

Gadsby Presents His Views On Military Service Bill

New C. O. D. Senators Were on the Job and Slipped the Bill Through---Minister of Justice Must Consent to all Prosecutions---The Czar of all Russias Never Inaugurated a Harsher Press Censorship Than the Bill Provides For.

(By H. F. Gadsby.)

Ottawa, Aug. 19. — Although nine amendments were proposed and rejected the Conscription Bill slipped through the Senate smoothly enough. The newly appointed C.O.D. Senators were on the job and voted briskly.

One amendment was accepted which shows the way the wind blows. It was a Government amendment and was introduced by Sir James Loughheed who is the Government leader in the Upper House. Briefly the amendment was that no prosecution could be had under the Act—that is under the Military Service Act—unless it was first consented to by the Minister of Justice for Canada.

This means that the provincial authorities cannot discipline refractory persons under the Military Service Act, but that all cases must be referred to the powers at Ottawa. That is to say if twenty thousand or thirty thousand of one hundred thousand persons selectively conscripted choose to declare that they will not serve, nobody can proceed against them until the Minister of Justice for Canada give permission. The Minister of Justice is going to be a busy man under the Military Service Act because the work will pile up on him and naturally there will be great delay in getting on with the prosecutions. In many cases the war will be over before the Minister of Justice gets cleared away.

Backing Away.

Critics of the Government say that this amendment proves the Government has no intention of enforcing the Act drastically either in Quebec or anywhere else. On the contrary there is every reason to believe that the Government is backing away from the consequences and that the Military Service Act is to be used merely as a stuffed club. It will look fierce enough but it will always bend in the middle as the blow descends. In other words the Military Service Act is intended to hurt nobody but the Laurier end of the Liberal Opposition. It is a party manoeuvre pure and simple and the reinforcements it brings are intended for the Borden Government.

Staunch friends of conscription on both sides of politics deplore this lack of sincerity on the part of the Borden Government although they had suspected as much from the dilatory apparatus with which the Act is provided—the elaborate machinery of the exemption tribunals for example. If the exemption tribunals perform in the same spirit as the Loughheed amendment they will be thrones of mercy rather than seats of justice.

Would Gag the Press.

Meanwhile the Military Service Act has every outward aspect of sternness. It has more than that. It has a gag clause for the Press that vies with anything the greatest despot in history could conceive. Russia under the Czars never had a harsher press censorship than this one of Arthur Meighen's can be if the Borden Government so chooses. It is as deep as a well and as wide as a church door and it will swallow naughty editors like flies. This gag clause is such that if a newspaper opens its mouth to criticise the Government or the operation of the Military Service Act ever so remotely the newspaper may be suspended and the editor thrown into jail from two to five years. Some Senators breathed a fear that the gag clause was wide enough to include campaign speeches and prevent Members of Parliament from repeating on the stump they were privileged to tell on the floor of the House.

A Savage Bark.

Whereupon Sir James Loughheed shrugged his shoulders and hoped that they would "express their opinions frankly." Sir James probably regards the gag clause as another bluff—some-

thing to scare the bystander, but not meant for real use. Some persons have been unkind enough to say that the Military Service Act is built on that principle all the way through. Its bark is very savage but its bite has no teeth in it.

The Military Service Act is now law. That is to say it is on the statute book and all it awaits is the word of the Government for its enforcement. Quebec is almost docile under the prospect. Sir Wilfrid Laurier tells his fellow countrymen to obey the law and Sir Lomer Gouin reiterates the good advice. The position of these two great statesmen is sound. The law is the law even if it is disagreeable to minorities.

When Is It Coming?

Conjecture is rife as to when the Borden Government intends to bring the Act into force, do the conscripting and set up the exemption tribunals. Will it be before the general election? Or what is more to the point will it be before the harvest? The Ontario Government is clamoring for ten thousand men to work in the fields. The northwest wants thirty thousand more. If one hundred thousand men are shifted from this country to the battlefields of Europe how is the agricultural industry of Canada going to supply their places? How is Canada going to produce more food to send overseas to the Allies as Food Controller Hanna wants us to do? No doubt the Borden Government will

take these matters into account in carrying out the Act.

Another point which must be troubling the Government is the pay and upkeep of one hundred thousand men which amounts, roughly speaking, to one hundred million dollars a year. Finance Minister White finds it increasingly difficult to borrow money. Canada is spending \$850,000 a day on the war now. The new levy of one hundred thousand men will bring our outlay on war up to a round million dollars a day.

Ornamental Officers.

