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Soldiers And The C. C. F.

For some time now Socialist orators and propagandists have been telling us that "the soldiers are going to vote C.C.F."

Well, in the recent New Brunswick provincial election 12,625 soldiers cast their votes, and this, according to the official tabulation, is how they cast them:

For the Progressive Conservatives . . . 5,325
For the Liberals . . . 5,055
For the C. C. F. . . . . . 2,245

Thus of the total soldier vote the C. C. F. got less than half of what the Progressive Conservatives got, less than half of what the Liberals got, and less than one-fifth of the total.

No one knows, or can know, how members of the armed forces are going to vote. But judging by the above figures, the Socialist claim about their overwhelming preference for the C. C. F. is just trumped-up nonsense.

Remote Control

A recent survey reveals that only 22 per cent of Canadians know what an order-in-council is. Answering a question posed in the survey, a cross-section of citizens gave "good or fair answers" only in 22 per cent of the total.

It is part of the British and Canadian parliamentary system that the governor-in-council, i.e., the government of the day, may meet emergency necessities during the long recess between sessions of Parliament with an order-in-council which has the force and effect of law.

The principle involved was eventually ratified by statute and its necessity is quite understandable. But during the past five years a spate of orders-in-council has issued from the office of the Privy Council in Ottawa.

They have imposed restrictions and promulgated principles which collectively have altered the pattern of our daily life and changed the course of our social and economic regime.

The Ottawa Citizen suggests the fact that Premier Drew, Ontario, went to London as the guest of Captain Harold H. Balfour, assistant British Minister of Air, may provide an election cry for Prime Minister King.

It says it is understood a sharp protest has been made by him touching the matter to Lord Beaverbrook, Lord Privy Seal, on the ground that Mr. Balfour's action constituted unwarranted participation in Canadian political affairs.

British Women In Medicine

Britain is giving consideration to training of the medical profession for future years. Women are being welcomed into the profession and many good suggestions for their training have been made by a commission named to consider the subject.

Before beginning their training, students must have received good general education. Selection should not be based on examination results alone but also on personal suitability for the career and medical schools should carefully consider the use of special aptitude tests.

The existing arrangements for grants to students should be extended so that children with ability are not prevented from entering the profession through lack of money. Students should be encouraged to come from abroad, particularly from the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Women should be given full facilities for training in all medical schools. Co-education is normal at British medical schools except in London where teaching of women is concentrated mainly at the London School of Medicine for Women.

It is recommended that the latter should become co-educational and that all other London schools like the provincial ones, should also become co-educational. Already (March, 1944) London University has accepted the recommendation of one report to admit women on equal terms with men in all schools.

Note that Britain has a long pioneering tradition in this respect. The first woman ever qualified as a doctor was an Englishwoman—Elizabeth Blackwell—put on the British Medical Register in 1859. The London School of Medicine for Women was founded in 1874, and the report states, "its influence contributed in a large measure to the position women doctors now hold."

From 1938 to 1939, 14.9 per cent of all medical students in training in Britain were women, and from 1942 to 1943 admission quotas for women reached 20.9 per cent of the total. Women are already represented on the General Medical Council and on the Council of the British Medical Association and hold medical chairs in universities. Approximately one doctor in seven on the British Medical Register is a woman and the report proposes to raise this proportion to about one in five.

The report stresses giving women fuller opportunities for obtaining hospital appointments after qualification, since this enables them to qualify themselves better for general or specialist practice. Hence, "every possible step should be taken to secure that all hospital appointments are filled by open competition and that sex is no barrier to appointments."

It is important to stress that Britain is already in the forefront in giving opportunities to women to become doctors and, in fact, the quota of women training already approximately corresponds to the optimum proportion of women to men doctors.

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Vimy Memorial Safe

(Globe and Mail)
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The capture of Vimy Ridge was the most brilliant achievement of the Canadian Corps up to the spring of 1917, when the famous escarpment was a cardinal point on the Western front. French troops previously had failed to drive the enemy from the long upland, about 475 feet in height, which affords a view of the country from all directions. The Germans prized Vimy Ridge, which was the hinge on which they pivoted their retirement to the celebrated Hindenburg Line. The battle for the ridge opened on April 9 and the Canadian Corps won the victory in a series of attacks in France participated—had penetrated to a depth of six miles by the end of the day. The rapid movement, it must be remembered, that the enemy was strongly entrenched, and mechanized equipment was not as fully developed as now.

Millions of men had been bogged down in trenches for years, but the great victory of the Canadian Corps foreshadowed a return to a war of movement on the Western front. It also showed the possibility of breaking through the most elaborate field fortifications.

No Canadian will welcome the news about the capture of the damaged Vimy Memorial more heartily than Col. Henry C. Osborne, chief of staff of the Canadian Battalion, Battlefields Memorial Commission at Ottawa, under whose direction the masterpiece of the Canadian Corps was erected. Arras and release of the memorial from the clutches of the hated Hun. The Canadian happy memories in the minds of the Canadian pilgrims who went to France in 1936 to see the unyielding monument, which Edward VIII officiated. These peaceful pilgrims stood on the ridge while they were pursuing his campaign of slaughter in Belgium and Hitler's legions were goose-stepping along the Rhine. Little did they know that the monument would again be in the hands of the Germans.

The British Expeditionary Force which made the miracle of the escape from Dunkerque crossed Vimy Ridge twice on the way to the front. The Canadian officers caused anxiety in Canada in March, 1941 when he wrote of civilian dead heaped around the monument. The monument, a beautiful monument erected on a battlefield has escaped war's ravages.

Canada's Radium

(By C.H.H.)
(Ottawa: Canada at War is today producing most of the world's supply of radium, a metal so valuable that its price in gold is cheap. Largest percentage of this supply is being used in Canada for the production of radium, needles and panels for the instruments of fighting aircraft.

Of the remainder goes to the medical profession to battle the scourge of cancer. The radium in the far north Great Bear lake country the famous Eidorado mine produces the ore by hard rock method at the mine is partially refined and then shipped to Port Hope for purification.

Three million parts of the original ore give approximately one part of radium and that is one obvious reason for its high price. All the radium eventually reaches the National Research Council at Ottawa as radium is the compound by the glass capsules each containing about a hundred milligrams. Enough of this salt to cover the head of a pin would cost, by our count, between \$25 and \$50.

In the radiology laboratory of the National Research Council radium is then compared with that produced by a standard capsule and a certificate of content is issued. About a dozen capsules are measured every two days. In the National Research building the radium compound is kept in lead containers in a safe, not so much to protect it against theft but more to keep the powerful rays inside. No educated thief would attempt to steal radium. The "hotter" thing he could handle.

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