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THE LATE J. H. DICKSON, K. C.

The City of Fredericton lost an excellent citizen and the Province of New Brunswick an able lawyer and faithful public official in the death of Mr. Joseph Howe Dickson, K.C., which was recorded yesterday. Although it was known that Mr. Dickson was seriously ill, the news of his death came as a great shock to everybody, and especially to his closest personal friends. It seems that yesterday that he was at his desk in the Departmental Building, attending to his duties, occasionally pausing in his work to grasp the hand of an old acquaintance who would happen along, or crack a joke with some politician or official. Today he lies in the cold embrace of death, his cheery voice stilled forever.

A widow and only son mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and father; members and officials of the government deplore the death of a genial companion and co-worker whom they all revered, and hundreds of people in all walks of life grieve over the passing of a whole-souled and big-hearted man, who was ever ready to add to the sum of human joy and whose friendship they valued as a priceless treasure.

A man of exceptional conversational powers, of broad views and superior intelligence, coupled with a refined sense of humor, Mr. Dickson was ever cheerful and courteous, and made friends wherever he went. As a public official, his services were invaluable, and his death makes a vacancy that cannot be filled—simply because there was only one Joseph Howe Dickson in New Brunswick.

The Mail extends to the deceased widow and son its most sincere sympathy in the hour of their bereavement, and feels sure that it will be shared by the entire community.

DR. CLARK'S VIEWS.

Some Tory papers express cordial approval of the speech on conscription delivered in Parliament by Dr. Michael Clark on Tuesday. It is to be presumed, therefore, that they endorse the following sentiment, expressed in his speech:

"You can't fight this war on the principle of limited liability." Dr. Clark declared, in urging increased taxation of wealth for war purposes. He believed it would make the passing of the conscription measure much smoother in the country if the government gave way to this and swept all party patronage out of the administration of military affairs. Progressive steps had been taken in appointing fuel and food controllers, but Dr. Clark thought the government might have gone further and taken the duty off food and fuel. Canadians in England who were in khaki and drawing government pay who would never get to the front should be brought home and made to do some form of war work."

TRUST THE PEOPLE.

In the House of Commons on Friday, Hon. George P. Graham advocated the perfecting of the Compulsory Service Bill and consulting the people on the issue at a general election.

There is good sound sense in this proposal. It is a well established fact that the government was prepared to go to the people in 1915 and again in 1916. Now Mr. Graham points out the government is again preparing for an election. In his negotiations with Sir Wilfrid, Sir Robert proposed an election after the Bill was passed. Why not trust the people? As Mr. Graham so well puts it:

"I believe that the people of Canada should be asked to divide on this issue among us as individuals, for on this question we are not divided into parties. Many on the other side of the House accept the view of some gentlemen on this side of the House. And some on this side accept the view of the majority on the other side. We will have to go to our electors upon our personal attitude in this matter, and I believe that an appeal to the people through an election would clear the atmosphere as nothing else would."

Mr. F. B. Carvell, the fighting member for Carleton, delivered a powerful

and impressive speech on the conscription question in parliament yesterday. He announced that he was ready to vote for the bill, but would like to see a last mighty appeal made to the young manhood of Canada under the Volunteer system. Mr. Carvell's remarks won applause from both sides of the House. There is ample food for thought in Mr. Carvell's able deliverance. He is undoubtedly one of the biggest men in the public life of Canada today, and New Brunswick should be proud of him.

MR. F. B. CARVELL'S SPEECH
IN PARLIAMENT

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get all the men we might require I would still be opposed to conscription.

"Believing that the voluntary system has not been honestly carried out, I do hope that the government will delay the practical enforcement of this Act until the voluntary enlistment has had a fair chance. I am not going to hark back to past events or to point to the government its sins, but I must say that all over the country the government has not done its duty. I do not know what the condition may be in other parts of Canada, but I know that in eastern Canada party patronage has been the greatest curse that this country has ever known. I do not know that we have all done our duty, but I do know that by a united, concerted effort, coupled with the abolition of the party system, in the last three years very much more could have been done throughout eastern Canada than has been done, and I believe that the same is true all over Canada.

"I hope the government will give us one more chance. Let the men get together. I do ask that this legislation shall not be put into force until after that is done.

"I do not know whether most of the members of this house realize what it means to me to vote against my leader. I believe very few do. I think very few men realize what it means to vote against the man whom you have followed as loyally, and in whose judgment you have had such supreme confidence as I have had in that of my leader since I have been a member of this house, now some thirteen years. But sir, for the reasons which I have given, I feel constrained to take the course which I have indicated. At the same time, I want my friends to feel that I have not lost confidence in the least degree in the honesty, integrity, loyalty and uprightness of the great man who has led the party for the last thirty years, and who, I hope will lead it on to greater victories in the future than taken place in the past."

Through Our Sieve

No, it isn't necessary to act foolish in order to live the simple life.

This year's bathing suits have not yet taken to the water.

Some men would rather sleep an hour longer than to wake up and find themselves famous.

Attention is called to the fact that the British are trying to telescope the German lines at Lens.

What Russia appears to need particularly is a retroactive education in democratic government.

These perilous days are disclosing to thousands the true inwardness of the enigma of puttees.

Strangely enough, the remark that this world is but a fleeting show was made a long time before the day of the flickering movies.

