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SIR WILFRID AND RECRUITING.

It is well known that before the war Sir Wilfrid Laurier was ever forward in proclaiming himself the uncompromising opponent of every form of militarism.

His sincerity in his oft expressed desire to keep Canada from taking part in any European war may well be questioned after reading several of his speeches, especially some of his recruiting efforts recently delivered in the Province of Quebec.

It is quite true that he, with much apparent fervor advises, and even urges his co-patriots to enlist for the war. He has told them that the war is not only a just one, but is also a fight for the preservation of our liberties and the world's civilization.

The result of recruiting in the province of Quebec has been very disappointing. No other province shows such poor results. As compared with Ontario she has contributed less than one-fifth, although her population is almost as great.

It must be apparent to the least observant what an injurious effect taunts of this kind would produce at a recruiting meeting in Quebec. Even if the censure were justified the time and the occasion would surely appeal to this great enemy of militarism as being most ill-timed and inopportune.

Anyone conversant with the facts will have little hesitation in coming to the conclusion that his strictures were unfair, unjust and unreasonable.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a student of history and thoroughly understands that portion which deals with the Franco-Prussian war. He knows well that the course followed by Great Britain on that occasion in keeping out of that conflict was the only proper and justifiable one.

At that time Napoleon III was ruler of France. He was regarded during his whole reign as the disturber of the world's peace. He occupied in Europe as the creator of anxiety and dread pretty much the same position as that held by the present German Emperor during the past twenty years.

the Prussian king, who declared war in 1870. He did it too without any sufficient justification or excuse.

The cause is well known. The crown of Spain was offered by its provisional government in 1870 to Leopold, a Hohenzollern Prince, who with the consent of the King of Prussia, accepted it.

This was an equivalent to declaring that war had been determined on. The king declined to give the assurance asked for, and war was the result.

Today, in the midst of a life-and-death struggle, involving the very existence of the Empire, and the free institutions existing in Canada, we have this spectacle of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the great pacifist and stern opponent of militarism going through our country maintaining that the British Empire should have gone to war in 1870 to help the aggression of Napoleon III on his neighbor.

We have stated that in those days Napoleon III. was the great disturber of the world's peace. His was the principal part in bringing on the Crimean War, now admitted to have been a great mistake.

It was his scheming and restlessness that brought into existence the great volunteer movement in Great Britain in the early sixties. The possibility of a French invasion of Britain during his reign was ever present in the minds of British people.

We now ask in all seriousness were the unjust aspersions of Sir Wilfrid against the people and government of Great Britain for not joining hands with Napoleon III in 1870 calculated to help recruiting in the Province of Quebec.

SIGNING THE N. S. CARDS.

A bank clerk in Ottawa who thought he could play fast and loose with the National Service cards found out his mistake at the expense of a \$1,200 job which he forfeited.

Sir Thomas White, addressing the Toronto Board of Trade recently, said: "The Government is about to issue war debentures in sums of less than one hundred dollars, bearing interest probably at five per cent, maturing in three years.

Let us make our dollars fight the Huns." He further said: "Let us economize. Let us save. Let us make our savings serve the purposes of the war. Let us make our dollars fight the Huns."

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Appeal by Sir W. W. Sullivan

TO THE PEOPLE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: The time has arrived when, in furtherance of the campaign which is now being launched by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, it becomes necessary to bring to the immediate notice of the public the essential requirements of the occasion.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund has been established "for the assistance, in case of need, of the wives, children and dependent relatives" of men on active service with the Naval and Military Forces of the Empire, the object being to make sure that a fit and comfortable living would be provided for the wife and family of every man serving on the Canadian force.

His Excellency the Governor General, as President of the Fund, has issued an appeal to the people of the Dominion, setting forth that fifty-five thousand families, comprising one hundred and fifty thousand individuals, are at the present time dependent upon the fund, and that it is estimated that twelve millions five hundred thousand dollars will be required to satisfy the needs of the next twelve months.

In these circumstances it devolves upon the people of Canada to provide the requisite means to assist the wives and children of the gallant men who have gone, and who are going, to fight the battles of our country at the front; and it is presumed that each province will willingly raise its reasonable quota for this beneficent purpose.

It is estimated that the people of Prince Edward Island can easily contribute, by voluntary subscriptions, for the current year, at least \$50,000. On our population of 93,728, this would be only a fraction over 53 cents per head, which would be insignificant in comparison with what other provinces are providing.

I feel sure that the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island are fully equal to those of any other province of Canada in the qualities which constitute a self-respecting people, and I am convinced that with the opportunity presented to them, as it now is, they will generously require the heroic men who, on war's bloody battle fields, are enduring untold hardships, and nobly yielding up their lives in support of a cause whose righteousness all must acknowledge.

