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MR. PITTS' PROGRAMME.

Our old friend, Mr. Herman H. Pitts, now of Ottawa, formerly editor of the Fredericton Reporter, and M. P. for York, seems to be making a name for himself in the world of finance. For some time he has been carrying on a fight against certain interests connected with the Toronto Street Railway, and a few days ago he was elected a director of that company. Now he comes forward with a letter to the stockholders in which he assures them that he will be no "dummy" director, but will look carefully after their interests. After expressing appreciation of the confidence reposed in him, he goes on to say:

"As stated in a former communication, I could not see how your best interests could be served by any efforts of mine from the outside. It is true I was establishing more or less of a reputation as a chronic 'kicker,' but pungent criticism has its place only when it spurs to action. It does not 'do things.' A man like a mule, has to stop pulling when he begins kicking. Just now there is too much constructive work to do, to waste any time on what has been. So, after talking the matter over with a number of large shareholders, and interested parties, I decided to add my holdings of proxies to those sent the company, and make it possible to have the board increased.

"Each director is equally responsible to and representative of all shareholders, but possibly some of you may personally be more sympathetic and friendly, having forwarded your proxies to me. Of course, I am rather young as a director, not yet having attended a meeting of the Board, so am not in a position to advise or answer many of the questions on which you might desire information, but you are perfectly safe in assuming that I have not accepted office out of idle curiosity, or to be a mere figurehead. I am rather too energetic and inquisitive to make a good dummy. Be assured then, I shall not assume responsibilities without absolute and personal knowledge of conditions. I hope my experience may be helpful to the company and of service to the shareholders; otherwise I shall not be long there.

"My being on the board should improve my opportunity for usefulness to you. Do not hesitate to write me should there be any information or advice I can give. Of course, there may be confidential matters regarding the company's affairs I shall not be at liberty to make public; but if so, I shall endeavor to explain the reason why."

Mr. Pitts' friends in this city, who knew him when he sat in the N. B. Legislature, will readily accept his statement when he says that he is no "dummy." He has the reputation of being a hustler and will certainly not betray the confidence reposed in him by the stockholders of the company.

SHOULD CUT IT OUT.

Col. F. H. Labatt, a member of the Dominion Pensions Board, has placed his resignation in the hands of the government because of criticism directed at him in parliament. Col. Labatt raised a battalion for overseas service, and was rewarded for his services with a pension of \$2,300 a year and a \$5,000 a year job. He is supposed to be physically disabled, and therefore in a position to claim a pension, but people naturally objected to his acceptance of a \$5,000 a year position. Col. Labatt is a brother-in-law of General Mewburn, Minister of Militia, and also of Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways, and this fact, while it may not have influenced his appointment to the Pensions Board, certainly did not prove an obstacle to his advancement. The government, in the interests of the country, should lose no time in accepting his resignation.

The case of Col. G. H. Bradbury, ex-M. P., a member of the Senate, has also come in for much adverse criticism. Col. Bradbury took a battalion overseas, but got no farther than Eng-

land, and although he had no better claim for a pension than our own Col. McLeod, he was granted an allowance of \$2,300 a year for alleged disability and given a seat in the Senate. The criticism in his case appears to be amply justified, and the government would do the proper thing were it to overrule the decision of the board and withdraw his pension. A life appointment to the Senate of Canada should be sufficient reward for the military service which Colonel Bradbury rendered the country.

There was an enthusiastic scene in the House of Commons yesterday when Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux announced that Hon. Dr. Beland, who has been a prisoner in Germany for nearly four years, had been released and would soon return to Canada. Hon. Dr. Beland was in Belgium when the war broke out, and immediately offered his services to the Belgian government. He was engaged in hospital work in Antwerp, and was taken prisoner by the Germans on the fall of that city. Hon. Dr. Beland is one of the real heroes of the war and a great reception awaits him on his return to Canada.

Through Our Sieve

The secret of happiness is to let the other fellow do the worrying.

Of two evils almost any girl will choose the one without a mustache.

Nowadays hiding behind a woman's skirts is becoming less and less practicable.

It is a good plan to save the wheat, but think of all the money invested in wild oats.

It doesn't follow that because a girl has a job that she isn't open to an engagement.

Sometimes one is tempted to believe that most men eat salt fish for the thirst it will give them.

Germany is still shooting up Russia. That is what comes of turning the other cheek to autocracy.

War is making all nations so efficient that we may at last discover what becomes of the lost pins.

The three generals who will do a lot toward winning this war are general determination, general common sense and general self-sacrifice.

A Cleveland judge has held that a woman has a right to wear skirts as short as she wishes. Yes—but we'll bet she's afraid to.

ARRESTED AT MARYSVILLE FOR DISTURBANCE

Presentation to Young Soldier in the Cotton Mill—Improvement to Side-walks.

