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## CHARLOTTETOWN'S SHOPPING DAY

This is Charlottetown's special shopping day and our merchants are well prepared for it and have made the necessary arrangements with the railway for greatly reduced fares from all points of the province. As already stated Christmas shopping this year is earlier than usual and the boom is now on. Never before have the stores been so well provided with goods suitable for the Christmas season. With wonderful adaptability to changed conditions the merchants have anticipated the peculiar needs of this particular Christmas so that selection is easy, not only in the matter of choosing gifts for those who are away, but for all the needs of the home. No doubt the attendance of buyers from the different points along the railway will be large to-day. The Christmas spirit is in the air. Shopping and social intercourse are stronger inducements at this season than at any other and we trust that both buyers and sellers will have good cause to be satisfied with the day's results.

## RETURNED SOLDIERS

A good deal has been said of late, and much more will be said later on, regarding the securing of employment for returned soldiers. By the term "returned soldiers" is meant now, and shall be meant till the war is over, men wounded or incapacitated from military duty. The range will cover every form of injury or illness from absolute helplessness to a slight injury which will permit its victim to engage in practically any employment engaged in before the war. We shall have all these forms to provide for, and those having employment to offer will be asked to make room, if possible, for returned soldiers.

On the face of it the matter is easy, so far as those are concerned who are capable of filling their former or similar positions, for did we not all shout our approval of such prospective generosity on the part of employers when the boys were going away? Did we not promise them the best we had to give on their return? And did we not say how much we would do for them if they came back wounded? Yes, we did.

Now, in anticipation of the return of our boys, we have entrusted a committee with the carrying out of our promises. The committee, every member of which is enthusiastic in the cause and will, we believe, go to any possible length in carrying out the purpose for which he was appointed, must necessarily depend on the employers of labour to provide employment for the fit or the partially fit. As far as the helpless are concerned, that is an entirely different matter. These must be provided for and the committee may be depended upon to deal with the matter in the best interests of all concerned.

But as to employers and their opportunities for helping the committee out; this also has its own difficulties. Employers, not only now, but always, have their full quota of hands. It would be a delicate matter to create vacancies for the sole purpose of making room for others, even though the others be returned soldiers. And it would not be business to dismiss skilled hands to make room for unskilled, though the unskilled be returned soldiers. Moreover, we need not look for much of this sacrifice to be indulged in on the part of employers, be their patriotism and their generosity ever so ardent.

One man, and one only, so far as we have learned, has undertaken to offer a solution that will at least meet part of the difficulty, according to a news item now going the rounds of the press. Here it is:—A fisheries officer in Nova Scotia writes to the Marine and Fisheries Department: "I beg to inform the Department that I am an aged man, too old to go to the battlefield, but I shall be pleased at any time to tender my resignation from the position that I now hold, in favour of any disabled soldier returning from the front."

We do not know this man's circumstances or what the salary attached to the office means for him. He may be independent; this salary may be his chief means of support; he may be nearing the natural end of his term anyway, or political opponents may be chasing him up for his job. But, be the cause what it may, he has set an example which may be followed with advantage to others similarly situated and to the returned soldiers.

A speaker at a recruiting meeting in Charlottetown recently complained that the Government was standing in the way of recruiting by continuing in the Civil and other services men eligible for military service and whose work could be done by women. The Government cannot, and will not any more than any other employer, dismiss these men without cause. If

there are such, however, the Nova Scotian above referred to has opened a way for them. They may give their places to others and they themselves will have an opportunity of taking their places in the ranks and at the same time helping in the solution of one of the most difficult problems now confronting the Dominion and the Province.

## AN INCONCLUSIVE PEACE

In a recent address President Wilson expressed the belief—including a hope—that the Allies would not make an inconclusive peace with Germany; that it must be a peace which will insure the world against a repetition of such a horror and such a welter of blood for all time to come.

There are good reasons why the United States should desire such a peace, should look forward with the keenest anxiety to the final crushing of Germany, for that and only that is what is involved in a conclusive peace.

German diplomats have more than once expressed their aspirations and their ambitions. They were innocently candid before the war in voicing their hopes and their intentions. In the words of the card player, they "showed their hand" too soon and, as a result, the world, as well as the United States, knows the kind of game they set out to play and their manner of playing it.

It is known that in her quest for a place in the sun Germany has long had her covetous eyes fixed upon South America. The Monroe doctrine, hitherto, has been a kind of "keep off the grass" influence which it might be unsafe for Germany to defy until after she had measured her strength with the world powers that might raise objections. Should she win in the present war, the Monroe Doctrine would be but a very insignificant "scrap of paper." Should she come out of the war uncrippled and with a second fighting chance she would still be eligible for a tilt with the Monroe Doctrine. It is because of these possibilities that the United States to-day is praying for a conclusive peace in Europe.

Further significance has recently been given to anti-bellum German hints by a letter which appeared in "The New York Times," written by one E. Koellig, who is evidently a typical German and a typical disciple of German Kultur. After prophesying with respect to German occupation of South America that "we will get there sooner or later," this writer says:

"It certainly is a shame that we Germans should have to fight for a place in the sun when the entire South American continent is scarcely inhabited and its people hold their arms open to receive our civilisation, and that a 'phrase' like the 'Monroe Doctrine' should keep us out.