It has been suggested that the Government save money by dropping hundreds of ornamental officers from the pay roll but so far they show no disposition to do this. According to Sir Edward Kemp's own figures seventy-six thousand unfits have been let out. Most of these unfits were on the pay roll for a year or over. The waste of money from this cause probably aggregates a hundred million dollars or more. Sir Edward Kemp also revealed the fact that there are 143,000 Canadian soldiers in France. One hundred thousand able-bodied Canadian soldiers in England, and 22,000 in Canada. In other words there are nearly as many Canadian soldiers in reserve in England and in this country as there are in the war areas of Europe. Another hundred thousand will make the reserve about double the number at the front. Meanwhile recruiting progresses at the rate of 4,257 a month, which is 600 more than the casualties for the same time.

Slants of Humor

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Folks said pneumatic tires were a joke.
Nobody "listened in" on a telephone.
There were no sane Fourth's nor electric meters.
Strawstacks were burned instead of baled.
Publishing a country newspaper was not a business.
People thought English sparrows were "birds."
Jules Verne was the only convert to the submarine.
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There will be sold at public auction in front of the Court House in the city of Fredericton in the county of York, and Province of New Brunswick, on Wednesday, the seventeenth day of tober A. D. 1917, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the York County Court, the 26th day of February, A. D. 1917, in an action wherein Harry Ryan is plaintiff and J. Fred Ryan is defendant, all the right, title interest, possession, claim and demand which the said J. Fred Ryan had on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1917, being the date on which the memorial of said judgment was registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds, in and for the said County of York, or now has in, to, out of, or upon the following described lands and premises; that is to say:

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BOYS' PIG CLUBS BEING FORMED BY AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Last May the Department of Agriculture announced that the formation of Boys' Clubs would be part of the work to be undertaken.

A suitable man for all-round club work has not yet been engaged; consequently the other members of the staff have been giving attention to this branch. Mr. Hetherington, in charge of the Livestock Division, has arranged for Pig Clubs in the following counties: Queens, Northumberland, Kings and Charlotte. These clubs are made possible through the generosity of some man in each of the counties and already a firm in St. John has suggested a means for every county. It is the co-ordination of patriotic endeavor and straight agriculture and results following in the trail of such an endeavor are very far-reaching.

Mr. R. A. Snowball of Chatham, is particularly interested and had much to do with drafting a constitution for these clubs. His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, is interested in the Charlotte County Club, Dr. Hetherington, M. L. A., in the Queens County Club and Mr. Walter Allison, of the Manchester, Robertson, Allison firm, in the Kings County Club.

A club consists of ten boys in a community, carefully selected, and each boy agrees to the terms outlined by the department regarding the feeding and care, and he also agrees to return one sow pig per year the first two years, which pigs will be used to form new clubs. Every pig must be registered. The boys of New Brunswick will be able in the future to supply a large quantity of pure bred pigs for breeding purposes. They also will learn a great deal about housing, feeding, breeding and selection. Every club will be assisted by Mr. Hetherington and the district representatives. Meetings will be held, literature distributed and careful comparisons made. Special arrangements will be outlined whereby competitions will be open to these boys at fall fairs.

The number of clubs formed this year will be limited, owing to the scarcity of pigs, but one in every county will be formed as quickly as possible, then the aim will be one in every parish.

The first club in a county has to be financed and the men whose names have been mentioned are standing behind the clubs in their respective counties by purchasing ten sows and

one boar. The boys are not being presented with the pigs because they agree to return two pigs.

The Johnston Yorkshire Breeders' Club, Queens County, was formed August 20th, 1917. The officers and members are:

Hon. president, Dr. Judson Hetherington, M.L.A.

Hon. vice president, Andrew Richardson.

President, Rutherford Starkey.

Vice president, Frank Starkey.

Secretary-Treasurer, Ralph Richardson.

Lyle Cecil Richardson, Gordon Hughes, Gordon Starkey, Clifford Secord, Alwyn Fisher, Melbourne Fisher.

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WESTERN MILLS TO SHUT DOWN

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—Announcement was made yesterday by the organized lumber manufacturers of a continued and practically unanimous shutdown of all the Pacific northwest lumber mills and logging camps for at least four months, or until after the beginning of 1918. The lumber operators declared that the shutdown was not due to the strike which has so seriously affected the lumber output for several months, but rather was the result of a slump in the market.

The statement points out that it is not the intention to close down the shingle mills.

FATAL ROW AT 'FRISCO

San Francisco, Aug. 24.—One man was killed and three others were injured late last night in a fight between six passengers and a car crew of the United Railroads, whose motormen and conductors are on strike.

The conductor of the car, who with a guard was attempting to replace the trolley, which had been pulled off, was attacked and shot through the heart.

The motorman was beaten unconscious and the guard also was injured in the attack. A third man was shot in the hand.



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