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EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS.

Regulations governing exemption tribunals have been issued by the Military Service Council and contain a lot of information of interest to the general public. The regulations are somewhat lengthy and cover no fewer than 97 different clauses. They lay down the rules on which all tribunals under the military service act—both local and appeal—will work, the duties and powers of registrars, the appointment of military representatives, and finally make special provision for offences and penalties. Here are, in brief, the offences cited and the penalties provided therefor:

Refusing or neglecting to attend for medical examination when required by local or appeal tribunal—fine not more than \$200 and not less than \$25 and imprisonment for not more than three months. Tribunals may further issue a warrant to apprehend the man and compel him to submit to medical examination.

Bribing or attempting to bribe any member of a tribunal, medical board, registrar, or any person concerned in the administration of the act—imprisonment for not more than five years and not less than one year. No fine.

Employer stipulating or offering to stipulate with an employee for reduction of wages in consideration of employment or exercising right, to claim exemption for employee—fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, and (or) imprisonment not to exceed six months.

Employment of man called out, who, after expiry of time limit set by proclamations, has neither reported nor claimed exemption—fine not less than fifty and not more than five hundred dollars.

Employer failing to report any men in his service who have been called out and, after expiry of time limit, have neither reported nor claimed exemption—fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, and (or) imprisonment for not more than three months.

Employment of deserter or man absent without leave—fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$500, or imprisonment for not more than six months.

The regulations also provide that after the expiry of the time limit for reporting for service or claiming exemption (in the present case Nov. 10) any man reasonably supposed to be a member of the class or sub-class called out may be accosted by any commissioned or non-commissioned military officer, or by any police officer, and his name and address, place of employment, place and date of birth taken.

"If," regulation adds, "the officer questioning has reasonable grounds to believe that his answers are untruthful or evasive, he may detain the man and take him before a justice of the peace to be dealt with according to law."

THE NEXT PARLIAMENT.

In answer to a correspondent, the next House of Commons will have fourteen more members than the last one, says an exchange. The new representation, compared with the old, will be as follows:

| | Present House. | Next House. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Quebec | 65 | 65 |
| Ontario | 86 | 82 |
| Nova Scotia | 18 | 16 |
| New Brunswick | 13 | 11 |
| Manitoba | 10 | 15 |
| British Columbia | 7 | 13 |
| Prince Edward Island | 4 | 4 |
| Saskatchewan | 10 | 16 |
| Alberta | 7 | 12 |
| Yukon | 1 | 1 |

Total 221 235

The increase is wholly from the West, due to the large increase in population during the last census decade from 1901 to 1911. Quebec under the Constitution has a fixed number of 65 members. The Western Provinces gain 22 members, while Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick lose 8.

Vancouver World: One city jail to let; owing to prohibition there is no further use for it. Net saving to the ratepayers of Vancouver, \$10,000 a year. We told you so. For the first twelve days in September on which the police courts were open there were 86 convictions for drunkenness. For the corresponding period in October, prohibition month, the total convictions were 7. We told you so; but only in part. Prohibition's results, as exhibited in the reduction of the number of lawbreakers, are better even than we hoped.

The story of a fatal shooting accident near Millville yesterday, which will be found in another part of this issue, will shock the people of this province. It is the old story over

again: two men out hunting and got separated and one mistook the other for a moose. A shot was fired from a high power rifle and inflicted a wound which resulted fatally. Fortunately, such tragedies are of rare occurrence in this province, but they cannot be excused. The careless handling of firearms in the woods or out of the woods should not be tolerated by the authorities.

Duluth Herald: "It takes a lot to win the war," says the citizen, as he digs down to buy war bonds, as he has dug down for every war activity thus far and will continue to dig down to the end. True; but have you stopped to think what it would cost to lose the war? Have you stopped to compare investing your money in gilt-edged war loan bonds with turning it over to a conquering horde as the Belgians had to do? One hasty thought of that ought to make it easy to help pay the cost of winning the war, whatever it may be.

Brigadier General A. H. MacDonnell is coming to New Brunswick as commandant of the newly created district. When he was last stationed in New Brunswick the Brigadier General, then a Captain, was located in this city. Fredericton was then military headquarters for the province; it should be the same today.

Since the food controller has decreed that no products of "wheat, oats, barley, rye, rice, peas, beans," etc., may be offered for sale in original packages of less than 20 pounds after December 1st, it will be interesting to learn, as the London Advertiser remarks, what he proposes to do with canned pea soup.

The abolition of patronage is going to make it more difficult to find suitable berths for ex-M. P.'s who are now threatening to take the field at the impending elections, against the wishes of many who voted and worked for them in the last contest.

Through Our Sieve

Oh, oh! Isn't there a Marne in Italy?

Quick, Cadorna, pass out that check to the Kaiser!

There ought to be lots of money in milking.

The milk dealers have decided to boost milk to 12c a quart. And gee whizz, we can't apply for exemption!

Costs money to win the war; costs a great deal more to lose it! Don't neglect to buy a Victory bond.

If oleo is a substitute for butter, what's the matter with chalk and water for milk?

Field Marshal Haig is driving the real wedge between the Kaiser and the German people.

If it were not for yesterday and tomorrow a lot of people would have time to think about today.

The status quo ante doesn't stay stat long if somebody happens to hold four aces.

Householders are beginning to pat the steam radiator on the head now as though expecting it to wag its tail.

It would save a lot of spelling if Uruguay and Paraguay would always act together. Then one could tell to which the extra u's belong.

Special Montreal Number. The 236th MacLean Highlanders have issued a special number of the battalion publication The Breath of the Heather, which is devoted to the city of Montreal where the battalion has been stationed recently. The number contains views of scenes in Montreal as well as of the sixteen platoons which compose the unit, the officers and the N. C. O's.

Condition Still Serious. George M. Walker, son of Mr. R. Z. Walker of this city, who is in the General Public Hospital at St. John, suffering from injuries sustained in a football match, is still in a serious condition. He passed a restless night and has not yet regained consciousness. Mr. Walker will leave for St. John this evening to join Mrs. Walker, who has been there since Saturday.

CROTHERS CHOSEN Dutton, Ont. Oct. 30—Hon. Thomas Crother was the unanimous choice of West Elgin conservatives in the coming election at a largely attended convention held here yesterday.

ROGERS WILL NOT RUN Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 30—Hon. Bob Rogers has refused to allow his name to be submitted to the Fusionist committee of South Winnipeg, because he says he finds it impossible to change his mind not to be a candidate.



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PEACE MEETING BROKEN UP

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Oct. 30.—A women's peace meeting at Consett, near Durham, under the auspices of the independent labor party, at which Mrs. Snowden, wife of Philip Snowden, a pacifist member of parliament, was scheduled to be the principal speaker, was broken up last night as soon as the chairman announced the opening hymn.

The audience, composed mostly of women, started singing patriotic songs. They rushed to the platform, tore down the peace mottoes and demanded to know why Mr. Snowden did not go to the front.

Several free fights followed. Mrs. Snowden and her supporters fled.

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