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On Saturday, July 1st, Dominion Day, The Mail will not be published.

LEADERSHIP NEEDED.

The Toronto Globe is not favorably impressed with the manner in which recruiting is being carried on throughout Canada, and thinks it about time that Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues at Ottawa woke up and did something. It says:

"Is the Prime Minister of Canada asleep? Are his cabinet ministers away from home, or are they helpless, or are they merely stupid? Is there no one about Ottawa who will arouse Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues to a sense of conditions in military affairs that are rapidly converging to a crisis? Are they all so dull, or so self-satisfied, as not to see that all over Canada, and especially in Ontario, the people who know at first hand the recruiting situation, and particularly know it is handicapped by the Militia Department, from the minister down, are becoming almost rebellious in their indignation? Cannot Premier Borden be made to understand that this is no time for merely 'holding down a job' and that he must either tackle the Militia administration himself or appoint a recruiting director with brains enough to understand the problem, authority enough to do the essential things, and power enough to prevent or to repair the damage done by Sir Sam Hughes and his arrogant insults to men who are sacrificing their all, both in money and in service, for the good of the regiments?"

"In the regular and ordinary administration of the affairs of the Militia, the Department at Ottawa has failed and fallen down at every point—yes, at every point. In the arduous work of recruiting, the officers in charge have been hindered instead of helped by the officials in the Department. Whenever he goes the Minister, by his cheap affectation of contempt for law and precedent, and, as at London last week, by his unpardonable and offensive rebukes to the officers in the presence and hearing of their regiments, makes the task of recruiting and of discipline needlessly difficult."

Concerning Sir Sam's recent visit to London, Ont., where he flew off the handle and called down officers in the presence of their men, and comparing it with the treatment accorded to other officers, the Globe says:

"Not only are officers of the highest equipment and of unblemished personal character insulted by the lawless and undisciplined Minister of Militia, but other officers, whose characters are openly scandalous and whose conduct has been condemned, are retained in high command in defiance of all the interests involved, both moral and military. A notorious case of this sort developed in Toronto, crammed with all the elements of a public scandal. A battalion was sent overseas a fortnight ago and a large number of both officers and men were in a mutinous mood against their Colonel, whose conduct had been the subject of secret investigation by a court of inquiry. The facts, as known to many friends of the officers and men of the battalion, were laid before the Prime Minister. He promised much, but he did nothing."

The Globe further says: "It is high time this boasting by the Premier and by the Minister of Militia about what has been done in raising Canada's army utterly ceased. The fact is, the raising of the regiments, in nearly every instance, was retarded by the Government's negligence, rather than promoted by the Government's aid. It was the officers and local friends who did the recruiting work and provided most of the necessary funds. The point has now been reached when there is threatening an outbreak of public indignation unless the Premier plays the premier part, and rids the country of the obstacles which the Department of Militia puts in the way. The People call the Premier."

Some time ago it was announced by Premier Borden that Canada would contribute half a million men for overseas service, and the country applauded the announcement. Something like 300,000 men have already been raised and at the rate of progress being made at recruiting it will take at least two

years more to raise and equip the remaining 200,000. It is to be earnestly hoped that the war before that time will be over.

The perfunctory manner in which the Attorney General conducted a criminal case in the York Circuit Court this week, called forth some caustic comment from the presiding judge, His Honor Judge Crocket. Private business called the Attorney General to St. John before the case was finished, and he got permission to address the jury before the counsel for the defence had his say. He then left the court and did not return. The jury, no doubt impressed somewhat by this indifference of the chief law officer of the crown, returned a verdict of acquittal. The jurors declare that the verdict was fully justified by the evidence, but Judge Crocket did not hesitate to call it a miscarriage of justice. Attorney General Baxter has so many irons in the fire that he does not often appear in court in the capacity of crown prosecutor, and perhaps it is just as well that this is so.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Mackenzie Bowell, at the age of 93, contemplating a journey from his home in Belleville to the far Yukon, is a fine example of rugged age in a young country. The old and respected statesman must be as strong in body as in spirit. He may yet equal the record of the late Senator Wark, who reached the century mark, and who, not very long before he died, travelled from the Maritime Provinces to Ottawa to attend the session, as was his custom.

