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THE QUESTION OF BRITAIN'S NAVAL SUPREMACY.

In the British Parliament on March 29, a motion of want of confidence was moved by Arthur Hamilton Lee, Conservative on the ground that in the opinion of this House the declared policy of his Majesty's Government respecting immediate provision for battleships of the newest type does not sufficiently secure the safety of the Empire. The motion was rejected by a crushing vote of 353 to 135.

During the debate Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary, declared that the situation created by the German naval program, meant that when that program was completed Germany would have thirty-three Dreadnoughts the most powerful fleet the world had ever seen, and that this imposed upon Great Britain the necessity of rebuilding her fleet entirely.

The tremendous strain thus thrust upon the Home Government has powerfully moved the oversea nations of the Empire, as is shown by the action of the Dominion of New Zealand the States of Victoria, and New South Wales and the Dominion of Canada in volunteering liberal assistance in one way or another to meet the emergency.

As is well known the Canadian Government has decided upon the new departure of establishing a naval building yard, undertaking the defence of our own coasts and the building of steel ships. A passage from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on this subject will strike a responsive chord in the breast of all loyal Canadians.

Among other things the Canadian Premier said:

"I have no hesitation in saying that if the day should come when the supremacy of Britain on the high seas is challenged, it will be the duty of the daughter nations to close around the old Motherland to ward off any attack. . . . Should that day come I would deem it my duty to devote what is left of my life and energy to stump the country and impress upon my compatriots, especially in Quebec, the absolute certainty that the salvation of England is the salvation of our own country."

These are patriotic as well as resolute words, and behind them is the determined resolve of the Canadian people.

THE FARMERS WELL, AT ITS BEST AND WORST.

Some three thousand of the twenty thousand families resident in Prince Edward Island are supplied with water from a public water system, in Charlottetown and Summerside. These sources of supply are believed to be wholesome, and in fact excellent. And all the people in the two towns are equally fortunate in that regard. But in the rural districts the conditions are entirely different. There the rule is that each family has its own source of water supply, in some instances a brook or stream or a flowing spring, but in most cases a well sunk in the earth, ten, twenty, or it may be fifty or more feet in depth. If a pure water supply is of prime importance to a city, it follows that the condition of perhaps 15,000 wells distributed throughout the rural districts of the Province and supplying many times the number of people that are in our towns cannot be a matter of indifference.

Beyond question the general healthfulness of Prince Edward Island people, and the low deathrate, (except from tuberculosis) argues fairly good sanitary conditions in general and as to well-water in particular. But we have just been reading Bulletin 149 issued by the Island Revenue Department, Ottawa, and dealing with the Inspection of Domestic Wells. It is written by Mr. McGill, Chief Analyst of the Department, who has given much attention to the subject of wells. He tells that he has personally visited many scores of wells, mainly in the rural districts of the Ottawa-Valley and has collected personally or by deputy, and analysed over 730 samples of well water. The result was that he found from 20 to 50 per cent of them in an unsatisfactory or unwholesome condition, and not a few of them dangerous to health.

In the opening sentences of his report Mr. McGill says: "Two established facts regarding typhoid fever and enteric fever generally are the following: 1st the contagion of these fevers is essentially water-borne; 2nd they are characteristic of the country rather than the city. When one case of typhoid fever originates in a city, we may generally expect to find it not a solitary case; indeed a more or less extended epidemic is the usual history. In country places it is on the contrary, quite usual to find the malady restricted to individual families, and most physicians having large country practice are acquainted with households in which a more or less continuous succession of fever patients are found from one year's end to another. It requires no great ingenuity to explain these phenomena. They are just what one might expect who is at all acquainted with the conditions of domestic water supply."

The danger from the well arises from several causes, even when the water supply is primarily wholesome. Too often the well is placed near to and on a descending slope from the dwelling, a barn or outbuilding and

is poisoned by the impure water from the surface or saturated soil about it. The wind may carry deleterious matters into it. It may be neglected for years as to the matter of being cleaned out. In fact many a farmer who has undertaken to thoroughly examine his well has been astonished at the revelation of its contents. And yet the most deadly and dangerous of the contents of an unwholesome well may be invisible to the eye and insensible to the taste. And among these are the bacteria of typhoid and other fevers and of diphtheria.

One of the deleterious ingredients found in most of the wells tested by Mr. McGill was chlorine, mainly derived from contamination by sewage—the soluble matter from manure and household waste. Chlorine is, however, present in small quantities in most drinking water. He found it in the water of the Ottawa in the proportion of two parts per million. In none of the wells was there so little, although a very few had as little as four parts to the million. The majority contained chlorine in the proportion of 50 parts and on up to 800 parts to the million parts of water. Wherefore the well should be looked to, kept clean and protected against possible contamination. The Chief Analyst concludes his report as follows:

"This is not alone a subject of interest to country and village dwellers. Very large numbers of city people spend their summers in the country and make use of well-water. Every autumn finds them bringing back to town a certain amount of typhoid fever, contracted doubtless, through the use of impure well water. This is an aspect of the case which may reasonably appeal to city dwellers."

Cape Colony gave toward naval defence last year \$250,000, Natal \$175,000, New Zealand \$200,000 and Australia \$1,000,000. Canada gave nothing but is now waking up to her duty.

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