

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Your King and country need you—now.

Be ready when the call comes. Service and Sacrifice are the handmaids of Liberty.

Bachelors eligible for military service should hurry up or it will be said that the best men are married.

Don't worry over the year that is past. Make 1916 a year to be remembered in the annals of British history.

Sir Edward Carson denies he is contemplating leading a new party. This is the best thing Sir Edward has said for a long time.

Germany is warned not to build on the British Parliamentary crisis. She has blundered enough already in trying to interpret British public opinion.

South Oxford has joined the campaign for a dry Ontario by next Dominion Day. This definite objective is by no means too sweeping or too precipitate.

Harden, a brilliant German publicist, has been ordered not to speak in public again during the war. Evidently the Kaiser thinks kultur has been overdone.

What is occupying the attention of the Ontario Government? New Brunswick will have Provincial prohibition after a plebiscite has favored that reform.

Members of Toronto's Board of Education make a solemn pledge to do their duty. This may help to account for the impulse toward excessive expenditure.

The British peoples live as an Imperial race not by trade and commerce or by the conquest of the sword, but by the advancement of civilization wherever the British flag flies.

The rivalry between the Hydro and the Telco has led to another all-round reduction of rates for light and power in Toronto. There is real competition in the lighting business.

The real feeling of the people of South China toward the Emperor Yuan is illustrated by the fact that many Canton Chinese resident in Canada are going home to fight against him.

The stray dogs of Montreal are to be rounded up and sent to the Internment camp at Spirit Lake, Que., to haul sleighs. There is plenty of work for the unemployed these strenuous times.

The splendid patriotism of Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law, and the other Unionist statesmen who have upheld Mr. Asquith's hands in this supreme crisis of the Empire will not soon be forgotten.

The British people may differ as to the relative merits of the voluntary and compulsory principles of enlistment, but, in the words of Sir Edward Grey, they have made up their minds not to become the "conscript appendage" of any military power.

The German master of Turkey is insisting on general compulsory service, even in the case of Turks who have hitherto earned exemption by money payments to the Government. Von der Goltz is apt to make himself the most hated man in Turkey.

Helpless and suffering from a street car accident just outside the boundary of Detroit a man lay for an hour while city and county officials tried to decide which municipality should furnish an ambulance. System may become the vice of the century.

May it please the gentlemen of Parliament to remember that every day's unnecessary delay in the proceedings will cost Canada a large sum that is urgently needed for the purchase of military supplies. Parliament should do its work thoroughly, but this is no time for loafing on the job.

By one of those curious mischances that provide material for the humorists of the day, The Globe on Saturday morning stated that "on the grave of Erasmus W. Basle is written the significant word 'Terminus.' If 'in' is substituted for the initial 'W.' the meaning of the sentence is supplied.

The reindeer experiment in the north was a failure. Now an endeavor is being made to try out the cattalo, a cross between buffalo and domestic cattle. If a food animal hardy enough to live in the open and forage for itself could be developed, northern Canada would become one of the world's greatest meat-producing regions.

At the age of four score and ten Mrs. James Stratton of Peterboro' passed away a few days ago. Before coming into additional local prominence as the mother of the Honorable J. R. Stratton, formerly a Minister of the Crown in Ontario, Mrs. Stratton was well known as the partner in life of a veteran educationist, whose later years were given to the work of public school inspection, with which he united that of journalism. He was proprietor and editor of The Peterboro' Examiner, which has ever since it became his property maintained a creditable and well-earned reputation.