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GARDEN OF THE GULF

"A garden at every home and garden instruction in every school in the Garden of the Gulf." This is the new slogan in the Nature Study Department of Prince of Wales, College, the new watchword in the forward educational movement in Prince Edward Island.

We have long nursed the designation "The Garden of the Gulf," a term applied not by ourselves but by visitors who were charmed with the almost unbroken continuity of cultivated fields from end to end and from side to side of the province. At a distance, say from the deck of a steamer skirting along the coast, the Island really resembles a massive garden, the distance lending enchantment and converting its outlined farms into garden beds, its clumps of trees into shapely flower beds and shrubbery.

In one of his addresses in Charlottetown during his recent visit Rev. Dr. Pringle made the statement that the grain and vegetable fields in France and Flanders were more trimly kept and more carefully cultivated than the best kept gardens in Prince Edward Island. This, of course, is true of every intensively cultivated country, a condition known only in Europe where land is valuable, and absolutely unknown on this side of the Atlantic where in many places farms can be had for the asking, and in our own province for a bagatelle in comparison with prices in the thickly populated countries of Europe.

We do not expect for many years to come to see this Island intensively cultivated in the sense in which farming is done in Europe, where the land lying waste along the fences of any one of our farms in Prince Edward Island would be regarded as a regal possession. But we do expect to see a better claim to our distinctive appellation "The Garden of the Gulf," our Island is not by any means a garden; it is not even a well-cultivated farm. Much of it is fairly well cultivated; the greater part of it is not, while very much of it is absolutely wasted. Reformation in this respect must begin with the young. And this reformation is now in progress with the new movement in education. "A garden at every home and garden instruction in every school in the Garden of the Gulf." From the study and cultivation of the garden to the study and cultivation of the farm is only a step and the young who are now being trained will take the step. Land is becoming more and more valuable every year. When the war is over and things settle down to the new conditions there will be a higher value placed on land and upon all other sources of production. There will be less waste of land and material and energy when men settle down to face entirely new conditions, conditions made new by the wastage of war and the consequent necessity for economy.

During the last decade of the old era, the drift was from the country city-ward. This drift was bringing about a condition which was, even before the war, approaching the intolerable. The army of producers was rapidly diminishing while that of the consumers was as rapidly increasing. The producer could not have carried the ever increasing burden much longer. The war came as a climax, producer and consumer became merged in a struggle the cost of which must be borne by the two in common. The end of the war will see another readjustment and in the new conditions the drift will be from the city to the country, from the ranks of the consumer to those of the producer for the world will then have greater need of production than ever before to make good the wastage.

We, in Prince Edward Island have a garden, a garden whose soil is rich or easily enriched, whose climate admirably adapts it for the purposes of a garden, whose geographical position makes markets easily accessible, whose advantages and prospects are such as to have earned it the pet name "The Garden of the Gulf."

Never before has there been such need for such a garden, never before such opportunities to make it a real garden. Let us endeavor this summer to make it worthy of its name, to make it a real garden. This cannot be done in spots; the whole province must be converted into a garden, not only in productiveness but in beauty. In the making of such a garden everybody must help, and everybody helping, the term "The Garden of the Gulf" will be a real designation and one to be proud of.

ECONOMY

Economy is being preached in this country as never before in its history—preached but not practised. The word makes a good shield when assistance is being sought for some worthy charity or for the promotion of some worthy cause. Economy then becomes a virtue to be extolled. When it comes to making expenditures for personal gratification the cry is "economy be blown!" Economy to be preached by us, to be practised by some one else—that is the Canadian economy to-day. And yet there is need of economy as never before. Owing to the scarcity of labour, wages are higher and employment more abundant, everybody is working and earning and being well paid. Money is flowing as never before through all channels—and wastage is going on as never before, and the wastage must be made up. It would be the part of wisdom to save something out of the present abundance to meet the wants of the time that is certainly coming when the advantage will be greatly reduced, when readjustments are being made, when the war debts are being paid. This is the side of the question that Canadians have not yet begun to consider. The monthly letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, just issued for May, has this significant paragraph. It is worth pondering carefully:

