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MESSAGE TO YOUNG MEN.

"After a long life I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you; problems of race division, problems of creed differences, problems of economic conflict, problems of national duty and national aspiration. Let me tell you that for the solution of these problems you have a safe guide, an unfailing light, if you remember that faith is better than doubt, and love is better than hate.

"Banish doubt and hate from your life. Let your souls be ever open to the strong promptings of faith and the gentle influence of brotherly love. Be adamant against the haughty; be gentle and kind to the weak. Let your aim and your purpose, in good report or in ill, in victory or in defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise the standard of life to higher and better spheres."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at London, Ont.

A PATRONAGE SQUABBLE.

As previously announced in these columns, Col. John Stanfield, M. P. for Colchester, N. S., and chief Conservative whip in Parliament, has resigned his seat, or, to be more exact, he has written out his resignation and placed it in the hands of the Colchester Conservative Association. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago his brother, Mr. Frank Stanfield, M. P. for Colchester, tendered his resignation as the result of a patronage squabble with Hon. Frank Cochrane and Mr. F. P. Gutelius over the appointment of an assistant superintendent for the Intercolonial Railway at Halifax. Mr. Stanfield, in his capacity as patronage dispenser, nominated one J. D. McNutt for the position, but failed to secure his appointment. He then handed his resignation as an M. P. over to the president of the Conservative Association and reported by cable to brother John, who was in England at the time in command of an overseas battalion. Upon receipt of the cable, Colonel John forgot all about the Germans and the war and hastened home by the first steamer, with the object of straightening out the tangle and putting Minister Cochrane and General Manager Gutelius in their proper places. Like a famous brand of underwear which Col. Stanfield manufactures, he appears to have found them "unshrinkable," with the result that the Colonel's resignation went to join that of his brother, which had been in the hands of the President of the Conservative Association for some time, and was getting rather lonesome. As the President of the Conservative Association is a brother of the man who failed to land the job of assistant superintendent, he will probably not be in any hurry in letting the resignations pass out of his hands. The resignations, in order to become effective, must reach the speakers of the House of Commons and N. S. Legislature.

Colonel Stanfield is now in Ottawa, anxiously awaiting the return from the west of Sir Robert Borden in order that he may lay the whole case before him and demand a show-down. He is not worrying much about the situation on the western battle front, but patronage matters in Colchester are causing him a great deal of concern.

Ottawa despatches state that the Messrs. Stanfield are determined to make it a test case. Cochrane and Gutelius are very unpopular among Conservative members representing Maritime Province constituencies served by the Government railway, and the resignation of the chief whip is simply the culmination of a long series of complaints over patronage matters.

Conservative politicians have been repeatedly snubbed by both Cochrane and Gutelius, and have been swearing vengeance for months. They contend that Cochrane is no particular strength to the cabinet and they would rejoice to see him step out and take his \$20,000 general manager along with him.

The situation created by the gallant Colonel Stanfield is certainly very interesting, and has caused a genuine sensation in political circles. What action Sir Robert Borden may take is a matter for conjecture, but weak-kneed politician that he is, he is likely to follow the line of least resistance. Col. Stanfield is known to be an aspirant for a vacant Senatorship, and if he lands it he will probably be willing to let brother Frank do what resigning may be necessary. Minister Cochrane is known to be bull-headed and it is scarcely likely that he will do any knuckling down at this stage of the game in order to please the patronage dispensers of Colchester county.

The letter of a "Returned Soldier" in another part of this issue calls atten-

tion to a state of affairs which is not creditable to the post master of this city. The writer of the letter points out what everybody knows to be true, that men who should be wearing khaki are given employment in the local post office during the Christmas rush, while other men who have fought and bled for their country are walking about the streets with nothing to do. There has been a lot of talk about the great things that were to be done for returned soldiers. They were promised the preference when government positions became vacant, but the promise has not been kept. Political pull continues to be the chief qualification for government employment in this city. It is political pull which enables a great patriot like the Fredericton post master to reject the application of a returned soldier and add his own son to the pay roll of the post office staff. To turn down returned soldiers when they apply for work in the government service is not the most effective way to encourage recruiting.

Another Liberal Senator has passed away in the person of the Hon. Robert McKay, of Montreal. The deceased had for many years filled a prominent place in the commercial life of Canada. He was a director of the Bank of Montreal and also of the C. P. R., and was connected with various other enterprises. He was called to the Senate in 1901.

Mr. Lloyd George seems to have put Great Britain's case squarely up to the Kaiser. He stated that the peace terms of the Allies are "complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees." Until Germany is willing to accept these terms there can be no peace.

"I don't know Lloyd George in private life," writes Lord Northcliffe. That's, as the Toronto Star says, the way with the peers. They never could quite accept Disraeli socially, either, although he, too was found to be a useful fellow enough in his way.

