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RECRUITING FOR 105th

Up to last night 700 men had signed the service roll of the 105th Highland Regiment, and every day is adding to the number. The full strength of the Regiment when completed will be 1,153, so that there is yet room for 453 men. These men will come in, and the sooner they come the better will it be for themselves and for the good name of the Province. By coming in now they will have the advantage of getting their initiatory training into camp life among their friends and near their homes, so that when called away to a larger camp in the spring they will have had their military "eye teeth cut" and they will be better prepared for camp life amid strange surroundings.

But, above all, they will have the satisfaction of doing their duty without unnecessary delay and unnecessary solicitation. Recruiting meetings are being held throughout the Province to tell young men what their duty is and to ask them to do it. Among intelligent people such as we have in this Province this should not be necessary. Every man of military age in the Province knows what he should do in the circumstances; he knows that thousands of his fellow-countrymen are giving their lives daily to hold positions which must be held till help comes, and the longer that help is withheld the more valuable lives will be lost. And if those positions are not held, if that line in Northern France, now grimly and determinedly held by the few who have gone before, should break, every young man in the Province knows what the consequences would be. Why, then, wait to be told?

When danger threatened the land our forefathers held no recruiting meetings; the fiery cross was sent out by swift messengers, whose only instructions were to designate the place of mobilization, and woe to the man who refused! He was thenceforward shunned and despised and ostracised as a coward, unworthy of the protection and even the food his country gave him. And there were few refusals, so few that the liberties and the privileges they enjoyed were handed down to us unimpaired as a heritage to us and to our children. And our children and our children's children will bless or curse us for the manner in which we meet the crisis in which the Empire is struggling to-day.

Many parts of the Province have responded nobly to the call. Other sections have not, and it is possible they may not be represented in the war. To have no part in this war will be an ineffaceable disgrace, not only to the men of military fitness who should take their part in it, but to the communities to which they belong and for this reason alone every community in the province should do its utmost to induce its eligible young men to enroll themselves at once.

The 105th Highland Regiment will be recruited to full strength; the 453 men still wanting are coming. This will probably be the last opportunity to join a distinctive Prince Edward Island unit and the men who neglect it will not forgive themselves. The war, too, will be over some day and the boys will return and will receive a welcome such as our people never extended to any man, royal or great. And some of them will not return because some of the rest of us did not go to help them when they called to us from the trenches as they are calling now. One of the cruelest stings that the war will leave behind will be the charge that some other one might have come home but for some slacker who did not go. Don't be a slacker.

INSINCERE REPENTANCE

Nothing perhaps since the general election of last September gave more genuine pleasure or more hope for the future of Prince Edward Island politics than the opening furlong or two of an editorial in yesterday's Patriot entitled "The Personal Argument." In the picturesque language which the Patriot uses when deeply stirred, either on the platform or in its editorial columns, the article deprecates the custom of personal attack upon politicians whose only sin is that of having hitherto been respectable and trusted and qualified (the Hon. J. A. McNeill, for instance), they are called into public life.

"And what happens?" asks the Patriot. With tears of apparently sincere repentance the Patriot proceeds to tell what happens. He is attacked "in such a manner as not only to reflect upon the man's character but to belittle his ability and disgrace him in the eyes of the public. Any human being of the kind denominated would naturally feel hurt and mortified, while, as for his wife and family, they are simply sickened and do their best to persuade the husband and father to retire and have nothing more to do with attempting to serve his country in any public capacity whatever."

Here, we thought, was genuine repentance for the recent attack on the Honorable James A. McNeill; here was a public confession that the attempt to fasten the sin of grafting and of tampering with public funds upon Mr. McNeill was wrong; here was an implied promise that such political tactics as were employed by Liberals at the general election and at the recent

by-election would not be repeated; here at last was a notice served upon the Liberal party that whatever course others might pursue, as for us, THE PATRIOT, we would henceforth eschew personal abuse and calumny.

