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GENERAL MEWBURN ON EXEMPTIONS

Explains Recent Changes in Order in Council Granting Exemptions and Gives Reasons For Such.

In the course of a speech in the House of Commons the other day on the procedure under the Military Service Act, General Meuburn, Minister of Militia said: "Mr. Speaker, I have been requested to make a statement in the House regarding the procedure that has been adopted by the Department of Militia and Defence regarding the obtaining of men for military service, in pursuance of Order in Council (P. C. 919), of the 20th April, 1918, and also, of Order in Council (P. C. 962), of the 20th April, 1918."

The Governor in Council may direct orders to report for duty to issue to men in any class under the Act of any named age or ages or who were born in named years or any named year or part of a year and any exemption therefrom granted to any man of any such named age or year of birth shall cease from and after noon of the day upon which he is ordered so to report, and no claim for exemption by or in respect of any man shall be entertained or considered after the issue to him of such order provided, however, that the minister may grant leave of absence without pay to any man by reason of death, disablement or service of other members of the same family while on active service in any theatre of actual war.

After the most careful consideration, and having regard to the national interest, which must be the dominant factor today, it was considered that in pursuance of Order in Council (P. C. 919), those between the ages of 20 and 22 years both inclusive, should first be called out and an Order in Council was passed accordingly.

The age of every man by or on whose behalf exemption was claimed had to be given in the claim, hence the age given on the original registration is to be taken as conclusive evidence against the man of his age and year of birth.

Under the last mentioned Order in Council the Military Service Registrars were instructed to notify all those registered within these ages to report for service, but to notify first the men coming from urban centres, so that men of these ages (20 to 22), who are on farms should not be called sooner than is absolutely necessary, and might thus have an opportunity of completing their seedling operations.

Under the exemptions given in this case it seems reasonable that this opportunity should be given while the men from urban centres were being brought in.

The responsibility for securing men between the ages of 20 to 22 thus called out has been placed upon the Militia Department which has to assume the duty of apprehending any such men failing to report.

In regard to the men in class one, other than those between the ages of 20 and 22, the operation and administration of the Military Service Act is still controlled by the Military Service Council and all appeals still pending are being prosecuted to a completion.

The return shows the total number reporting under the Military Service Act, up to the 29th April, 1918, as 39,208 to be deducted from this are 2,063, who have gone to Imperial Units, such as R. A. F., leaving 37,145 recruits for the Canadian Expeditionary Force. This, of course, includes men of class one who have voluntarily reported.

—or in England, with the early prospect of being sent to France—and only one son of military age remains at home, such last-mentioned son is to be granted leave of absence. Cases left at home, one of whom is of military age, say within six months. In such a case there will, at the expiration of six months, be two sons of military age remaining at home, and in that event one of them will then be called upon to serve.

In calling out the classes above mentioned, it is realized that we chiefly require men of category "A." We therefore, only notifying men who, have already had a medical examination, are found to be in this category or who have not yet been medically examined. Every man, however, upon reporting for duty will immediately be medically examined, whether he has been examined previously or not, and those who fall within the categories lower than "A," will be given leave of absence until further orders.

It should be explained that men of category "B" in Class 1 under the Military Service Act are generally warned to report for duty, but, as the number of such men presently required is not large, it is intended, for the present, to retain and utilize only those who do not claim exemption or whose exemptions were refused, and not to make use of men in category "B" between the ages of 20 and 22, unless and until their services become necessary.

TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO FARMERS, AND FARM LABOURERS IN CARE OF GROUNDS LOWER THAN "A"

Realizing the serious need of food production, we have endeavoured to meet this situation as far as possible, and it has been provided that any member of the C.E.F., in Canada, in category lower than "A," who can be spared from his military duties, may be granted leave of absence without pay. This can be done by the authority of the officer commanding the district on presentation of a certificate from the agricultural representative of the district that the man in question is an efficient farm labourer.

The Government has acted in this regard in mind the urgency of the national peril, very few men, (a) unmarried or widowers without children, (b) between the ages of 20 and 22 and (c) in medical category "A," can really be regarded as indispensable to any business.

Some representations have been made with regard to the only son of a widow who is her sole support. This subject must be approached from two points of view:—(1) the national interest; (2) personal hardship. In the first place, it is conceded that the calling up of the only son of a widow necessarily brings sorrow to the mother, but it must be recognized that this sorrow comes to every mother who parts with her son. There are cases where the only son on a farm is between the ages of 20 to 22, and the widowed mother will suffer hardships if he is taken. The same considerations would apply to the only son of a widow who is living in the city and who, for example, is engaged in business and supporting a mother, possibly sisters, as well. There is also the case of the only son supporting an invalid father, where equal hardship exists. From the standpoint of financial difficulties, it must not be overlooked that the widowed mother in such cases will be in receipt of—

(a) Separation Allowance.
(b) Family Pay.
(c) Patriotic Fund Allowance.

