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A BRITISH AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION.

To the efforts of Mrs. Clarke Murray is due the fact that in 1900 the National Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire was formed in Toronto under the name of The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, and with the motto "One Flag, One Throne, One Empire." Arrangements were also made for the formation of junior chapters to be known as "The Children of the Empire." It is also in alliance with The Victoria League, London, Eng., The Navy League, England and the Guild of Loyal Women, South Africa.

The aims of the organization as set forth in its constitution are: To stimulate and give expression to the sentiment of patriotism which binds the women and children of the Empire around the Throne and person of their gracious and beloved Sovereign; to promote in the Motherland and Colonies the study of the history of the Empire and of current Imperial questions; to celebrate patriotic anniversaries; to cherish the memory of brave and heroic deeds, and to care for the last hours and in time of peace, under accident, sickness or reverses of fortune, and any other patriotic work that the executive may approve of.

All women or children in the British Empire, or foreign lands, who hold true allegiance to the British Crown, are eligible for membership. To Mrs. James Warburton belongs the credit of having organized the first chapter in this Province—The Royal Edward chapter, named by Mrs. Holkirk, its oldest and intensely loyal member, having been formed in Charlottetown on April 10th 1901, with Mrs. Warburton as Regent and their chosen motto "Ever Loyal."

During these years the chapter has given assistance to many worthy objects which came within the scope of its activities. The members subscribed towards the building of the Soldier's Monument on which they have also placed a wreath in memory of our dead heroes on each anniversary

of Paardeburg Day; assisted the 82nd Regiment in the purchase of their colors, also the 82nd Regiment band in purchasing new instruments, when they unfortunately had their instruments destroyed by fire, subscribed to the relief fund at the time of the late disastrous fire in Summerside, also to the Abraham Plains Park fund besides assisting The Guild of Loyal Women of South Africa in their work of caring for the graves of our soldiers who fell during the Boer War.

Last year upon Mrs. Warburton signifying her desire to retire from the Presidency, which position she had amply filled for many years, Mrs. George Longworth was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. When the order was organized it was looked upon as mainly a society for social and patriotic work, rather than philanthropic, but during the last year or more philanthropic work has been much more largely entered upon by the Society.

We believe that the efforts of this society have not been fruitless; and the hope is indulged that other chapters may be formed in Charlottetown and throughout the Province to engage in this praiseworthy work.

Due largely to the energetic efforts of Miss Catherine Welland Merritt, Lady Purdon Clarke, Mrs. Courtenay Bennett and others a National Chapter for the United States of America, of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire has been recently formed in New York with Mrs. T. Elliot Longstaff as President. The guest of honor at their first reception held on the 27th of last month, was Mrs. Samuel Nordheimer of Toronto. President of the National Chapter of Canada, whose speech of appreciation of the newly formed chapter was well thought out, and graciously delivered. It is the hope of this National Chapter that many chapters may be formed throughout the United States, strengthening and giving reality to a bond of union, among British subjects resident in the United States, which hitherto has been allowed to weaken and in many cases break asunder, through lack of a society of which they may also become members—designed to keep alive the fire of patriotism in their hearts.

A NEW MISSION FOR THE DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

Sir Edward Grey stated on 29 March that the German programme amounted to 33 Dreadnoughts, less a number of supplementary ships. This meant that England must build an entire new fleet, the greatest and most costly the world has ever seen. Mr. Asquith admitted frankly that two assumptions on which a year ago he had justified his government in keeping down the shipbuilding programme had been falsified by events. He had assumed that the German paper program might not be realized; and would certainly not be exceeded; whereas last November they had learned that preparations for four additional ships was being made. His second assumption was that it took the Germans 36 months to build one of these ships, while we could do it in six; therefore we could always overtake them. But this is now untrue, we have no advantage in rate of construction.

It is thus apparent that Germany has by a policy of secrecy stolen a march on England, and that as her policy is now revealed she will redouble her efforts for fear that England may attack her before her plans are completed. We shall be very foolish if we assume that Germany will now be prevented from building by

any financial considerations. She is playing for far too great stakes to be troubled by such matters, at any rate in the near future. German demands are covered by borrowing. England will of course do her utmost to maintain her naval supremacy, but such a policy must lay a very great financial burden upon the nation. It is, however, less costly than war, and is the best and probably only way of avoiding it. Should war come, without such preparation, it would mean the destruction of the Empire.

In view of the above conditions Canada's duty and self-interest call for the offer of an annual contribution towards the upkeep of the Royal Navy. If England is conquered Canada loses the only free market for her exports, and the only great market for her loans. England's prosperity is, therefore, not only desirable for Canada, it is a necessity. Let the Daughters of the Empire realize their opportunity. Let them enter on a mission to awaken the people by voice and pen from their stupid indifference, to realize their duty as British subjects, and refuse to remain longer parasites on a too-generous mother.

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Charlottetown.

FASHIONS

MILLINERY HINTS FROM PARIS.

(By one who was there.)

PARIS, May 21.—It seems really as if spring had come, and one hears with delight "the verve plesante sounde which the trees of the forest do make when they growe." Violets and gardenias as well as roses seem to be great favorites in the millinery world, but how quaint the shapes are. Carriole hats of biscuit-colored straw trimmed with chains of pink roses held down by market bunches of Parma violets, were among the chief novelties to be seen, and their quaintness is unmatched. Glacier blue has succeeded the softer shades of Nattier and Lanoe in point of popularity. Pink is worn in a number of wonderful shades from the tints of the rose past the zenith of its bloom, to the delicious soft tints scarcely deeper than the blush rose. Among the browns there is the new tint called the ailelle, repeating the rich yellowish browns of the humble bee.

