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## FREE TREATMENT FOR VETERANS

The announcement of Pensions Minister Power at Ottawa that World War veterans who saw active service and are suffering from maladies not caused by war service will receive free hospital treatment comes as joyful news to thousands of returned men in Canada. Those who are now receiving pensions because of afflictions attributable to overseas service are already receiving free hospital care.

Besides being a popular move all the returned soldiers, who appreciate the terrific strain and the sacrifices made by themselves and their comrades more than other persons could, the decision should be greeted favorably by all classes and all ages of Canadian citizens, regardless of political affiliations.

When the first Canadian contingent left Valcartier there was much hand playing and many addresses about the nobility of those who were offering their lives on the sacrificial altar of Mars for the sake of dear ones at home. The nation was in a fever of patriotism. Had the war ended a few months later there is little doubt that the returning troops would have been lavished with the best that could be obtained.

But the World War did not end in a few months, and by the time the Armistice was signed in 1918, the Canadian civilian population, like the civilian populations of the rest of the world, was so thoroughly sick of war that it hated any allusion to it. The men who came back in 1919 were the same ones who had gone in 1915 and the later years. The risks they took on behalf of their fellows was the same. But the attitude of those who had remained behind had changed. The returned soldiers found that, rather than being hailed as a hero for whom others were willing to make sacrifices, he was too often regarded as just a chap who had been employed as a soldier and who had been unlucky enough to lose his job because hostilities had ceased.

Effort was made to provide for the returned men by governmental bodies, pensions were bestowed upon those who had suffered grievous physical injury during service. But the problems facing officials were many and large, and the compensation made to the ex-soldiers was indeed slight considering the nature of their sacrifices.

All Canadian citizens today owe a debt to members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force that has never been paid and that probably never can be paid in full. The decision of Ottawa, however, makes provision for the fulfilment of one more instalment.

We should all, therefore, welcome Hon. Mr. Powers' announcement with a co-operative attitude rather than criticism, because of the service rendered for us by those it is designed to help.

## WHERE EXCISE REVENUE COMES FROM

A glimpse of the sources of Canada's Excise revenue collected during the fiscal year ended March 31st last yields some interesting results. Of the total amount collected, \$237,514,497, made up of Excise duty \$52,987,018, Excise tax \$184,627,479, over fifty per cent. \$121,348,801 was derived from domestic sales tax. Excise duty on tobacco yielded \$32,428,275. Excise duty on spirits \$9,844,227 on malt \$8,852,924. Sugars furnished a revenue in Excise taxes amounting to \$10,549,056, stamps a revenue of \$4,324,752, matches and lighters \$1,633,578, automobiles rubber tires and tubes \$1,258,590, transportation and telephones \$1,727,434, toilet preparations and soap \$1,167,111, playing cards \$233,000, cigars \$124,632, cigarettes \$146,152, wines \$239,787, licenses \$51,958. Sales tax on imports

accounted for a revenue of \$20,514,447, special Excise tax on imports for \$18,621,449, Excise tax on imports for \$1,842,732. Other sums included validation fees amounting to \$918,607, Excise duty on cigars \$409,010, on beer \$363,208, on malt syrup \$132,210, on licenses \$38,557.

Following are other Excise statistics of interest. Proof spirits manufactured during the past fiscal year totalled 10,198,330 gallons, an increase of 1,475,325 gallons compared with 1936-37. Ontario produced 5,933,989 proof gallons. Quebec 3,526,255 and British Columbia 688,086. The amount of beer manufactured was 67,361,250 gallons, an increase of 7,063,102. Of this total Quebec produced 28,026,773 gallons and Ontario 24,685,707 gallons. Quebec was in the lead also in the production of tobacco with 21,155,395 pounds out of a total of \$24,369,327 pounds for the whole country. The output of cigarettes in the last fiscal year rose to 6,876,125,449 from a total of 5,872,624,434 cigarettes for the previous year an increase of over one billion. Quebec's share in this production was 5,986,473,759 cigarettes, the remainder totalling 889,651,690 coming from Ontario. Snuff production increased also totalling \$11,659 pounds. This compares with the previous year's output of 805,688 pounds. Practically all snuff was produced in Quebec.

A classification of Excise revenue for the year according to provinces shows Ontario in first place with a collection of \$96,429,163 in Excise taxes and of \$12,012,329 in Excise duty. Quebec was in second place with tax receipts totalling \$59,334,505. Excise duty \$36,341,085 and British Columbia third with totals of Excise tax \$10,502,408, Excise duty \$1,479,908.

The five leading ports in the collection of Excise revenue were: Montreal \$82,790,314, Toronto \$41,709,512; Hamilton \$13,312,219, Windsor, Ontario \$9,828,383; Vancouver \$9,165,037.

Identification of criminals by their finger prints is a common and accepted method of police procedure. It has played a large part in celebrated cases and many a wrong-doer, as he surveys his cell bars, regrets that nature gave him those distinctive whorls and loops which resulted in his incarceration.

Although finger prints are an old story in crime, departmental records until recently contained no case in which these tell-tale impressions were directly responsible for securing the conviction of an offender against the Excise Act.

Within the last month, however, the R. C. M. Police have reported the conviction of an operator of an illicit still on the evidence of one of their finger print experts. Evidence, largely circumstantial, pointed to a certain person as the guilty, but he set up a vigorous defence and it is probable would have gone free had he not, unfortunately, for himself, left the imprint of the third finger of his right hand on a glass jar which he had used to catch the last drippings from the tail of the worm of the still.

