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Now boys, who wants to join the Canadian navy?

Who wants to wear the natty blue uniform, scarcely ever seen in this country, such as is worn by the little Prince Edward of Wales and his brother in those charming pictures of Royalty so familiar to every one? Who wants to scamper up the side of a battle ship and touch his cap with a "Come aboard, sir," to a grizzled, stern-faced superior officer, or shriek commands of "Look sharp!" to a hard-working bunch of jolly tars.

"Regulations for the Entry of Naval Cadets," just issued by the department of Naval Service in Canada, tells the lads how it can be brought about.

Of course, the age limit is all important. "Cadets must be between the ages of 14 and 16 years on 1st January immediately following date of examination." Thus sternly reads this regulation, to the consternation of the excited lad who is nearing 18 years. The naval training is most thorough and none except those captured young can be trained up to meet the rigid requirements of the law.

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Turning to the physical requirements nothing is said as to height. Nor are the general requirements exceptionally severe. Any healthy boy, free from extraordinary weakness or chronic disease or serious disorder either external or internal, is apparently qualified to try for a naval cadet's position. Hands, feet, fingers and toes must be without distortion,

malformation of bunions. The veins, especially of the legs must not be in varicose state. Impairments of eye, ear, nose and throat, serious enough to be known as "diseases" will bar the candidate. Also the prospective naval cadet who is fat must start to work, in the manner of professional pugilists in training, and get rid of the rolls of flesh that stand between him and His Majesty's navy, for obesity is against the regulations, at least until you get to be an admiral.

Naval cadets will spend two years in training at the Naval College, for entry to which competitive examinations will be held annually in November at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission, all papers being set and corrected by the Civil Service Commission. Compulsory subjects are Arithmetic, Mathematics, Geography, History, English, and French or German. Optional subjects are Latin, Elementary Science, Drawing, or a second modern language. Candidates will be allowed to take two of the optional subjects, and the marks obtained will be added to those on the compulsory subjects in determining the order of merit of candidates. The examination will be conducted in English or French as desired. Candidates must of course be British subjects and must have resided in Canada two years previous to the examination, short absences in Europe for educational purposes being taken as residence.

Parents must withdraw cadets if for any reason they are asked to do so by an official request. Parents or guardians are also required to declare that, if the candidate wins a

cadetship, he shall adopt the Navy as his profession in life.

### WHAT IT COSTS

Father, who has taken a casual interest in this so far, will now lean forward in his chair and prick up his ears. We will learn what it costs.

Each cadet must pay an annual fee of \$100 in advance. In addition, he will be required to pay a further sum of \$300 the first year, and \$150 the second year to cover necessary expenses, including uniform clothing and boots, books, instruments, stationery, drawing material, washing personal linen, church sittings, pocket money, recreation fund, etc. Board will be given each cadet free of expense, along with the use of the necessary furniture, bedding, plate, etc.

In the language of the street, there will be "some class" to these cadets; for each one on joining must bring with him no less than six white shirts with stiff fronts and cuffs, twelve collars, six pairs of blue socks, a pair of Oxford patent leather shoes and other articles of a like nature which "His Cadetship" may wear with dignity when he time comes for a dress parade. The cadet will not wear civilian clothes except during the vacations—he gets one month at Christmas and two months in the summer—and parents or guardians must pay all his travelling expenses. The great coat, sea chest, monkey jacket, and other such things which will go to make him into a hardened old sea dog, according to Robert Louis Stevenson's idea, will be furnished by the Government.

ing of grain and the management of the elevators. The grievance has existed for a number of years and has even borne fruit in legislation at Ottawa, but it has hardly yet ruffled the surface of Parliament.

It would hardly seem possible, however, that the re-organization of the elevators could go through without considerable friction. The remedy proposed by the western farmers is government ownership, and even the more moderate suggestion of Sir Wilfrid involves the transfer of all terminal elevators from the control of grain dealers. It is difficult to think therefore, that either proposal will

be allowed to pass into law without strenuous opposition. Of course this might be done without bringing the question into the arena of party politics, but that is doubtful. Moreover, the Conservatives of Manitoba have already, in the provincial sphere, declared for government ownership of interior elevators and the Federal members from that province are not unlikely to take the same stand regarding the terminal elevators which might very easily bring on a cleavage of party lines.

The government ownership idea will also come to the front in connection (Continued on page seven)

## A WINNIPEG CORRESPONDENT WRITES ON THE WESTERN TOUR

Winnipeg, Man., September 10.—The Western tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is over, and the session of Parliament looms into view. Undoubtedly the tour will not be forgotten in the debates which will take place across the floor of the Green Chamber. The debate on the Address should have some added interest this year. One can forecast topics with fair confidence.

The chortling of the Opposition over the jibe of the Grain Growers' president at Saskatoon that Sir Wilfrid had promised to skin the bear of protection but that the hide could not be found can be imagined. The ex-Huron Liberal who feared that "there is too much Red Parlor in the tariff" will be quoted gleefully.

Sir Wilfrid's speech at Vancouver on Asiatic immigration non-plussed the Conservatives in the audience, and wrung cheers from them; but in the meantime there has been abundant opportunity for analysis and the House will certainly be enlightened as to the flaws which have been discovered. Here at Winnipeg he scored a similar victory over the judgment of Conservatives on the boundary issue, and the fight will assuredly have to be fought over at Ottawa.

Most joyfully of all, however, will the Opposition gladiators, hungry for campaign material, pounce on the long list of public works which the Premier has during the tour promised to "take into consideration." From Port Arthur to Prince Rupert there was hardly a village, town, or city, that did not have its request to prefer. Sometimes it was a post-office; sometimes it was a railway, or an immense river improvement scheme. Sir Wilfrid always received the request sympathetically. But he never, except perhaps at Lethbridge, made a definite promise. That, however, will be no obstacle to the critics to Mr. Speaker's left. They will interpret his replies generously; and they will have to support them, the circumstance, which can hardly be questioned that his audiences often understood him to promise indirectly what he directly stated that he did not promise at all. Of this there was a striking instance in reference to the Selkirk Centennial Exposition at Winnipeg. Sir Wilfrid explicitly stated that he could promise nothing, but then went on to say, "The Laurier Government is like unto the kingdom of heaven: ask and it shall be given unto you." Many of that audience straightway went and stated to friends that the Premier had promised to grant their request.

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