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"DOC" OF THE Y.M.C.A.

A visitor to Invercargill just now is Doctor Lawrence, commonly known as "Doc." He came up to "The Digger" office the other morning arrayed in the splendour of a Stone's directory. "Doc" is a D.D., so has had some experience in handling a "directory." He came from Blighty on the good old Paparua, and will be well known among the boys who travelled on that boat and were around Hornchurch. "Doc" is one of the men the Y.M.C.A. neglected to hold on to. His capacity for understanding men and making friends in quick time are characteristics essential to the successful prosecution of Y.M.C.A. work. The Paparua magazine speaks well of "Doc's" work as follows:—"As usual the Y.M.C.A. people have not forgotten us. It's not their way. The Y.M.C.A. representative, the Rev. Dr. Lawrence is a prominent figure among us—in more ways than one. From the Casino of this month came weighty remarks, deep laughs, and heavy thuds; in fact he is a very solid person from all aspects. His dugout is on the starboard side, near the entrance to the promenade deck mess-room. There, during shop hours, one may get a book from the library of some 150 volumes, cigarettes, a set of boxing gloves, or chessmen, and, if desired, some sound advice. All over the ship are articles stamped with the red triangle—games of all kinds, draughts, quoits, boxing gloves, dominoes, chess, books, and music. Of all the 75,000 sheets of writing paper brought on board, many have done yeoman service under the pens of budding artists, mathematicians, and story writers. A Bible Class, under the able leadership of Sergt. Lopdell (Invercargill), is in full swing. Some services are held twice on Sunday—afternoon and evening—and are largely attended. Our future future M.A.P. have ample opportunity of developing their powers of oratory, for debates are on the boards, and a bank for such as possess surplus cash is also a feature of this estimable institution; and the Rev. Lawrence himself, possesses a fund from which he gladly assists the needy—a fund of good humour, and kindly advice." "Doc" was also known as the Y.M.C.A. king.

"Cheero," says—

This fellow named Lawrence, they say,
Was a "Doc" of divinity gay;
As this proved a sore, he went to the war
As G.O.C., Y.M.C.

SOLDIERS!

The Invercargill Municipal Library are anxious to have a complete file of all publications on transport, or others published by the soldiers. It is fitting and in the interest of all concerned that this file should be obtained, and copies from soldiers will be greatly appreciated. All copies should be accompanied by the sender's full name and address, and will be acknowledged through the columns of "The Digger." We have undertaken to help the librarian in this matter and would appreciate the action of returned men in helping to bring it to a successful issue. Copies can be forwarded to "The Digger," Box 310, Invercargill, or to the Public Library direct.

WAR TROPHIES.

In addition to asking the loyal co-operation of all soldiers for transport publications for the public library, we are anxious to receive on behalf of the Southland War Museum a collection of trophies. It is very important that nothing be lost that will be in any way a war trophy. Southland soldiers have played an important part in the war and we must preserve, for the benefit of those who follow, some thing of a tangible character.

Every part of the Dominion is seeking a collection of trophies and we must not be behind. Numbers of articles which have been brought from the battle front are being lost sight of, and we would be glad to receive anything at all. Name and address must be sent, also full particulars of article, where found, stunt, etc. Articles can also be displayed in the museum and remain the property of the sender, but can we, as representing Southland soldiers, make a direct gift to the people. Trophies can be sent to "The Digger" office direct, box 310, Invercargill; or to Mr Crosby Smith, Athenaeum Buildings, Dee street, Invercargill.

It is estimated that at the present rate of consumption Britain's coal can last only about 500 years.

RETURNED SOLDIERS AND RAILWAY EMPLOYMENT.

The position regarding employment on the railway of returned soldiers is very unsatisfactory. A man sought employment in the Railway Department and after working some time was told to be medically examined. He was classed as medically unfit and rejected by the Department. Now why is this penal clause directed against returned soldiers? A civilian can secure employment on much more favourable terms than a soldier. The following correspondence is published for general information:—

RE EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SOLDIERS.