"I know the entire South American continent and all the countries from Rio Grande to Panama very well, having travelled and lived there for over twenty years. Therefore, I am fully acquainted with the virtues of the people and their needs. German influence and control of a part of the continent south of the United States are the only way by which the Latin-American people can reach perfection and gain their ideals because their assimilation to Anglo-Saxon ideals of government, intellectual needs, and mode of living is impossible.

"Latin-American temperament must be handled with firmness such as only German government is capable of, and the so-called democratic principles, by which every Tom and Harry in the country can meddle in things he knows nothing of, will not do in Latin-American countries. I am confident that a few years of German influence and methods in these countries would make a complete change in the character of the people, and a four-year compulsory service in the army would do more for them than a million missionaries from the United States."

The disgusting German arrogance which lays claim to ruling virtues "such as only German government is capable of," may well be passed over in view of all that has happened so recently, but the United States cannot blind itself to the German menace involved in the oft-expressed hopes of finding a suitable place in the sun. Should the present war end with Germany able to reorganise its forces and its deviltry the United States will not be able to maintain such a profitable neutrality when the next trouble comes on. It is because of this and things like this, involving other nations as well, that the war must not be allowed to finish up with an inconclusive peace.

## NOTES

"I call upon God to witness that I did not will this war," was the statement of the Kaiser not long ago. "I am innocent of the blood of this just person," said Pontius Pilate two thousand years before that. History records and the world now knows that Pontius Pilate made a statement that was a falsehood and he crucified the Divine Redeemer to satisfy his avaricious soul. History will record the fact and the world will know that the Kaiser lied when he made a similar statement and plunged the world into this welter of blood and tears to satisfy his greed and selfishness."—Bishop Richardson, Fredericton, N.B.

"God never meant that such a cause should win. In all the world it never has. In all the world it never will. Now comes the winter of the people's discontent—nature's signal for the undoing of Hapsburg and the Hohenzollern—and the bold von Hindenburg, that erst cried havoc and let slip the dogs of war, to put up a poor mouth and talk of peace; to talk of peace like a very drab; regardless of Serbia lying dead at his feet; regardless of Belgium slain in her sanctuaries; yet betraying the spirit of his dream of blood and conquest when he said, 'If the French want Alsace-Lorraine let them come and get it.'—Please God they will, nor the war end until they do."

## SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

In previous years a course of two weeks in stock and seed judging and general agriculture was conducted in the Agricultural Hall at Charlottetown. This year the building is needed for a more urgent cause.

Courses in Agriculture instead of being cancelled will be held in order that the greatest number may attend with the least inconvenience. Three places in each county will be selected where a suitable hall may be obtained and the courses will extend from three to five days and will be made as practical as possible under the circumstances. They will be made very much like agricultural conferences where every one will feel at liberty to discuss the subject in hand. The hours of holding them every day will be decided by the people depending upon the convenience for getting to the hall and attending to all necessary chores. Application to attend will not be necessary and the exact places and dates will be announced later in sufficient time for all to make arrangements for attending.

Discussions and practical demonstrations on live stock will be held every day, if the weather or local conditions will permit of the latter. To offset the difficulty of securing live stock in every section lantern lectures will be carried on every evening. These will illustrate the best types and those that are deficient to allow comparison. Discussions on

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished  
by W. S. Louson.

### IN THE BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL AFTERWARD

In the beautiful, beautiful afterward,  
When all this life is o'er,  
And we have left this world of care,  
And reached the other shore,  
We'll find the friends we mourn for  
here.

The loved ones gone before,  
They'll meet us at the peary gates,  
And ne'er be parted more.

In the beautiful, beautiful, afterward,  
The mists shall be swept away  
And we shall see how Christ's own  
hand,

Is guiding us here today.  
We'll many things then understand  
Which now to us hidden lie,  
But we shall know it all that day,  
In the afterward—on high.

## A Razor is The Right Christmas Gift for Any Man---



Any man who shaves at home would heartily appreciate the gift of a razor.  
Many men swear by the old style straight blade razor. You will find a complete variety of this style here at most moderate prices.  
Also we offer the famous Gillette and other celebrated safety razors and razor sets, which would make most acceptable gifts.  
Call in and look over the display.

**Fennell & Chandler**  
Victoria Row

## Groceries are a Practical Xmas Gift

THE war has brought the public to a more practical turn of mind, and this year people will be in search of useful Xmas gifts. What more useful in any household than groceries?

## Give Groceries this Year

Groceries are the ideal gift for many of those who will wish to remember this Christmas. Why not send a basket of assorted groceries, a case of canned goods, a bag of sugar, or some such useful household commodity?

We can offer some useful suggestions along this line if you will consult us.  
We sell everything that's good to eat.

**Jenkins & Son**  
Grocers  
5819-12-15M21.

## 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, indicating the date of expected arrival, cause of return and any other particulars, in order that preparation may be made for a fitting reception.

