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THE GOOD TIMES.

Never before in the history of Canada has economy been so persistently preached and never before has the very opposite been so persistently practised. We are told daily that serious times are ahead—and not so far ahead either. It is being rubbed into us daily that the national debt of Canada has grown from a few hundred millions some years ago to over one and a half billions, and an increase during the past year is shown of \$382,646,970. The interest on this enormous debt must be paid yearly and, already, new adjustments are being made to meet this enormous yearly expenditure, an interest expenditure exceeding the whole revenue of a few years ago. And the figures are correct, the facts are as stated, the yearly interest must be paid and the consumers in Canada will have to pay it.

While this is true the country is full of money and we are living in a very riot of extravagance. Our adverse balance of trade with the United States is very largely, if not altogether, the result of extravagance, most of our imports from that country being in luxuries. Our importation of automobiles alone accounts for a large proportion of the adverse balance and in our own modest little province we have over a thousand cars. This however, is only an incident. The country is full of money and it is being freely and even extravagantly spent. And this very extravagance is a source of wealth. Money makes money, creates business, establishes industries and while it is being circulated it adds to the general prosperity.

How long will this prosperity last? At present we have unlimited markets; the farmers are receiving more for their produce than ever before. The manufacturers also have an unlimited market and with plenty money in the country they are receiving good prices. Our home markets absorb almost all the products of our farms and of our factories. What surplus we have from farm or factory we have a ready market for in Europe. So long as Europe is able to pay the price our markets are not only assured but abnormally high prices will continue and so long will the "good times" last.

This however in no way justifies extravagance. On the contrary the old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines," holds good. There never was a better opportunity to "make hay" than at present, nor a greater danger to lose the crop.

THE GREAT ORACLE.

Hon. W. L. MacK. King does not wear with any great dignity the mantle of the Master Opportunist. Sir Wilfrid had a lofty manner of looking over the heads in questions he did not want to be explicit about. Mr. King looks on both sides of a question, and then tries to part its hair in the middle. He has been telling his followers that as a general policy they should run candidates in all the Federal constituencies, but as a matter of practical politics they must be guided by local conditions in the several ridings and not run candidates simply for the sake of having the Grand Old Party represented in the field. After this oracular utterance his uninspired followers who asked him for a pronouncement on the party's attitude to the United Farmers will no doubt be as wise as they were before. Mr. King is of the opinion that his party's present policy of drifting is injurious, but he is evidently not prepared to steer it on a definite course through the troubled waters of the agrarian agitation. He appears, however, to have hopes that the drifting party can be brought to anchor if he can secure the appointment of a general secretary at Ottawa.—St. John Standard.

LITERARY NOTES

THE CATHOLIC YEAR BOOK AND DIRECTORY OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES FOR 1920

The Catholic Year Book for the Maritime Provinces for 1920, published by the university students of Mt. St. Bernard's Ladies' College, Antigonish, N.S., is a model of concise, intelligible and informative arrangement, and will be found a most valuable source of information on matters Catholic in the Maritime Provinces. In addition to the calendar of feast days, special services, etc., this brochure of over 100 pages contains photographs of His Holiness Benedict XV., the Archbishop of Halifax, the bishops of all the dioceses in the Maritime Provinces, many churches, colleges and other institutions, a directory of each diocese with name of priest, Catholic population, local organization, etc. A recapitulation of the dioceses gives the following statistics: Archbishop 1, Bishops 5, Diocesan priests 352, Priests of religious orders 68, Churches with resident priests 247, Missions with churches 191, Seminary 1, Colleges 7, Boarding Schools and Academies for young ladies 21, Hospitals 16, Orphanages 8, Industrial schools 2, Homes for the aged 3, Total Catholic population (about) 325,000. A descriptive write-up of each of the churches and different societies gives the work a local as well as a general interest, adding much to its attractiveness.

In addition to the statistical and descriptive information given there are many especially interesting and instructive articles, the scope of which may be inferred from the following topics: "Catholics and Citizenship," "Founding a Society," "The Catholic Trust Society of Canada," "Signs of the Times," "Social Service," "Agriculture," "Fishes," etc. A list of Catholic books and valuable suggestions as to the best books where obtained and price, is given as an appendix.

The arrangement of this fund of information is certainly a credit to its editors. The book may be had from the Year Book Committee, Mount St. Bernard, Antigonish, N.S., for 50 cts.

TREASURE TROVE IN GASPE

A particularly delightful book comes to us from a Prince Edward Island writer, Mrs. Margaret G. MacWhirter formerly Miss McNeill of this province, Treasure Trove in Gaspe. It describes a tour through the Gaspe Peninsula, its wild and rugged scenery, the manners, customs and legendary lore of its people, including an excursion to Northern New Brunswick and the charmingly picturesque headwaters of the Restigouche River. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs and is a most interesting and informative description of one of the oldest sections of Lower Canada. The publishers are the Telegraph Printing Co., of Quebec.

