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SIR SAM'S HALLUCINATION.

Sir Sam Hughes, the swash-buckling Minister of Militia, is getting hard knocks from all sides these days. Conservatives are demanding his removal from the cabinet. They claim that he is a "chronic egotist," and that he is the victim of hallucinations that in a Minister of Militia are a menace to the state. His stubborn defence of Colonel J. Wesley Allison, the notorious war profiteer, is pointed to with damning directness. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World, a Conservative paper edited by Mr. W. F. McLean, M. P., last week handed the Minister this one:

"Discontent with the Borden Government is growing; and unless Sir Robert takes a firmer hold of things, goes in for substantial reorganization of his Cabinet, frees himself from Nationalist entanglements, he will not be able to save either his Government or the Conservative party."

"The discontent in the country is even more pronounced in the rank and file of the members of the House of Commons, but so far his parliamentary supporters have not shown either appreciation of the actual conditions or been possessed of force sufficient to compel a change in them. Indecision and inaction where there ought to be both outspoken policy and power behind it, seem to be the prevailing weakness all round. To get by the day should not be the chief end of an administration in times like these."

"As for his colleagues, they are equally at sea, save Sir Sam Hughes, who gets credit for treating his leader and his colleagues as he treated Sir Charles Davidson and Hartley Dewart, one of the counsel in the small arms ammunition investigation. Sir Sam seems to be the one dominating factor in the Cabinet. The country might even prefer Sam Hughes and his swashbuckling to the weakness prevalent in other quarters."

"The war is not over, and we must reform our recruiting; the failure of Quebec to do her part may have to be endured for a time, but it should neither be unrebuked nor unrecognized. A country or a party that is afraid to tell a Prime Minister that he has lost his bearings, or that he must change his ways, is not worth saving in a world cataclysm like the present."

It certainly does look as if the gallant Sir Sam had taken the bit in his teeth and is running the whole show to suit himself. Sir Robert Borden is too weak a man to deal with the situation, but the people will deal with it when they get the opportunity, and the whole outfit will go by the board. As the Toronto Globe points out, "if Nova Scotia's answer at the polls does not make a dent in the dull-minded incapacity of the Borden government, something more penetrating and more drastic than sniping at Sam Hughes must be tried, or Canadians will be put to shame and their utmost effort in war service made of little effect. The responsible, billy, first, last and all the time, rests on the Prime Minister."

Lieut. John S. Scott, an esteemed citizen of Fredericton, is leaving this evening for Valcartier to join his corps, the 115th Battalion, and will eventually accompany it overseas. Although he has not had a lengthy experience at the military game, Lieut. Scott has received a training along other lines which will not result in his disadvantage when he comes to face the serious business of war. He has roughed it in the lumber woods and also at railroad and river driving and has thereby gained an experience in handling men which is sadly lacking, we regret to say, in the case of many others who have been granted commissions for overseas service. This kind of knowledge is not found within the covers of a drill book. Lieut. Scott is answering the call of King and country at a great personal sacrifice. That he will do his duty and do it well there is no doubt.

ON THE SIDE.

Several spells of wether—whether—weather.

Let's be thankful for any kind of weather—it starts the conversation.

You can find lots of boys who love to go to school—on closing day.

It seems quite appropriate that one of the sectors around Verdun is called Damloop.

Even if you can figure out why we have so much wet weather, what are

you going to do about it?

Now that the Russians have captured Kutly from the Austrians there ought to be a change of luck.

When a man makes a fool of himself "seek the woman"—and you'll usually find at least two.

What do we understand when a man uses the word "synchronise"? Why, that he's trying to talk like a high-brow.

It's a safe bet that a woman gets a lot more joy out of the pleasure a man takes in looking at her than he does.

Household hint: The best lubricant with which to loosen up a husband's pockets at this psychological moment is a little good old-fashioned soft soap.

If you want to hear a genuine "hollow mocking laugh" tell the boy that during the holidays if he wants to he can study the lessons he has had the most difficulty with.

You can train a husband to turn out the hall light, wipe his feet on the mat and wear a dinner coat, but you can never make him learn to put his cigarette ashes in an ash received so long as there is a perfectly good rug, a pink pin tray, a potted palm or a fern dish around the house.

PTE. JOSEPH LIFFORD
GIVEN WARM WELCOME

Permanently Disabled by Wounds—
Left With 71st Regt.
Band.

Private Joseph Lifford, of this city, arrived home Saturday night after being in the Canadian Expeditionary Force since the autumn of 1914.

He was accompanied by his elder brother, Private Harry Lifford, of the 104th Battalion. At the C. P. R. station Private Lifford was met by a large number of friends and by the Fredericton Brass Band, and was escorted to the City Hall via York, Brunswick, Westmorland and Queen streets. At the City Hall Mayor Mitchell and some of the aldermen were assembled. His Worship made a short address to the returned hero, who then was taken to his home in Regent street.

Private Lifford left Fredericton with the 71st Regt. Band in 1915, joining the 12th Battalion at Valcartier. In England he left the band and was drafted to France in the ranks of the 4th Battalion. He was twice wounded. The first injury was slight and he was treated at the base.