"There are many evidences that the public are not co-operating as fully as hoped with the efforts of the Government to encourage thrift. Large quantities of merchandise are being brought into the country that cannot be classed as necessary, as evidenced by the importation of artificial flowers to the value of \$433,771, during the eleven months ending February last, as much as during the preceding twelve months. Automobiles, musical instruments, fancy silks and soaps are being imported on as large a scale as ever. Such a demand for non-essentials could not exist if the public were seized with the seriousness of the existing situation and of the necessity for husbanding our resources to the last penny. Lives have been and are being freely offered in the cause of the Empire, and while this splendid voluntarism continues it remains for all who are debarred by sex, by age or by circumstances of any kind from making the supreme sacrifice, to husband the power to resist the enemy by thrift of every description, and it is the duty not alone of the Government, but also of the business leaders of the nation, to see to it that their influence is exerted in every possible way to foster thrift, in order that the savings thereby effected may be placed at the disposal of the nation."

PREPARING FOR BIG DRIVE

Since shortly after the war begun, there have been frequent predictions that the final move was about to be started. Most of these predictions have been based on some isolated movement of troops, whereas, the only logical prediction should include the whole comprehensive system of all the Allies working together.

The very recent transfer of Russian troops from the eastern battle front to France, at the time when the Russian is driving the Turks out of Asia and completely closing the only door of Germany, and when France has completely foiled the German attacks at Verdun, is very significant. It indicates two important facts; first, that Russia is well able to handle the situation along the entire eastern front, herself, and second, that the Allies are already beginning to mass their troops on the western front in preparation for the death struggle that is to seal Germany's fate.

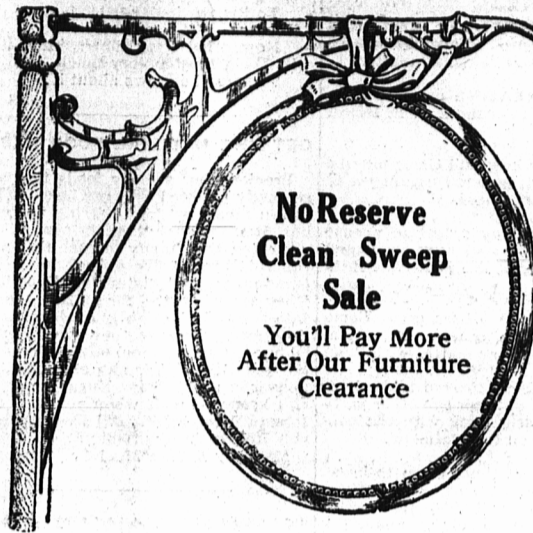
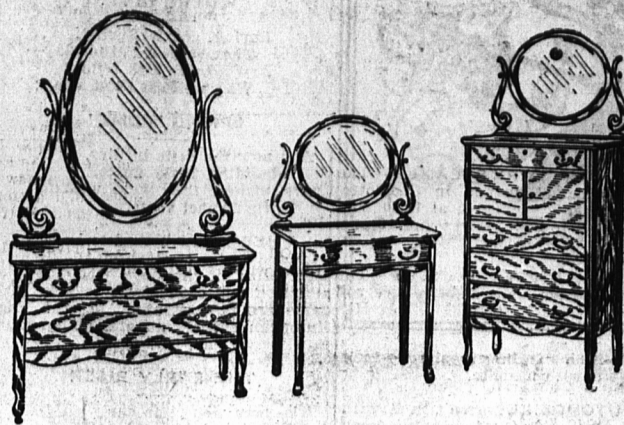
France, has whole classes in reserve that have not yet fired a shot in this war, England has 2,000,000 men in preparation in England, steadily preparing for the "Big Drive." Russia has so many men that she is sending large numbers to France (250,000 are to be sent) to take part in the big move, and Italy is more than able to hold the Southern front.

Equipment of every kind is ample for present needs and accumulating for the enormous demands of the near future. So all facts considered, it is almost certain that the big forward crushing drive of the Allies will be starting before the summer is far advanced. Another very significant fact is that we have not recently heard of any very large munition orders for delivery a year or more after date. The presumption is that the war will be over in less than a year.