But alas for the hope that the Ethiopian had changed his skin, that the leopard had changed his spots. The remainder of the two column article was devoted to abuse of the Guardian, in language as florid as that used in the opening apparent confession and self-abasement. And towards the end of the almost interminable abuse of the Guardian we find this, which savours more of the pain resulting from the recent castigation in First King's, than of any promise of better conduct in the future: "If the Guardian and those controlling it still continue their personal attacks upon the leading men in the Liberal party, then in self-defence there will be only one course for us to pursue, and that is for us to turn around and treat them as they are treating us!"

This from the Patriot! that sprung the scandal on Hon. James A. McNeill, and repeated it day after day, knowing Mr. McNeill to be a man above reproach; that repeated, issue after issue, the scandal about the Army Field Service Fund, managed by three of the leading citizens of Charlottetown, knowing it to be false; that unceasingly heaped personal abuse on the Government and its leader! And now it is going to "turn around and treat them, the Conservatives, as they are treating us!"

The other day the German government sent a protest to the British government solemnly complaining that a British warship had sunk a German submarine and captured its occupants! The Guardian did its part in sinking the German submarine affidavit in First King's last week and also to capture the crew. The Patriot's protest, like that of the German government, will be taken for what it is worth by those who have become acquainted and disgusted with its Germanism and with the scandal-mongering that it and its party have introduced into the public life of this province.

NO TIME FOR PEACE

"Personally," said a clergyman in the course of a sermon in England the other day, "I feel that it would take eternity to thank God for not having stopped this war as He might have done. If it had been deferred for ten years my beloved country would have been a Mongolian desert. Talk of Belgium, of Poland, of the Serbians and the Armenians; that is child's play to what would have become of hated England. Our dear island home with its cathedrals, minsters and abbeys would have been utterly destroyed, we should have nothing left us but our eyes to weep with."

We can see now as we did not at the beginning of the war what the consequences might have been had Germany had a few more years of preparation for the struggle she had been so long and so diligently preparing for. When it came, perhaps a little sooner than she had anticipated, as the excuse which precipitated it was to the diseased German mind a Providential one, her preparation had not been fully completed. Much of her commerce was on the sea and she lost it; some of her ships, it is true were called home before war was declared and they were given a somewhat longer shrift, but her losses in ships and trade at the beginning of the war were enormous, thanks to the British Navy that never sleeps.

But the outbreak was Providential all the same. It came in time to save not only the British Empire but civilization and its work has not yet been finished. Peace now would be as disastrous as the postponement of the war would have been and those outside of Germanism who are praying for peace "know not what they ask." The Germans do; peace now would mean a settlement which would leave them something to start with again as a nation. All the clamouring for peace conferences, all the Ford vapourings, all the talking and appealing and the praying for peace are of German origin and German inspiration, whether in Germany or the United States or elsewhere.

There will be no peace till the work is finished, and that work is the crushing of Germanism and Prussianism as a venomous snake is crushed under a man's heel. And, with the clergyman quoted above, we may thank God that the war had not been stopped until the snake had assumed proportions which would have made its crushing difficult, perhaps impossible.

WHAT THEY NEED

The regrettable dissensions in the British Cabinet and the sectional differences throughout the country over the question of conscription will probably end either in a general election or in some such union of the contending parties as occurred when war broke out. It will be remembered that just before the war the Irish Home Rule question had become so acute that arms and munitions were being secreted for the expected conflict. Then the war came, Great Britain was threatened from without, the contending factions which had been ready to spring at each others' throats forgot their little family quarrel and went out shoulder to shoulder to meet and to whip the enemy who dared threaten the British flag.

If a German force could be induced to-day to land in England or in any part of the United Kingdom, Labourites, Conscriptors, Anti-conscriptors, Unionists and Anti-unionists would forget their petty quarrels and to a man would shoulder their rifles to meet the invaders. It would appear, at this distance, as if the people of the Old Land had not all the fighting they wanted. Near as the war is to them, much as they see of its sufferings and of its victims, their country is safe from invasion and they must forthwith scrap among themselves. They need a calamity to unite them and they may get it.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK ISLAND SOLDIERS

CHEERFUL AND HAPPY

New Year's Day shows bright, clear and cold, with a driving snow, many to the regret of the sportsmen who, however, nothing daunted, tried their horses out by wagon in the afternoon.

