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## A CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL

At the close of the very successful inaugural meeting in connection with the Khaki Club, His Worship Mayor Sterns made the gratifying announcement that the Bishop of Charlottetown had offered him, as representing the Committee of the Khaki Club, the use of the old St Vincent Orphanage on Malpeque Road to be fitted up as a Convalescent Hospital for returned wounded soldiers. This generous and patriotic action will be greatly appreciated and is deserving of the highest commendation. The Government has been on the outlook for a suitable building for such a purpose for some time, and the Hon. Dr Jenkins, after the Consolidated School had been inspected and found unsatisfactory, had suggested the advisability of securing, if possible, this orphanage. The Bishop has now voluntarily handed it over, and the Mayor, on behalf of the Committee of the Khaki Club, has accepted the building and given his pledge that, with the assistance of the citizens, they will have it converted into a Convalescent Hospital and hand it over ready for use to the military authorities. To do this money will be required, but we feel sure His Worship will find no difficulty in obtaining subscriptions to carry out the necessary alterations and providing the full equipment. We commend the object as one worthy of the support of every patriotic citizen.

## HUGHLIGAN TACTICS

In a vain attempt to make the best of a bad job, the Patriot comes out yesterday with a review of the Liberal meeting at Souris, claiming that it "was strongly in favour of the Opposition" and that the Premier was "cried down" when he sought to reply to Mr J. J. Hughes's misrepresentations on the subsidy question. No one who was present, be he Liberal or Conservative, will attempt to deny, on his honour, that the meeting, which was called in the interests of the Liberals, proved overwhelmingly in favour of the Government. It is true that a number of Hughligans in the back of the hall, always on hand for a purpose at Liberal meetings, made things unpleasant for a time, but this was due to their utter disgust that Premier Mathieson and his supporters should have scored such a striking victory in the camp of the enemy. Mr Hughes spoke after Premier Mathieson, and gave what purported to be a correct version of the part he played in the subsidy question. His allegations were so palpably erroneous, and so easy of refutation, that when Premier Mathieson desired to reply, which he was justly entitled to do, the Hughligans refused to listen. There are none so deaf as those who will not hear. It did not suit Mr Hughes, and consequently did not suit Mr Hughes's supporters at the back of the hall, to have his "it's" dotted and "it's" stroked by Premier Mathieson, so they, to use the euphony of the Patriot, "cried" him "down."

But this does not alter the fact that Premier Mathieson was right and Mr Hughes wrong. Mr Hughes protests that he was the first to suggest what he calls the "Seventh" claim for additional subsidy. To put it plainly, he is guilty of deliberate "terminological inexactitude," or is suffering from the consequences *cacoethes loquendi* and *cacoethes scribendi*, of which he is an unfortunate victim.

The Manitoba resolution, which Mr Hughes says was his inspiration for suggesting the "Seventh" claim, was not tabled in the House of Commons till February 17, 1912. Mr Hughes did not speak on the subject until March 6. The Memorandum of the Mathieson Government is dated February 17, eighteen days before Mr Hughes spoke, and on the same day in which the Manitoba resolution was tabled, and in table "B" to the Memorandum presented after a conference with the sub-committee of the Cabinet on February 23, twelve days before Mr Hughes spoke, was this claim "upon which an additional subsidy may be based":

"3 Increase of subsidy for want of Public Lands from \$45,000 per annum to \$.....; an increase of \$....."

This makes it clear and emphatic that Mr Hughes had absolutely nothing to do with the presentation of our claims. Alberta and Saskatchewan had been awarded previously a similar subsidy to Manitoba, and if Mr Hughes had had any idea whatever that this province would succeed in a similar claim, why did he not make it all the years the Liberals were in power? Why did he openly oppose our claims in the House of Commons? Why did he supply evidence to the Laurier Government on which they "bolted and barred" the door against all further claims from the Island? Mr Hughes at this late date appears in

the guise of a wolf in sheep's clothing, pretending that he is the friend of the Island. But the disguise will not suffice to blind the intelligent electors of King's County, any more than it did the friends of the Island in the House of Commons. When Mr Hughes advanced his preposterous claim in the House of Commons that he was the first to suggest the "Seventh" claim and that it was based on the Manitoba resolution, Premier Borden snuffed him out at once with this effective reply, which the Patriot takes from its context and attempts to make suit a purpose the reverse of what was intended:

"That the Manitoba resolutions giving that province the additional subsidy on the above ground were not brought down until the very day the Island delegates presented their memorial. Hence the latter had no means of knowing what Manitoba's claim was."