W. W. SULLIVAN, President Prince Edward Island Branch, Canadian Patriotic Fund.

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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson, COMFORT.

I like so much that verse in the Psalms, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help."

So many of us, when trouble comes, look only at the things close round us, and they are so overwhelmingly sad that we feel we cannot bear life any more.

But that is quite the wrong thing to do. We must still look towards the hills, still try to think for others, and work for others, and keep self in the background, just as we do in ordinary, everyday life.

I think God sometimes washes our eyes with tears in order that we may see more clearly, and realize that life, though at times it seems such a terrible puzzle to us, is still in His hands, and therefore must, in some way, be for the best.

Who heaven and earth hath made. Why foot He'll not let slide, nor will He slumber that these keeps: Behold, He that keeps Israel He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade. On thy right hand doth stay: The moon by night thee shall not smite.

Nor yet the sun by day. The Lord shall keep thy soul; He shall Preserve thee from all ill; Henceforth thy going out and in God keep for ever will.

WILL RE-OPEN FIRE SWEPT SLOPE AT SPRINGHILL

SPRINGHILL, Jan. 11.—It is reported that the North Slope, recently sealed up as a consequence of the desperate fire which raged through its levels, is to be re-opened in about two weeks. Whether or not it will then be possible to resume operations in the slope is, of course, more or less of a question but it is understood that the mining experts are hopeful that it will be found feasible to begin work again.

Should it be possible to begin operations again the miners formerly employed there will be transferred back to this slope. Since the fire forced the sealing of the slope these men have been working on extra shifts at the other parts of the mines.

RED CROSS FUND

Total amount of bazaar and donations held at Mt. Stewart December 21st in aid of Red Cross Fund \$152.16. Total expenditure 8.63. Balance on hand \$143.53. Paid P. W. McLeod for 8 lbs. rolls at 55 cts. \$4.40. Spinning 8 lbs. rolls at 14c. 1.12. Clark Bros for Ice Cream supplies, tissue paper, candles, rope, etc. 3.11. Mrs. Russel Clark, Treasurer. \$8.63.

Typewriter Speed Secrets

Told by the Mistress of the Keys

HOW TO MAKE YOUR MACHINE SING AT THE RATE OF ELEVEN STROKES A SECOND OR 137 PERFECT WORDS A MINUTE—A PANDORA BOX OF GOOD ADVICE TO THE FRATERNITY OF FLYING FINGERS.

STORY THREE.

Just a word of advice before we begin our third lesson. We have arrived at the time when you are nearly ready for the practice of proper fingering, but first I want to state that operating the typewriter cannot be conquered unless you decide in advance that you are going to practice systematically just so long each day.

GROOMING YOUR MACHINE.

Every morning you should devote some attention to cleaning your typewriter—particularly to brushing out the type with a stiff brush so that the outlines of each letter will be well defined. Don't use too much oil. One drop each morning on the wayrod (the rod upon which the carriage travels) is sufficient to keep the machine in good working condition.

DO NOT BE A "KEY CLASHER." This is due to failure on the part of typists to strike each key firmly or to an unevenness in the strokes. Use "Perfect Rhythm," and "keep in tune."

NEW FINGERING METHODS.

Let me give you a little talk on fingering. I believe my fingering of the machine is different from that of anyone else in the world. Whether my speed is due to my special method or not cannot be proved. But, as we used to say when we were children, "Finkin' is keepin'." I am naturally prejudiced in its favor, but not so much that I will not concede all honor to any author of a typewriting text book who can write 137 accurate words a minute for one hour. It is generally known that the authors of books on this subject have never attained notable speed on the machine.

THE OWEN IDEA.

When I first began the study of stenography and typewriting, naturally I had no idea of the success that the future was to bring to me. I learned primarily from one of the established systems and continued the use of it until able to adapt my fingers, instead of those of some other person, to the varied combinations. There-

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LAST CALL FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Most of the cards have been filled and returned—a few are still outstanding.

Don't allow any misapprehension to delay this important duty.

The objects have been clearly stated. Let me repeat.

National Service is the commencement of a comprehensive plan for the mobilization of Canada's resources,—both man-power and material—for the purpose of better directing the energy of the country in peace as well as in war.

It is not a form of conscription. It has no connection whatever with such a move.

It has directly opposite aims. Its success will render any form of compulsion unnecessary.

Don't let any reason whatever prevent you from completing and returning your card this week.

If you require any explanations, or if you have failed to receive your card, apply to the nearest postmaster.

Remember. Your refusal or delay will only cause unnecessary trouble and expense in finishing this work, as the National Service Board will certainly procure a complete enrollment by some means.

Your duty in this regard is simple, clear, and easily performed. DO IT NOW.

J. A. MacDONALD, Director of National Service.

Next week or the week following you will be asked for your subscription to the

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