A CHARMING HISTORICAL STORY.

One of the most charming books issued from the press for some time is "When Canada Was New France," by Dr. George H. Locke, chief librarian

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louson

LIVE FOR SOMETHING

Do good, and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storms of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with, year by year; you will never be forgotten—your name, your deeds will be legible on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shine as the stars of heaven.—Chalmers.

IN AFTER YEARS

In after years there will be no sorrow, Life will be free from bitterness and woe, Love's day will be one endless sweet tomorrow And peace shall bless us where so e'er we go, Ye who have watched, and so patiently waited, Wept as ye prayed, and hoped perhaps in vain, Be not dismayed and think your hopes are blighted In after years we all shall meet again.

In after years promises that were given Shall be fulfilled in everlasting light, Mercy and truth shall lead us unto Heaven, We shall have conquered with them in the fight, Ye who have watched and so patiently waited, Loved them, and lost them, suffered grief and pain, Be not dismayed and think your hopes are blighted.

of the Public Library, Toronto. It affords an introduction, elegantly written, of the beginnings of our history, and no story of the Crusaders is more entrancing. In his introduction the author tells us this is not intended as a story for children only, but for the youth of every age, those who are young enough to enjoy a story and who know not, or know but dimly, our wonderful history during the two hundred years of our country when its history was bound up with that of the two great empires of France and England, France of the times of Henry of Navarre and of Richelieu, England of the days of the Tudors and of the Pitts. Everyone interested in our past should read this little book, which is published by J. M. Dent and Sons, Ltd., Toronto. Price \$1.50.

Others View Point

Signs of Peace.

(Detroit News.) Indication that the world is once more settling back into a normal, pre-war state is shown by the announcement that Great Britain will shortly launch the world's largest battleship.

Newspapers.

(Ottawa Citizen.) Newspapers are primarily distributors of news. They depend largely on advertising revenue to provide better facilities to gather news, and most of them seek to print the best news available. It may be that some cannot outlast advertising excesses in, but it is safe to say, and only just to say, that in such instances the camouflage is put on so thick that 99 per cent of readers do not "fall" for the thing or person advertised. Shrewd advertisers and experts in the business will tell you that the best place to advertise is in the advertising columns of the newspapers, in honest type, in announcements that leave no doubt as to their purposes. And we prefer to believe that the motives of most people are as honest as the straight-forward advertisement, whether they are in politics or business. We know the other kind, too, but he is a very large minority, instead of controlling news sources.

SAVING THE HINDU BABIES.

(Times of India.) The result of careful scrutiny of the figures in Calcutta indicates that 94 per 1,000 of the total mortality occurs during the first week of life, and the deaths are due to ignorance on the part of the mother, neglect, premature birth, debility. The Calcutta Corporation initiated a very useful movement for providing trained midwives to attend to confinements among the poor, and women health visitors to give advice to prospective mothers. Within a few years, the mortality was reduced to 55 per 1,000. The movement in Calcutta is capable of any amount of expansion, but the conditions remain very much what they have always been in the rural areas of Bengal.

Ancestral Fires.

(New York Globe.) Our mid winter festivals are all celebrations of what mankind is pleased to consider its conquest of nature. It is civilization that makes winter endurable and even enjoyable. We are warm, our bellies are full; let the winds howl around the eaves and the creeping cold try every cranny and every keyhole; we shall not shiver. The granaries and cellars are full; there is a goose to roast and apples to go with it; or perhaps we are baronial and medieval, and a boar, baked whole, is placed before us, or there is venison in abundance; or an ox has been turned upon the spit for us before a fireplace as large as an apartment. Or we crouch within our cave, pull down the curtain of skins, leaving but a flap open for the escape of smoke, and pile on the dry sticks, our eyes red and our throats raw with the fumes, yet gnawing a strip of dried meat or a half-frozen root, safe from the wild beasts and the cold. Having this haven of refuge to retire to we go out through the wilderness, immune to the traps of its white magic and defying those ragings of nature before which it has heretofore been the law that all animal life should flee or perish. We neither flee nor perish. Another ice age might descend upon the earth and we should live through it with equanimity. Such is civilization. All traditions, hereditary customs, transmitted tunes, bits of sanctified folklore, have more effective force in the iron season than in the green and gentle. When spring returns we shall be savages for a while, and, making friends with nature, allow her to disarm us; but in the winter we shall be conventional and conservative. Teach us again your ceremonial observances; let us wear silk hats and frock coats; let us pay decorative calls; let us study the minutiae of manners; let us be respecters of our ancestors; let us reject and repudiate those who would dot an i or cross a t in our venerable book of folk ways. Let us cook, eat, and drink as has been the custom in by-

"The Haberdashery"



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MEN

TIES.—We have a real treat for our customers this Christmas.