On February 29 Premier Mathieson telegraphed from Ottawa to Senator McLean: "Fisheries arranged. Subsidy one-half (of \$200,000 originally asked). Leaving to-day. Absolute secret." That was six days before Mr Hughes opened his mouth in the House.

On March 5, dated from Charlottetown, Premier Mathieson submitted three plans on which the \$100,000 subsidy could be justified; and on March 9th (after Mr Hughes spoke), Mr White replied: "It has occurred to me that probably a straight grant without attempting to particularize would be most satisfactory, so far as legislation is concerned."

On March 20 the Guardian published the following telegram:—Ottawa, March 19.—To Hon. J. A. Mathieson, Charlottetown. Am giving notice of resolution providing for additional grant of one hundred thousand dollars without particularizing. You may announce accordingly. W. T. White."

So that, notwithstanding anything Mr Hughes says to the contrary, he had neither lot nor part in the obtaining of the subsidy, either for the "Seventh" or any other claim.

That Mr Hughes should have the arrogant audacity three years after the event to claim even a share in the honour of obtaining this magnificent subsidy merely shows how chagrined he and his satellites are that Premier Mathieson should have succeeded, not only where he and his friends failed, but in spite of their traitorous opposition to the Island's just claims.

## GROWING IN FAVOUR

The growing interest in fox farming is indicated by the increasing space given to the subject in the best class of magazines and newspapers. Many periodicals two or three years ago studiously avoided the subject and even refused to insert fox business advertisements. To-day many of the leading magazines make a specialty of the subject and their pages are frequently adorned with illustration of fox ranches, foxes, furs, etc., with elaborate descriptions and write-ups of the business and its possibilities.

In the current number of "Country Life in America," a high-class magazine devoted largely to outdoor life, animal husbandry and kindred subjects, there is an excellent article, fully illustrated, on "Breeding the Silver Fox in Captivity," by Phil M. Riley. In the course of the article, dealing with fur farming for profit, the author says "the need for this industry occasionally alluded to in newspapers, magazines and the trade and consular reports of supply and demand is indicated most convincingly by the soaring prices of choice furs of every sort in the open market. Now are they for the most part inflated values. Every year the number of fur bearing animals decreases, the world's catch being 10 to 20 per cent. smaller than the preceding year; animals are being taken from the wild faster than they breed. Correspondingly prices soar upward to offset the loss. Only a few years ago the world's annual catch of fur pelts was worth \$25,000,000; to-day it is worth more than thrice that with the supply less than two-thirds as large. A few years more and the wild silver fox and the sea otter, never plentiful, will be forgotten."

In this the author strikes the root of the matter. If these animals are not bred in captivity they will become extinct in a few years and the valuable furs they produce must be replaced by others. The sea otter is already gone and, but for the foresight of the fathers of the silver fox industry in Prince Edward Island, this the most valuable of them all, would ere this have been a negligible quantity. The silver fox, however, has been rescued from the fate of its less fortunate fellows and its fur must now be depended upon to supply the demand.

Referring to the efforts being made to introduce fur farming in different countries, this article proceeds: "Yet Prince Edward Island has remained the silver black fox centre of the world; the whole Island is virtually a great fur farm from which the principal income is derived. Of the 2,700 silver black foxes in captivity, about 2,500 are there." (The silver fox population of Prince Edward Island is much larger than this.)