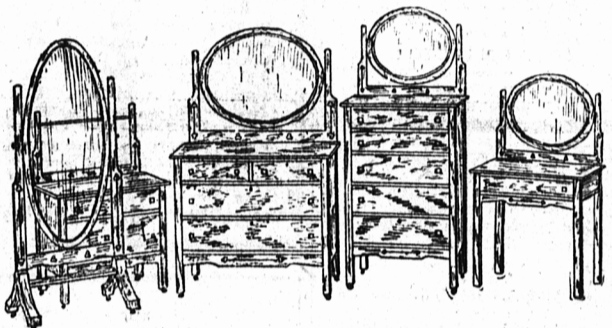
honor of the seniors of Mount Allison Ladies' College and also for the boys of the university, who have enlisted for overseas. Quantities of spring flowers, snapdragons, tulips and carnations shed their fragrance through the rooms, where Mrs. Wood received her guests assisted by her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Black. In the dining room the tea table was beautifully ornamented with daffodils and other spring flowers, and was presided over by Mrs. Wheelock and Mrs. Hammond. During the afternoon an orchestra under the leadership of Mayor Wood rendered a number of selections, which contributed to the pleasure of the guests. Among the young ladies present were Miss Olga Crosby, Cape Traverse; Miss Beth Rattenbury, Miss Nan Brown, Miss Edith Irving, Miss Maud Goff, and others.

Miss Evelyn Goff who has been taking a course in social service work in Toronto is among the many young ladies being welcomed home from the different universities this week. Sir Louis and Lady Davies and their

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two daughters intend leaving Ottawa early next month for their summer home here.

Miss Annie Johnson and Miss Lois Taylor were among the visitors attending the closing exercises at Mt. Allison this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson and Miss Ruth Watson went to Truro this week to bid farewell to Mr. Russel Watson whose promotion as a Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve came as pleasant news to his friends this week. Lieut. Watson is going overseas in charge of a number of men and is followed by the well wishes of a wide circle of friends.

Miss Edith Rogers returned this week having been on an enjoyable visit to relatives in Boston.

Miss Bertha Ferguson was delightedly surprised on Tuesday evening of this week when she was given a miscellaneous shower by her girl friends, Miss Ida Robertson being hostess for the interesting event. Many handsome and costly gifts were showered on the bride-to-be while refreshments, exquisitely served and improprio music, whittled away a delightful evening.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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SOMETIME — SOMEWHERE.

Unanswered yet? [The prayers your lips have pleaded? Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done; The work began when first your prayers were uttered, And God will finish what He has begun. If you will keep the incense burning here, His glory you shall see sometimes — somewhere. Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered. Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock; Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted, Nor quail before the loudest thunder shock. She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer, And cries, "It shall be done sometime — somewhere." CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The members of the Caledonia Club gave one of the nicest social dances of the season in their club rooms on Monday evening. A most enjoyable programme was followed by dancing, the floor and music being excellent. Dainty refreshments were served at an interval by the gentlemen present.

Everybody was delighted with the Cinderella play which was so well staged at the People's Theatre last evening in aid of the 105th Regimental Band. The children were irresistible in their pretty ball dresses and graceful movements and their performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Colonel Ings, who arrived home this week to take command of the popular 105th Highland Regiment, is being warmly welcomed. The Colonel is looking exceptionally well after his arduous duties of the past year.

Miss Bertha Ferguson leaves this morning for Vancouver where she will be married in the near future to Mr. James Peters, formerly of this city, who will join her there, the marriage taking place from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bayfield. During the past week, Miss Ferguson, who is a decided favorite, was the guest of honor at several cosy teas, bridge parties and showers and leaves for her new home in the far west followed by the very best wishes of a large circle of friends.

The pleasant news was made public this week that, on the unanimous recommendation of all the faculties of the McGill university, the corporation has resolved to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Mr. J. A. Nicholson, M. A., formerly of this city, in recognition of his high literary attainments, his long period of educational work and especially his devoted services for a period of fourteen years as registrar of the university.

Mrs. Josiah Wood of Sackville was hostess at a very pleasant tea on Wednesday afternoon at her residence, in