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THE PATRIOTIC FUND

The local boodle organ, which measures its patriotism along lines suggested by the late lamented Dr. Johnson, is having a very serious time of it with the city council over the patriotic fund. The organ scolds the council for not making a more liberal grant and declares that its "miserable parsimony" and "narrow-mindedness" has placed the city in an ungratifying position in the eyes of the province. The attitude taken by the organ would be amusing if it were not so ridiculous. It tried to dictate the policy of the council in reference to the patriotic fund, but its advice was ignored not only by the council but by the citizens' committee as well. The council, being no doubt influenced by a recommendation of the committee in charge of the patriotic fund, and having in mind the generous response made by individual taxpayers, decided to make a grant in aid of the Belgian sufferers and to forego a donation to the patriotic fund at the present time. The amount of the grant to the Belgians was fixed at fifteen hundred dollars. No doubt there are many citizens who would have been pleased if the amount had been larger, but after all the members of the council are elected to transact the business of the city, and surely their judgment and knowledge of the financial condition of the corporation should count for something. No private individual likes to be told what amount he should contribute to this or that deserving cause, as he feels, and rightly too, that he is in the best position to name the amount. Surely the custodians of the civic finances have a right to be allowed to use their own judgment in a matter of this kind.

It seems to be the general opinion, notwithstanding the ravings of the boodle organ, that Fredericton has done fairly well for the patriotic fund. The handsome sum of twelve thousand dollars, raised here by private subscription, is slightly better than \$1.50 for every man, woman and child in the city. In addition to this the city council, at its meeting on Tuesday, voted the sum of \$1,500 and when the troops departed every man received a cash gift from the civic treasury of five dollars, making a total of about five hundred dollars. Considering the fact that the subscription list was not swollen by gifts from large corporations as was the case in larger cities, Fredericton has certainly done itself proud in this matter, and words of praise instead of carping criticism should be in order at a time like this.

The city council is censured by the boodle organ because forsooth, the aldermen first met in private and agreed upon the amount to be voted. The members of the York county council took precisely the same course at their meeting here last week, and so far as we know, their action called forth not one word of criticism, while the boodle organ pretended to be greatly pleased at the patriotic stand taken by the municipal legislators. It is generally known that some members of the county council were in favor of giving a larger amount than the two thousand dollars which was voted, but when they got together in committee it was found that the majority would not go beyond two thousand dollars. Here was a chance for some criticism on the part of the boodle organ, but it was generously withheld. The county is in a much stronger financial condition than the city. It has no bonded indebtedness, and has, or rather had before the recent meeting, a cash balance in a local bank running well up into the thousands. The combined population of the parishes is three times as great as that of Fredericton, yet their representatives felt that two thousand dollars was an adequate sum to vote from the municipal treasury and they will endeavor to have it supplemented by private subscription. The councillors could easily have voted a larger sum, but they felt that they would not be justified in doing so. Under

the circumstances it would be very foolish to say to the people of the county what the boodle organ says to those of the city, "that it will certainly come as a great surprise to them that they as a corporation, cannot afford more than a paltry two thousand dollars." We believe that the residents of the county are well satisfied with the action taken by the council, just as the citizens of Fredericton are pleased with the course adopted by the civic authorities. There is not the slightest doubt in the world that should occasion arise both bodies stand ready to generously supplement their grants to the patriotic fund. In the meantime the fault finder and trouble maker and would-be dictator might as well go away back and sit down. The people of Fredericton and York county will not stand for Kaiser methods, either at home or abroad.

ON THE SIDE

One of the offices that is sure to seek the man is the tax office.

Somme is the allies' "farthest north." Some gain.

That "turning movement" must be getting almost dizzy by this time.

During August German imports dropped \$91,000,000 or 44 p.c., and English imports dropped \$51,000,000 or 21 p.c. That's worse than dropping bombs.

German war officials say it costs fifteen cents per day to keep prisoners. It costs more than that to take them.

Petrograd is now added to the capitals whose "night life has vanished." Day life seems to be occupation enough for all.

A grim commentary on the glories of war is offered in the news that the Fall River mills are running largely on 3-in. cloth to be used for bandages.

Luxemburg gets \$100,000 for her violated neutrality, and a German newspaper wonders how Belgium feels about this. Of course, we don't know but we presume Belgium feels about the way any man would feel after he had refused to sell him honor.