Ties personally selected by our Mr. Cudmore while in NEW YORK last September. You'll find our showing of ties entirely different from elsewhere and need we say much more exclusive.

Prices \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 \$1.75, \$2.00 and up. American Pure Silk Knitted ties \$3.50 and \$4.00. Fibre Silk Knitted

ties \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Boys Ties in handsome patterns 75c and \$1.00. All ties in dainty box-mufflers.—Our silk mufflers are simply indescribable, the loveliest mufflers we have yet seen. Roman silk stripes, Ombre effects, Oriental and Paisley designs, brocaded silks, etc. What gift is nicer than a handsome silk muffler. Price \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 \$4.00 and \$4.50.

Silk knitted mufflers in stripes and plain colors \$1.75, to \$5.00. Brushed wool mufflers in fawn, purple or green, trimmed, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Green, white trimmed \$2.50. Grey, white trimmed, \$3.00.

FINE GLOVES.—Grey, Suede, unlined gloves \$2.50. Brown Cape gloves, \$2.50 and \$2.75. Grey Suede, silk lined, \$3.50. Brown Suede, silk lined \$3.25 and \$3.50. Natural Chamois, Black stitched Backs, \$2.75. Natural Cape Washable \$3.00.

LINED GLOVES.—Nothing more acceptable as a gift, Brown or Grey Mocho wool lined \$2.25 and \$2.50. Cape lined gloves or tan \$2.25. Strap wrist, Brown or Grey Mocho, wool lined \$2.75 and \$3.00.

Napa Buckskin gloves, extra warm for driving \$4.00. Fur lined Mocho gloves Brown and Grey \$5.75. Mocho mitts wool lined \$2.25 and \$2.50. Napa Buck Mitts \$2.50.

SILK SHIRTS.—Pure silk shirts in handsome stripes and plain white, specially boxed for Christmas \$6.50.

FINE HOSE.—Men's Holeproof silk hose in white, gunmetal, brown, etc., pure silk \$1.25 pair.

Novelty silk plaited hose, shot effects in frowns, purple, blues, champagne and green \$1.50 pair.

Wool cashmere hose in new lovat shades \$1.25 pair. Colored cashmere hose in browns, greens, etc., \$1.00 pair. Heavy cream wool hose \$1.25 pair. Cream cashmere hose \$1.00 pair. Black cashmere hose \$5c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 pair. Heather hose \$5c.

HANDKERCHIEFS.—Men's fine linen handkerchiefs. We have a special for you this Christmas in very fine linen handkerchiefs. Bought some time ago when prices were lower 50c each or \$6.00 doz. We want you to compare this handkerchiefs before buying. A slightly coarser quality 40c each. Fine white or colored border, Excelsa handkerchief 25c each. Very fine white lawn handkerchiefs 30c each. Lawn Initial handkerchiefs, colored borders and initials 50c each White silk handkerchiefs 60c, 75c, and \$1.00. Champagne Crepe de Chine handkerchiefs \$1.50 each.

WOOL GLOVES.—Men's fine Jaeger wool gloves fawn \$2.25 pair. Greys \$2.00 pair. Fawn heavy knit gloves \$2.00 pair. Fouries Scotch Knit, leather trimmed \$1.50 same gloves plain wrists \$1.35 pair. Ballantynes knitted gloves in dark brown, light brown and greys \$1.25 pair. Boys Scotch knitted gloves, heather or grey \$1.00 pair. Boys Ringwood gloves in browns and greys 75c and 85c.

FINE SHIRTS.—are becoming more popular each season as Christmas gifts. We have a very fine showing of soft cuff makes in either pronounced or quiet stripes at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, up to \$5.00.

COATS SWEATERS.—Men's fine Australian, wool plaid coat sweaters \$9 and \$10. Men's coat sweaters in Maroon, Browns, Greys, Tans, Greens and heather mixtures \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, to \$8.00.

Boys Coat Sweaters \$2.25, \$3.25, \$3.75.

Boys' Coat Sweaters, Australian Wool \$6.75.

PULL OVER SWEATERS.—Men's all wool fine pullover sweaters in Maroons, Tans, and Blues \$4.75.

Men's fine wool club stripe pull overs in many combinations, all wool \$4.75.

Boy's fine pullovers, fit boys 4 to 14 years in Maroon, Navy, Greys, Tans, etc. \$1.75 to \$3.00.

MEN'S UMBRELLAS.—A sensible gift, an umbrella, nice umbrella for \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Taffeta cloth umbrellas, close rolling silk covers, Sterling handles, \$4.75, to \$6.00. Suit Case Umbrellas, folding silk covers, handsome handles, \$5.00 to \$6.00.

New line of men's high grade canes for Christmas \$3.25 to \$6.00.

AUTOMOBILE GLOVES.—Lined or unlined in tans, Battleship greys and black, mostly folding cuffs \$5.00 pair. One of our nicest Christmas Gifts.

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