

# THE DAILY MAIL

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Regina Leader: "The people of the West have every reason to organize to the limit and rise in their might in opposition to Robert Rogers. He has been the worst enemy of Canada, and more particularly of Western Canada, that ever secured a place of influence and power in the public life of this country. Looking over the years that he occupied a position in the government of Manitoba, the people of that province can today partly realize what his ascendancy there meant to them and how the whole political life of that Province was lowered to a plane which made Manitoba a by-word among the provinces. The people there, by painful experience of their own financial problems, know of the results of his reckless administration."

## CIVIC PROBLEMS.

Mr. John McKeen, ex-controller of the city of Halifax, and a former manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, delivered a splendid address on "Civic Problems" before the Halifax Fort-nightly Club a few days ago.

With regard to civic management, Mr. McKeen pointed out that one important factor on the road to improvement was the control of franchises. Strategy, he said, was a great asset in commercial life, as well as military, and must be exercised where civic problems were concerned. Although the men of Halifax were above graft, there were many who wanted control and would use any means to get it and thus affect the franchise. Many were continually catering for the sake of the vote, but who actually did not have the interest of the public at heart, only self-interest. True government should be built from the foundation up.

Mr. McKeen takes the ground that if municipal governments are not good the entire country is affected. He also claims that if all cities and towns have governments above reproach, naturally a good light is thrown out for the federal government of a country. He points out how democracy, in spite of its advantages, makes huge blunders. A large business corporation always goes on some plan or scheme for managing industry—everything that will conserve for the industry is adopted and the most efficient men employed, not men who have pull. Why should not Halifax adopt the same plan, he asked. With its complex problems it needed the very best men to manage affairs. Very often men are elected who never tried to think out a civic problem before. This is true of Halifax and it is true of every city. Mr. McKeen endorsed the city manager plan, which means the employing of a expert to work with the council. He said he felt it was the only way out. He also referred to the exempted land in Halifax owned by the Imperial and Federal governments, stating the actual loss from the non-taxation of such property.

In concluding his address, Mr. McKeen handed out some good advice for Halifax as well as other cities. He said:

"Nothing is impossible. We need to get together and I hope the women will try to help by taking an interest. We must shake off the strangle that is killing the city and forge ahead. Don't get discouraged, but adopt a spirit of optimism instead of continually knocking. Provide the right bottle for the new wine and clean up the present situation, we should awake to ours."

London Chronicle: General Botha's arrival in London on his way to the Peace Conference is something more even than that of an important Dominion Premier. The whole Empire recognizes not merely the military services which he has rendered to it, but the moral force which he has added to it by the splendid loyalty to its principle of free co-operation which he has exhibited ever since the outbreak of the war. The situation in which he finds himself does credit to him, credit to his people, credit to the Empire, and above all credit to the idea of liberty. The grant of self-government to the Boer States by the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was a great act of faith.

Every Legislature in the United States has ratified the prohibition amendment submitted by the Federal

authorities, and the great republic will become bone dry on July 1st of this year. The resolution submitting the question to the various Legislatures was passed by Congress and the Senate just before the United States entered the war. The brewers and distillers have a fund of \$1,000,000,000, and will spend it in a supreme effort to save their business. The great war has certainly given a wonderful stimulus to the temperance reform movement.

The Canadian Associated Press learns that dependents of Canadian soldiers will in future be returned from England to Canada at public expense. Some two months back the business of repatriating these dependents was undertaken by the Canadian military authorities. This work has now been again placed in the hands of Obed Smith, the immigration commissioner, who conducted it during the time of the submarine menace.

The British air ministry next week will hand over to the Canadian government, through Sir George Perley, the three imperial airplanes subscribed for by citizens of Glasgow, Leicester and Huddersfield and presented to the Canadian government. These planes, since the actual presentation was made in the cities concerned, have been in use for war purposes, but the air ministry will now produce replicas of them to go to Canada.

Dr. J. W. Robertson, Canada's leading agricultural expert, in a letter to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, speaks in the highest terms of the effort made by the government of New Brunswick last year to increase agricultural production. The campaign was organized by Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, there was a ready response by the farmers, and the result was most gratifying.

Savannah News: The "land of dreams" is reaping the harvest of which the seeds were sown by these same professors. The seeds were sown in Russia to help Prussianism, but the wind of the fortunes of war carried some of them into Germany, and the harvest is being reaped there as well as in Russia.

Get the geography—there is trouble in Catalonia.

A brief survey of the field convinces one that there will be a bumper crop of June brides this year.

Ashes are no sign of mourning when scattered on icy daisies—in fact their omission sometimes leads to mourning.

After the Bolshevik movement has subsided there ought to be a great market in Europe for safety razors.

It is to be noticed that a lot of discharged soldiers have almost gone back into civilian costume, but not quite. They still retain the wrist watch.

Now that the Kaiser is out of a job he can devote himself to wearing out some of the fine clothes he was so fond of collecting.

Now somebody is saying that very few successful women marry. But you can't make a married man believe that the woman who married him was not successful.