The second wound inflicted permanent injury. Private Lifford's left leg is now shorter than the other, and he has lost part of his left foot.

Three of his brothers are in the service. David is in the Liverpool Regiment, John with a trench mortar battery and Harry in the 104th Battalion.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING

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Governor General's Bronze Medal for English—Edith G. McLeod.

Coulthard Memorial Silver Medal for Science—Edith G. McLeod.

Mathematical Prize, presented by the Senate of the University of New Brunswick—Helen Thurrott.

Class of 1915 prize for French—Florence L. Murray.

Class of 1915 prize for History—Grace Rogers.

Class of 1915 prize for General Average among those who have won no other prize—Margaret Hall.

Highest General Average, Class B—Annie Baird, Murray Kane.

Highest General Average in Class C—J. Winston Reid.

Best Illustrated Literature Book in Class C—Beatrice Phillips, Carl Flemington.

Winner of the cup presented to the Cadet Corps by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire—William A. Gibson.

Programme.

The programme which will be followed is:

Entrance of the graduating class.

Orchestra selection.

Address by chairman of the School Board.

Chorus—Pirates' Chorus—Sullivan.

Presentation of Certificates.

Orchestra—Destiny Waltz.

Latin Declamation—Edith McLeod.

Solo—Willette Strange.

Essay—Signs of the Times—Margaret Hall.

Chorus—Bacchante.

Essay—The Manners and Customs of the Queen Anne Period—Charles Harrison.

Orchestra—Overture.

Valedictory—Cecil Fitzgerald.

Chorus—Land of Hope and Glory.

Presentation of Prizes.

Address to the Class of 1916—Rev. Thos. Marshall.

Mr. Paul E. Porter, of Andover, is a guest at the Queen.

BOY DROWNED

SATURDAY EVENING

Arthur Douglas Brewer Was Playing
In Boat at Old Aberdeen
Mill.

Arthur Douglas Brewer, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Brewer, of Argyle street, was drowned between six and seven o'clock Saturday night at the old Aberdeen mill wharf, in the West End.

The little boy was eight years and eleven months old. His death is a severe blow to his parents, for whom there is much sympathy.

The little Brewer boy and another lad named Gordon Collett were playing in a boat which was moored to the wharf. They untied the line which fastened it and shoved the boat along the face of the wharf. In so doing they pushed it out too far. When the craft began to go out in the river the boys became alarmed and decided to jump to the wharf. Both leaped into the water and went under the surface. Neither was able to swim.

Collett kicked out and came up. He grasped the wharf and pulled himself from the water.

Young Brewer was caught by a projection of the wharf and held under the water. Collett got a stick and tried to get him out, but failed.

Two older boys named Mount and Duffy, who were bathing near by, were called and the boy finally was taken from the water. He had been in the water about fifteen minutes and an attempt at resuscitation failed.

Dr. Weaver, coroner, was notified of the accident and viewed the remains. Under the circumstances an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

The funeral took place this afternoon. Rev. Thomas Marshall conducted the service and interment was made at the Rural cemetery.

YORK COUNTY BOYS
IN CASUALTY LIST

H. C. Stairs of Pinder Reported Killed in Action—Gunner Allen Among the Wounded.

Mr. Wesley Allen, of this city, has been notified that his son, Gunner Jack Allen, has been wounded in action in France.

Gunner Allen left here with the 24th Battery.

The name of Private Hazen C. Stairs, of Pinder, York county, appears in Saturday's casualty list as killed in action, and Private Frank Howe, of St. Marys, is reported as wounded. Private Howe left here with the 55th Battalion and was transferred after his arrival in England.

Mr. Raymond M. Currie, of this city, has been officially notified from Ottawa that his brother, Private Randolph Currie, formerly of Queensbury, was in hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the knee. Private Currie went west eighteen years ago and enlisted in the 30th Battalion at Prince Rupert. After his arrival in England he transferred to a Highland regiment and had been in the trenches fifteen months. He participated in the severe fighting at Ypres and Festubert, coming through without a scratch.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

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John P. Hebert, Richibucto, N. B.

Robt. W. Hamming, Halifax.

Acting Lance Sergt. Herbert Franklin Lockhart, Kentville, N. S.

Walter Francis Dunn, Newport Station, N. S.

Lieut. Charles Wm. McOlney, Halifax.

Lance Corp. John McInnis, Hume River, N. S.

Frederick McLennan, New Glasgow, N. S.

Wilfrid S. Huard, Bathurst, N. B.

Ernest Leslie Hunter, Harvey, N. B.

Wm. Hurley, St. Johns, Nfld.

Martin S. Johnson, Bartibog Bridge, N. B.

John G. McQuarrie, New Dominion, P. E. I.

Leonard McQueen, St. John.

Lance Corp. L. D. Montgomery, St. John.

Robt. Smith, Shelbourne, N. S.

Dan. A. Thompson, Weymouth Falls, N. S.

Pte. Charles G. Thorne, Springfield, N. B.

Sergt. Earl Markee Scovill, St. Stephen, N. B.

Corp. Wm. Percell Phillips, St. John.

Missing.

James Phillips, Upper Kintore, N. B.

Seriously ill.

Corp. Geo. E. Demill, Hampton, N. B.

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