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LEST WE FORGET

The war is passing into history. Until now it has been a medley of preparation, apprehension, uncertainty. Now we know what the end will be; now we know that, whatever the cost in saddened homes and in financial burdens, our Empire and our country will enjoy all the liberties, all the privileges and all the security ever enjoyed under the sheltering folds of the British flag.

While confident of this it will be for us to keep in mind for future experience and for a keener interest in the history that shall be written, the part we ourselves as Canadians played in the great war. Canadians may well, and proudly too, look back over the past two years that are to figure so large in the world history that is yet to be written.

In springing at a moment's notice from the peaceful conditions existing up to the very moment of the outbreak to the "stiffening of the sinews," to the "summoning up of the blood" in defence of her homes and institutions, Canada did marvellous things, performed what were almost miracles. A review of these, lest we forget, will not be unprofitable, for we are so prone to forget.

It will be remembered that during the last days of July, 1914, threatening clouds hung over Europe, so threatening that, while it was still hoped that war would be avoided, prudence suggested that preparation for the worst should be made. Seeing the war clouds, the Dominion Government did not wait for the outbreak but cabled to the Imperial Government an assurance that Canada was ready to help in any eventuality that might ensue. August 1st, Premier Borden sent a secret despatch to the Imperial Government asking in what way Canada could best help the Empire in case of war, and stating that if necessary a large force would be available for service abroad. War was declared on August 4th. On that day the Imperial Government notified the Canadian Government that there seemed no immediate necessity for an expeditionary force but suggested that the Government take such steps as might be deemed necessary to raise a force if required. In the meantime, on August 2, the Minister of Militia, then General Sir Sam Hughes, was given authority to take over the control of telegraphs and cables. On August 3 the Finance Minister, Hon Thomas White, was given power to amend the Banking system by providing an emergency increase of Dominion notes and to make special advances to banks on approved security. Another order provided for additional bank circulation and for guarding the gold supply. This prompt action averted panic in the financial situation.

On August 4th, the day war was declared, the Canadian Government was summoned. On the same day all Canadian vessels were placed at the disposal of the Imperial Government and an order was passed placing the naval forces and naval volunteers on active service. On August 5 the Minister of Militia was authorized to call out units of the active service militia; it was ordered that the Royal Canadian Regiment permanent corps be increased from 599 to 922. It was also declared that a state of war existed and orders were issued for the detention of merchant ships of the enemy.

On August 6 a cable was received from the Imperial Government asking for a Canadian Division. An order-in-council was passed to mobilize militia units for the various arms of the service—to be composed of officers and men willing to volunteer for overseas service, and to organize and equip them. Immediately this order was passed General Hughes who had been hard at work in preparation set his mobilization machinery in motion.

On that same day the Dominion Government offered a million bags of flour of 98 pounds each to the Imperial Authorities as a free gift to the people of the United Kingdom, an offer which was gratefully accepted. During this eventful week also, a few hours mildly,

before war was declared Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, appreciating the defenceless condition of the Pacific Coast, purchased two Chilean submarines which were immediately handed over to the government and, through it to the Imperial authorities.

On August 10 the first Canadian Division had enrolled 22,218 men. The necessary rifles and equipment were ordered and 22 militia units were called out for home defence. Valcartier Camp was ordered to be put in readiness for training and through the tireless energy of General Hughes this was done in record time. The preparation of this camp and the mobilization of the First Canadian army is one of the outstanding events of the war. One month after war was declared 32,000 men, collected from all parts of the dominion, were reviewed by H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught, while a corps of a thousand men was waiting for transportation to Bermuda and other thousands were on home defence duty.

This was part of the work done during the first month of the war. Since then the Canadian army has grown to a force of over 300,000 men. Of these some 250,000 are overseas; some thousands have made the extreme sacrifice and all of them have won undying fame for Canada. The names of the battles in which they fought and in which many of them laid down their lives will live forever in history, Ypres, St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy, Hooge, Arras, and the Somme battles, now raging and as yet unnamed.

Surely it was a great achievement in two short years, two years which have meant so much for the Empire, for Canada, for the world.

SALORS' RELIEF FUND

The general and generous interest taken by Canadians in the British Sailors' Relief Fund is indicated by recent subscription lists published in Montreal. One list contains two subscriptions for \$5,000 each; one for \$2,500, six for \$1,000 each, five for \$500 each and a half column ranging from \$250, \$100 and all the way down to one dollar. Of course Montreal is a large city and has many wealthy people, making comparison with smaller cities out of the question. It is gratifying to find that so many are ready to contribute generously of their means to aid in all the worthy objects that ask for assistance and there is no worthier cause than that of the British Sailors' Relief Fund.

SCHOOL GAMES.

Citizens were greatly interested in the demonstration of games and athletics given Thursday afternoon on the Prince of Wales College grounds by the teacher-students and professors of the Summer School. It is very generally recognized that systematized play forms an essential part of the education of the child. Children will play during their hours of recreation and this play should be so regulated as to make it of the utmost benefit to them, mentally and physically. The teachers who took part in those games, that have been approved by those who have made a study of child life, will be able to join their pupils on the play ground, direct their games and teach them how to get the most entertainment and the most health out of their games. Many school problems are solved on the play ground and the training received by the teachers in this one feature alone will be of immense value to our schools.

