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THE HIGHLAND REGIMENT

In our reply to the Patriot's attack on Saturday, we treated the question of the command of the Highland Regiment and the 105th Overseas Regiment judicially and impartially.

In the course of its exceedingly unjust, illogical and peevish tirade, the Patriot says: "It will take more than any ability the Guardian possesses to make the people believe

"That Sir Sam Hughes does not know his own mind. "That he vacillates. "And after he has given an order immediately proceeds to cancel it.

"And that it is his idea to recruit two regiments of twelve hundred men each simultaneously in this little province."

We certainly shall not attempt to do anything of the kind. We know the Minister of Militia sufficiently well to appreciate the fact that, whether he knows his own mind or not, he is the last man in the Government to submit to dictation or coercion from any quarter.

Sir Sam Hughes' official decision was received on Saturday. He appoints Colonel Campbell to the command of the 105th, and this position Colonel Campbell has accepted.

There, we presume, the matter rests.

LABOR CONDITIONS

Not in years has the report of the Dominion Department of Labour shown such a favourable condition of affairs in the industrial life of the country as that which appears in the November issue of the Labour Gazette.

Fernie, Nanaimo, and Nelson report a slight improvement over the previous month, but it will be remembered that the previous month's report was far from satisfactory.

Vancouver reports "the same general slackness

which has prevailed during the past twelve months". In October civic relief was given to 442 families of whom 77 were Canadians, 214 Old Country families, 20 American and the remainder of various European nationalities.

In Victoria the number of unemployed is the same as in the previous months.

While conditions are reported as generally good in the Prairie provinces, owing to the demand for labour in the harvest fields, they are invariably good from Ontario eastward.

During October two parties of Canadian workmen left the country for work in connection with the war. One of these parties consisted of skilled railway workmen to be employed in Northern Russia on a railway which has been under construction during the past year.

In addition to these a party of 1,710 machinists, shipwrights, blacksmiths, and iron-workers was taken to England to work in munition factories.

Summing up the general situation, the Labour Gazette says: "Employment in October on the whole was at a high level. There was no abatement of the abnormal activity in some lines of the metal trades, and the textile industry was unusually busy on war orders.

WIDER USE OF SCHOOL PLANT

The United States Bureau of Education has recently issued a bulletin in which appears an excellent and timely article by Clarence Arthur Perry, emphasizing the wider use of the school plant.

Purveying beneficial amusements to those who are prevented by fatigue from engaging in active play and who otherwise might receive their satisfaction at the hands of unscrupulous vendors.

Promoting the formation and vigour of groups which might be incited to self-expression by furnishing both quarters and leadership.

"In these ways," he concludes, "public education is extending its distinctive function of improving human society. That this work will undergo still greater and more systematic extension is clearly foreshadowed by the trend of present developments and the persistency of the forces behind them."

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NAVY

"The Triumphant Trident" is the title of an article in the August issue of The Navy, the organ of the Navy League, in which it is stated that if any one for a moment should doubt what the navy has done and what the Navy today stands for, he or she should carefully study the 12 items given underneath which stand to its credit.

1. The sea power of the world to the various theatres of the world, of the German Empire have been lavishly expended for a generation, has been throttled and demoralized.

2. The merchant shipping of the world has been swept within a few months after the declaration of war, from the waters of the world.

3. British troops for the support of the Allies have been transported from the remotest corners of the world with systematic regularity, without the loss of a single man—(this was before the loss of the Royal Edward).

4. The trade routes along which the commerce of the world travels to the ports of the Allies have been kept open and our gigantic shipping industry, with comparatively little loss, has been carried on with undeviating precision.

5. The shores of France, Great Britain's and all other have been rendered immune from attack by the enemy's fleet.

6. Turkish power in the Near East has been grappled with in the Dardanelles with all the vigor which the combined military and naval organization of the Allies can employ.

7. The operations against the Turks in the Persian Gulf have been systematically prosecuted with continued success.

8. The war in South Africa has been concluded by a magnificent feat of arms directed by the great Prime Minister-Soldier of the Union, who, in eloquent terms, has attributed his success to the silent influence of the British fleet.

9. In East and West Africa military operations have been carried on energetically with the steady crushing of the enemy's forces, assisted by continuous support from the sea.

10. The supply of munitions from every friendly community in the world overseas has been maintained.

11. German submarine aggression has had comparatively little result.

12. Above all, the shores of these islands have been kept free from attack by enemy hordes, and the people are able to pursue their ordinary avocations in freedom and safety in Canada.

