

## MANY STYLES IN DISEASES

(Chicago News)

There's no aristocracy in diseases," observed the druggist with the air of one who is handing down a vital truth. "They are shared by rich and poor alike."

"That's where you're off your reservation," said the rheumatic philosopher. "You never heard of a poor man's having the gout, for instance. This is a refined, fashionable disease reserved for the elite and we may regard it as the hallmark of distinction."

"I'd a great deal rather have gout than the rheumatism, with which I often am afflicted, notwithstanding that it's more painful, for there's nothing exclusive about rheumatism. It is popular with the proletariat and a man may have an aggravated case even if he hasn't two kopecks to rub together. You can't judge a man's station or condition by his rheumatism. He may be a banker or a ditcher. But show me a man who has an accredited case of gout, indorsed by some reputable physician, and I will show you a man who has cobwebby bottles in his cellar and a balance at the bank."

"Some diseases are vulgar when affected by vulgar people and aristocratic when they are so fortunate as to be adopted by the aristocrats. You remember Jed Buskin, who used to live next door? For many years he had the mange, which he contracted while working in a livery stable. He used up most of his earnings for years buying salves and ointments to anoint himself with and the doctors never called his ailment anything but the mange. Sometimes I would go over in the evening to carry some consolation to his afflicted soul."

"At such times he would burst into tears and say he could stand the physical annoyances, but the humiliation was more than he could bear. And he never received any genuine sympathy except from me."

"Well, in the course of time Jed's uncle suddenly expired and left him a large fortune. The first thing Jed did was to consult an eminent specialist, who laughed to scorn the plebeian physicians who had diagnosed his difficulty as mange. This specialist gave it a big ten jointed name that nobody had ever heard of before, and Jed went around among his former friends telling them how they had labored under a delusion. He was so proud of his ailment with the stately title that he half regretted getting well."

"In these days when appendicitis is all the rage, we find again that there is aristocracy in disease. If a man who has the price of an operation contracts this popular pastime, there can be no doubt as to its nature. It is appendicitis."

"The aristocrats, in these modern times, are being shorn of most of their privileges. The spirit of democracy prevails everywhere, and we sneer at titles and inherited distinctions of all kinds. Perhaps we are right in this, but let us be generous enough to allow the people in high places their exclusive distempers."

### MUSIC VS. RAGTIME

(Boston Record)

Across the street  
From my wigwam  
The other night  
There was a party  
And some fella  
Was massaging a  
Piano and he  
Sure could pound  
Out harmony, that is  
It listened elegant  
While the listening  
Was good. But

## CHEAPER SPUDS LOOKED FOR

(Toronto Globe.)

Stories of a large crop of potatoes do not go well with the statement on the other hand that they are being sold to the consumer at \$1.85 for a ninety-pound bag. Naturally, the housewives are beginning to ask, now that September is here, who is holding up the price of these most necessary articles of food.

"Potatoes are moving slowly," is the explanation received from all sides by the inquirer. "There are enough of the tubers to meet the present demands, but the big potato districts have not yet begun to ship their crop. The potatoes being sold in Toronto are from the districts close by."

"When will the price of potatoes be reasonable, in keeping with the large crop?" asked the reporter, and he was told that at the end of two weeks potatoes should be selling at \$1 a bag and at one place the price was put as low as seventy-five cents. The hard-hit consumer will bear this in mind and in a fortnight's time will demand that the statements of these dealers are carried out.

## THE ANTIS ARE STILL ACTIVE

Montréal, Sept. 15. — Anti-conscriptionist speakers at a gathering of about 1,500 in St. James Market Place last night made admiring references to the refusal of Joseph Tremblay, one of the alleged dynamiters in custody, to testify in court against his companions. They also declared that would keep on speaking against conscription, despite the arrest of Fernan Villeneuve for so doing. Gedeon Martel, a parliamentary candidate for Jacques Cartier division promised that he would work at the meeting of the trades congress in Ottawa to bring about a general strike.

P. E. Mondou repeated a story mentioned at a meeting Thursday of the Suffrage League, that Premier Borden is promising the Canadian soldiers in Europe six months' holidays in Canada at the government's expense if his government is returned to power. Mondou said he had this from a soldier at the front.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Clark have been in Halifax attending the exhibition.

Everytime he'd get  
Going on something  
Real Padrewskish  
And I'd have  
My ears bent  
Trying to absorb  
It all, along  
Would come a  
Flock of autos  
And all I could  
Hear was rattle,  
Exhausts, horn work  
And those nut autoists  
Who keep their big  
Pedals on the cutout.  
S'long music, But  
When the autos were  
Went and none  
Coming for miles and  
The listening in fine  
Working order for  
Music. What could  
I hear great, note,  
For note, even if  
A mile away?  
That worn out frazzled  
Overtime worked  
"Poor Butterfly" and  
"Yacki tacky," etc.  
Now Arnold, ain't  
It always the way?



CANADA

# Military Service Act, 1917

## Explanatory Announcement by the Minister of Justice

THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT has received the assent of the Governor-General and is now part of the law of the land. It will be enforced accordingly, and the patriotism and good sense of the people can be relied upon to support it. Resistance to its enforcement, however, by word or act must and will be repressed as resistance to any other law in force must be.

### Reinforcements under the Military Service Act immediately required

It is the intention of the Government immediately to exercise the power which the Act confers and to call out men for military service in order to provide reinforcements for the Canadian Forces. This is necessary since the military authorities report that the reserves available or in sight for reinforcement will shortly be exhausted unless this step be taken.