PATRIOT SPASM NO. 3.

The Patriot's third spasm exhibits considerable more caution than its previous efforts. This time it is handling a boomerang and caution is necessary. It mildly charges extravagance on the part of the Government and expresses the opinion that the Government should have supported the clause in Mr. Bell's amendment that advocated economy. The charge of extravagance is an inconsistent one on the part of the Patriot knowing as it does that when the estimates were under consideration every item was minutely examined and discussed and the Opposition were asked to point out, if they could, any one dollar that might be lopped off without detriment to the province. The Opposition were unable to do so. Has the Patriot found some extravagant dollar that escaped the eye of Mr. Bell and his lieutenants? If so it should lay its finger upon it and let its readers judge for themselves whether the Government was extravagant or Mr. Bell and his lieutenants failing in perspicacity. To approve of expenditure and afterwards to raise the cry of extravagance is cowardly to put it

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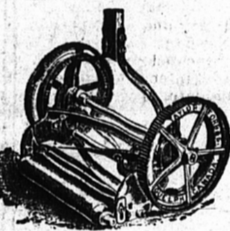
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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Mrs. Ernest Lord and child have arrived in Charlottetown from Australia and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Artemas Lord, Brighton. Mrs. Lord's numerous friends here will be delighted to see her again.

Miss Graham, matron of the Prince Edward Island Hospital spent the week end in Sydney.

Miss Isabel Patterson, of New York, is visiting Major and Mrs. A. A. Bartlett.

Lieutenant Walter Ings is here from Valcartier on a short furlough before leaving for England.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Anderson have returned to Albany, N. Y., after a short visit to their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson and other relatives in this city.

Mrs. G. E. Auld returned this week from a visit to Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. B. Longworth, city, are spending the summer at the Cliff.

The engagement was announced this week of Miss Daisy Irene Agnew, daughter of Hon. John and Mrs. Agnew, to Reverend George Irvine, B. A., of New London in this Province, the marriage to take place in September.

Dr. and Mrs. Pethick are back in Charlottetown after spending a delightful vacation in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Benjamin Hearts and Miss Annie Alley are among those who are enjoying a pleasant sojourn at the Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar of Toronto, are spending a pleasant holiday at Holland Cove. Mr. Edgar is a son of the late Sir James Edgar.

Among others occupying cottages this season at Holland Cove are Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson and family of Toronto, Mr. Robert Harris, C. M. G., A. R. C. A., and Mrs. Harris of Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. Jaffrey of Toronto.

On Tuesday evening, Miss Marian Russ entertained at a pleasant at home, the event being in honor of her guest, Miss Estabrook of St. John's. Assisting Miss Russ and Miss Estabrook in the drawing room was Mrs. C. W. Blethen of Halifax, and in the

dining room, Miss McNutt poured and Mrs. Hilsen served ices.

Mrs. Harry Stinson entertained a most boat party consisting of the Hon. A. A. Codd and Mrs. Codd, of St. John, Nevada, Mr. J. S. Currie, of St. John and a number of city friends to an informal dinner at her home, Dorchester St., on Saturday last.

Miss Margaret McArthur, of Halifax, is visiting at her brother's, Dr. C. S. McArthur, Smith's avenue, Truro. After a short visit there Miss McArthur will come to Prince Edward Island, where she will spend a few weeks' vacation.

The many friends of Mr. C. C. Ferguson, General Manager of the Great West Life Assurance Co. of Winnipeg, and his brother, Dr. Ferguson of Harvard, are pleased to see them again enjoying a vacation in their native Province.

Captain Henri Panet of the Ordinance Corps, Halifax, was in the city for a few days this week on military business.

Mrs. (Captain) C. M. Williams left this week en route for England to join her husband who arrived there

some weeks ago with his regiment, the 106th Battalion.

The choir of St. James' Church were entertained on Thursday by the Trustees to an outing to the North Shore. Five automobiles conveyed the party of about twenty-four to Gregor's Hotel, where, after a stroll on the beach, and a dip in the surf, a choice supper was served to the guests. The evening was happily spent in music and dancing. Miss Blaisdelle, Miss Jacqueline Macdonald and Mr. Arthur Bruce contributing especially beautiful songs. During the evening Mr. Watkis, the organist, presented Miss Jacqueline

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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DON'T DRIFT.

Live for something, have a purpose. And that purpose keep in view. Drifting like a helpless vessel. Thou canst ne'er to life be true. Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean. If some star has been their guide, Might have long been riding safely. But they drifted with the tide.

O God, perfect in love, that we may conquer all selfishness and hatred of others; fill our hearts with Thy joy, and shed abroad in them. Thy peace which passeth understanding; that so these murmurings and disputings to which we are too prone may be overcome. Make us long-suffering and gentle, and thus subdue our hardness and anger tempers, and grant that we may bring forth the blessed fruits of the Spirit to Thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—HENRY ALFORD.

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