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SUCCESSFUL SHOPPING DAY

Anyone visiting the shopping centres yesterday could not fail to note the bustle and stir incidental to Christmas shopping. The people as a whole are responding to the enterprise of the business men and are shopping early—the inducements being greater variety to choose from and cheaper prices to facilitate sales. In the old days storekeeper and purchaser were satisfied to wait till the last three days befort the Great Day. Then there was a crush, confusion and many disappointments, not only to the customers but to the storekeepers as the splendid stocks they had to display did not receive the attention and patronage they merited. Spreading the Christmas buying over a larger period is fairer to everybody concerned, and we are pleased to find both storekeepers and customers so loyally working hand-in-hand for the common good. As a matter of course, the best advertised stores get the bulk of the Christmas trade this year as they did last year. The stores about which most news is printed are the stores about which most interest centres—always, but especially on special occasions like the present. The ad-reading shopper knows what she wants, what it should cost, where to look for it. The other shoppers know what they want, perhaps; but guess at the rest of the problem. The shopper who is not informed, through ad-reading, may have "luck" enough to buy to the best advantage; while the ad-reading shopper makes it "a business matter."

RED CROSS REPORT

Elsewhere in this paper appears the Financial Report of the Red Cross from the institution of the provincial branch to November 30th. The amount collected to that date, $12,481.69, is fairly creditable when taken in conjunction with the different other funds subscribed—but, as in the case of the others, we cannot yet call halt. In this connection it is worth recalling that the Belgian Fete Fund, concluded only a few days ago amounted to $3,462.19, credit for which is largely due to the energetic efforts of Mr. D. J. Riley, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mr. W. H. Aitken, Chairman.

The need for the Red Cross Fund grows as the war continues and there must be no let up till the war closes. The Treasurer informs us that many sections of the province are doing splendidly in maintaining their share of this fund, notably Kensington and Malpeque, which are sending in on an average about $100 each per month. Other sections which began well have apparently become wearied and their contributions now are confined largely to the proceeds of concerts, lectures, socials, etc., all good in themselves and gratefully received, but indicating a marked falling off in individual contributions.

To adequately maintain these funds there must be regular monthly or other periodical payments and this the organizers are endeavoring to encourage as far as possible.

As to the great need of the fund and our obligation to provide it there is no need of elaboration. It is for wounded, to provide necessaries for those who are doing our work and who have suffered and are suffering and who have a right to all that we can do for them. We trust that during the coming year there shall be such regular and systematic giving as will show to the boys that we are with them in more than in spirit, that we are ready to sacrifice a little for them. So far we have made no sacrifices. We enjoy all the luxuries and comforts we enjoyed before the war and are taking life as agreeably and as pleasantly as if there were no war and no suffering that we could help to alleviate. We need to take these matters more seriously and take our legitimate share of the burden.

POETS OF EMPIRE

In a recent lecture at Oxford, Sir Herbert Warren, Professor of Poetry in that university, dealt with "The Poetry of the Empire," especially the writers of Canada and Australia.

There are certain broad features in which the poetry of Canada and Australia resemble each other. They are sisters, daughters of one mother and home, nursed in the same traditions. Both have, roughly, the same sort of history covering about a century. Both began as wild countries, peopled sparsely with native inhabitants, in unknown, unexplored regions of virgin soil and forest and uninvaded nature. To-day, in both, large cities dot vast unoccupied spaces, and so in their poetry is to be found side by side the stir and strain of the modern city and the silence of immemorial primeval nature. In both the early poetry has been largely immigrant, but in the latter half of the century native poetry has greatly increased. It is interesting to note that, as we have heard from the Front, there is a common colonial feeling, and that the Canadian and Australian soldiers draw together like the young people in an old home. But there are striking differences. Canada is of the North, Australia essentially Southern. The Red Indian is more romantic and picturesque than the black fellow. Canada, too, has a large French province and element, and also a huge neighbour whose influence can not but affect us. Australia is more homogeneous and more isolated. The Imperial life and poetry of Canada is comparatively modern, and might be said to have begun with poets born about 1860. Mr. Wilfred Campbell, the Editor of "The Oxford Book of Canadian Poetry," is certainly a poet of Empire. That anyone would say who read his "England," a fine poem beginning:—

England, England, England, girdled by
ocean and skies
And the power of a world and the heart
of a race and a hope that never dies.

Contemporary with him is C. G. Douglas Roberts. His "Canada" is also a striking poem, but of yesterday rather than to-day, for in it he felt it necessary to adjure Canada by the memories of Montcalm and Wolfe to wake and bestir herself—a note now no longer needed and not so often heard. Another poet of the same name, Theodore Roberts, has struck what is more the note of to-day in "The Reckoning," in which he warns the world that

They who reckon with England must
reckon with England's sons.

Another well-known Canadian name is that of Bliss Carman, a scholar and artist who gives very subtly the feeling of Canadian scenery, but is also Imperial. The same feeling of the Canadian background is given in Theodore Rand's delightful little lyric on "The Whitethroat," with its refrain:—

I love dear Canada, Canada, Canada.

To feel the country we must look, too, at the French poetry of Louis Frechette, the heir of France and Victor Hugo, as Bliss Carman is the heir of England and Tennyson; and still more at the blend of both tongues to be found in W. H. Drummond's remarkable poems of the backwoods, the forests and the lakes and their denizens, as showing of how many strains the Empire is woven.

