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SPRING CROP OF POLITICAL AND OTHER COLONELS IS ON

Gadsby Writes of the Different Species Which Invest
Ottawa During the Spring Months—They Are
Not Men of Peace.

M. P.'S TAKE THE JOB WITHOUT
PREJUDICE TO SESSIONAL INDEMNITY

They Give the War Absent Treatment—Sir Sam
Believes in Hoarding His Soldiers so Many Regi-
ments are Kept at Home.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, April 1st.—The spring crop of colonels is on us with a rush.

They seem to have come with the recent heavy snow fall, descending unnoticed like manna during the night. They are here a month ahead of the maple syrup. Before the first crocus begins to croak these gallant fellows are on the job.

Colonels appear on the streets of Ottawa and in the corridors of Parliament whom we never suspected we had about us. The only way to keep track of these sudden colonels would be to have a good hunting dog—one that could hunt mushrooms.

The public has an altogether wrong idea of these colonels. Fancy loves to dwell on the colonel as somebody that has worked up from the ranks, covering himself with technical knowledge and brave deeds on his way to the top, the victor in many Thanksgiving Day fights. Not so. Thirty-three per cent.

of the colonels one sees around here have never learned one end of a gun from the other—at least not from a musketry instructor. What they know is no mere book stuff. Their knowledge is higher than that. Tuition? Pooh! Intuition—that's the word. These are inspired colonels. They don't need to mug things up—they have the gift. They are colonels by the grace of God and Major General Sir Sam Hughes. They are so far above a grovelling knowledge of their profession that only the other day one of them failed to pass the M. P.'s course for provisional lieutenant, and was thought all the more of for it.

A thing that has always hampered military genius in the field has been a too close adherence to the little red leather text books. Our colonels do not put out their original fire that way. To avoid smothering their flame they pass up text books altogether.

Three Species of Colonels.

Colonels, so far as I have been able to classify them at Ottawa are of three species—real colonels, honorary colonels and political colonels. It's the political colonels I am talking about now. With the end of the war in sight there is a great increase in the number of political colonels. They feel that they can enlist now with little danger of being called on to assist in deeds of violence taking place in Europe.

Taking them by and large, I would say that 9 per cent. of the political colonels are in favor of peace and have been ever since the war started. Peace with honor, of course. Some people desire peace on national or international grounds. The political colonels go farther than that—they make a personal matter of it. They have always felt that close contact with shrapnel is bad for the health. They are full of moral courage—the courage that stays at home and draws pay while the coarser natures go to the front and win battles. As might be expected the political colonels are more accustomed to moral victories than to the other kind.

Known in This Locality.

The political colonels are recruited from three sources—from parliament, from the government departments, and from defeated party candidates.

Because a prospective colonel was defeated at the last general election is not to say that he can't win a dollar or two out of this world fight for civilization. I can't say offhand just how many M. P. colonels there are, but they're quite a few, and it's a safe bet that their job as colonel is without prejudice to their sessional indemnity.

Questions bearing on this point have been placed on the order paper by inquisitive Liberals, but so far they have not received a straight answer. It's none of their business. The laborer is worthy of his hire and if these heroes are worthy of two jobs at one and the same time, it follows that they are worth two salaries. It may pain them to take the money, but this is no time for a political colonel to stand on his dignity. No sacrifice is too great when the Empire is in danger—so the political colonel sacrifices his finer feelings and accepts the double insult.

There are political colonels on the job right now who have been drawing nine dollars a day more or less reluctantly ever since the war started. At most six thousand dollars each for remaining at home and minding their own business. Truly war is a bountiful

ful jade and thrifty withal. She helps people to save money during the hard times.

No Side Specified.

The political colonels volunteered, of course, for overseas service, not specifying, however, which side of the sea they were going to remain on.

If circumstances have kept them on the hither side of the Atlantic ocean, it is for them to bear their fate like soldiers and gentlemen. Fortitude is their long suit. They are passive resistors. Looking at it from a Christian Science point of view, they are in the fight just as much as the colonels at the front. What they give the war is absent treatment. Moreover, it costs this country just as much to keep a colonel at home as it costs to send him into the trenches, so he earns his pay wherever he is.

Political Regiments Too?

The suspicion grows that we have political regiments as well as political colonels. Else why do we not ship them abroad as soon as they have completed their training? Why chafe their fine spirit and let their esprit de corps go stale through inaction?

Reckoning 1,200 men and officers as full strength, it costs \$1,300,000 a year to keep a regiment eating its head off and its heart out at home, and some regiments have been at home even longer than \$1,200,000 worth.

It is good policy to save as many soldiers as we can, but why hoard them? Sir Sam's fine schemes to engage the soldiers in useful labor, tilling the fields, reaping the harvest and such, and paying them extra wages, seems to have dropped out of sight.

Instead, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson comes forward with a plan to draft high school boys as farm laborers, allow them their examination and handicap them four months in their studies. All of which recalls a very pertinent question by Captain J. H. Burnham, M. P., who has a habit of blurting out the truth regardless of his party affiliations.

If these regiments are to be kept at home, why isn't something being done to spread education in the ranks?

Captain Burnham pointed out one case where fifty per cent. of the soldiers were illiterate. If the soldiers are not called on to wield the weapons of war, it might still be a good thing to provide them with the weapons of peace—reading and writing.

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NURSES TO HAVE AN ASSOCIATION

The Corporations Committee of the House met on Friday morning and took up the further consideration of a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Association of Graduate Nurses.

A large delegation of nurses attended, for whom Mr. R. B. Hanson appeared. Mr. Hanson, in explaining the objects of the bill, said it was intended to promote improvements in the standard of nurses in the province, an object which was certainly in the public interest. It was desirable to advance as far as possible the qualifications for nurses in order that the utmost efficiency should be obtained, in fact he thought the committee would agree that the standard and qualifications in this respect could not be too high. It was admitted that some changes were necessary to meet circumstances as they now exist. It was proposed to make the opportunities for nurses to acquire their training as large as possible.

There are a lot of first class hospitals in the province and there was no desire to make any distinction between them, but provision would be made for nurses who had received their training at any one of them to apply for registration. If the principle of the bill was approved by the committee, there would be no difficulty whatever in the working out of the details. These was no question of remuneration involved in the bill and nothing to prevent any nurse who was not a registered nurse from being employed by any persons who chose to employ her at whatever fee she chose to charge.

The committee then proceeded to take up the bill section by section, and the chief section centred around the question of the size of hospital at which the nurse should receive her training. The bill as drawn provided that no nurse should be eligible for registration who had been trained at a hospital with less than twenty-five beds continually occupied.

Mr. J. C. Hartley appeared on behalf of the Woodstock Hospital, to object to this limitation. The average at that hospital last year of beds always occupied was only eight.

At the same time the facilities which the hospital afforded for nursing a thorough training were just as good as those in many of the larger hospitals and it would not be fair to shut Woodstock or any other smaller hospital out because it could not come up to the minimum provided by the act.

A somewhat animated discussion ensued and ultimately the section was altered to provide that no nurse could qualify from a hospital in the province with a less number of beds continuously occupied than fifteen and from an outside hospital less than twenty-five.

The section limiting twelve months as the time after the coming into operation of the bill in which graduate nurses might enroll was enlarged to two years, and the time limit of six months within which nurses now serving at the war was struck out so as to permit them to register at any time.

The bill was agreed to with the amendments.

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