At Government House His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McDonald and Mrs. McDonald received a large number of gentlemen from 2:30 to 3:30; the first reception since the Governor's appointment.

A great many ladies were "At Home" on the same afternoon and calling was quite largely indulged in by the gentlemen.

The opening of the Arena Rink made a pleasant diversion for the evening and jolly crowds of young people wended their way there and to the excellent music furnished whiled away a delightful evening.

Government Pond is the Mecca of the young people this week and not a few ice-parties have been formed, finishing up with dainty luncheons at private residences or restaurants. This favorite resort is growing in popularity and is said to be the most lighted up and seats placed for the skaters.

This being the annual Week of Prayer, little entertaining was done and the services in the different churches were very largely attended, most interesting addresses being eloquently given by the ministers.

Miss MacCreedy, one of this county's bride-to-be, was given a lovely arranged linen shower on Wednesday afternoon by her friend, Miss Palmer, from 4 to 6. A bevy of ladies were invited and Miss MacCreedy on her arrival was presented with an old-fashioned hat box, which when opened, revealed many beautiful gifts, she being very popular among the younger set. After a very delightful hour afternoon, the tea table looking exceedingly pretty with its decorations of smilax and flowers.

Hon. Murdoch McKinnon returned this week from a trip to New York.

Mr. Cathbert A. Simpson, B. A., returned to King's College this week, having spent the holiday season with his parents, Canon and Mrs. Simpson.

Captain Stanley Bagwell, of Halifax who is awaiting orders to proceed to England, spent the holiday season at North Sydney, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Christie.

Miss Gladys McDonald, of Georgetown, is visiting at Government House.

Dancing on skates has taken the fashionable American world by storm from Boston to Seattle and Portland. Ice-teas and dainties a la glace are the popular form of entertainment. It is said there are not enough either rinks or instructors to meet the demands, which are expected to increase with the colder weather. Baseball on the ice is an entirely new sport, which five of the best known of the major leaguers are now promoting.

The young people are eagerly looking forward to Monday night's Patriotic Dance in the P. W. C. as it is to aid the Regimental Fund of the 105th Highland Brigade and also the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The chairpersons will be Mrs. L. A. Matheson, Mrs. S. R. Jenkins, Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, Mrs. R. H. Campbell and Mrs. T. Edgar McNeill.

Deepest sympathy is being extended to the family of the late Mr. Brenton Dawson, whose death was announced this week, much to the regret of his wide circle of former home friends.

The House of Commons in Ottawa, opens on January 12th. The two members, Mr. McLean and Mr. Nicholson, accompanied by their wives, leave early next week for the capital.

A great many of the students, home for Christmas and New Year's, returned to the several colleges on the mainland this week, after a most delightful holiday.

The illness of Mr. L. A. Hazard is deeply regretted by his wide circle of friends.

The weekly sewings on behalf of the Red Cross Society of St. Peter's Cathedral, were resumed on Thursday evening, after the Christmas recess. Before the meeting opened, the Rev. D. J. McDonald and his wife, who have just taken up house-keeping in this city, were presented with a shower of house furnishings, including kitchen utensils, household linen, china, cutlery and furniture; also a quantity of groceries. Canon Simpson, in the name of the ladies, made the presentation, and Mr. Macdonald responded in a fitting manner thanking the contributors for their gifts which were quite a surprise to him. He looked upon it as another mark of the kind consideration shown him ever since he took up his work among them.

IMPORTANT

Relatives of soldiers returning from the front are asked to communicate with the Secretary of the Provincial Committee of Wounded Soldiers' Commission, Miss Nellie Gillespie, Charlottetown, intimating the date of expected arrival, cause of return and any other particulars in order that preparation may be made for a fitting reception.

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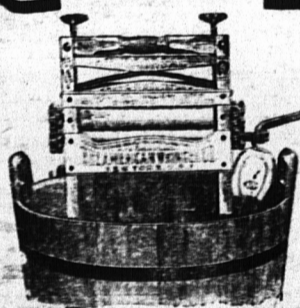
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