Marysville, May 14. — Two young men from Fredericton were lodged in the lock-up by Town Marshal Stafford last evening. They were having a jolly time about the town and were warned by the marshal to leave the town, otherwise they would be taken into custody. They were unmindful of his admonition, however, and were accordingly locked up. They were allowed their liberty after a making a substantial deposit this morning.

Mr. Fraser Saunders left last evening for North Shore towns in connection with his duties under the Prohibition Act.

The employees of the cloth room of the cotton mill witnessed a pleasing event in that department yesterday afternoon when a fountain pen and safety razor were presented to their former fellow-employee, Clyde I. Doherty, who will leave Friday morning for St. John where will join an overseas unit. The foreman, Mr. John Stafford, made the presentation, accompanied by a few well chosen remarks which were suitably replied to by the recipient.

A portion of the sidewalk in Ward 2 is being taken up and will be replaced by a new one. The work is now well under way.

TAY PAY TALKS ABOUT THE WAR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
 Washington, May 14.—T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Nationalist leader, in an address here last night at a meeting attended by many members of Congress, declared that his party is inflexibly convinced of the justice of the Allied cause and would press for a vigorous prosecution of the war until Germany had been completely defeated.

Mr. E. O. McIntyre of Sussex, is in the city.

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DR. KIERSTEAD'S REPLY TO LETTER OF H. C. JEWETT

WANTS NAMES OF THOSE WHO MAKE CHARGES

Says Statements That There is Hoarding in His Household Are Malicious and False.

The following letter from Dr. W. C. Kierstead, the representative in New Brunswick of the National Committee on Food Resources, is in reply to a letter from Mr. H. C. Jewett of this city, given publicity a few days ago, and also to certain rumors which have been given currency.

To the Editor of the Daily Mail:

Dear Sir:—
 A few days ago, during my absence to Ottawa, there appeared in the press a letter from Mr. H. C. Jewett, asking for information regarding the recent flour and sugar regulations, and containing reflections upon my own honesty and integrity. I am offering to your paper in another letter a statement dealing with the meaning and purpose of these regulations which I trust will be of service to Mr. Jewett and other grocers; but I wish in this letter to reply to the charges which he affirms are being circulated about me.

At least it is fair to Mr. Jewett to say that he has given public expression to these insinuations regarding myself, and made it possible for me to deal with them, and if these evil reports are so prevalent and persistent as actually to hinder the conservation of food, then it is imperative that they be substantiated or retracted. I expect Mr. Jewett to give me the names of persons making the charges, and I will compel them either to retract or substantiate them. The recent rules of censorship make false charges of this character treasonable.

I have been a citizen in this city for several years and I believed that I had gained the confidence of my fellow-citizens to the degree that I was credited with ordinary decency and common honesty; if so, I do not believe that I shall forfeit this confidence without just cause. I trust also that I may be credited with ordinary sense, and it does not require a large amount of that commodity to know that I cannot succeed in enforcing regulations that I openly disregard or violate. Mr. Jewett, as a grocer, is beginning to experience some of the difficulties in connection with the enforcement of the Food Board regulations, and he should have a little sympathy with my position. I remember also that Mr. Jewett, a few years ago, acted in a public capacity in this city, and perhaps has felt the sting of rumors "repeatedly told" reflecting on his own high motives and integrity, and this also should give him a fellow-feeling of commiseration.

The charges against hoarding in my own household are absolutely and unqualifiedly false; they are evidently malicious, selfish and unpatriotic, and are meant to excuse selfish indulgence and to discourage conservation. Mrs. Keirstead informs me that we have in our home today a little less than one and one-half dozen eggs, five pounds of butter, no bacon, and about thirty pounds of flour. Since our return from vacation last summer our total purchase of bacon has been one-half pound. I am not, nor have I ever been, a speculator in foodstuffs, but it has been our custom to buy in the fall a supply of eggs and butter for winter use.

I want to ask my fellow-citizens for fair play in this thankless and disagreeable task. I did not seek the work, and I am willing at any time to give place to another. There are very many people who can do this work much better than I can, and I shall be glad to return to my former duties, but I undertook it because I felt it a duty, and although unpleasant and difficult in many ways, I still regard it essential and important. May I not expect from my fellow-citizens such a support as will silence these miserable falsehoods, and will compel the selfish consumer to conserve and the hoarder to divide his excessive supplies with the needy?

Sincerely yours,
 W. C. KIERSTEAD,
 Secretary Provincial Committee of the Canada Food Board.
 Fredericton, May 14, 1918.

Mr. E. S. Carter of Rothesay, is at the Queen.
 Mr. N. Marks Mills of St. Stephen, was in the city yesterday.

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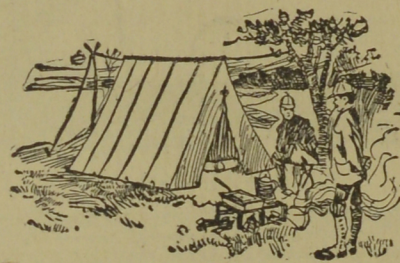
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