### First call limited to men between 20 and 34 who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917

The present call will be limited to men not in the schedule of exemptions who were unmarried or widowers without children on 6th July, 1917, are at least twenty years of age, and were born on or since 1st January, 1883. Of this Class all those will be entitled to conditional exemption whose services in their present occupations, agricultural, industrial or other, are essential in the national interest, and whose business or domestic responsibilities are such that serious hardship would ensue if their services be required. Conscientious scruples based upon a prohibition of combatant service by the articles of faith of the religious denomination to which men belong will also be respected. The men first required to serve will consequently be those who can be called upon with the least disturbance of the economic and social life of the country.

### Civil Tribunals to deal with exemptions

Questions of exemption will be determined, not by the military authorities or by the Government, but by civil tribunals composed of representative men who are familiar with local conditions in the communities in which they serve, who will generally have personal knowledge of the economic and family reasons which those whose cases come before them have had for not volunteering their services and who will be able sympathetically to estimate the weight and importance of such reasons. Provincial Appellate Tribunals constituted from the existing judiciary of the respective provinces will be provided to correct mistakes made by Local Tribunals, and a Central Appeal Tribunal for the whole of Canada, selected from among the present Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, will be constituted in order that identical principles may be applied throughout the country. In this way every man may rest assured of the fair and full consideration of his circumstances and the national requirements both civil and military.

### Proclamation will announce the day

A proclamation will issue calling out the bachelors and widowers referred to and fixing a day on or before which every man must report for service to the military authorities unless he has before that day made an application for exemption.

### How to apply for exemption

Applications for exemption may be made by written notice on forms which will be available at every post office, and will be transmitted free of postage. They will not, however, be required to be made in this way, but may be presented by the applicants in person to the exemption tribunals. The cases of those who have given written notice in advance will take precedence, and appearance in person will therefore be likely to involve considerably more inconvenience and delay to the men concerned, so that it is recommended that advantage be generally taken of the facilities for written application.

### Exemption Tribunals in all parts of Canada

The local exemption tribunals will be constituted with the least delay possible, consistent with the selection of representative individuals to compose them, and the instruction of the members in their duties. There will be more than one thousand of such tribunals throughout Canada, each consisting of two members, one of whom will be nominated by a Joint Committee of Parliament, and the other by one of the Judges of the existing Courts. Every effort will be made by the wide distribution of tribunals, and by provision where necessary for their sitting in more than one place, to minimise the inconvenience to which men will be put in obtaining the disposition of their cases.

A Registrar will be appointed in each Province, who will be named in the proclamation and to whom enquiries may be addressed. Each Provincial Registrar will transmit to the appropriate tribunal the applications for exemption which have been submitted in advance of the sittings, and men who have sent these in will not be required to attend the tribunals until notified to do so. Other applicants should attend personally on the tribunal without notice.

### How to report for service

Men who do not desire to claim exemption will report to the military authorities for service either by mail or in person at any time after the issue of the proclamation. Forms of report by mail will be found in all post offices, and, like applications for exemption, will be transmitted free of postage.

### Early report advantageous

No man who reports for service will, although he may be medically examined and passed as fit, be required to go into camp or join a battalion until after a day fixed by the proclamation sufficiently late to permit of the disposition by the local tribunals of most, if not all, of the applications for exemption which may come before them. Thus no advantage will be gained by delaying or disadvantage incurred by prompt report for service on the part of those who do not intend to apply for exemption.

### Facilities for immediate medical examination

Immediately upon the issue of the proclamation, medical boards will sit at every mobilization centre for the examination of men who report for service or who, subject to their right within the time limited to apply for exemption, desire to have their physical fitness determined in order to allay any doubt as to their physical condition, or to know definitely and in advance whether there is a possibility of their services being required. Certificates of physical unfitness issued by these Medical Boards will be accepted without any further investigation by exemption tribunals when they sit. Men found physically fit who have not reported for service may nevertheless apply for exemption on any of the prescribed grounds, including even their physical condition if dissatisfied with the Medical Board's conclusion.

### Notice to join the colors

As reinforcements are required, notice to report at the nearest mobilization centre will be given from time to time to the men found liable and passed as fit for service. Disobedience of such notice will render the offender liable to punishment, but punishment for failure to report for military service, or to report subsequently for duty when called upon, will be imposed ordinarily by the civil magistrates; offenders, however, will remain liable for the performance of their military duties notwithstanding any civil punishment which may be imposed and will be liable to military punishment in cases in which civil proceedings are not taken.

### Watch for the Proclamation

Notice of the day appointed for the making of a claim for exemption or for report for military service will be published as widely as possible, but, as no personal notice can be given until the individuals called out have so reported themselves or claimed exemption, men possibly concerned are warned to inform themselves with regard to the day fixed, since neglect may involve the loss by them of important privileges and rights.

CHAS. J. DOHERTY,

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Minister of Justice.

Ottawa, September 11, 1917.

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Miss Bessie Baigel of Manchester, N. H., has pulled a carrot from her garden which is in the form of a human hand, the four fingers and the thumb being almost perfectly formed.

Nicholas, the Christian name of the ex-Czar, means victorious; George means farmer; Albert, illustrious; Peter, a rock; William, a defender, and Francis, free.

In the names of those drafted in Utah practically every nation in Europe is represented, besides Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, Hawaiians, native New Zealanders and many African descendants.