The Boston Record has the following editorial:

The Kaiser is making speeches to his soldiers on the text of "the inevitable victory of German culture." Good enough. But since when did culture win a victory by shooting its argument through the hearts of the people. Since when was culture dressed in armor, waving bloody hands in the blanched face of peace? Since when did a nation demonstrate culture by smashing down the teachings of Christ, burning villages, ruining churches, destroying art, uprooting families and condemning a nation to bankruptcy and despair? Culture! May German culture really triumph, over the brutality of a government essentially foreign to German nature. May the victory of German culture come soon, and redeem the great and splendid German nation from the mass of horror into which a fraudulent and vicious system of government had led it. There is an "inevitable victory of German culture" coming, to be sure; but when it comes the Kaiser will not share in it.

Toronto Globe:—Sir Wilfrid is going to make "recruiting" speeches in Quebec with the object of calling the French-Canadians to colors. Botha is to command the South African field army operating against the Germans. John Redmond is leading the Nationalists of Ireland in thousands to enlist in Kitchener's second army, and no doubt after the war is over we shall be told on many a political platform that Laurier, Botha and Redmond are all "enemies of the Empire."

VICTORIA HOSPITAL

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ton for funds to support the families of the soldier boys who have gone to the front with the first Canadian contingent. A meeting of the relief committee will be held this afternoon to consider several applications for assistance from families residing in the city and county.

C.P.R. Police Officer Gardiner of McAdam Junction, is in the city today.

LOCAL NEWS

GAME HERE ON MONDAY.

Arrangements have been made for the Moncton City football team to play the University of New Brunswick here on Monday, Thanksgiving Day.

SHOT A MOOSE.

Messrs. John Oldham and William and Andrew Lindsay have returned from a hunting trip to the Burpee Mill Stream. They shot a moose with an antler spread of forty-seven inches.

COMING NUPTIAL EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruce Dayton of St. Mary's, announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Minnie Dayton to Mr. Gilbert Prince, B. Sc., of British Columbia. The wedding to take place the 28th of this month.

CHURCH READY FOR OCCUPANCY

It is expected that the extensive renovation and repair work which has been going on at the Brunswick Street Baptist church during the past summer will soon be completed and that the main auditorium will be ready for occupancy on Sunday.

TO PRESIDE AT BANQUET

Lieutenant Governor Wood has accepted an invitation to preside at a banquet in connection with the Laymen's Missionary Movement Conference in the Seamen's Institute rooms at St. John this month. Among the prominent clergymen, who will attend the conference, are Rev. Dr. Herridge, Dr. Hartz, Dr. Brown and His Lordship Bishop Richardson, of this city.

ARRESTED AT GAGETOWN.

Reports from Gagetown are to the effect that Jack Whipple of Portland, Me., was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of having stolen a gold watch and forty dollars in money from the Magee House at that place a few nights ago. Whipple is the same man who is suspected of having recently stolen \$34 from Mrs. E. Reynolds, the proprietress of the Riverside House at St. Mary's.

THAT WAR GIFT

About half of New Brunswick's gift of 100,000 bushels of potatoes are now ready for shipment from St. John. They are still being rushed to that port and there is no doubt that the whole amount will be ready for shipment on the arrival of the steamer Sellaria of the battleline, chartered to take the cargo. The Sellaria is due at St. John next Monday or Tuesday.

FORMERLY RESIDED HERE

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. William Mabie, which occurred on Tuesday evening in the General Public Hospital, St. John. The deceased was formerly Miss Charlotte Estella Wetmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wetmore of this city, and besides her husband is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. J. Smith of St. John West, Miss Blanche at home, and two sons, Roy of Montreal and Frank of Vancouver, B. C. One brother, P. W. Wetmore of St. John, also survives.

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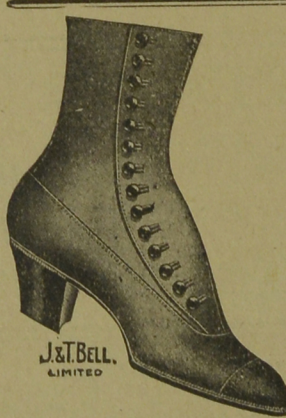
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