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WANT CLEANER POLITICS.

"I believe that we have arrived at a time when the people of Canada want cleaner politics. I have never believed it necessary to be dishonest in public life, while being honest in private life. I believe the people of Canada are looking for better things, and are expecting service from the public men, men who occupy positions of trust in the different. And never in the history of Canada has there been a more opportune season than while this struggle is on. Let us have cleaner politics and more honest business in the conduct of our public affairs."—Premier Norris, of Manitoba, at London, Ont.

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 unflinching fight, 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 STRONG CONDEMNATION.

A report on the Canadian Army Medical Service which has just been presented to the Minister of Militia by Col. Herbert A. Bruce, of Toronto, whose official title is Special Inspector General Medical Services, Canadian Expeditionary Force, is, it is safe to say, one of the frankest indictments of a government service ever received by the responsible minister. The report is dated Sept. 20th, 1916, and is the result of investigations carried on subsequent to July 31st, 1916, so that it is distinctly up to date.

The report is divided under 23 headings. Each one of them is an indictment, and judging from the headings, as printed below, is intended to be such.

Here is the wording of the headings of the 23 parts into which Dr. Bruce's report is divided:

1. Many soldiers are arriving in England from Canada medically unfit who should never have been enlisted.

2. The system of disposing of casualties from the front to Imperial hospitals in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, is extremely unsatisfactory.

3. The present method of having Canadian hospitals scattered over such a large area is very objectionable.

4. There is unnecessary detention in hospitals. There has been no medical inspection by the Canadian Medical Service of Canadian soldiers in Imperial hospitals, and there has been no efficient medical inspection of the Canadian hospitals, in consequence of which Canadian soldiers are retained in hospitals in Great Britain, many of whom should have been returned to duty, and others should have been returned to Canada, where they could have been more economically and efficiently treated. The lack of system permits of the aimless moving of patients from hospital to hospital.

5. The use by the Canadian Service of Voluntary Aid Hospitals is very undesirable, as they are inefficient, expensive and unsatisfactory.

6. The administration of the group of 57 Voluntary Aid Hospitals under Shorncliffe Military Hospital by the Canadian Medical Service is unsatisfactory and expensive.

7. The present method of operating, jointly with the Red Cross, certain hospitals built and equipped by them, is unsatisfactory. Such dual control is undesirable.

8. Impropriety of detaching Canadian Army Medical Corps personnel to Imperial hospitals and still retaining them on a Canadian pay roll.

9. Unsatisfactory situation at Shorncliffe, owing to our Canadian A. D. M. S. acting in a similar capacity over a large area for the Imperial authorities.

10. No attempt has been made to restrict surgical operations which produce no increased military efficiency.

11. The installation of an expensive plant at Ramsgate was inadvisable, as a large number of the cases treated

there should be sent to Canada for treatment.

12. The establishment at Buxton of a special hospital for the treatment of rheumatism was ill-advised, as the majority of rheumatism will not be fit for active service again, and could be better and more cheaply treated in Canada.

13. The present system of handling Canadian venereal patients is very strongly condemned.

14. The method of handling Canadian infectious diseases is most unsatisfactory.

15. Medical boards which regulate the classification of casualties are not available.

17. The exceedingly important question of pensions, which will involve the expenditure of large sums of money by Canada annually, has been neglected by the Canadian Medical Service.

18. Lack of co-ordination in the Canadian Medical Service between Canada, England and the front.

19. The medical personnel is not being used to the best advantage.

20. The policy of the department has been opposed to the use of experienced medical and surgical consulting specialists.

21. Discontent concerning promotions, especially in regard to regimental officers serving at the front.

22. The Canadian Army Medical Corps Training School in England has never been properly organized, although of the greatest importance to the Canadian Medical Service.

23. In the operation of the Medical Service sufficient regard has not been paid to economy in management.

URGES LESS BRUTALITY.

The whole of the current number of Die Zukunft, according to a despatch to the London Morning Post, is occupied by an article written by Maximilian Harden, who entitles it "Preliminary Examination" (Voruntersuchung). The article was obviously suggested by Viscount Grey's recent speech, and its object seems to be to indicate the idea which Harden has already mooted, that Germany stands to gain rather than to lose by inquiring seriously whether the time has not arrived for a change in its war policy and a modification of its war aims.

Harden writes: "Listen! It is a statesman who speaks, and not a conceited youngster. If we turn a deaf ear or ridicule to the offer we shall soon hear that Germany's bad conscience has made us afraid to stand before a judge, that Germany's rapacity dreads that a just judgment will pull down the barriers. If blindness started the world conflagration and mistrust let loose the furies the verdict of a tribunal must end the mad outburst.

