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CAPT. T. F. BEST SPOKE BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

Y. M. C. A. Representative Thrilled Members of the House
With His Account of Heroic Deeds of British Troops in France—Told of the Work of His Association Behind the Lines and in the Trenches.

Capt. T. F. Best who represented the Y. M. C. A. on the western front for twenty months, addressed the Provincial Legislature last night, the House taking recess for half an hour in order to hear him. His address was extremely interesting and his graphic descriptions of conditions at the front provoked frequent outbursts of applause. The speaker introduced his remarks by thanking the House for the opportunity of speaking. The Y. M. C. A. was an organization which was generally recognized as deserving of support by all classes. Its work in Canada among the troops had been begun forty years ago in the summer camps. Later the Spanish-American war and the South African war had given an opportunity to carry on the work under active service conditions. He personally had served in South Africa and there the Association had been so highly commended that it was permitted to operate with troops in the field in the Russo-Japanese war.

With British troops in the field in the present struggle there are eighty-one officers of the Y. M. C. A. One hundred and fifty branches had been established in the various camps and of those fifty-three were in France. For the accomplishment of the "big job" nothing was held back from the troops by the Association. General officers had become so impressed with the work done among the troops that the Y. M. C. A. had been given official recognition and now was a military corps.

Work in the Field. To the soldier it furnished a home when they were far away from all home ties. Entertainments and concerts were organized and carried out in all parts of France, the best talent of the London stage being secured. On the way back to rest camp the soldiers after a hard turn in the trenches were able to hear music which took their thoughts back to the days of civilian life. The buildings of the Y. M. C. A. also were used on Sundays by all denominations, Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Non-conformists using them for services. Nearer the trenches the buildings were smaller and right in the front line only dugouts could be used for the distribution of biscuit and hot drinks.

Capt. Best spoke of the steps taken to supply the troops with athletic equipment for the rest camps where baseball and football leagues were in full operation. The last order sent to Spalding's for baseball goods had totalled in value \$25,000.

Earlier Conditions. The speaker proceeded to give word pictures of the conditions which existed in the western theatre of war in the early days of the struggle. Then there had been overwhelming German superiority in artillery and war material. Only the character of those British troops had kept the Germans from breaking through. (Applause.)

Superiority Gained. Gradually a change had come about and the superiority in guns and ammunition had fallen to the Allies. Heartily had the weary troops welcomed the artillery as it rumbled over every road toward the front. The Germans now did not dare to open a bombardment for fear of retaliation. Vimy Ridge had shown what the British artillery could do in the way of preparing for an attack.

Question of Morality.

Capt. Best proceeded to deal with the statements that the army had deteriorated in morality. Such were absolutely false. Danger had directed the attention of the soldier to religion and the spirit of sacrifice had sanctified him. (Applause.)

"I am not at all anxious," said the speaker amid applause, "about the future condition of the boys who are laying down their lives at the front."

The speaker took the opportunity to hold up to scorn those who safe at home were using the war as a means toward the gaining of wealth while their fellow citizens were dying in the trenches.

In conclusion he said that when the war was over there could be nothing too good for the men who would come back.

THE PROHIBITION ACT

(Continued from Page 3.)

Hon. Mr. Veniot presented the petitions of the Town of Bathurst in favor of their three bills, one relating to the transfer of the upper portion of the old Miramichi Road, in the Town of Bathurst to the Bathurst Lumber Company, another to permit the Town Council to issue \$74,000 debentures, and the other to authorize them to borrow not exceeding \$10,000 on a temporary loan.

Permanent Highways.

Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to provide a fund for the construction of permanent highways. In explanation it was proposed to fund the fees received from automobiles and to borrow half a million dollars to be laid out on the construction of permanent roads. The money when borrowed would be left in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to be drawn upon as the department required it.

Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to amend the succession duties act which he said was to repeal the section permitting the Attorney General for the time being to collect the commission of 5 per cent. upon the amount of succession duties received by the province.

Hon. Mr. Smith introduced a bill to amend the act passed in 1903 relating to boom companies.

Deputy Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Foster introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a deputy Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. Byrne laid upon the table of the House some new rules of court.

The Library Bill.

The House went into committee with Mr. Leger (Westmorland) in the chair and took up the consideration of the bill to provide for ex-officio members of the Legislative Library committee.

Mr. Crockett regretted that the bill had not undergone some change since it was last before the House. There was undoubtedly room for improvement in regard to the administration of the library, but he thought there were members of the House capable of discharging the duties without calling in outside assistance. It seemed to him that the bill would make a dangerous innovation and establish a bad precedent. He thought the Legislative Library should be independent of the educational institutions of the city. The bill was indefensible and established a precedent which he could not support.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that the bill had not been changed since it was last before the House because no amendment had been submitted on that occasion. The hon. member for St. John county (Baxter) had then stated that he was not opposed to the principle of the bill and had suggested that the Chancellor of the University might be made an ex-officio member. He (Byrne) had given the matter some thought and had decided to act upon the suggestion. The other ex-officio member would be the professor of English literature and modern history at the University. He explained that the object of the bill was simply to prevent duplication in the purchase of books for the Legislative library, University and Normal School. He could not see what objection there could be to the Chancellor of the University and professor of English literature serving on the committee. He moved as an amendment that the Chancellor of the University be substituted for the Chief Superintendent of Education.

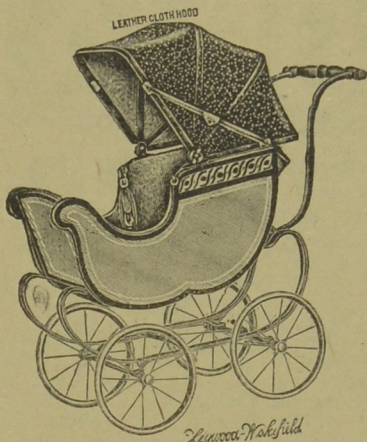
Mr. Baxter was glad that the Attorney General had been pleased to adopt his suggestion and make the Chancellor of the University an ex-officio member of the committee. He had not when the bill was last before the House made any remarks disparagingly of the University, although what he said was so interpreted. He did not suggest that the Chancellor be substituted for the Chief Superintendent, but had suggested that he be made a member of the committee. He thought it might be well as a safeguard to provide that the ex-officio members be British subjects.

Hon. Mr. Byrne pointed out that the County of York now had a bill before the House to change the law which provided that the county auditor be a ratepayer of the county and a British subject. In the previous discussion on the bill some reference had been made of an uncomplimentary nature to a former professor at the University. The gentleman referred to was not a German, but a Swede.

Mr. Baxter—He did not want the Allies to win.

Hon. Mr. Byrne continuing, said the hon. member was not speaking from personal knowledge and had no right

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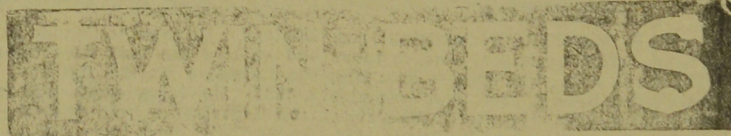
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to make a charge which he could not substantiate.

Mr. Crockett said that if the object of the bill was to prevent duplications, the principal of the Normal School should be a member of the committee.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said that it was not deemed desirable to have the committee too large. Two ex-officio members would be sufficient.

The bill was agreed to as amended by Hon. Mr. Byrne.

The committee then took up the bill to amend the Children's Protection Act, and agreed to the same with an amendment enlarging the powers of the Court to admit relatives and other connections of the child.

The House adjourned at 11.45 p.m.