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TALK THAT IS DANGEROUS

All over the country patriotic meetings are being held—especially in districts where recruiting has been slow—at which trained public speakers are appealing to the young men of Canada to enlist and fight for freedom. Much of this work is done by busy men, who assuredly would not engage in it were they convinced that an ample supply of recruits could be secured without effort.

The statement of General Hughes, Minister of Militia, that he can get a million recruits any time he wants them and that men are coming forward twice as rapidly as they are required, has caused amazement and consternation among those engaged in the recruiting campaign. Such a ridiculous "brag" is calculated to stop the stream of recruits at the very time when the need for them is becoming more urgent. There are thousands of young men offering now not because of a desire for adventure or the hope of winning fame, but because they believe there is pressing need for their help to destroy German militarism. If Sir Sam Hughes can get a million recruits any time he wants them, serious young Canadians on the point of sacrificing good positions, and imperilling their careers at the call of their country will cease to regard that call as urgent and will be disposed to draw back. They will naturally regard the stirring speeches of the members of the Recruiting League as overdrawn, and the statements made about slow recruiting as false.

General Hughes' bragging talk is dangerous also because it leads the Canadian people generally to believe that they have done and are doing their full share in carrying on the great war. The truth is that the proportion of Canadian troops detached to the seat of war and actually at the front is lower than

that of any other overseas Dominion, and very much below the percentage of men sent out from Great Britain. In Canada up to the present time the total enlistment has been about 1 1/2 per cent. of the population. In Great Britain there are under arms about 600,000 regulars and territorials enlisted prior to the outbreak of hostilities, 250,000 men in the navy, and almost three million men recruited since war began. This vast array represents almost 8 per cent. of the population of the United Kingdom. A similar proportion of Canada's population would involve the raising of over 640,000 men in the Dominion. That could be done only by conscription. Yet General Hughes, with the irresponsibility of a schoolboy, talks loftily about obtaining a million men whenever he wants them.

Sir Robert Borden ought to insist that General Hughes shall cease to talk nonsense and buckle down to work. There are great problems awaiting solution in the Militia Department. Sir Sam should be on the job instead of on the rampage.—Toronto Globe.

POLITICAL OFFICERS.

The appointment of officers to the Battalions which are being raised for overseas service, especially to posts which demand large experience and technical knowledge, says the Halifax Chronicle, is a matter in which the public are deeply concerned. They have the right to expect and demand that when our sons volunteer for service, and go to the front, in the service of their King, that the men who are placed over them shall be the most competent men available.

When a regiment goes to the front it is not engaged in any child's play or any mere adventure. It is going to do men's work, and it should go under the most capable leadership which can be provided. Commissions and appointments should not be bestowed as a matter of favor or through political influence. The only test should be merit, and the only considerations which should influence any appointments are capacity and the qualities of leadership. No man should be entrusted with the grave responsibilities of handling or caring for a body of men in a life and death struggle merely because of "political pull."

In the list of officers for the 85th Battalion is one Joseph Hayes, appointed Lieut. Colonel, and the Chronicle says of the appointment:

The appointment of Mr. Hayes to this important position in which he will have entire charge of the health of the Regiment, and the bestowal upon him of the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel will astonish a

good many people in Nova Scotia. What his medical qualifications are we do not know. All that we do know is that he is not engaged in the practice of medicine, but that, on the contrary, for a number of years he has been a salaried official—the Secretary and Organizer of the Tory Party in this Province—and that his whole time and energies, so far as the public are aware, have been employed in fighting the Liberal Party in Nova Scotia. If this is the qualification which entitles Mr. Hayes to be made the Chief Medical Officer of the 85th Highlanders, we readily admit that he is eminently qualified.

As to his military experience we hesitate to speak. It may be that he has within him the qualities of a great Napoleonic genius. His only exhibition of "generalship" which we can recall was in the famous Victoria bye-election, when Mr. Hayes as the "organizer of victory," was "mentioned in the despatches." Whether his "distinguished service" in that memorable contest won him the appointment to a position, for which we have no doubt many young doctors actively engaged in the practice of the profession in Nova Scotia, are available, we can only leave to our readers to surmise. Many of them, doubtless, would be glad to serve without a Colonel's rank and a Colonel's pay.

We find over the editorial columns of The Fredericton Gleaner this thrilling and pathetic paragraph:

The Toronto News:—"Sir Robert Borden has torn the strangling hands of the gaffer and the mid-dleman from the throat of Canada. The Dominion has waited long for the appearance of a public man with the courage to put the welfare of the country above every other consideration. Now that she has discovered him she is not likely to let him relinquish his task for many years to come."

We sincerely trust that Sir Robert in his "tearing" effort did not hurt the Tory grafters very much. It was the Liberals of Manitoba, and not Borden's colleague "Bob" Rogers who tore the strangling hands from Manitoba's throat. It was Carvell and the Liberals who tore Fleming's strangling hands from the throat of New Brunswick, but Sir Robert L. Borden has positively accepted and never repudiated Fleming as his "grafter" candidate in Victoria-Carleton.—Transcript.

In every community there are a half dozen or a score of rifles owned and carried by men and boys not overskillful in their use nor over-careful in safe guarding the community from the effects of their long range missiles.

