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## INCOMPETENCY AT OTTAWA.

There is no doubt that considerable feeling has been engendered in some of the English speaking Provinces of Canada against Quebec, because of her alleged failure to respond to the call for men for overseas service. The fact of the matter is that recruiting in Canada under the loose system put in vogue by the Borden Government has not had a fair trial anywhere. Sir Sam Hughes, Ex-Minister of Militia, is on record as saying that sinister influences in control of the Cabinet had a tendency to discourage recruiting in Ontario as well as in Quebec. Even so, Mr. Sir Robert Borden's Henchmen from the Nationalist ranks have had the courage to place the blame for the defection of Quebec on the shoulders of the Ottawa Government. Recently Col. P. E. Blondin of "shoot holes in the flag" fame put a neat complexion on the Quebec recruiting controversy, which has aroused such bitter feeling throughout the country. In a recruiting speech he is reported to have said: "If Quebec had been well organized from the French Canadian point of view at the beginning of the war, and if the organization had been immediately placed under the direction of a man like Gen. Lessard and an appeal made to the French Canadians to enlist in French Canadian units and preserve their identity Quebec would have replied en masse."

Col. Blondin may be wrong in some of his statements, but for once he seems to have hit the nail squarely upon the head. There is no doubt that had Quebec been properly organized at the beginning of the war the response to the call to the colors in that Province would have been much more emphatic. As a contemporary points out, "the elder statesmen and leader of the nation in a great war chose instead the crooked path of the partizan, and played politics when the grave necessities of the times called for wise leadership and unity of action." Gross incompetency on the part of the federal Government is responsible for the critical situation which exists in Quebec to-day.

The opposition in the Legislature strenuously opposed the bill to provide for the appointment of a deputy attorney general. Their action was rather surprising in view of the well known fact that the old government had promised to create such a position for Mr. T. J. Carter, ex-M. P. P., in the event of it being returned to power. The old government also had plans laid to increase the salaries of the members of the executive and to abolish the attorney general's commission on succession duties. The present government will abolish the commissions, but the members of the executive are to get no increase of salary.

Mr. W. R. Reek, the new deputy Minister of Agriculture, delivered a most practical address before the Agricultural Committee of the House a few days ago. He advanced some splendid ideas which ought to be taken hold of seriously by the agriculturists of this province. The new Secretary of Agriculture, unlike his predecessor, will not spend his time talking politics for the benefit of the party in power.

In the discussion on a bill in the Legislature yesterday, Hon. Mr. Byrne pointed out that since the close of the fiscal year on October 31st last, over \$4,000 had been paid to Mr. Baxter as commissions on succession duties. In 1915 the then Attorney General was paid \$5,000 for this service. Under the act passed yesterday, this money will go into the provincial treasury.

Mr. Young, M. P. P., has not asked any questions in the House since the Humble and Pond affidavits were read by Mr. Veniot.

## COLORS PLACED IN ST. PAUL'S.

Five Flags of American Legion in the Canadian Contingents.

London, May 30.—At St. Paul's to-day, the colors of the American Legion in the Canadian contingents were placed beside the altar, to remain there until after the war.

There were five flags, one from each battalion—the 97th, 211th, 212th, 213th and 237th. They were escorted to the Cathedral by 500 Canadian soldiers.

Major J. Kirkpatrick of Sussex, is a guest at the Queen.

## MANY CHANGES IN SCHOOL STAFFS

### Several Teachers Resign—Board Discusses Matter of Truancy—To Relieve Overcrowding.

The regular meeting of the school trustees was held yesterday with the chairman, Dr. VanWart, presiding.

A letter was read from Mr. Alonzo R. Stiles, accepting appointment to the staff of the High School and this appointment will no doubt greatly help to maintain the efficiency of this important school. For some time past the classes have been unwieldy to expect the best work to be accomplished.

The secretary reported that owing to continued illness, Mrs. Simpson, the principal of the Morrison Hill school, is not yet able to resume her duties. Misses Maria A. McConaghy and Kathleen I. McAdam are in charge there.

#### Changes in Personnel.

There is likely to be more of a change in the personnel of the teaching staff this year than usual—perhaps it is on account of the war. At the beginning of the present term Miss Miriam J. Cadwallader of Charlotte street school, resigned her position but at the request of the trustees consented to remain on duty for the present term. Miss Vida I. Carruthers, of Smythe street school, after very satisfactory work has resigned and Miss Dorothy F. Doohan of Doak Settlement school, after several years faithful work has decided to turn her back upon the storms and un-macadamized roads in that section of the city, and has tendered her resignation to the trustees. Application for transfer from one department to another has been made by six members of the present staff.