ON THE SIDE.

Dominion Day tomorrow—O Canada!

The best season of the year for a holiday.

Fredericton will celebrate Dominion Day this year on the 1st of July.

Will the strawberries have a holiday Saturday also?

Don't ridicule other people's ideas. Try to get them to adopt yours.

When a woman misses her thumb with a hammer she generally hits the tack.

Some people don't practice what they preach, because they need the money.

For some reason or other the child of today doesn't care for molasses like its mother or father did.

As a general thing there isn't much hope for the kind of man whose mind oscillates between long toddies and short skirts.

The boys have left off their school studies all right, but they are now studying all the different ways they can make a noise.

AROUND-THE-WORLD
TRIP ON THURSDAY

The first Thursday half-holiday of the season will give everybody a chance to patronize the Around-the-World auto trip next Thursday afternoon, July 6th.

The trains will commence to leave Court House Square at 1.30 p.m., and will continue all the afternoon at intervals of ten minutes.

A fifteen-mile ride around Fredericton and its environs will be a real treat and patrons of the trip will have the satisfaction of feeling that they are helping the patriotic cause. The tickets are only one dollar, and this includes admission to the grand fete on Officers' Square the same evening.

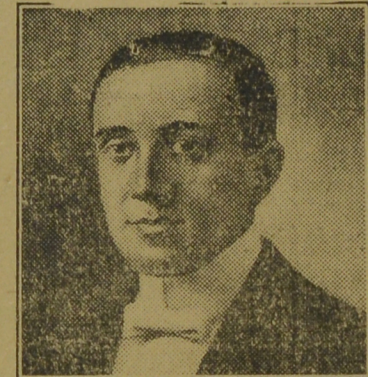
If you cannot take the trip, put in an appearance at the Fete, and patronize the various refreshment booths and the games of skill and chance. We owe it to our gallant soldiers and their dependents to make every possible effort in their behalf.

Mrs. J. C. Miller has gone to Houlton, Me., to visit relatives for a few days.

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FRANK McINNIS, C. E.,
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Former Fredericton Man Was Wrongfully Dismissed Says Boston Judge
—Head of Boston Water-Works System.

Fredericton friends of Mr. Frank A. McInnes, C.E., a native of this city, will be glad to learn that he is to be reinstated as head of the Boston Water Works Department.

The case of Mr. McInnes and two other officers was recently carried to the courts and Judge Churchill of the Dorchester district court decided that they were removed without sufficient cause, and in bad faith. According to the Judge's order, the men must be reinstated in the department.

The case aroused wide interest among politicians. The men, through their counsel, ex-District Attorney Hill, charged that political motives ruled the removal of the men, and that Mayor Curley was prominently concerned in Commissioner Murphy's action.

Judge Churchill, who is on a vacation, sent his decision to the Dorchester Court by mail. It was received and opened by Clerk Tuttle. The decision contains seven pages. The significant paragraph of the court's decision says: "The order of removal was made without proper cause and in bad faith, and this order must be reversed in each case and the three petitioners be reinstated in their offices."

Mayor Curley, who was responsible for the dismissal of Mr. McInnes, refused to comment on the decision of the court. He said that he would have nothing to say until he had read the decision.

SGT. RICHARD PLASTER

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another, according to a telegram received this morning by his mother. Letter from France.

Mrs. Henry Staples, of Barker's Joint, received a letter from her brother, Private George Youmans, dated "Somewhere in France," on the 10th of June. At that time Private Youmans was taking a rest after a long period of fighting. When his sister wrote him some time ago that several concrete houses were being erected near his home, in his reply he expressed the wish that he had a concrete covering to his trench to protect him from the German bullets and shells. Since the letter was written Private Youmans had returned to the firing line as on the 15th he was wounded in the back and is now in an English hospital.

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