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It looks wonderfully good on paper to be shown that the city's electric light bill has been reduced from 18 cts. per kw. hour to 14 cts. When it is looked into, however, it appears to be more of a shadow than the real bone. Under the old method of charging, 25 per cent reduction was allowed for prompt payment, which, of course, most people took advantage of. Under the new system there is no discount allowed. Ordinarily, however, even then, there should be a saving, but the strange thing is that the amount paid seems to be about the same as formerly. It's the old story of making the people believe they are getting something when they are getting nothing.

The rumor, long current, that the Orangemen of Belfast had given their rifles to the Belgians has been confirmed. Sir Edward Carson was asked about a month ago to come to the Belgians' help with a large number of rifles of the excellent pattern which Ulster volunteers were known to possess. Sir Edward at first refused, on the ground that the Home Rule danger was still imminent. Subsequently the Ulster Council decided to throw their whole influence on the side of Earl Kitchener's new army and gave the rifles. It is not improbable that the effective Belgian sorties from Antwerp have been made possible by the arrival of Ulster rifles.

Speaking of the recent disaster in the North Sea, Lord Rosebury said: "This disaster and the relentless bloody struggle for mastery on the

Aisne will yield one good result. Like the heavy British losses at the battle of Mons, Charleroi and Namur and in subsequent retreat, it is certain to swell the stream of recruits into a flood. Always when the war looks the toughest job, the British come forward most readily to ensure final victory."

The London Times publishes an account of some of the atrocities charged against German soldiers, and also a letter from Lord Selborne urging that a judicial inquiry should at once be held into the charges that are being made against the German army, both officers and men. The Times says: "We may say that we ourselves receive many more accounts of the deeds of cruelty and lust than we publish, and that we publish only those which seem to us, so far as we can judge, to be most worthy of belief. We have published such statements as we have published because there is a mass of evidence accumulating to the effect that atrocities are being committed without parallel in modern and civilized warfare, and because the world would not hear of this evidence if it were not published in the press. . . . But it ought to be clearly understood, if such an enquiry is held, that we do not desire it as a justification for any reprisals by ourselves or our allies. As Mr. Churchill said in his speech at the Opera House, we are not going to imitate the crimes of our enemies, whether they are proved or only rumored. However they may fight we shall try to fight like gentlemen."



COL. W. E. GORDON, V. C.

Of the Gordon Highlanders. Twice reported killed, but reported by the American Ambassador to be a prisoner of war in Berlin. He won his V. C. in South Africa.

METHODIST PASTORATE MAY BE SIX YEARS

Committee Recommends General Conference to Extend It Two Years.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—If the Methodist General Conference adopts what the special committee appointed to report on the question of the time limit for the pastorate recommends, the present system of a pastor changing his charge every four years will be maintained, with the proviso that in special cases the four-year term may be extended to six years. The committee is ready to present its report to the conference at an early session. When it comes up a lively discussion is promised, for there are many delegates in favor of the abolition of the time limit and the adoption of the same system as is observed by the other churches.

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PASSING EVENTS

Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S., has opened with good classes and a bright outlook. The new dean of the Law School, Dr. MacLachlan, arrived last week.

The appeal for help for the sufferers in Belgium is meeting with a splendid response in Nova Scotia. Large quantities of clothing and food stuffs are being forwarded from all sections of the province.

The Dominion government has decided to give \$50,000 towards the fund for the relief of the victims of the war in Belgium. This amount will be supplemented later on if it should prove necessary.

The new shoe factory of Clark Brothers, St. Stephen, N. B., has been destroyed by fire, with several other buildings, the factory loss, including building and stock amounting to about \$35,000, with \$28,000 insurance.

The P. E. Island exhibition was formally opened last week by Lieutenant Governor Rogers. Other speakers were President F. R. Heartz, Premier Matheson and Mr. Justice Haszard. The addresses were interspersed with singing of patriotic songs by 1,500 city school children.

The Lunenburg County agricultural exhibition was held in Bridgewater last week. Warden Langille presided at the opening on Thursday and Premier Murray gave an opening address, followed by Hon. E. H. Armstrong.

Mayor Dawson of Bridgewater, Mayor Hall of Lunenburg and others. The exhibition was of a high order.

It is proposed that each farmer in the townships of Orillia and Medonte should be asked to contribute a bag of oats for the British army; and Oro, Rama and Mara will probably unite with the others in the scheme. The whole county of Wellington also proposes to have an "oat day" and some farmers, a few of German origin, have promised from ten to forty bushels each.

The British War Office is placing large orders in Canada for socks, sweaters, blankets, boots and other clothing necessary for the troops in the field. The Canadian government has been asked to make necessary arrangements for the supplies required. These war orders will have an important bearing in keeping many woolen and other mills in Canada busy this winter.

An Order-in-Council has been passed at Ottawa, giving the government power to censor all telegraph and telephone messages transmitted to points outside the country and providing that the government can take possession of any telegraph or telephone office. When expedient the government can instead, or in addition to, taking possession of an office, place a censor in control to whom all messages must be first submitted. It is understood that the order is chiefly precautionary, but that a close watch will be kept on messages going to the United States from one or two points.



LADY FRENCH CHEERS WOUNDED BRITISHERS.

Lady French, wife of the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces at the front, visiting wounded English soldiers at the Prince of Wales Hospital at Tottenham. Lady French shook hands with each man and spoke a few words of encouragement. Afterwards a concert was given by several well known actresses, among them Miss Collier and Miss Tree, the daughter of Sir H. Beerbohm Tree.

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