There is some improvement in the wheat prospect; but not yet enough to justify the June bride in unlimited bread making just for practice.

Possibly the drop of the German mark to new depths is only a strategic decline preliminary to an advance.

Certainly the endurance of the German people is remarkable. They continue to subsist largely on Imperial promises that are never redeemed.

Local people who don't like the name of Devon ought to be reminded how our soldiers are fighting for such places as Loos, Hooze, Roux, Lens and Lille.

OF SOCIAL INTEREST

The Lieut. Governor's party with the exception of Mrs. Wood left for Sackville this morning, going to St. John by steamer. Mrs. Wood is at the Queen Hotel today and will go to Boston tomorrow.

Mrs. T. Carleton Allen, Mrs. Charles Allen, baby and nurse, and Mrs. J. Alex. Thompson, baby and nurse, have gone to St. Andrew's to spend the summer.

Dr. W. S. Carter and family are at their summer home, Kingston, N. B. Mrs. W. A. VanWart and children left today for their summer cottage at Seaside Park, St. John.

Now Lieut. Colonel.

Major Mark C. Gillin of Woodstock, now in the ordnance department, has been promoted to lieutenant-colonel.

Policeman Murray
Replies to Letter

To the Editor of The Mail:

Sir — On Thursday, June 21st, inst., an article appeared in the columns of the Daily Gleaner, written by a European War Veteran in which he very strongly assails the Fredericton Police Commission for appointing to the force "a former militia captain, who preferred the uniform of a policeman to one of khaki," instead of giving the position to returned hero, who had made application for the position.

Now, Sir, if you will kindly grant me space in your valuable paper, I would like to place the matter before the public in general in its true aspect, as I am the person the writer refers to. Had the veteran used a small portion of precaution and good judgment, which one would naturally expect from a soldier of his rank and experience, he would not have been guilty of publishing statements which are absolutely incorrect in every particular.

In the first place I will not attempt to say anything for the Police Commissioners, as those gentlemen are well qualified to speak for themselves, further than this, that I am not appointed to the police force, but am on duty during the temporary absence of Sergeant Hughes who is on sick leave for one month.

In the second place as to my preference to a policeman's uniform to one of khaki, I have this to say, that since the outbreak of the war I have offered my services for any place, to any duty required of me, several times, and to revert to a junior rank in order to get attached for duty. A short time ago I applied to be attached to a Forestry unit, feeling that my services of over twenty years in the militia and as many years in lumbering would be of some value to such a unit, but have as yet received no reply, although I know of several who have been appointed who have had no military experience whatever, and little or no experience in lumbering. These offers were made through the proper channel, namely, the commanding officer of the regiment. For corroboration of these statements I respectfully refer anyone to the commanding officer of the 71st Regiment, Lt. Col. W. H. Gray of Marysville.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the Gleaner for publication.

Trusting these facts which I have briefly stated will show me in a different light to that set forth by "A Veteran," and thanking you for valuable space,

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. ALEX. MURRAY.

WEDDING BELLS.

Morgan-Carr.

Miss Alberta Vera Carr of Southampton, and Mr. Melvin C. Morgan of Milville, were married in this city yesterday by Rev. G. C. Warren. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of Windsor Hall.

Allen-Barker.

Mr. Warren C. Allen and Miss Minnie May Barker both of Burton, were married at the Methodist parsonage in this city yesterday. Rev. Thomas Marshall officiated.

Miss Allie Dunphy of Brooklyn, and Mrs. A. G. Dunphy of Lynn, are the guests of Mrs. Letitia Brewer, 120 Saunders street.

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT

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isfactory report on recent legislation. To meet the cost of the enlarged Charlotte Street building debentures will shortly be placed upon the market. These will probably be of the denomination of \$1,000 and will bear five per cent. interest.

Closing of Schools.

Arrangements were made for the closing exercises of the schools tomorrow morning, beginning at ten o'clock. The High School exercises, which are always enjoyed by the public, will take place this evening beginning at eight o'clock. After the general closing of the grade schools the children were asked to carry an invitation to their parents to attend a meeting in the Assembly Hall in the York Street building tomorrow at 3 o'clock, when Inspector Hanson will have much valuable information to impart respecting growth and economy, how to save and how to spend these critical days.

COLUMBIA NOT
PRO-GERMAN

Bogota, Colombia, June 27.—It was stated in official quarters yesterday that accusations of pro-Germanism appearing in some American newspapers against the Colombian government and people are absolutely without foundation. Public opinion and the opinion of the press is decidedly favorable toward the Entente Allies cause and the attitude of the government towards the United States and the Entente is extremely friendly.

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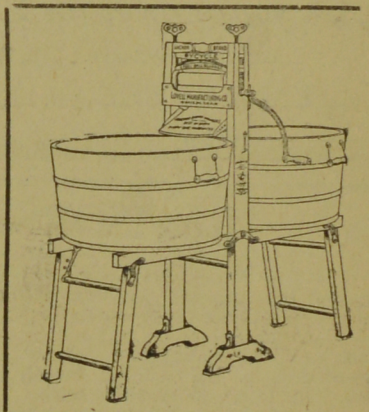
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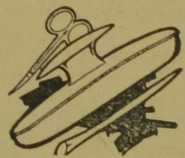
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