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ENLISTING IN CANADA.

For months the Federal government have given to the public statements in various forms as to the number of recruits enlisted in Canada for the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. While in no way wishing to criticize the figures which have thus been given, one cannot overlook the fact that the statements which have been given to the public are apparently contradictory, although there may be some satisfactory explanation. Speaking in the House of Commons on January 22nd, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden stated:

"Enlistments in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces up to date (Jan. 22, 1917) number 392,647."

Sir Robert Borden at that time gave figures which may be interesting to our readers. They are as follows:

"Besides that, we have called out of the active militia 9,052 men who are now serving under arms, and we have a permanent force in Canada numbering 2,470 men, making a total of 404,169. In addition to that, we have enlisted from the citizens of Canada in the Canadian naval service 3,310 men, making a total of 407,479. We have done more than that; we have provided for the Imperial Mechanical Transport 1,200 men and for munition work in Great Britain at least 3,000 men. One thousand went over through the co-operation of the Department of Militia and Defence with Mr. Barnes, now a member of the British government, and other gentlemen who visited Canada about eighteen months ago. If you add these three items together you have 5,800, which being added to the previous total, makes 413,279." (Hansard, Jan. 22, 1917).

Speaking again in the House of Commons on May 18, 1917, when Sir Robert Borden was giving to the House his report on the meeting of the Imperial War Conference, he stated:

"We have sent 326,000 men overseas in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Including reservists in British and Allied armies, and men enlisted for naval defence, 360,000 men at least have left the shores of Canada." (Daily Unrevised Hansard, May 18, 1917).

In the House of Commons on May 21st, 1917, another statement was made in answer to a question of Mr. P. A. Seguin, M. P., and the question asked by Mr. Seguin, and the answer given by Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia, are as follows:

"Q—What has been the number of recruits enlisted in Canada since the beginning of the war up to the present date?"

"A—Up to April 30, 1917, 411,723." This is the official answer from the Minister of Militia, and can be found in the daily unrevised Hansard of May 21st, 1917.

On May 30th, the Hon. Frank Oliver, ex-Minister of Militia and Defence, asked the following questions, and the answers herewith quoted were given by the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs, acting on behalf of the Minister of Militia. The questions and answers are as follows:

"Q—1. What is the total number of officers and men of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces who had sailed for England up to May 1, 1917?"

"A—1. 312,503 all ranks."

"Q—2. What is the total number of officers and men enlisted for overseas service who were on duty in Canada on May 1, 1917?"

"A—2. 25,475."

From these questions and answers one can only conclude that the number of officers and men who have joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and sailed for England is 312,503, and the number of officers and men who have joined the forces but are still in Canada is 25,475, making a total of 337,978. Compare these figures with the ones above given, and it shows a very great discrepancy.

The St. John Standard says that the increased rate of stampage will afford revenue for "extravagant and reckless expenditure." It was extravagant and reckless expenditure coupled with acts of political rascality on the part of the government kicked out of office last February that has made the increase necessary.

Some of the opposition organs are complaining that the roads in some

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parts of the country are not as good as they might be. If this is so it simply justifies the verdict rendered by the people at the polls in February last when they kicked the Murray-Baxter government out of office. This government, it will be remembered, went into power pledged to give the people good roads, but utterly failed to keep its promise.

West Virginia will have little attraction after this for men of the "I won't work" class. A law has been passed in the state under which every male between the age of 16 and 60, and possessed of good health, must work at least 36 hours of each week at some recognized occupation, and must contribute to the support of his dependents. Failure to comply with the law makes the delinquent liable to a fine of \$100 and hard labor on the public highways for a period of 60 days. The law is applicable to men of all classes. There can no longer be any of the "idle rich" in West Virginia.

According to an official statement, the strawberry crop for the province of New Brunswick this season is estimated at 700,000 boxes. This is equal to two boxes per head of the population. A province that can grow by tons what many concede to be the finest fruit in the world, is not to be sneezed at.

Sydney Record: A month or so ago Hon. T. W. Crothers assured the House of Commons that there was absolutely no truth in the report that the larger cold storage plants were hoarding food supplies. Mr. W. F. O'Connor, an investigating commissioner, now reports officially that this very hoarding which Mr. Crothers denied has been in progress for months past. What a useful and well-informed minister Mr. Crothers is!

## Through Our Sieve

Constantine should impress on the Kaiser the delights of the Swiss climate.

Germany's housecleaning is poor stuff. It merely sweeps the dirt under the bed.

Russia desires peace so intensely that it purposes to fight until it gets the real article.