Further on the article proceeds: "There are several reasons for preferring furs grown in captivity. Pelts trapped from the wild must be taken when caught regardless of their condition. While all fur pelts are in fair condition throughout the heart of winter when the temperature is low and snow covers the ground, experts claim that there is a few weeks during which the fur is darkest, sleekest and softest. If taken during this period, usually about the last of December, and in such a manner that it is in every way perfect, the highest possible price can be obtained for it. Here the breeder has a big advantage over the trapper. Not only may the pelt be taken when the fur is at its best, but by the use of chloroform the killing may be virtually painless and without mutilation. While the trapper may occasionally command top-notch prices the breeder can do so every time."

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson.  
 SOME CHRISTMAS HINTS

Never allow a gift to depart on its way no matter what trouble, self-denial, or chagrin it has caused you, without sending with it some thought of special good-will.

When perplexed in a choice of gifts for those whose particular needs are not known to you, choose something which you wish that someone else had given you. It will be sure to be just the thing which that other person wants.

Never make a poor present to a poor person because he is poor, nor a rich present to a rich person because he is rich. The injury done your own character will never be out-balanced by the pain of any labour it has cost you to pay so poor a compliment.

If you feel under obligations to certain people, never take Christmas for paying them off, unless you can infuse into the gift you send some other spirit than the one expressing a quid pro quo.

Never make a present simply that you may return one made to you the year before. Otherwise you are only discharging a debt, and that operation is better performed on a different day. Christmas was meant for paying dues of another kind.

## P. E. ISLANDERS SERVING IN BELGIUM

List of P. E. Islanders serving in Belgium with 6th Canadian Mounted Rifles.

- Lieut. Col. A. E. Ings (2nd in command)
- Sergeant T. W. Martin
- Sergeant N. W. Lowther
- Corporal A. A. Whidden
- L. Corporal Fred Andrews
- Corporal Elmer Brown
- Corporal W. R. Coles
- Corporal J. Coles
- Trooper G. W. Arbing
- Trooper G. Burns
- Trooper G. Currie
- Trooper A. Campbell
- Trooper F. Coyle
- Trooper Arch Campbell
- Trooper M. Dalton
- Trooper J. E. Driscoll
- Trooper P. G. Dofron
- Trooper F. Henderson
- Trooper H. Jarvis
- Trooper A. LeClair
- Trooper Patk. Martin
- Trooper D. A. McPhee
- Trooper J. E. Macdonald
- Trooper F. Macdonald
- Trooper Michael Jarvis
- Trooper J. McKinnon
- Trooper J. McGougan
- Trooper G. McLellan
- Trooper E. McLeod
- Trooper L. McMurrer

## "The Haberdashery" Buying at the Haberdashery Solves Every Gift Problem

Make Christmas Shopping easy this year. Come to the Haberdashery—the store that makes a specialty of carrying all that's new and up to date.

The large range of Xmas Novelties shown here will make it easy to select that present for Father, Grandad or the Small Boy. Appropriate gifts—the kind that he will be pleased to receive.

