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CONSCRIPTION.

The Montreal Journal of Commerce, the editor of which is the Hon. W. S. Fielding, former Minister of Finance, makes the following comment on the government's proposal to adopt selective conscription:

"There will be many in every province of the Dominion who will receive Sir Robert Borden's announcement with unqualified approval. Many others, however, will hesitate to express such endorsement. The principle of conscription is something so different from what our people have been accustomed to in the past that many will be inclined to regard it as at variance with the essential elements of our citizenship, and even in the face of the urgent reasons advanced by Sir Robert Borden they will probably still oppose it. Some, no doubt, will think that Canada should be as careful in the matter as Australia, where even such a strong Imperialist as Mr. Hughes felt that conscription should not be resorted to until it had received the approval of the people by a direct vote. There was a referendum in Australia which resulted in the defeat of the conscription proposal, although Australians generally were heart and soul with the mother country in their desire to carry on the war. Many there will be who will doubt whether such a very exceptional step as that of conscription can be effectively taken through the machinery of party government, in which, it would seem, the question of party patronage enters almost every movement. All these and other views of the subject will be presented in the discussion that is opened up. \* \* \*

There can be but one end—the triumph of democratic civilization over almost barbarous military autocracy. But that end can only be reached by continued and increased effort on the part of Great Britain and the Allies. While Canada's forces have played a noble part in the war, it has been at a heavy cost of blood. Thousands of the flower of Canadian manhood have given up their lives for the cause of right. Their places should be filled, to the end that the sacrifices of the past may not have been in vain. Let the efforts to obtain volunteers continue; let us hope that they will be more fruitful than they have been of late; perhaps the present movement may accelerate volunteering; but if there is not the necessary response, there will be an unanswerable case for some form of conscription."

## PLAYING THE GAME.

Recently the Mail noted the fact that Tory newspapers, big and little, were displaying a nice half-tone engraving of Premier Borden along with his autograph, and explained that it was being supplied gratis by the Tory press bureau at Ottawa. It seems that one of the electors was sent by mistake to the Advertiser, of Waterloo, P. Q., a Liberal journal, and that paper, in acknowledging the gift, said:

"We received last week a double-column cut of Sir R. L. Borden, gratis, for which we take this means of acknowledgment, at the same time return thanks to the donor. The following was sent by the firm that made it: 'By arrangement this cut of Sir Robert Borden is sent you without charge for use from time to time as desired.' This is the first time in the history of this paper that any Tory leader ever gave his profile to the Advertiser. We wonder if Sir Robert does the paying or does it come out of the pockets of the people? Sir Robert over in England and this campaign going on, it looks as though an election was near at hand. Yes, we will use it from time to time, but it will be to show the people the man who is at the head of the Government allowing his followers to indulge in all kinds of graft. He should have included Bob Rogers in his donation."

From the above, it would be inferred that the Tory press bureau at Ottawa is more concerned about winning the next election than it is about winning the war.

As the Toronto Star points out, "for ways that are dark and tricks that are

vain, the Heathen Chinese is not half so peculiar as the Heathen Hun." This comment was based on the following extract from a letter a Hamburg firm sent to one of its branches in Japan: "We request you to inform us if you will be able to supply us with large quantities of very heavy copper and bronze vases, also animals. We lay no importance on their execution or shape; you can send us the roughest and most faulty examples. The animals must be massive and not hollow, and must have the appearance of curiosities. If you can ship ten to twenty tons per month direct to Sweden as curiosities we shall be glad if you could arrange to pack the cases with raw rubber so that the works of art should not suffer. Aluminum objects also have considerable interest for us."

The announcement that a bill to provide for selective conscription is to be introduced in Parliament has revived coalition talk at Ottawa. Whether or not it will amount to anything more than talk is a question for the future to decide. The issue, however, is quite clear on one point, and that is that the people are in a frame of mind to accept any old kind of a government in preference to the combination which is now misruling at Ottawa.

At the annual convocation of the University of Toronto, the President referred to the fact that approximately 3,800 members of the University, including members of the staff, graduates and undergraduates had entered the service of their country. Fifty graduates, upon whom degrees were to have been conferred, are at present on active service. The University decided to defer the degrees until the men return.

When Capt. A. Buck of Norway, Me., harvested his potato crop last fall many green tops with acorn-like tubers attached were thrown into a pile as worthless, but in cleaning up the garden a few days ago, he discovered one bunch of seven matured potatoes, sound and eatable. The whole number weighed a pound and the largest potato measured 7 inches and the smallest 4½ inches in circumference.