## PRESBYTERIAN INTERCESSION

Sir.—Although the General Assembly has not given any instruction to its Moderator touching the subject-matter of this brief open letter, I think it highly proper, in the present circumstances of the Empire, earnestly to recommend that, throughout our Church, we devote the first Sunday in the New Year to the service of Intercession in behalf of the supreme National and Christian interests involved in the terrible war forced upon us and upon our Allies. Other Churches in the Motherland and in Canada are taking such action. It is most desirable that this united and dutiful supplication to God should be as wide as possible. It will not fail of eminent blessing to the sacred cause so near the hearts of the people. And Sunday, beginning the week of Prayer, well befits the urgency and the opportunity. I am, sir, etc.

M. MACGILLIVRAY,  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,  
Kingston, Ont.,  
December 9th, 1915.

"Men's Sheep-lined Coats at 1/2 price. National Clothing Co. 5822-12-15m11.

The feeding and care of all live stock will be held.

The Judging of Grain will be an important part of the work coupled with talks on the cultivation of the soil and general methods of improving the crops upon the Island. Methods of selection will be outlined. The identification of weed seeds will be of value more especially to those men purchasing the smaller seeds, such as clover and timothy. The cultivation and care of roots and potatoes will be included.

Economic plant diseases will be illustrated and general methods outlined for combating them. Club Root of turnips and potato diseases will receive special attention.

The care of poultry on the farm coupled with some discussion on marketing will be a live subject.

Fertilizers and soils including the movement of water in the soil will receive special attention. The latter will be illustrated with tubes. Barnyard manure, artificial fertilizers and mussel mud will be carefully considered.

Underdrainage of the land will be considered in the western sections of the Island.

The care of milk and its products, including testing and the use of appliances, will be thoroughly discussed because dairying is an important part of agriculture.

Watch for definite announcements through the press.  
Any information in regard to the courses or the arrangements can be had from W. R. Reek, Director of Agricultural Instruction, Charlottetown.

## Another Big Shopping Day at Charlottetown

Wednesday, the 15th  
Special from Murray River and Intermediate  
Stations—Come and see the New Car Ferry

On Wednesday PATONS will put on sale, at an extraordinary low price 2 large racks full of Ladies Coats, many of these Coats are as high as \$25.00. Wednesday's early shopping price will be \$9.98, they also will offer a hundred brand new ladies outing skirts just received from England. They are made in the latest styles from Tweeds and Serges, values range from \$3.50 up to 5.00. Wednesdays price will be \$2.98. We will have some pieces of Furs, tagged with the lowest prices. Over fifty little Military Overcoats and Suits, this is the latest addition to our well-filled Clothing Department the prices are \$3.49 for Suits and \$4.98 for Overcoats, you save fully 1-3 on each garment

25 Men's Chesterfield and double breasted Ulsters for men, these come in the latest style great value for \$10.00 Wednesdays price \$7.50.  
50 pairs Boys Pants 69c.  
100 Men's Winter Caps 50c.  
Special for Wednesdays, Men's heavy Cardigan Jackets \$4.00 worth today \$2.75.  
See PATONS special Corsets for 50c Wednesday only, also the \$1.50 value for 98c.  
Big sale of English Flannelettes, 25c value for 20c.  
PATONS special Kid Gloves \$1.00 Wednesday.

# PATONS

"Sultana Raisins just received at 5813-12-14m31 Glasses are becoming scarce, and prices are advancing. I have a few extra choice pairs, at the old price. G. F. Hutcheson, Optician.  
"A Dainty Xmas Gift—Pearl Opera 5793-12-14-M11.

## "The Haberdashery" Gift Ties



If you wish to give him ties that he will appreciate.  
Ties that the discriminating dresser will like and wear. Not the sort that he will tuck away in his bureau drawer and want to forget.  
You want to see our immense Christmas stock. All prices to suit all purses and all carefully selected. Come in we can delight you with our showing.  
35c, 50c, 60c, 75c and up.

**Henderson & Cudmore**  
The Tie Shop.  
1731.

## A Christmas Gift That any one will Prize Bracelet Watches

Can you imagine a more charming Christmas Gift than a beautiful Bracelet Watch. Dainty and rich, it is always appreciated.

## Ladies' and Gents' Watches

We have a display of watches here in all the different grades made by the Waltham, Elgin and Swiss Companies. Our prices are right and we guarantee every watch.

## Gifts that will be Appreciated

Cuff Links, Tie Pins, Fobs, Brooches, Rings, Necklets, Locketts, Cuff Pins, Bar Pins, Tie Clips, Watch Chains etc.  
Store opens Saturday, December 18th.

**GILLIS JEWELRY CO.**  
De Brisay Block Grafton Street Ritchie's Old Stand

## Men's and Boys' Boots for Mud and Wet

Made by the Wry Standard Factory, Sackville, N.B., are the right kind of boots for hard wear. This Company tan their own leather and make the boots of solid leather throughout, so you can depend on this class of footwear. We also carry a full stock of Merchant's Rubbers including Overshoes, Rubber Boots and plain Overshoes for Men, Women and Children. PRICES RIGHT.

We have a pair of Rubbers for every member of the family. **GOFF BROS.** The Rubber season is here we sell the best