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HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The Boston Transcript calls attention to the following extract from a military order issued to an officer of the Massachusetts Militia, which is as interesting to Canadians as to Americans:

Brigade Orders—The Brigadier General cannot, on the present occasion, forbear suggesting to the officers and soldiers of his Brigade the very great importance and responsibility of the stations which they hold in the community. In a free government like ours, when every soldier is a citizen, and the defence and salvation of the country rest upon the exertions and patriotism of the Militia, it becomes every officer and soldier to acquit himself worthily of the rank and title of freemen. A spirit of the strictest subordination, a cheerfulness and alacrity in the performance of every duty, a patriotic ambition to become thoroughly versed in the system of military discipline of the country, and a pride, not only to appear like soldiers, but in reality to deserve the name, ought to characterize all those who claim the privileges and protection of a free government.

"The present situation of the country renders the duties of every soldier imperative. We live at a most interesting and alarming crisis. While the whole of the eastern world is convulsed to its centre, and the nations of the earth are dashing one against another; while every civilized nation on the globe is threatened with universal domination and the rights of neutrals find no protection in the laws of nations, or the sanctity of treaties; and while ours is the only republic on the globe which is left amidst the wreck; where is the man who needs the aid of flattery or persuasion to urge him to the performance of duty?"

"A Roman would weep that he had but one life to sacrifice for his country, and cannot an American exhibit a soul as patriotic, as godlike, as a citizen of Rome? Let it then be the ambition of every man to be so equipped and so versed in duty as to be ready, at a moment's warning, to face in the field of battle the enemies of his country."

This order, as the Transcript points out, was not issued yesterday. It is from an order sent to Archibald Hopkins, captain of cavalry at Stockbridge, Mass., August 27th, 1810, and is signed by David Tracy, Brigadier General, First Brigade, Ninth Division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and by Jared Curtis, Brigade Major. This order might have been issued yesterday. It is quite as applicable to conditions today as of those a century ago. The principles of justice, freedom and right are immutable, and those principles the United States is nobly assisting to defend and preserve.

It came out in evidence before Commissioner Stevens at St. John yesterday that the firm of Smith & Merrieth received "better terms" than other sub-contractors on the lower section of the Valley Railway. It is generally known that the same concern was well looked after by Mr. Gould's company with respect to a sub-contract which it had on the upper section of the road. It is a matter of record that this favored concern was able, on the completion of its first contract, to contribute the sum of \$2,500 to the coffers of a Tory newspaper.

Commissioner Stevens resumed the enquiry into Valley Railway matters at St. John yesterday and heard some interesting evidence from Mr. Everett Fenwick, a Kings county man, and Mr. Thomas Cuzzolino, president of the Nova Scotia Construction Company. Mr. Fenwick testified that he was a director of the Smith & Merrieth Company, having joined it at the request of Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P. He admitted that he had put no money into the concern and had been paid no dividends. He made the further admission in reply to Mr. Carvell that the term "dummy director" seemed to fit his case. Mr. Cuzzolino admitted among other things that he had cut off the \$5,000 salary paid to Mr. W. B. Tennant.

Hamilton Times: Canada can easily spare the men. She could spare many more men if she had to. Conscription is the only fair and square way of raising them. Our men at the front now are daily being reduced in number. They are overworked. They long for rest, for reinforcements. We sent them there. They are fighting for us. Can we desert or neglect them? We talk about morale. How can we expect men to be buoyant and virile in spirit if they believe that the

people at home are hesitating to send them help? What would they think if they were told that the people at home were to vote whether they would send them further help or leave them to their fate? Could we be surprised, if, like the Russians, they threw down their arms in disgust and quit the field? Canada has gone so far that she cannot draw back. To do so would be shame and dishonor. We owe it to those at the front, we owe it to our dead and to our maimed at home, to "carry on" until a victorious conclusion is reached in this most terrible of wars.

The Borden government has come to life again and has named a number of representative men from the different provinces to act as an advisory council on the matter of food control. The government, had it been alive to its duties, would have taken steps to regulate food prices in Canada at the beginning of the war. Instead of doing this, it preferred to play into the hands of its friends, the profiteers. Now, with an election in sight, it is making a bluff at doing something. It is too late to lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen.

Toronto Globe: Hon. Robert Rogers smiles as his estimates go through the Commons with less than a quorum in attendance. And many people smile over the frantic efforts of some Conservative journals to make it appear that Sir Robert Borden is "the strong man" of the cabinet.

St. Thomas Journal: Let the government put the lid on the food profiteers and there will be no difficulty in getting the people to conserve food and other resources.

St. Thomas Journal: "Caught in the draft," no longer means taking cold. It's the modern method of joining the army.

Through Our Sieve

No day is hot, but thinking so makes it hotter.

The present Russian retreat is not even masterly.

It's a slow auto that can't keep ahead of a man's income.

For every dollar a man wins on fast horses he loses two on slow ones.

Don't forget to give thanks today that perspiration, like salvation, is free.

The oh be joyful which disappeared from a cellar across the bridge was probably used to celebrate the birth of the new town.

A bachelor says there is but one thing sweeter than love's young dream and that is to wake up and find yourself still single.

Raspberries, sparkling in a glass bowl against a few green leaves, and lightly dusted with pulverized sugar, look good enough to eat—oh, well, lots of people like raspberries.

Which way did you start the day? There are two ways: 1—"Whew! but this is a scorcher!" 2. "Well, this is a fine summer day!" Tomorrow will be another. Try the second start tomorrow morning.

EFFECT OF SHELLS.

(London Tit-Bits.)

The amazing effects of shell explosions have been well exemplified in the present war.

In some cases these effects have been to deprive men of the power of speech; in others to restore it. In the same way hearing has been lost and also regained; while sight has been suddenly banished and as suddenly brought back.

But one of the most astounding effects of all was that narrated by a French captain. It occurred while he was occupying an observation post in a tree. An eight inch shell happened to explode immediately beneath him, with the result that the displacement of the air hurled him clean out of the tree. It also knocked him senseless for a few moments and when he came to himself he made the amazing and no less disconcerting discovery that it had stripped him of his breeches, vest and tunic, leaving him, as he put it, "as bare as a worm."

A British officer had a very remarkable of a shell of which he was the victim. It exploded several yards away from him without doing him any harm. But it blew his overcoat from him made him totally deaf and dumb. ment up it was minus all the buttons.

A British officer had a very remarkable experience. Though not himself struck, the explosion of shells around him made him totally deaf and dumb. He was of course invalided home, but by the time he landed in England his speaking and hearing powers had fortunately come back to him.

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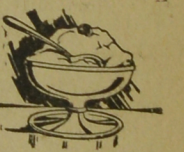
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