

MANY APPEALS ARE HEARD IN WINNIPEG

Claims for Exemption From Military Service Rejected in Majority of Cases.

"Get a returned soldier, one of those Vimy Ridge fellows, and give him a gun. I'll wager that he will protect your cash."

This was the statement made by Judge Curran yesterday afternoon when the manager of a branch bank in Elmwood asked for exemption for his clerk, Allan A. Alexander. The manager claimed that he needed Alexander to remain in the bank when he, himself, was out in order to watch the cash. He declared he did not like to entrust girls with the custody of the cash as there was always the danger of a hold up.

The judge thought that girls would be just about as efficient as a man in such a case. A returned soldier with a gun would be the best custodian. The judge ordered Alexander to report for service.

Ralph Smith, 98 Riverton avenue, appealed for exemption on the ground that he "couldn't learn anything." He said he had gone to school for 20 years and was still unable to read or write. The appellant is now one of the "red caps" at the C.P.R. depot and Judge Curran thought this was a calling where pretty sharp boys were employed. Decision was reserved.

His Brother's Substitute

"I am willing to go if you will leave my brother, who is the real support of the home," said Solomon Greenberg to the representative of the military representative, Lieut. T. Carlyle. Greenberg went on to explain that his brother was needed at home as he was the main support of their widowed mother and also several small children, while he was but a law student and was not so necessary to the maintenance of the home.

Solomon is a Russian and has never taken out naturalization papers and therefore is not liable for military service. His brother Louis had been naturalized and was therefore called up in this draft. He had appealed his case under the plea of domestic hardship and had been heard by Judge Dawson December 27. His claim had been disallowed, but he had been given until April 1 to dispose of his business of hay merchant.

Solomon is a volunteer in every sense of the word, and it is understood the military will be quite agreeable to the change. Certain difficulties are apparent, as there appeared an order in May 1915 forbidding Russian subjects to be enlisted; owing, however, to the change of governments in Russia, the military do not anticipate any serious trouble.

Allowed and Refused

Twenty-one years of age, drawing a salary of \$200 per month and holding down the combined positions of hog and cattle buyer, manager of a large hog feeding station and a farmer were the circumstances which induced Judge Galt to dismiss the appeal lodged by the military authorities against the exemption granted by the tribunal to William Clifford Fares, an employee of the firm of Gordon, Ironside and Fares, so long as he remains at his present occupation. Judge Galt was quite satisfied that Mr. Fares was doing work of national importance.

James R. Hunter, an employee of the Dominion Express company, appealed for exemption on the ground of work of national importance and financial embarrassment. Upon investigation it was found that his work of national importance was centred around a fruit farm in British Columbia of three acres which he intended to work in the spring. His claim was disallowed.

James Alexander Stodgill is an inventor. During the past four years he has sold three inventions and at the present time he is at work on two others which he expects to dis-

pose of. This and the fact that his two step-brothers and one brother are overseas induced Judge Galt to grant him exemption until class 2 is called. He is a son of Eli Stodgill, chief of detectives of the city police force.

University Rebuked.

Judge Curran took a rap at the university where some aliens study during the winter months. "It is high time the military authorities get together and take concerted action to make representations to the university to stop such men as these getting on as they do. It is a great pity the university cannot find more promising material to educate," said the judge in the case of Demetrius Rostoky, a student at the university, who calmly admitted that he was of Austrian birth.

"Upon my word, it is a disgraceful condition of affairs. These men teach school in summer or go into the fields and demand \$7 a day, and the poor, unfortunate British farmer has got to pay it or let his crop rot. If I had my way I would intern you men or make you work at the same rate of pay as the Tommies in the trenches.

Appellant—"I do all that is possible to help my adopted country—"

The Judge—"You do! Did you get out into the fields last summer?"

Appellant—"No; I—"

The Judge—"No, of course, you didn't, and if you did go you would exact the last drop of blood, if you are anything like the rest of your kind. You are exempt because I have no option, but I wish I had. For the life of me I cannot understand why the Canadian government keeps up such ainine policy in regard to alien enemies. No other country in the world would do it."