Hat brims are not nearly so wide as they were. The Charlotte hat has by no means had its day and one of the most noticeable ones worn was of colored suede with a very high full draped crown, a double pleated brim, which almost obscured the coiffure and no trimming whatever, save a band of pink satin ribbon tied in the back in a loose bow and ends. It might be mentioned that the Directoire style in gowns looks exceedingly well in linen or pique for summer wear and is a frock that is easily laundered. Extreme simplicity is studied in many Parisian gowns this year; thus making the styles apply to the lighter materials which are so much worn during the summer seasons here.

To return to hats, for a moment, apple green straw trimmed with black velvet, is an enchanting fancy which is most becoming to the blonde or brunette, while the varied shapes are invariably modish and give a chic appearance to the wearer.

Moss roses in high favor, also roses with combination wistaria, violets, and trails of moss roses. The favorite straws are those with rough bright finish. Large Jet Buckles and Pendants are still very popular. Dress goods cloths with the sheen of satin allied with the softness of velvet, which are known as directoire cloths and shown in all the new shade, taupe, wistaria, amethyst old rose, ashes of roses, browns, blues and greens, London smoke, etc.

Russian net veiling is one of the most popular veilings, and comes in all the new shades. Square eye veils in chiffon and spotted gauze, with plain and fancy border are shown this season. Feather boas of three, four and five strands, 70 and 90 inches long are in high favor. They come in black, white, natural, grey in shades to match or harmonize with all costumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A SPRING EPIC.

Oh! the country in the spring time! Is there anything like it? The joys that arise with flow through one as he wanders, and discovers the little spring flowers peeping out. It is then that one feels like chucking his hat in the air and shouting with a hundred lung power.

It's when the sun comes out with a spring like bound and reveals to our horrified senses unnecessary filth and untidiness; that our hearts in response to our spring-created emotions cry out in wild anger against the papers on the streets and the tobacco juice on the pavements, which on a bright and glorious Sunday morning are intensely apparent.

In summer the emotions are responded to in a most intoxicating manner. We long to glide over the water and dip our hands in the cool, briny liquid, while our happy joyous thoughts are magnified by the soft luxurious music of the miltia-men, wafted to our ears on the summer breeze from Fort Edward, and our friend the moon points out the mysterious beauties of Victoria Park.

Is it any wonder throngs of pleasure seekers come to our shores when there are such inducements here during our far too-fleeting summer? Would that I had the pen of a Wordsworth with which to do justice to the beauties of Prince Edward Island in spring and summer!

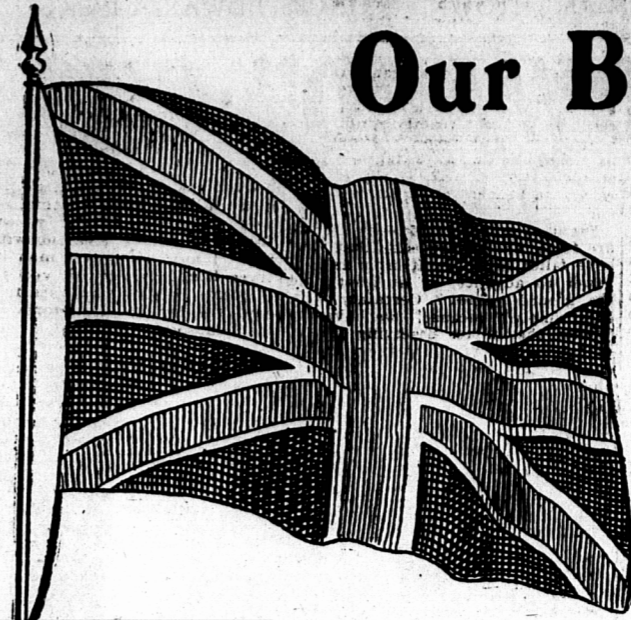
A WOULD-BE DAUGHTER.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS.

Dear Madame Editor, Now that the good old summer days will soon be with us again I think it would not be out of place to offer suggestions for improvements about the city that would be along the line of progress. One suggestion is this: To provide large metal boxes, and distribute at convenient points in the business portion of the city, in which all waste paper, envelopes, etc. will be deposited. Have the boxes respectable looking by painting them a dark red, and in white letters thereon the following:—"Help to keep the streets clean—deposit all waste paper here." This would certainly throw out the suggestion to people who throw paper on the street without giving the matter a thought.

Another suggestion would be this: Have the Band concerts at Fort Edward, Victoria Park, sometimes at least, during the summer. The Park Roadway is a much better promenade than Queen Square, and the air on hot summer nights far more refreshing. Then again, the many lovers of boats will be able to enjoy the music from the water—and every one knows how delightful that is. In Halifax and other ports the favorite place during band concerts is on the water, and it would certainly be advisable to encourage more boating in such a magnificent harbor. The building of a bandstand would not be necessary. Yours respectfully, PROGRESS.

Greater Than Has Been Our British Empire



We ought to take a leaf of our cousin's school book and not be too modest about talking of our possessions, also educate our children to take more pride in our flag. Remember to tell the boys and girls, that our family of four hundred million, five hundred and forty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirteen souls, and an estate of eleven million eight hundred and seventy-six thousand, seven hundred and forty-five square miles, that this is the British Empire of to-day.

It Still Waves

not only as a symbol of the Empire, but as a sign of supremacy in war. In business it stands for much—for there are no goods so Honest, so True, as those made under the Flag.

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