At the meeting yesterday applications for position on the city teaching staff were received from several local young ladies, and from others in almost every section of the province; there is also quite a list of names on the application book. From present outlook no school will be closed for want of a teacher.

#### Domestic Science.

The lady members of the board, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Cox, have exclusive supervision of the Domestic Science department, and are most zealous for its complete success. Mrs. Clark is now preparing a scheme along the lines of greater production by which it is possible that during the summer vacation lessons may be given in canning fruit and vegetables.

The secretary laid on the table a statement showing in detail the receipts and expenditures connected with the recent vocational night schools. This advance in practical education cost the board between seven and eight hundred dollars.

#### Doak Settlement.

Some time was devoted to Doak Settlement where the inspector as well as the trustees seem to think an enlargement of a new building is needed. Some of the residents are anxious to have a new building and to have it located on the main road but nearer the river.

#### Truancy Discussed.

A discussion on continued absence of many children from school was indulged in and as to whether the truant officer or the teacher should be accorded the greater portion of the blame.

A satisfactory report was received from Inspector Hanson on the city schools and upon the whole it was very satisfactory to the trustees. In congratulating the trustees upon the excellent staff of experienced teachers, yet he detected chance for better work in two or three instances. He reverted to the crowded state of a few schools but was glad to know that with the completion of the new Charlotte street school this great drawback will be overcome.

Many other matters engaged the attention of the board, the disposal of which will be undertaken at a special meeting.

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## COL. BAXTER'S BELATED VIRTUE

(St. John Telegraph.)

Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, M. P. P., former Attorney-General, indulged yesterday in some petty and spiteful criticism of the Government's bill to appoint a deputy attorney general. That was to be expected. But Mr. Baxter forgot himself. In his haste to attack the administration Mr. Baxter said the work of collecting the succession duties would not occupy more than a couple of weeks. He spoke from experience. That shows how wise the Government is in abolishing the percentage which goes to the attorney general. Mr. Baxter got a tidy sum as his percentage in seventeen months. His salary as attorney general, his sessional indemnity his fees as hospital commissioner, his retainer as city solicitor, and one Dominion Government case, together with his pay for collecting succession duties, amounted to \$7,506. If, as he says, he collected the succession duties in a week or two he nevertheless got \$2,637 for the job, or say \$1,300 a week. No wonder the populace smiles upon reading the honorable gentleman's statement that he frequently thought of proposing to do away with the practice of paying the attorney general for collecting the succession duties and probably would have done so this year had his party remained in power! How shining this belated virtue; and how remunerative the delay in obeying the virtuous impulse!

## EXHIBITION GRANT ASKED FOR

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all the more unlikely that any grants to exhibitions will be given.

#### Delegation from Brewers.

A delegation representing Jones' and Ready's breweries and other firms in St. John interested in the manufacture of beers which can be sold under the Prohibitory Act was before the Government this morning. The delegation made representations concerning the license fee required for beer to be made for home consumption or export.

#### Delegation from Woodstock.

A delegation from Woodstock appeared and made a request for assistance at some future time for the erection of buildings to be used for agricultural exhibition purposes. The buildings are to be erected on the island in the St. John river in front of the town which has been previously used as a park.

## WILL ACCEPT THE AWARD

Winnipeg, May 31.—900 employees of the Winnipeg street railway, at a meeting this morning decided to accept the award of the board of arbitrators which dealt with the demands of the union for increased pay and better working conditions. The company still has to accept or refuse the award.

The award gives the employees 28 to 36 cents per hour with the maximum in the fourth year, as well as certain improvements in working conditions.

Mrs. Benjamin Long of Presque Isle, Me., and Mrs. M. B. McNally of this city, left last night for the west.

## STOCK MARKET

### NEW YORK

Beet Sugar.....	117
C. P. R.....	162
Crucible steel.....	82
Erie.....	26
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	85
Union Pac.....	138 3/4
U. S. Steel .....	135
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	50
Marine Com.....	29
Reading.....	93
Rubber.....	56 1/2
Studebaker.....	80
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2

### MONTREAL

Civic.....	77 1/2
Detroit.....	112
Quebec.....	26
Toronto.....	78 1/2
Braz.....	40 1/2
Cement.....	60 1/2
Iron.....	63
Steel Co.....	60
Spanish.....	13 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Can Cottons.....	52 1-2
Laur. Pulp.....	185
Scotia.....	96

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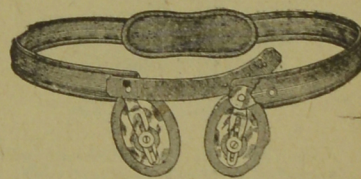
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