Taking for example the case of a widow on a small farm. It may be that the farm cannot be operated without the son's assistance, but it is felt that the Government should be operated to provide the living of those people residing on it, and against the loss of income from increased production, etc., must be set off the allowance above referred to.

Further, from the standpoint of the national interest, the diminution of production upon such small properties must be considered, under present circumstances as negligible. The Government fully realize and most deeply regret that hardship and sorrow are entailed by every new application of the Military Service Act, but they hope the people will realize that those upon whom this stern duty falls have no alternative. Our forces at the front are likely to be attacked by overwhelming numbers at any time until the tremendous struggle which began on 21st March last shall have reached a conclusion. Our failure to support them with adequate reinforcements might lead to their decimation or destruction. It would be of little avail to increase production, if by such disaster at the front, that our products could not reach Great Britain or the Allied nation beyond the seas. In that case we should have known so that Germany might reap the benefit.

Moreover, the Government hopes that during the coming summer a more effective mobilization of the human energy of Canada may be effected, with the result that the crops sown during the spring may receive necessary attention during the summer and may be successfully harvested in the autumn.

CONTINUOUS PROGRESS BY THE ALLIED TROOPS

German Trenches so Harassed by Allied Artillery as to Make Movement Impossible. Canadians Have Taken Over More Trenches. Australians Made a Grand Push Into Enemy Territory. Ostend and Zeebrugge Again Bombarded

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, May 7.—Harrasing fire on German trenches and communications has had the desired effect. Whenever the enemy infantry has tried to assemble or to threaten a fresh attack on the Flanders front during the past three days, the British guns have punished them terribly and movement has been impossible.

CANADIANS TAKE OVER MORE TRENCHES.

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, May 7.—The Canadian army has taken over trenches in the vicinity of Nooyville Village, Meccatel, Bois-leux and St. Marie, in addition to its new quarters as well as north of the Scarpe they have been keeping the enemy constantly on the alert.

BRITISH CAPTURE 200 PRISONERS.

LONDON, May 7.—German raids today against the French positions in the region of Loos in Flanders were repulsed. In the operation, British troops of the Somme and the Ancre last night, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig tonight, the British captured more than 200 prisoners. The

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QUEBEC BISHOP HAS WORDS OF APPROVAL FOR Y.M.C.A. WORK.

QUEBEC, May 6.—His Grace Mgr. Roy, auxiliary bishop of Quebec, has made public his hearty approval of the campaign started by the Y.M.C.A. for overseas work in the following letter which he addressed to G. B. Ramsey, chairman of the local branch of the campaign:
Archbishop's Palace, Quebec, May 2, 1918.
Dear Mr. Ramsey:
Herewith I am sending you my sentiments regarding the organization of the Y.M.C.A. for the Canadian soldiers.

It is excellent in its intentions and in its results. Our Catholic soldiers have already greatly benefited by it. Praise must be given to the generosity of the citizens who have made great sacrifices to maintain and develop it. The movement is very generous and very bold of inspiration. Catholics who wish to help it by donations, therefore, participate in a useful work of high patriotic and social value.

Yours very truly,
P. E. ROY,
Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE. TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, May 7.—Moderate to fresh winds; local showers; partly fair with higher temperature.
The tide will be high this morning at 9:14, and tomorrow at 10:01. It will be high tonight at 10:11, and tomorrow at 11:11.
The sun sets this evening at 8:28, and tomorrow at 8:30; it rises tomorrow morning at 5:59 and Friday at 5:57.
The moon rises tomorrow morning at 3:59.
The last quarter of the moon was on Friday, May 3rd, at 6:26 p.m.
There will be a new moon on Friday, May 10th, at 9:01 a.m.
The length of today will be four teen hours and twenty eight minutes.

TAX ON MATCHES A FRUITFUL ONE

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OTTAWA, May 7.—The tax on matches promises to be a fruitful one, and it is estimated that it will bring in nearly three million dollars. The E. B. Eddy Company of Ottawa, the largest manufacturer of matches in Canada, will according to their present output pay into the treasury seven to eight thousand dollars a day.

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COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Horse races will be held on the People's Track, Gardfield, July 24th 1918, reserve date. 4885-5-SMEH.

TORONTO PROUD OF RED TRIANGLE WORK

Monster Rally Cheered the War Work of the Y. M. C. A. City Voted \$75,000 for Red Triangle Fund. Governor General Addressed Meeting.