By the usual methods this print was brought into relief and photographed.

When the photographs were brought in as evidence, the R. C. M. Police expert was able to show the court no less than 15 definite points of similarity to another print secured from the same finger of the prisoner's right hand. This evidence was so conclusive that the court immediately found the prisoner guilty.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's twelve leading export markets in November were as follows: United Kingdom \$35,757,000, United States \$35,585,000, Japan \$3,324,000 Germany \$2,344,000; Australia \$2,329,000; New Zealand \$1,396,000; Newfoundland \$1,075,000; British South Africa \$1,060,000, Norway \$1,046,000; Netherlands \$969,000; France \$715,000 and Argentina \$621,000.

Reports from Canadian manufacturers of soap, washing compounds and cleaning preparations in 1937 indicate an improvement over 1936 of 21 per cent, in the total value of production, 14 per cent in employment, and 12 per cent in salaries and wages. Output for the industry totalled \$19,693,886 against \$16,315,502 in 1936; the number of employees was 2,284 against 1,993 while salaries and wages totalled \$2,836,208 compared with \$2,640,559.

Establishments in Canada engaged wholly or chiefly in the manufacture of sash, doors, frames, blinds, millwork, moulding and planed and matched lumber reported a value of production in 1937 totalling \$24,947,718 in comparison with \$21,638,279 in 1936.

## MUST DECLARE POSITION BEFORE ANOTHER CRISIS

WINNIPEG, Jan. 19.—Canada must tell the world where she stands before another international crisis arises, President Sidney E. Smith of the University of Manitoba said yesterday in a service club address. Her position as to neutrality in the event of Great Britain's going to war must be clearly defined, he maintained. Many strains on Canadian unity could be prevented from severing the Dominion into three or four units only by determined and self-sacrificing efforts to balance benefits and burdens across Canada, he said.

## A POINTED REMARK

(Hamilton Spectator)  
A Cleveland woman asked for a divorce because her husband scolded her for biting her finger nails. Her husband probably hurt her to the quick.

## NOT YET EDITOR'S HERO

(St. Thomas Times-Journal)  
The inventor of playing cards is unknown. If other people hold the same kind of cards that we do, it is probably just as well.

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The Provider

"Is your new son-in-law a good provider?"

"He can just about keep my daughter in gloves, I pay for everything else."

"Then he deceived you as to his circumstances."

"No, I remember he merely asked for her hand."

Experienced

Mother: "Did you say 'No thank you' when Mrs. Jones offered you a second helping of cake?"

Tommy: "Yes, Ma'am, but I guess she was a little boy herself once. She put it on my plate anyway!"

Inspired

"When you can't think, go for a long walk," advises someone, probably a shoe manufacturer.

Concrete

Two laborers were talking. "Say, Bill," said one, "you had more schooling than I had. What's the difference between abstract and concrete?"

Bill scratched his head. "Well Joe, he said slowly, "if my wife promises to make a cake, it's abstract. When she makes it, it's concrete."

Supplementary

The woman sitting in the specialist's waiting room was portly.

At a summons from an attendant, she rose and waddled into the specialist's sanctum. The doctor threw up his hands in horror.

"My good woman!" he exclaimed, "you are stouter than ever! Have you been following the treatment I prescribed? Are you quite sure that you ate exactly what I ordered?"

"Everything," replied the patient. "And nothing else?"

"Nothing whatever," she replied, "except, of course, my ordinary meals."

Compromise

The tramp approached the hurrying citizen.

"Pardon me, mister," he said. "But could you spare me a nickel for a cup of coffee?"

The citizen paused. "Nothing doing," he frowned. "I'm tired of handing bums nickels for a cup of coffee."

The tramp shrugged. "Okay, boss," he compromised. "I'll make it tea!"

Tough

"I'll take off my hat to you oyster eaters. It was all I could do to eat three last night!"

"Weren't they fresh? What did they look like when you opened them?"

"Oh, do you have to open them?"

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## As I See It

Daily Foreign News

Comment

By H. M. Paint.

## ITALY SENSITIVE TO FRENCH TAUNTS

Since their humiliating defeat on the Guadalajara river by raw Spanish militia, Italians have been hypersensitive to any slighting reference to their soldierly prowess. Mention of the Spanish fiasco is bad enough; but should the Guadalajara incident be linked with the notorious Caporetto debacle in the closing months of the Great War, Italian rage mounts to sheer hysteria.

This being so, certain comments in the French Press have done nothing to soothe the Italian ego. In particular they object to a statement in an anonymous letter to a French paper that "10 Italian soldiers are not equal to one retired French, 'poilu'."

This drew forth the statement that "40,000,000 Italians spit in the face of the French nation" from the Italian press.

Hardly had the detonation from this giant national expectation died away, when the French newspapers began to draw still more invidious comparisons.

On Saturday the Paris Midi said "It is known to all seamen that only the most urgent necessity can persuade the sailors of his Italian majesty to leave the sight of their native shores. Admirals who had to deal with them between 1915 and 1918 know something about this!"

The Italian press countered with a statement that if such was the French opinion, it might be necessary to undeceive them by a visit of Italian sailors to the French coast. "Il Messaggero", in a fiery editorial said:

"If provocations continue, other shores will soon be visited by his Italian majesty's servants. Italians will avenge these bloody insults!"

All this proves nothing, except that Latin Journalists in both countries have a nice gift of vituperation; but it serves splendidly to underline the humiliating fall in French prestige. Seven short years ago, the only powers in Europe who might have ventured to use such language to France were Soviet Russia and Great Britain.

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