

CANADA PAYING MEN TO ACT AS FLUNKIES.

Halifax is Waking up Over Scandal Connected With Home Defence Officers There---Shameful Abuse of Power.

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Halifax is waking up in regard to the standing scandal in that city arising from the retention of soft garrison jobs for over two years by men who have not gone to the front, or who do not seem willing to do so. The Record has received communications from Nova Scotia asking for copies of this paper in which reference was made to the disgraceful condition which has existed there, ever since the war broke out. Fathers of men at the front are calling for a change and demanding that if there are soft jobs to be held by "Halifax home defence artists," that these jobs be given to men who have been fighting at the front for months and months. Public opinion is awakening to the scandal and if something is not done at once to remedy matters, there is likely to be an explosion in the near future that will be heard from one end of Canada to the other.

Right on the Job.

Only recently, at a reception to the new Governor General, dozens of these worthies, whose delight seems to be to fight within the shadow of their places of business, were honored with invitations, while men who stand for something in the life of Nova Scotia was ignored. A Halifax paper called attention to this feature of the reception and condemned it right roundly, as well they might. A man with years of military training, who persists in holding on to a home defence job, thus

keeping real men out of it, should be ostracized in this country. That is the plain English of it.

If the military authorities will not act in the matter, then the public should make it plain that they will not stand for such conduct.

Going the Limit.

The Record is informed on what it regards as excellent authority, and for that matter it is street gossip in Halifax, that scores of men enlisted from all over the country are being used by officers of the Halifax garrison to mow private lawns, to drive cars, to attend furnaces, to shovel snow, etc.

Is this what Canada is paying these men for? Is this why men are being taken from farms? In the name of all that is just and decent, how long will this country stand it?

Home Defenders.

There are many men in this province, big business men, who have done more solid work in the last two years for their King and country than dozens of these home defence artists will ever do. And these New Brunswick men have not accepted a single cent for their services.

Not only that, but the New Brunswickers have paid out much good money for personal expenses and have contributed, many of them, hundreds of dollars in hard cash, for many organizations arising out of the war.

Why the difference in the attitude of the men of the two provinces? The whole show in Halifax smells to high heaven. Before much more recruiting is done the public should be assured that the snaps at Halifax go to men from the front, and that the system of flunkysm which prevails in Halifax cease.

There must be a change. Any officer on garrison duty in Halifax who has

not already offered for overseas service should be fired so far that his clothes will be out of style when he returns.

A Rank Outrage.

The Record is informed that there is one firm in Halifax carrying on its business as usual, with three representatives in the pay of the military.

This is only one instance of a scandal which must be ventilated in justice to the real soldiers of Canada. Let returned men take the place of these parasites. When it is necessary to repel an enemy attack on Halifax, coming as it must after the defeat of the British fleet, Canada will indeed have a broken reed to lean upon, if it must depend on men who, having years of military experience refuse to really enlist for actual warfare.

There is one place for military genius to assert itself—France. There is one place on earth for a medically fit man with years of military experience to wear khaki with honor, and that place too is France. Let us have an end of the outrage.

AFTER RECRUITS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY

Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness and Lady Gwendolen Guinness to be Here on Friday.

Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness, C. B., C. M. G., A. D. C., R. N. V. R., and his wife, Lady Gwendolen Guinness, will address a public meeting at the Opera House next Friday evening in the interests of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

They will arrive in the city in their private car on Friday morning and will leave for St. John on Saturday.

The object of the meeting will be to present the claims of the Canadian Volunteer Naval Reserve for recruits. His Worship Mayor Mitchell has consented to preside over the gathering.

Lieut. Chowley, of the Royal Navy, is now in the city making arrangements for the meeting.

Capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness and Lady Gwendolen Guinness are not strangers to New Brunswick, having spent a month in this province a few years ago. They spent the time fishing on the Tobique and Nepisiguit rivers, and had Mr. Charles Cremin, of this city, for guide.

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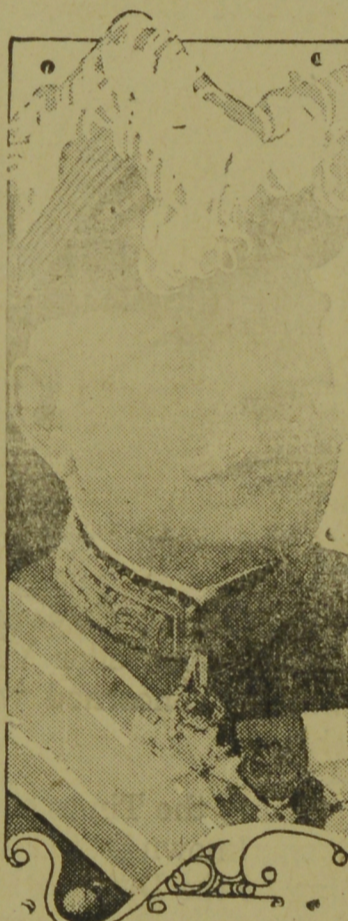
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Gen. Joffre

CULL AND MARKET UNPROFITABLE BIRDS

How to Distinguish Profitable and Unprofitable Poultry.

The exceptionally high prices for poultry products this fall and the corresponding high prices of all feeds, warrant a rigid culling of the flock before winter feeding adds to the expense of keeping surplus fowls. This culling of course should not be so close as to include good layers.

Males of large vigorous type, showing well developed breast, strong bone, large comb and wattles, and bright eyes, should be held for breeding purposes. Crow heads, long beaks and weak legs indicate a lack of constitutional vigor and are usually found in poor producers.

The hen that moults late, though not so late as to take her into cold weather without a full coat of feathers, should be kept. The hen that moults early and is at it a long time should be sold. Persistent sitters, or all-summer sitters, if these are known, should also be disposed of as unprofitable.

Overfat hens, immature pullets, or runs also may be marketed now, as they would be kept at a loss if held over the winter.

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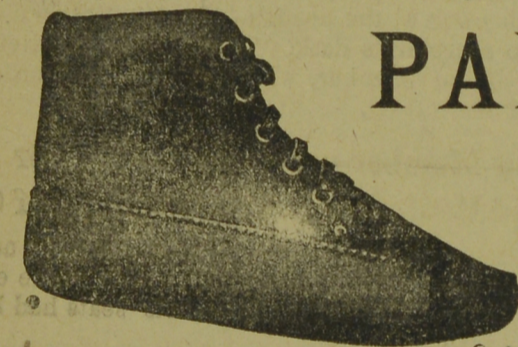
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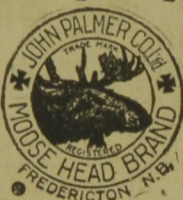
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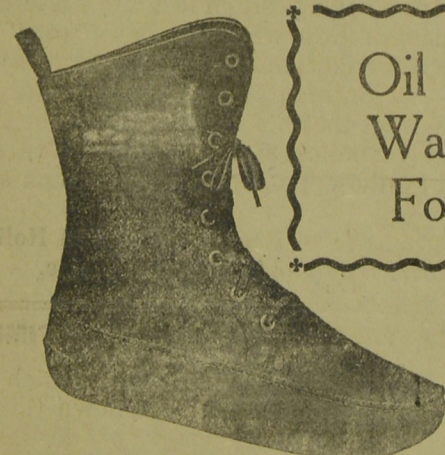
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