(Special to The Guardian)
TORONTO, Ont., May 7.—Toronto is proud of the Red Triangle. A monster rally at Massey Hall cheered the war work of the Y. M. C. A. The city council voted \$75,000 to aid the work of the Y. M. C. A.
The Toronto campaign was given a send-off last night under distinguished auspices and with the enthusiastic support of an audience that crowded Massey Hall to the doors. The meeting was attended by His Excellency, the Governor General, accompanied by Sir John Hendrie, Lieut. Governor of Ontario. The Duke of Devonshire did not speak at any length, but he took occasion to answer a criticism voiced more than one quarter of the Y. M. C. A. work at the front, if essential, should be supported and carried on by the State.

"OLDE FOLKES CONCERT" WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

"Ye Old Folkes Concert" in the Market Hall last evening in aid of the P. E. Island Overseas Artillery Ladies' Auxiliary, was a pronounced success from every standpoint. It was indeed the most enjoyable entertainment held in Charlottetown for a long time, and the big audience which thronged the Hall was not slow to show its appreciation and time and again the performers were obliged to respond to encores.

It is now a good many years since one of these "Old Folkes Concerts" has been put on in Charlottetown, and they have always been big draws, and cards. There is something very fascinating in going back in fancy to the days of the past, and seeing again the quaint costumes, the odd manners, the antique furniture and knick-knacks of one kind or another. That the people of the past enjoyed life fully as much as the people of today do, and probably more so with the advent of modern innovations, is the thought impressed on one after witnessing an entertainment of the kind so ably given last evening.

The outstanding feature of the concert was the magnificent choruses. They were given with a will, the various parts blending most harmoniously, and bringing the unstinted applause of the audience. There were duets aplenty, quartets and trios, singing features all too rare here in recent years. The solos were also exceptionally well rendered and the old English dances as taken part in by Misses Earle, Owen, Smith and Watson and Messrs. Brown, Reddin, and McEwen, were capitally given and the source of much amusement.

From the first number, a delightful instrumental duet by Misses Kate and Edith Stanley to the final chorus of "God Save the King," the whole concert was excellent. The vocal soloists were Misses Amy Byrne, Lucy Blanchard, Mamie Smith, Kathleen Moore and Mr. Charles Earle, who all appeared in good voice and were heartily applauded. The song "The British Lion" brought out Mr. Charles Earle's powerful baritone in its most pleasing manner, and the audience insisted as usual on having "more of the same." Rev. Mr. Littlejohns in his several violin solos, was heard with much pleasure and a pleasing number was a humorous reading by Mr. Geo. DeBlols. One of the very best numbers on the program was that old gem "Cousin Jedediah," with Miss Mamie Smith taking the solo and all the singers joining in the tuneful chorus with splendid effect. Decidedly good, too, was the quartette, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," by Mrs. Bentley, Miss Amy Earle, Mr. George H. Moore and Mr. Chas. Earle, as was also the vocal trio, "The Fairies," by Mrs. McLary, Miss Mamie Smith and Mr. Roy Quigley. Delightful duets, "Two Merry Girls," by Misses Mamie Ross and Kathleen Moore, and "Matrimonial Sweet," by Vincent Pineau and Alfreda Doucette, were well received. The final chorus, "O'lam Be Thy Slumber," followed by the National Anthem, brought to a close, as before stated, one of the best concerts heard in this city for some time. Great credit is due to Prof. Earle, under whose capable direction the concert was given. The professor, when it comes to getting up something in the concert line with variety galore, certainly knows how. The object of the concert was a worthy one, the procuring of comforts and necessities for our gallant island artillery boys at the front.

"Mother Day" On The Firing Line

PARIS, May 6.—"Mothers' Day"—a day on which every soldier of the Canadian and American Expeditionary Forces, young and old, high and low, is expected to write home to mother—has been fixed for May 12th. The idea originated with The Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American forces in Europe, and was approved by headquarters, which is doing everything possible to help it along.

Mothers may expect their letters to begin arriving early in June. Soldiers in the front-line trenches will be given every opportunity to scribble a few lines to their mothers, which will be hurried to the rear and rushed along to their destination.

All other business will be put aside except that of fighting the Germans. On that day the mothers will be uppermost in the minds of the soldiers. The letters will be marked "Mother's Letter" on the envelopes and will be given preference over all other mail matter.

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*FOR SALE—35 ACRES CHOICE land, 4 miles from City, C. G. Duffy, Charlottetown. 4777-5-3Mtf.
*WANTED — BY THE FIRST OF May, a girl for general housework. Apply at Guardian Office. 4707-4-24tt
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*FOR SALE OR RENT AT SOUTH-PORT 2 1/2 miles from Charlottetown 3 1/2 acres of land with dwelling house and out buildings complete. Apply to A. D. MacDonald, Forest Hill, P. E. I. 4842-5-6M3pnd.
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