Judge Myers Indignant.

"I don't care if this man holds half of Manitoba, if I have anything to do about it he will go to war," was the verdict given yesterday by Judge Myers in the appeal of Wilfred Lagart, a farmer of La Salle.

Lagart, a French-Canadian, could not speak English, so his brother had to be called upon to act as interpreter. Great stress was laid by the appellant's lawyer on the quantity of land that is being cultivated by the family.

On being questioned by Lieut. Brown, it was acknowledged that there were six brothers, five living in the district and one at Willow Bunch, and not one member of the family had enlisted.

"These Frenchmen," said his lordship, in summing up the case, "cannot get off with the idea that with such a large family they can get off without having anyone at the front. I am only sorry we could not have picked out a huskier one in the family."

Military Tailor Applies.

Cameron Lockhart Inglis, military tailor, was before Judge Curran. He has made countless suits for officers and men already overseas, and his firm has many orders in hand. One brother had been at the front since the war began, and another brother at Montreal, is going overseas. "If he asks for exemption there he will most likely get it," commented the judge. Exemption was granted until June 1.

Judge Scores Appellant.

"You will have to go, young man," said Judge Myers in dismissing the appeal of Edwin Smith, 353 Lipton street. Smith is a student at the agricultural college. Appellant said he had wanted to enlist previously but had not done so owing to his having throat troubles. "You should have enlisted long ago," said his lordship, "and you will have to go."

Military Appeal Successful.

An echo of the dissatisfaction at St. Anne was furnished in Judge Curran's court when Edward Dubuc farmer, was refused. This man went to the local tribunal without permission and secured exemption. Judge Curran refused to question the work of the army doctors when a plea of unfitness was entered, saying: "The doctors have done their work honestly once and I have no right to ask them to do it again."

Another Would-be Alien.

Judge Curran had another case of a would-be alien. Joe Rosen first claimed exemption on the ground of ill-health, and then swung on to the naturalization subject. Judge Curran said he would hold that where a man had become naturalized his children were also naturalized, despite the fact that they had attained the age of 21.

Judge Held Up By Name.

The next case was a puzzler to his lordship. "You better spell this man's name; I can't," said the judge to the military representative. It was Joseph Pleszchalaski, a Polish Jew, 155 Main street, and he pleaded he was an alien. He said he was born in Poland of Austrian parents and came here in 1903. Under the War Time Election act he was exempted.

A Patriotic Mother.

William Allen Graham, living at 29 Donald street, was granted exemption. A letter to Judge Curran told how the mother, living near Portage la Prairie had three boys. One was killed at Vimy Ridge and another was at the front. "She has already given two sons to the country and that is quite enough for her. Appeal allowed, and I think she is a very patriotic mother," said Judge Curran. No person appeared.

ed in court to support or oppose this appeal.

Brother Is Commended.

"It is an admirable thing to see a brother so willing to make heavy sacrifice for a little crippled brother, and you are exempt until June 1," said Judge Curran to Donald Shaw Hawkes, suite 9, Glen Avon apartments, Winnipeg. Shaw has made heavy financial sacrifice for his young brother, and has also discharged other obligations, which caused the above remark from the judge.

In Judge Galt's Court.

Judge Galt had before him the case of a conscientious objector, and promptly disallowed it.

Frank Beamish, postman, 784 William avenue, was the appellant. He did not appear, being represented by two other members of the Church of Christ. John Tucker, asked by the judge if he would retaliate in case a man struck him down, replied in the negative.

Practically all the appeals which came before Judge Myers were reserved to allow his lordship to decide on the verdicts after consultation with the military.

Judge Haggart Resting.

Judge A. Haggart, after sitting continuously since the courts opened several weeks ago, is now enjoying a few days' rest.

Judge Macdonald goes to Portage today to help out there, and there are now 14 judges working on the appeals.