A very representative poet of Canada of exactly the same period is Canon Frederick George Scott, now serving as a chaplain at the Front. In his earlier days he, too, gave many word pictures of Canada. Then came his "Hymn of Empire," made famous by Mr. Chamberlain's quotation—true Imperial poetry striking the note of Canada's strength and of her high and noble aim. His poems from the Front, such as "On the Rue de Bois," about a wayside Crucifix, or "Requiescant," or "O Canada, my country and my love," carry still further the same ideals. The notes of the Empire then as found in Canadian poetry are three—love of the new home, Canada; love of the old home, England; love and loyalty to the vast whole which unites both and links the past and the present to the future—the Empire itself.

As representative of Australia, Sir Herbert quoted, Adam Lindsay Gordon, Mr. Douglas Sladen, Mr. William Pember Reeves, and Dr. Gilbert White, and sums up a delightful lecture, (which has been largely quoted and referred to), with the following splendid tribute:

"Both the deeds and the words of the Children of the Empire are wonderful and splendid. We should have been less surprised at their deeds had we studied their poetry earlier and with more attention. We are living in a tremendous time. 'On us the ends of the earth had come.' 'World-might or going under' was our foemen's motto; 'World-right or going under' our own. These sorrows, these struggles, these sacrifices, this anguish and agony are the birth throes of the Empire. Let the homeland be worthy of what her sons are doing all over the world. She is worthy, and is becoming worthier every day as she makes every day new sacrifices."

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EARL OF ROSEBURY'S OPINION OF PEACE PARTY

EDINBURGH, Dec. 13.—"At this moment there is coming over a vessel fraught with peace," said the Earl of Rosebury, the former prime minister, in a speech here last night. "It is propelled apparently by a gentleman named Ford, who makes, I think, perambulators. He is coming over to pour oil on troubled waters at the inspiration of a Dr. Aked, of whom we know something here, and who, by voice more potent than that of any mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the waves be still.

"The expedition will fail, but that the eighty passengers receiving free passages may enjoy themselves, and do no mischief is our earnest solicitation."

LADY BANK CLERKS.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 4.— The war in Europe has made a great inroad on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia, many of the clerks throughout Canada having enlisted and gone to the front In order to fifill the depleted bank staff ranks the corporation has decided to try the experiment of employing women. In the Prince William street office, the principal one in St. John. Miss Helen L. McJunkin, formerly the bank's telephone operator, and Miss Margaret Kennedy are now at work on the books.

PEACE TALK BY HUNGARIAN PEOPLE IS SUPPRESSED.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The desire of the Hungarian people, particularly the Opposition party, to discuss peace, has been suppressed with a strong hand by the Hungarian Premier, according to the Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, and all discussions on the economic situation have likewise been banned by Count Tisza, who has acknowledged that prices are lower in Germany than in Hungary and that various mistakes have been made in Hungary's economic management, but has stated that matters could not now be held by a degate.

Count Tisza, continues the correspondent, has been the recipient of many protests from workers in the armaments and munition factories against the denial of their rights to vote. It is rumored if the Premier persists in his attitude, the workers who are now under military law will put up a serious fight for the rights of their excluded comrades.

SOLDIER'S CARELESS USE OF REVOLVER

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 14.—William Harriman, a soldier at the wireless, while under the influence of liquor last night had an altercation with Private Condron of the 132nd, and got the worst of it. He returned to the barracks, got a revolver and came back, evidently looking for Condron, but did not find him. He fell in with others and while brandishing his weapon his revolver was accidentally discharged, shooting Allan Black in the leg. Harriman was arrested, appeared before Judge Lawlor this morning, was remanded till Thursday and admitted to bail in $500 personal and two sureties of $250 each. Black was taken to Chatham hospital.

WAR FOR PEACE'S SAKE, DECLARE FRENCH WOMEN

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The National Council of French Women, after deciding not to take part in any international political congress during the war, has issued the following manifesto:

"The German women are making demonstrations for peace. We mothers, wives, daughters and sisters, who have not lost but have given all that is most precious to us, must make demonstrations for war.

"We must not let a word of peace be uttered until our dear dead are avenged, our country liberated, and a great victory achieved. We do not want war for war's sake: we want war for the sake of peace.

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Or an interesting book, an hour with an old friend, a Sunday's quiet resting, or some new light of interest or meaning in one's favorite line of study— it is such things as these, far more than great special blessings which make up the sum of the happy l ife, and it is such things if one would but thing of them as a matter of course, which would fill our days with thanksgiving.

My father, for another night
Of quiet sleep and rest,
For all the joy of morning light
Thy holy name be blest.

HERE'S THE END OF WAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Nikola Tesla, Inventor, winner of a Nobel prize, has filed application for a patent on parts of a machine which, he says, will render fruitless any military expedition against a country that possesses it. The destructive invention will go through space with a speed of 300 miles a second. It is a manless airship without propelling engine or wings, sent by electricity to any desired point on the globe on the errand of destruction its manipulator wishes to effect.

GERMAN EXCHANGE FALLS TO LOWEST MARK

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The value or purchasing power of German money in this market, as represented by marks, fell to its lowest known level to-day, when bills of exchange on Berlin dropped to 77½, a decline of a cent from the recent minimum. In substance, marks, normally quoted at 23¼ cents, were worth only 19⅝ cents. The extreme weakness of exchanges on the Teutonic countries was ascribed to unconfirmed rumours that the Reichbank or Imperial Bank of Germany contemplated assuming command over all the gold now privately held within the empire.

IMPORTANT

Relatives of soldiers returning from the front are asked to communicate with the Secretary of the Provincial Committee of Wounded Soldiers Commission, Miss Nellie Gillespie, Charlottetown, intimating the date of expected arrival, cause of return and any other particulars, in order that preparation may be made for a fitting reception.

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