"The guilt can be clearly proved, and only on the head of any ruling persons and not in the wish or desire of the people who were startled one morning by the news that danger threatened the home, hearth and family, and who have since then succumbed to the frenzy of war. In that case let the ministers fight out the feud, as the three Horatii and Curiatii settled the quarrel between Rome and Alba Longa. Let your mankind return from the bloody field to peace and let them deliberate first with the old men of their own people, and then with the trusted representatives of their enemies of yesterday, as to how the awful war of nations can be alleviated and how the deep wound on the breast of mankind can be healed."

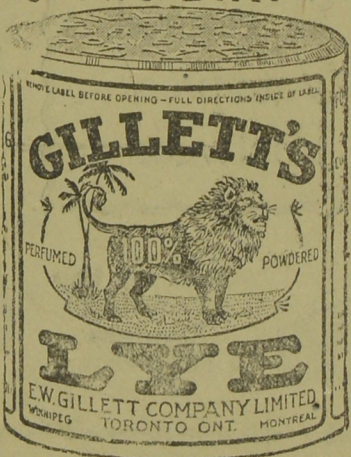
Harden believes that an understanding concerning preparedness for defence and concerning constitutional questions, would easily be possible after the horrors already experienced, and he also believes that the people would soon resume their normal condition. He says that many people are pointing to the Pope as being an independent and impartial tribunal to whom Viscount Grey would be willing to entrust the office of arbitrator.

PROMOTIONS IN HIGHLANDERS.

Capt. Cecil R. Mersereau, of 236th Highlanders, has been promoted to the rank of major and will command C company. He will have Capt. Percy F. Godenrath as second in command. Capt. Godenrath having been promoted from the rank of lieutenant.

Sergt. I. D. Appleby has been promoted to company sergt. major of B company.

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FINAL RESULT OF THE B. C. ELECTIONS

Liberals Elected 37 Members and Conservatives 10—Soldiers Vote Saved Bowser.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 1.—With the completion of the counting of the overseas soldiers' vote in London today, the entire British Columbia election is finished. It leaves the standing of the new Legislature: Conservatives, 10; Liberals, 37.

The only notable gain made by the Conservatives was in the election of Premier Bowser. The overseas soldiers vote carried him in ahead of two Liberals, so that he is now the fifth member for Vancouver. The relative standing of the Vancouver vote of elected members is therefore: M. MacDonald, Ralph Smith, Dr. J. W. McIntosh, J. W. Farris, W. J. Bowser and J. S. Cowper. The last mentioned won over P. Donnelly by fifty votes. In the civilian vote Donnelly was ahead of both Bowser and Cowper.

Victoria still remains a clear sweep for the Liberals. Messrs. Bowser and Ross are the only two Conservative cabinet ministers who were re-elected.

Prohibition passed by a net total of 5,835. The civilian vote gave a majority of 9,034, but the fifteen thousand soldiers voting cut down the total by 3,199. Civilians passed prohibition in every one of the forty-seven British Columbia constituencies except two, but the soldiers overseas voted against prohibition in every single constituency.

Women's suffrage carried by two to one. The women get the vote next January. Prohibition will come into force July 1 next.

Through Our Sieve

Hammocks are now being harvested.

No trouble to get recruits for the pancake battery.

If anybody's melancholy these days they'll have to make the best of it.

One half the lives of some men is pretension and the other half intention.

Oh, no, the new overseas minister of militia is not Sir Sam's own.

Life cannot always sit on the sunny side of the street and toss sticks into the ripples.

The wise girl always rearranges the parlor furniture shortly after the right young man has departed.

"Kaiser Off to East Front." There now, we always did believe he was off somehow.

It isn't work that kills. It's the worry caused by having to work that increases an undertaker's bank balance.

You can't tell what a man is until you argue with him. If his opinions fail to jibe with yours he's a crank.

We are gradually beginning to realize that the scarcity of potatoes is due to the fact that there are not so many of them as usual.

"Snowball cost \$250." Bet you can remember a time when you'd have given that much to wing somebody with one!

FOR RED CROSS FUND.

The ladies of Upper Maugerville held a most successful bean supper on Tuesday night in aid of the Red Cross Fund. The sum of \$44 was realized.

Lieut. Ray Brewer and a number of pipers of the 236th Highlanders were present. Sergt. Major H. T. Brewer of this city also was present.

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