GERMAN FLAME PROJECTORS

Describing the experience of flame fighting in Flanders, a corporal of the says: "We go under fire now in the actual sense of the word, and I can't say that it is an enjoyable experience. I have seen prairie fires explode in the States but that is no worse than a schoolboy's bonfire, compared with what they are doing out in Belgium.

If you get near enough you can easily imagine yourself frying, the heat is so hot, and then when the liquid gets you on a tender spot the pain is unbearable. If you have ever tried burning a wart off with acid, just multiply the pain by a few millions and you will have a near enough idea of what it feels like to have one of these "kultur" brand of blowpipes turned on to you.

"There is one danger in this form of attack that only soldiers can appreciate. It is the danger of your ammunition exploding as soon as the heat begins to take effect. In my opinion, that is the worst danger of all, because it means that once you are subjected to an attack of this kind you may be forced between sacrificing all your ammunition or being blown sky high by the explosion. When you remember that a man is often a walking powder magazine you will realize how risky it is to be hanging about where these projectors are.

"I saw a fine thing done by two drivers of the transport service who were in charge of their cart, loaded to the brim, when one of these attacks

developed. As soon as it began to get really sultry, these chaps realized the danger to all around them, and without any thought of themselves they dashed off to a safer place and began carrying away the cases.

"They had not got the greater part away, when there was a terrific explosion, but luckily no one was any the worse; but if that had taken place where I saw the cart first the loss of life would have been terrible, besides helping the Germans in their attack. As it is, there was a young earthquake, of which the effects were felt for miles around.

"We all felt thankful to those chaps for their readiness to sacrifice themselves and we hope they will get official recognition. I know they were complimented by their officers for what they had done."

AN ANCIENT OFFICE.

The ancient office of Master of the Temple, which has been made vacant by the death of Dr. Woods, is not in the gift of the benchers. The right of appointment is to the lesser office of reader in exercise by the inner temple and the middle temple alternately but the right of appointing the master belongs to the Crown. When James I. conveyed the temple to the two societies he reserved the nomination of the master. One of the most remarkable things about the office is that its occupant, though owing no allegiance to the Pope, continues to enjoy the benefit of the Papal bull, by which the old templars were exempted from episcopal control. He takes his office without any formal process of induction, under letters patent from the Crown.

Many eminent divines have been masters of the temple. Among those who have occupied the office since the Reformation are the "Judicious" Hooker, whose bust adorns the west wall of the choir aisle, and whose sermons were so contrary to those of his reader that Fuller remarked that "the pulpit spoke pure Canterbury in the morning and Geneva in the afternoon." Dr. Vaughan, afterwards Bishop of Exeter who claimed to be the author of "Elknon Basilike"; William Sherlock, afterwards Dean of St. Paul's, whose "Discourse Concerning Death" is described by Addison as "one of the strongest persuasives to a religious life that was ever written in any language"; Thomas Sherlock, the son of William, who became Bishop of London; Thomas Rennell, afterwards Dean of Westminster, who married a daughter of Sir William Blackstone; Dr. Vaughan, one of the famous schoolmasters of the Victorian era, and a preacher of rare scholarship and eloquence; and Canon Ainger, who as the biographer of Lamb has associated his name with that of an author peculiarly dear to the temple.

Part of the stipend of the Master of the Temple, but a very small part, is paid by the Crown. The Crown provides £25 a year, while the inner temple and the middle temple each contribute £200. One of Dr. Wood's predecessors, Dr. Micklethwait, who was appointed in 1628, once made a startling attempt to increase his stipend. He claimed a tithe of all the fees earned in the temple. This claim was made by way of retaliation. He asserted a right of precedence at the benchers' table, and on this occasion, when all the judges were invited to dine in hall, went the length of appropriating the Lord Chancellor's seat and removing his gold-embroidered purse from its allotted place on the table. For this breach of good manners he was hidden "to forbear the hall till he was called for."

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PATONS

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THE BRAVE AT HOME

By Thomas Buchanan Read

The maid who binds her warrior's sash

With smiles that quell her pain dissembles,

The while beneath her drooping lash

One starry tear-drop hangs and trembles,

Though heaven alone records the tear,

And fame shall never know her story,

Her heart has shed a drop as dear

As e'er bedewed the field of glory.

The wife who girds her husband's sword,

Mid little ones who weep or wonder,

And bravely speaks the cheering word,

What though her heart be rent asunder,

Doomed nightly in her dreams to hear

The bolts of death around him rattle, Has shed as sacred blood as e'er Was poured upon the field of battle!

The mother who conceals her grief While to her breast her son she presses,

Then breathes a few brave words and brief,

Kissing the patriot brow she blesses, With no one but her secret God To know the pain that weighs upon her.

Sheds holy blood as e'er the sod Received on Freedom's field of honor.

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