In a speech recently delivered to his constituents at London, Sir Sam Hughes, ex-minister of Militia, observed: "Safety-first, or the useful and well paid but not dangerous jobs are readily filled; but for the gallant boys in the trenches there is little or no backing." Sir Sam seems to have hit the nail on the head for once.

## MAY REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Below is a statement of the amount paid for relief during the month of May, 1917, in the Fredericton district of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

No.	Cases Municipality	Amount	Av. per Family
161	Fredericton	\$2,340.00	\$14.53
124	York Co.	1,857.00	14.97
40	Sunbury Co.	623.50	15.58
	Outside	45.50	11.37

329 Expense \$4,866.00  
99.00

General average, \$14.79

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From the above it will be seen that families in Sunbury drew the highest average amount and those in Fredericton the lowest, barring the outside families.

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## EMPIRE DAY OBSERVED AT MAUGERVILLE

Empire Day was observed in Maugerville school district No. 2 in the customary manner. The flag was floating above the school building and the interior was appropriately decorated with flags and festoons of red, white and blue.

In the morning there were the usual lessons on the Empire and in the afternoon the following programme was rendered by the pupils in a creditable manner.

Chorus, O Canada—School.  
Recitation, The Mother and Flag—Pauline Bridges.  
Exercise, Watchwords of the Empire—School.

Essay, The Union Jack—Norah Upton.

Recitation, The Colors of the Flag—George Powers.

Recitation, My Country—Herbert Sewell.

Chorus, The Land of the Maple—School.

Essay, Canada—Kenneth Harrison.

Recitation, Canadian Born—George Perley.

Essay, The War—Vera Dykeman.

Recitation, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep—Gertrude Callahan.

Recitation, The Vacant Ranks—Florence Creswell.

Essay, The Parts of the Empire—Dudley Perley.

Chorus, The Lads in Navy Blue—School.

Essay, The Boy Scouts—Maynard Harrison.

Exercise, What I Will Do—Elizabeth Harrison, George Powers, Harold Sewell, Elwood Shankle, George Perley and George Dykeman.

Essay, The Red Cross—Florence Creswell.

Recitation, The Way of the British—Ferne Sewell.

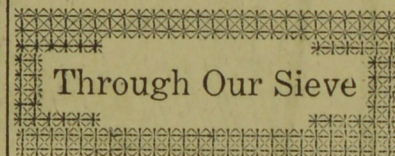
Recitation, Mrs. Moriarty's Boy—Blanche Perley.

Recitation, A Canadian Mother's Answer—Norah Upton.

Chorus, Boys from Canada—School.

Rev. Mr. Ainsworth then gave an address. He spoke of the need of unity in the Empire as well as in the school. No nation was at its best if it were not an educated nation, hence we have free schools.

As the season is backward and the farmers are interested in increased production not many of them were present, but many ladies were in attendance, most of the families in the district being represented. The day closed by the salutation of the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.



Add to the Man with the hoe—the lady.

What is good weather for the fish is mighty poor for the fisherman.

At any rate Simple Simon suffered no hardships on his fishing trip.

Automobilists from Germany say she is having "tire" trouble.

Even a good fish story falls flat in weather like this.

Now is the time for all those abandoned farms to lead a better life.

Some of our wisest nature lovers are eating dandelion greens.

Spring having opened in Russia, a melancholy fellow suggests that Gen. Takemoff be placed in charge of all operations.

Another way to prevent waist in the kitchen would be to hire a servant girl weighing 300 lbs.

Do doubt that professor is right in urging people to consider bananas as food, but most of us had rather eat them because they taste good.

## STOCK MARKET

## NEW YORK

Beet Sugar..... 94

C. P. R..... 162

Crucible steel..... 76

Erie..... 25½

Erie 1st pfd..... 39 1-2

Marine Pfd..... 82

Union Pac..... 137½

U. S. Steel..... 133

Air Brake..... 179

Kenn..... 46½

Marine Com..... 29

Reading..... 94

Rubber..... 56½

Studebaker..... 80

Bethlehem..... 141

Wool..... 48½

## MONTREAL.

Civic..... 77½

Detroit..... 112

Quebec..... 26

Toronto..... 78½

Braz..... 40½

Cement..... 66½

Iron..... 61½

Steel Co..... 60

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