Dear Sir,—Some two or three days ago a case dealing with the employment of ex-soldiers by the Railway Department was brought before my notice, and I am forwarding it to you in the hopes that it will be given every consideration at Headquarters, so that the practice adopted, may be, if possible, put a stop to.

The case is as follows:—

A. — was discharged from the N.Z.E.F. on the 8th June, 1919, and last week applied to the Ways and Works Department of N.Z.R., at Invercargill, for the position of blacksmith striker. A. — is a blacksmith by trade and being out of work it would be far better to take the position of striker than be idle. He has an excellent reference from his late employer, stating that he is a thoroughly competent, trustworthy, and honest worker. On applying for the position he was told to start the following morning, which he did, but after he had been working for an hour and a half to two hours, his foreman, on learning he was a discharged soldier sent him along to be medically examined. Owing, however, to varicose veins, and the sight of one eye being affected, he could not pass the medical test, and so was discharged. although the employment he was seeking was only casual.

I understand that the person who has not been a soldier, when applying for casual work, does not need to be medically examined, and it is apparent that the ex-soldier is penalised for serving his country. I might state further that he was discharged from the N.Z.E.F. as a fit man and draws no pension whatsoever. I trust, sir, that this matter will be given every consideration, for it is very apparent that this practice is adopted throughout the whole of New Zealand, and so much affect considerable numbers of returned men.—I am, etc,

L. S. GRAHAM,
Secretary.

RED TAPE.

The following correspondence is published for general information. Particular attention is drawn to the 3s stamp required.

War Expenses Office,
New Zealand Military Forces,
Wellington,
July 29th, 1920.

W.R.B./F.P.K.,
187 Earn street,
Invercargill.

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst., with reference to warrant for 14s I have to state that there is no trace of same having been received in this office.

In order that the matter may be further investigated please forward your latest pay book, also complete "form of declaration" herewith.

The matter of multi allowance mentioned by you is receiving attention and you will be further communicated.—I am, etc.,

(Sgd) A. JAMIESON,
Officer-in-Charge, N.Z.E.F. War Accounts and Records.

FORM OF DECLARATION.

(Insert place of abode and occupation).

I, (Reg. No.) name,

..... of

Address, do solemnly

and sincerely declare that I have not negotiated warrant for 14s (fourteen shillings) posted to me on the 23rd day of January, 1920, to No. 15, Nelson street, Invercargill, by the Officer-in-Charge, War Expenses, Wellington, and I agree to indemnify the Defence Department of New Zealand against any loss which may be incurred in consequence of re-issue of above named warrant for fourteen shillings.

(Affix 3s Stamp.)

and I make this solemn declaration con-

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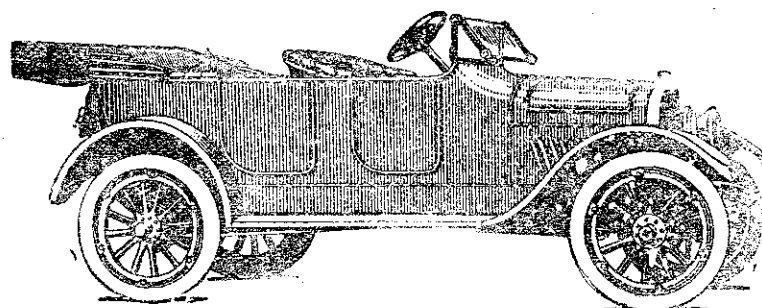
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SECOND THOUGHTS.

A boarding-school boy wrote to his uncle for financial aid, and then, feeling rather nervous about the impression his letter would make, added this postscript:—

"P.S.—Dear Uncle, I am so ashamed to have to ask you for this money that I have run after the postman a long way to get it back, but could not catch him. My only wish is that you will never get the letter now.—Your loving Nephew."

The uncle replied by return post:—
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