Julius Caesar had a full life in many respects, but think of what he missed in never having been a boy scout!

It doesn't hurt a man's vanity so much to discover that his wife knows as much as he does; what hurts him is to have her discover it.

Someone inquires, "Would you call a crazy millionaire a dough nut?" We might if we could think of nothing cruller to say.

It is openly claimed that German money financed the recent royalist fiasco in China. Germany has a gift for backing losers.

Medicine Hat's grievance is that nobody looks at its admirable weather returns when the temperature is fit to associate with.

## TO ASK FOR A BIG CREDIT VOTE

London, July 23.—In the House of Commons tomorrow the government will ask for a vote of credit of £650,000,000, the largest single vote since the outbreak of the war.

It will bring up the total for the war to £5,292,000,000.

Forwarded to Lady Tilley. The Ashburnham Chapter, Red Cross Society, has forwarded the sum of \$427 to Lady Tilley, provincial treasurer of the society.

## MARYSVILLE NEWS

Marysville, July 23. — The funeral of the late Miss Grace Waterman took place from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Waterman, Morrison street, Saturday afternoon, and was attended by a large number, desirous of expressing their last tribute of respect to one whose loss is keenly regretted by the whole community. A short service was conducted at the home by Rev. Ritchie Elliott, pastor of the Main Street Baptist church, assisted by Rev. E. J. Barrass, and Rev. Dr. Harrison. The remains were then conveyed to the Main Street Baptist church where Rev. Mr. Elliott preached a most eloquent and touching sermon, expressing in a plaintive manner experiences and incidents during the last illness of the deceased. Appropriate hymns were rendered by the choir. The procession which was headed by the members of the A. H. C. Bible class and the Girl Scouts then proceeded to the Baptist cemetery, where interment was made. The pall bearers were Messrs. Robert Stafford, Harry Gorman, Horace and Emory Pettigrove and Dow and Chipman Brewer.

The members of the Vestry Club of the Olivet Baptist church held an enjoyable strawberry festival under the pines Saturday evening. Refreshments were sold and games indulged in. Upwards of sixty dollars was realized which will go towards the erection of a vestry for the church.

The surveyors who have been engaged on a survey of the proposed site of the concrete dam to be erected by the Canadian Cottons on the Mill Brook has completed their work.

Mr. Luther Bubar who arrived here Saturday morning to attend the funeral of his niece, Miss Grace Waterman, returned to St. John this morning.

Miss Georgie Love of Gibson, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. E. Everett of Minto spent the weekend here, returning to Minto this morning.

## OBITUARY.

Late Mrs. Martha Ryan. The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha Ryan took place Sunday afternoon from her late home in St. Mary's and was largely attended. Interment was made at Sunny Bank cemetery. The floral tributes were as follows:

Broken circle, F. P. Robinson; flat bouquet, George Fleet and children; flat bouquet, Mrs. Hatty; flat bouquet, Miss Letha Ryan; bouquet, Miss Rose Hayes; bouquet, Mrs. James Greer; bouquet, Miss Stella Pace; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. George Legasse; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Thompson; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Crouse.

Mass cards were sent by Mrs. Frank Hayes, Miss Rose Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. George Donahoe.

Late Mrs. George W. O'Neill. The funeral of the late Mrs. George W. O'Neill took place Sunday afternoon from the late residence of the deceased and was largely attended. Rev. Dr. Roberts conducted the service and interment was made in the Rural cemetery. The hymn The Sands of Time are Sinking was sung by the choir of the Brunswick Street Baptist church. The mourners were George W. O'Neill, A. J. O'Neill, B. S. Moffat, Robert Anderson, Harry Atherton, Thomas Charters, Newton Jarvis, H. G. Chestnut, W. T. Chestnut, employees of the J. Risteen Co. The pall bearers were Dr. C. C. Jones, R. B. Wallace, Havelock Coy, J. W. Spurden, W. G. Clark and Arthur C. Porter.

## "BETTER STREETS" TENDERS

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## PERSONAL

Hardland Observer: Egbert Cass of Fredericton, has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Dudley Monroe at Middle Simonds, and also calling on friends here. He is a son of P. W. Cass, well known in Hardland years ago, and spent a portion of his boyhood here. His brother, Norman, also well remembered by Hardland people, is overseas where he has served faithfully at the front and is an officer.

Mr. P. F. Blanchette of Rothesay is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. George W. McGiven of Gibson, have returned from St. John after a delightful visit.

Mr. E. S. Carter of Rothesay, is among the guests at the Queen.

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