' associations, and will continue to co-operate with them in any matters pertaining to their advancement.

11. The Government gave the returned soldiers the full franchise, the only representative in the House who opposed this was a member of the Liberal Opposition who was evidently speaking the mind of the Opposition.

As to anything further to be done let me say this: Soldiers' organizations are being perfected in the province and these branches of the G. W. V. A. will then appoint a provincial executive.

This is one of two provinces of Canada where no Union was affected in 1917. In all other provinces except in Prince Edward Island and Quebec a measure of Union was consummated before the last Federal elections with the result that all the Liberals opposition in this province fought Union Government.

obtain concessions for the returned men will count for much.

I am confident that the returned men will not allow themselves to be deceived by politicians whose only interest is to get their votes.

I am, Sir, etc.,

A. E. ARSENAULT.

Lobster Fishing

Sir,—The lobster season so far has been very remarkable. The lobsters in certain sections of the Province, especially in the East Point Districts, were very plentiful, and much larger all around the Coast than last season.

I am Sir etc.

S. T. GALLANT, Inspector of Fisheries.

Abandoned Hope

Sir,—These phrases, "The Mathieson Government is doomed," "The Mathieson Government goes out on the 24th" etc., are excusable in politics, as the natural outcome of a fevered imagination.

I am Sir, etc.

TRUTH

Criminal

Sir,—If the criminal code does not provide punishment for those who seek to destroy the reputation and usefulness of such institutions as our Hospital and Infirmary the sooner it is amended the better.

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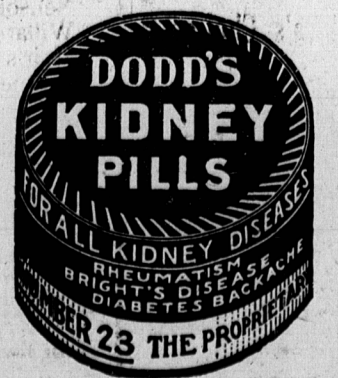
THE CLAIMS OF THE LIVING

The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer;
The headstones thicken along the way;
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us day by day.

The tear comes quicker, the laugh comes slower;
The courage is less to do and dare;
And the tide of joy in the heart falls lower,
And seldom covers the reefs of care.

But all true things in the world seems truer,
And the better things in earth seem best,
And friends are dearer, as friends are fewer,
And love is all as our sun dips west.

Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly in low, sweet tones;
For no man knows on the morrow whether
We two pass in — or but one alone.



ed. These political mauntabanks have sought to trade upon the credulity of many people whose friends and dear ones are unfortunately under treatment in these institutions.

It is shameful, it is criminal, even for political purposes, to seek to destroy public confidence, absolutely without ground or reason, in this efficiently managed institution, and if the criminal law will not reach these destructive vermin then Judge Lynch should take the case in hand.

It is no easy matter to get a competent medical man at the low salary paid. Those half baked political demagogues who are making it harder should be put behind the bars.

I am Sir, etc.

PUBLIC SPIRIT

Starving The Helpless

Sir,—The Patriot raises a howl against the Government for purchasing food for patients and attendants in the Hospital and Infirmary. What does it propose to do? Starve those unfortunate people?

Feed them—over four hundred souls—on the products of about two hundred cultivated acres. Think of it. This is a sample of the brains of those who ask us to put them in power.

Again the Patriot deliberately falsifies. It states that \$6,000 was spent in cattle "in addition to the other meats purchased." They know better. That the cattle were bought for the stock farm, and not as meat "in addition to."

It prefers to falsify by implication and will not risk a straight statement. It says "there should have been enough grown to provide a large part of the food used in the institution."

They have either read the stock farm report and know that thousands of dollars worth was produced for this purpose, or they have not read the report and don't know what they are talking about.

I am Sir, etc.

READER

Hospital Ship Sails For Portland, Me

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, July 17.—The Hospital Ship Essquibo sailed from Liverpool for Portland on Monday with 35 officers, 5 Nursing Sisters and 15 cadets from London, 36 patients from Orington and 487 patients or Kirkdale. Among the officers Col. Lalor and Major J. O. Trotter.

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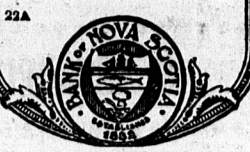
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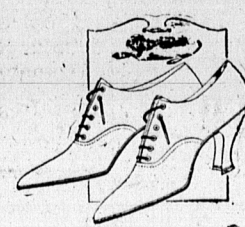
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