- Silk Front Shirts**  
Men's Handsome Silk Front Shirts, specially ordered for Christmas Presents, \$1.50 each, all sizes.
- Mufflers**  
What better than a muffler? We show a magnificent range of the newest shades and ideas in mufflers. Prices 50c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50. All daintily boxed.
- Handkerchiefs**  
Lawn handkerchiefs 10c. each, \$1.00 dozen. Excelsa handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c. in white or coloured borders, Khaki silk handkerchiefs, initial and plain, from 35c. to \$1.00. Irish linen handkerchiefs, 20c. each, \$2.25 dozen, others 25c., 30c., 35c. each, special prices per dozen. Initial linen 30c. each.
- Umbrella**  
One of the most popular gifts, good reliable umbrellas at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Silk cased, close rolling, \$2.00, \$2.50. Gold, sterling and natural wood handles, silk covered, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50.
- Sweaters**  
A splendid gift for boys or men. Boys 60c., 85c., \$1.00 up to \$2.25. Men's sweater coats and pull-overs from \$1.25 up to \$6.00.
- Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns**  
Royal gifts, smoking jackets, \$6.75. Dressing gowns \$10.50.
- Fancy Vests**  
Always pleasing and acceptable. Fancy piques \$1.75, white piques \$2.50, silk corduroys \$4.75, silk knit \$5.00, silk plush \$5.25, and many other gifts too numerous to mention in our limited space.
- Ties**  
The right ties always please. Our ties are correct and you will miss the greatest assortment ever shown here if you fail to see ours. Prices 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25. Handsomely boxed free.
- Underwear**  
Good underwear is always acceptable. We carry only standard makes, all prices, from Penman's fleece at \$1.00 suit to the best silk and wool at \$4.50 suit. Combination suits \$2.00 up to \$4.50 suit.
- Suspenders**  
Handsome boxed, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Garters, holly boxed, 25c. and 50c. Armbands, boxed, 35c. and 50c. Cuff links and sets, cased, 50c. up to \$2.25.
- Club Bags and Suit Cases**  
Something every man needs. Im. leather club bags \$2.65, real leather \$4.00, \$4.20, \$5.00 up to \$10.00. Im. leather suit cases, handsomely mounted, \$2.50, real leather suit cases \$5.00, \$6.50 up to \$9.75.

## Henderson & Cudmore

**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.

## Don't Delay Longer Come To Paton's and Do Your Xmas Shopping

You can come from Murray Harbor or any Station on the line for a mere trifle only 1.00 and good to return from the terminal to PATONS and correspondingly low fares from intermediate Stations, so come and do your Xmas Shopping on Friday.

We have Gift Furs, Gift Handkerchiefs, Dainty Neckwear, Comfortable Fur Coats, Gift Gloves, Gift Hosiery, Sweaters, Silk or Wool, Gift Furniture, Shirts, Socks, Braces Overcoats, Suits, Smoking Jackets, Lounging Robes, Neck Mufflers, Umbrellas, Kid Gloves Armlets, Suit Cases, Suspenders, Garters (Boxed) etc., etc.,

We are ready for all purses and all tastes, So come to PATONS.

## PATONS

**SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL FUND, GREENWICH**

"LUSITANIA" "ARABIC" "GULF LIGHT" "FALABA" "ROYAL EDWARD" "HESPERIAN"

The Canadian Bank of Commerce is receiving subscriptions to the above named fund, the object of which is to meet the increased requirements, occasioned by the war, of an institution which for one hundred years has cared for the seamen of the Empire. The Seamen of the Merchant Service are rendering imperial service for the Mother Country, for Canada and other Colonies of the Empire in the manning of ships of all descriptions for the transport of troops, the carrying of Munitions of War and of food supplies of every kind and description, the sweeping of mines, the catching of submarines, etc., etc. The Merchant Service is auxiliary to the British Navy and works in co-operation with it. Subscriptions for any amount will be welcomed and should be made without delay to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown.

## Yuletide Gifts

If you want to give a good present to a man, you will find it here in our line of Safety Razors, Old Style Razors, Pocket Knives and Skates.

Women will be pleased with a present, such as these: Pearl Handle Pen Knives, Cased Carvers, Skates, Food Choppers, Bread Mixers.

And the boy would like a Puck, Hockey Stick, Pair of Skates, Shin Pads, or a small Chest of Tools.



## Fennell & Chandler, Victoria Row

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It is unsafe to sweep without it for Sweeping Dust contains numberless disease germs. When you are tired or a bit run down, then is just the time these germs get in their work. It is better to be safe than sorry. Order a tin today from your grocer. Insist on Dustbane. Imitations are not so good. Barrels and kegs for store, office and school.

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**WOMEN** Evening Slippers, Kosey Slippers, Gaiters, Rubbers, Hocky Boots, Slippers, Moccasins, Leggins, Rubber Boots.

**CHILDREN** Boots, Poms, Kosey Felt Slippers, Gaiters, Rubbers, Hocky Boots, Slippers, Moccasins, Leggins, Rubber Boots.

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