Pleasant Party  
 Mrs. C. A. McVey entertained about twenty five of her lady friends at a very enjoyable sewing party at her home on George Street last evening.

Has Returned to Pittsburg  
 Lt. Col. Frank P. Day who recently returned from overseas has returned to Pittsburg, Pa., where he will resume his former position on the faculty of the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Col. Day is well known in Fredericton having been Professor of English at the University of New Brunswick several years ago. He was in Fredericton on recruiting duty during the summer of 1915 and later commanded a battalion in the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade. After returning from overseas he spent several weeks at his wife's home in Yarmouth.

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## CONCERT AT N. B. MILITARY HOSPITAL

Thanks to the efforts of the Returned Soldiers' Band under the able leadership of Q. M. S. Plaster and of some kind ladies and gentlemen of Fredericton the patients and personnel of the Military Hospital enjoyed a very pleasant evening on Wednesday Jan. 15th. The program consisted principally of solos by Mrs. Colby, the Misses Betts, McKenzie, Baird and Goode and Cpl. Guy Wetmore, Drum Major Anderson, and Pte. Taggart, interspersed with choruses by the ladies and several excellent selections by the band. Selections of a more humorous nature included an "Oratorio" by Prof. Wm. Smith, instrumental selection by Pte. Brown, two dances and a recitation by Pte. Guthro and two well applauded French Canadian readings by Lt. G. M. Hallett, M. C. of Sussex, N. B. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close with a hearty cheer for all the kind people who had given the entertainment, followed by half-an-hour's tripping the light fantastic.

Too much praise cannot be given those kind friends of the hospital who so frequently and willingly give of their time and talents to entertain the patients and they may rest assured their kindness is thoroughly appreciated.

On this particular occasion Prof. Smith laboured almost unceasingly at the piano, and the members of the band cannot be thanked too much for their many selections each of which is a tribute to their great skill and the untiring zeal of its popular bandmaster.

## LOCAL NEWS

Deputy Minister Arrived  
 Mr. E. P. Bratt, the new Deputy Minister of Agriculture arrived in the city at noon today. He will start on his duties as soon as possible.

At the District Depot  
 Twenty-eight discharges were given today at the District Depot. A number of officers are reporting today from overseas. Among them are Lieut. Grimmer of St. Andrews and Lieut. E. C. Vincent of St. John.

Had Enjoyable Drive  
 A number of young people from Marysville held a very enjoyable sleigh drive on Wednesday evening. The party started from Marysville and after driving all evening returned to the home of Mr. Thomas Flanagan where refreshments were served.

Death at Dumfries  
 Norman S. Graham, son of Coun. Robert Graham died last night at his home in Prince William, at the age of nineteen years. Death was due to diabetes. The deceased is survived by his parents and four brothers. The funeral will take place at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. There is much sympathy for the bereaved family.

Pleasant Function  
 Mrs. Frank Harris held a reception at her home on St. John Street yesterday afternoon. A large number were present and the function passed off very pleasantly. Mrs. D. E. Crowe presided over the tea table and Miss Harriet Hazen of Saskatchewan and Mrs. A. McN. Staples assisted in receiving.

Held Enjoyable Smoker  
 The men of Christchurch Cathedral were given a very enjoyable smoker and entertainment at the Church Hall last evening by Prof. C. E. Popplestone. About seventy-five men were present and plans for starting a new bible class for Christchurch Cathedral were discussed.

Made Application for Retirement  
 Lieut. Col. W. J. Osborne has made application to be relieved from his duties as commanding officer of No. 7 District Discharge Depot and is waiting advice from headquarters. Major J. J. Bull went to St. John yesterday to appear before a medical board there and is also expecting to retire soon.

David Lifford Repatriated  
 Mrs. David Lifford of this city received news today that her son Private David Lifford had been repatriated. Private Lifford enlisted with the Royal Irish Fusiliers in the British Isles after crossing the Atlantic on a cattle-steamer and has been in Germany for some time as a prisoner of war.

# LAST CALL FOR FURS

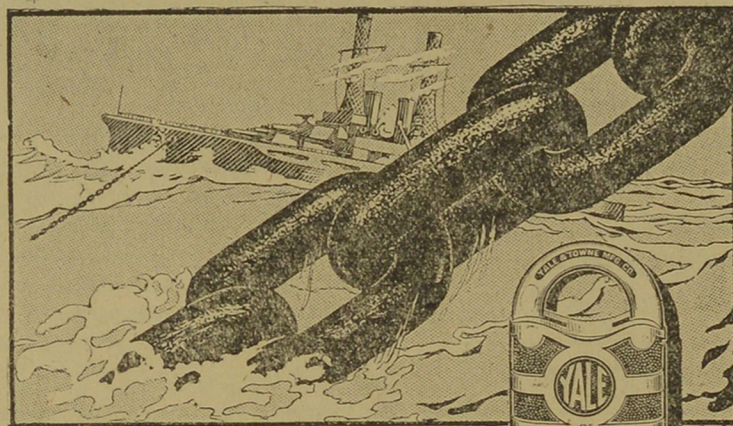
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