When one realizes that these weapons carry with deadly force for five or six miles, the menace of the irresponsible sportsman, who fires into the air and thus establishes a trajectory for his bullet which may find a billet in the next county, becomes very imminent. Not only valuable stock, but human life itself, becomes endangered, and the time is coming when high powered rifles will become a matter of government regulation, unless hunters and sportsmen take care in pursuing their favorite occupation.

It is coming to a fine pass when the Tory government at Ottawa, under the excuse of a war being waging, undertakes to censor and open the private correspondence of the electors of Canada, but there is a reason for this. It is because the government contemplates springing a Dominion general election, and it wants to exercise the power of opening and reading the correspondence of the Liberal leaders and Liberal electors in all parts of the Dominion. In other words, that the war is simply made an excuse for perpetrating a gross outrage upon the people of Canada. The present Dominion government should be driven from power for its abuse of the mails.—Transcript.

Agriculture is not on the decline in Carleton County. Farms are high and sell at a good price. All kinds of farm products, especially butter and hay, command a good price and the industrious farmer is making money. Another item worthy of note is that there are very few dilapidated farm buildings. Commodious barns and nice residences, all in good repair speak well for the prosperity of the Carleton County farmer. Glad of it, because when the farmer is prosperous everybody else is likewise.

PEOPLE MENTIONED IN THE PAPERS.

There are people in this world who find fault if some person or other is frequently mentioned in the newspapers. Such people never stop to think that those who are often referred to by the newspapers are persons, who in the great majority of cases, have done something worth mentioning. It is because they are progressive and because the community deserves to know what they are doing in church, or civic, social, or public movements. And this reminds us of a humor-

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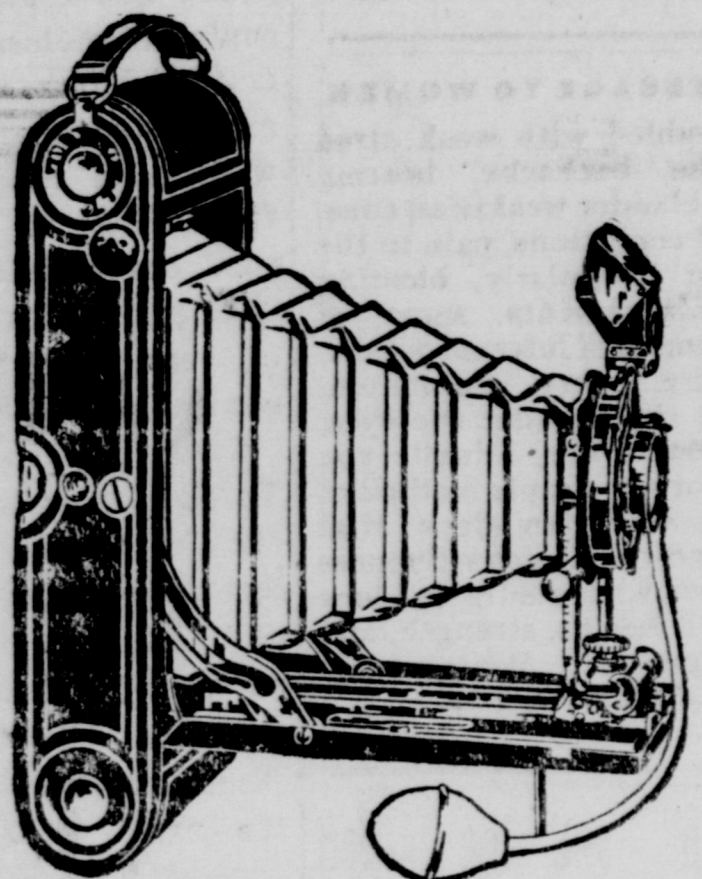
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E. W. MAIR, The Prescription
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ous article which appeared in a Maine paper. It is humorous because it is intended to be funny, but at the same time it contains a timely suggestion for those people who are continually finding fault because some man or some woman's name may appear frequently in the newspaper. The Maine editor wrote: "Not long ago a man came into this office and stopped his paper because he said it was always printing a lot of things about the same people and he was sick of it. Now when somebody goes wrong with the country the government appoints a commission to investigate and find out what is the matter and the first thing the commission investigates is the man who made the boiler to see if the boiler was a seasonable boiler. So we appoint a committee consisting of ourselves to investigate this

man. We just followed that man's career ever since we knew him. "The first thing that happened to that man was that he was born, but he had nothing to do with it. However, we mentioned him, although his parents were entitled to the credit. When he was in his early twenties he got married. We mentioned that, including the name of the bride, the preacher, etc., in fact we mentioned everything but the preacher's fee, which was not worth mentioning. We never mentioned the fact that he ever won any premiums at the county fair, because he never exhibited anything. We never mentioned his name in a list of committees, because he never donated so much as a doughnut.

"We certainly have been treating this man shamefully, but we will agree to run a nice obituary when the time comes. "At the same time, we are afraid we will have to go right ahead mentioning these people that we have been mentioning with such frequency. They have a habit of boosting the city, helping the church, mixing in politics, getting up parades and financing the baseball team, so their names are bound to creep into the paper."

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