Through Our Sieve

Three little shopping days—sad, but it's true—

And the worst is yet to come—now there are two.

Dec. 21—first day of winter—aw, quit yer kiddin'!

Of all sad words of tongue or book, the saddest are these, "We've lost our cook."

Beware the woman with that goin'-to-buy yuh-a-necktie look in her eye.

"Demands His Leg Back." Well, it's worth while making a kick about, we should think.

Stocks fell, but rallied at the close. The Kaiser's "warlike gestures" probably sent them up again.

A chaplain "somewhere in France" puts it rather neatly when he says: "The dove of peace is supposed to coo. Bethmann-Hollweg's dove pawed the earth like a bellowing bull."

"When you don't know just what to do," says an otherwise estimable Farm Journal, "wait a bit." We hesitatingly commend this advice to those who do not know which way to turn when they find themselves in front of an oncoming touring car of 60 or more horsepower.

THINK IT OVER.

This is a message to the stay-at-homes.

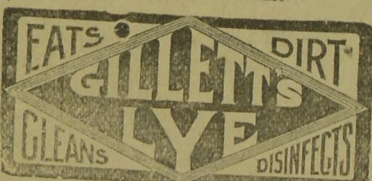
Scattered over the plains of France and Flanders, training in England and Canada, or disposed somewhere over the battle line of the great war, are more than 300,000 Canadian soldiers.

These men have gone away to fight—for Belgium, for France, for England. Yes, and more than that; to fight for Canada that this country may remain British and free.

These men can fight only as we make it possible for them to fight. The best equipped army in the world is as so much straw without munitions of war. The life of every Canadian in the overseas army today is dependent on the munition supply of this country as well as the Motherland.

Canada today can only increase the output of munitions by organizing every ounce of physical energy in this work. There is no considerable supply of male labor available, especially if the enlistment of at least 150,000 more men is to be secured. In Great Britain, in France and in Canada too, women have demonstrated their adaptability for munitions work. The men now at work and the woman or girl who undertakes to go into a munitions factory will be fortified in their endeavor by the splendid assurance that their daily contribution to the output of munitions in Canada is second in importance only to the splendid heroism of the men who stand in the firing line.

This is a time for national stock taking, and in the inventory all must show their worth.



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A RETURNED SOLDIER

HAS A WORD TO SAY

Jobs in the Post Office Still go to Men Who Should be in Khaki.

To the Editor of the Mail.

Sir,—Would you please give space somewhere in your columns for this short note in connection with returned soldiers and government jobs.

I understand that word has been sent out from headquarters at Ottawa that all vacancies in government jobs are to be filled by returned soldiers capable of holding such jobs. I see by Saturday's Gleaner that they have engaged half a dozen extra men in the Post Office while the Christmas rush is on, and not one of them is a returned soldier, while there are returned soldiers here looking for employment and they are left to walk the streets and see men who should be in khaki taking their places in such jobs as should be open to them. As long as those fellows are allowed to take government jobs, God help recruiting!

Yours truly,

RETURNED SOLDIER.

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Steel Co.....	62
Spanish.....	16
Shaw.....	130
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INCREASED COST OF FOOD CAUSES STRIKE

Madrid, Dec. 18.—A 24-hour general strike called by the labor organizations as a protest against the increased cost of food takes place tomorrow throughout Spain.

Factories, stores and many offices will be closed and no newspapers published.

The authorities have posted notices appealing to the good sense of the public to maintain order and announcing that any disturbances will be vigorously dealt with.

Miss Laureline Bailey, of the staff of Acadia College, has arrived home to spend her vacation.

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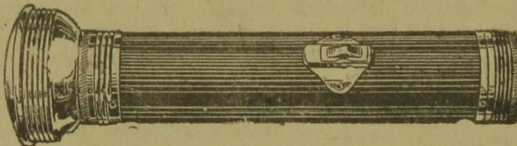
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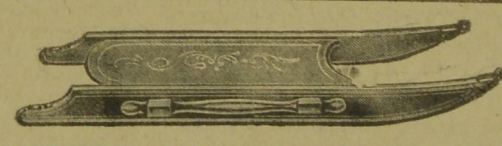
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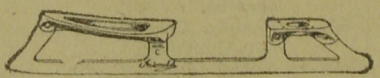
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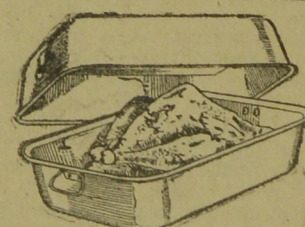
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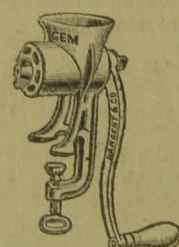


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