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MR. NICHOLSON'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., is receiving hearty congratulations upon the able and valuable address on Transportation and Shipbuilding which he delivered on Friday night before a largely attended meeting in the Board of Trade rooms.

Mr. Nicholson referred very effectively to the record in schooner building held by this province in the early days and showed that representative vessels from Prince Edward Island rode the waves to the four corners of the world.

There are many explanations, no doubt, why this neglect has been tolerated. The chief is merely this: that it did not seem to pay exporters and importers to encourage the use of British bottoms.

We are sure the address of Mr. Nicholson will have the effect of bringing this matter to the attention of the authorities not only in the Maritime Provinces but in Ottawa.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

This week and next canvassers appointed by the Patriotic Fund will call personally upon citizens with a view to supplementing this, one of the most—if not the most—important of the war funds.

This is a call on behalf of the dependents of those who have taken their lives in their hands in defence

of our Empire and its institutions, institutions which have made the British Empire what it is, institutions without which we would be little if any better than slaves, institutions which have been, and still are, threatened and which if destroyed would mean for us a repetition of the Belgian and Serbian horrors.

In this province the war has touched us but very lightly financially. True the consumer has been obliged to pay more for what he eats and wears, but as the great majority of our people are producers rather than consumers we have on the whole made very much more out of the war than we have lost by it.

And now we are called upon to pay, to pay in proportion to our means, to pay in proportion to the value we place upon what our men are doing for us and suffering for us and dying for us on the battlefields.

The first call will be upon Charlottetown. Already the City has contributed fairly generously, but by no means to the point of sacrifice, not even to the point of abandoning a luxury or a pleasure.

Later the call will come to the country districts. Hitherto these sections have not been canvassed and their contributions, to this fund especially, have not been as generous as had been hoped.

AN AFTER-DINNER SPEECH.

Whether the banquet accorded to Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador in Berlin, on his return to that city was of the usual sumptuous character or was modified by the war time conditions, does not appear in the newspaper reports of that function.

The enquiry into the Ambassador's somewhat untimely statement, shows that the relations between Washington and the Central Powers, especially on the Washington side, are not just as cordial as they might be. It is felt in the United States that some new outbreak of submarine activity or other devilry on the part of Germany might suddenly mature that over due note on "strict accountability."

THE SURPLUS.

Sir,—In connection with the Civic reports and the boasted surplus of twenty-five dollars, would it not be well to dispense with further criticism until such time as the finance committee, through their chairman, get their accounts ready to present to the public?

ANOTHER TAX PAYER.

SOCKS ACKNOWLEDGED

The secretary of the Red Cross Society, Cardigan Bridge, received the following letter from Gunner Leo Allen, son of Dr. Allen, Cardigan, acknowledging receipt of socks for the boys.

Dear Madam:—Received a parcel of socks a few days ago, from your society, and wish to thank you for your kindness.

We have just left the Somme front and at present are in Billets, behind the firing line, which are not very comfortable, some being old barns, and are inclined to be drafty.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

- List No. 51. Previously acknowledged \$39,258.29 "X" Canadian Patriotic Fund, City, \$5; Proceeds concert in pro-Cathedral, City, per Miss Blanchard, \$20; P. W. Turner, O'Leary, \$25.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

If I knew you and you knew me, 'Tis seldom we would disagree; But, never having yet clasped hands, Both often fail to understand.

Whenever we ship you by mistake, Or in your bill some error make, From irritation you'd be free If I knew you and you knew me;

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SOUTH AFRICAN HERO IN ENGLISH HOSPITAL AFTER SOMME FIGHT

The following letter was received by Mr. W. F. Crockett Pleasant Grove, from his son Walter, who left here seventeen years ago with the N. W. M. P., and who went from there to South Africa to take part in the Boer War and is now in a hospital in London.

Yooting Military Hospital Church Lane, S. W. London 12. 12. 16

My Dear Dad:—Well dad your boy is not very well, I was very sick in France. I was carried out of the trenches when the Brigade came out for a rest after the Somme Engagement.

The Doctor wanted to send me to the hospital before, but I did not feel like leaving the boys until we were relieved and another regiment took our place. It was a very trying time and there were very few of us left.

I am feeling a lot better, since coming to England, you know Dad I have been on the go since the war started, Germany, S. W. Africa, Egypt and France, and it is time I had a rest, don't you think?

I do not know how long I will be kept here, but as soon as I am fit, I will not rest, until I am back again in the trenches. I think this war puts the very devil in a man. It is kill, kill from morning to night over there.

Now do not worry about me boys as we will be all right. I would gladly do the kid's part of the fighting if I could. I am so used to it that I would just as soon go into a battle as eat my breakfast and if I do, I am only one, and I have done my duty thank God.

Your Loving Son WALTER A. CROCKETT

ROYALTY SETS EXAMPLE.

LONDON, January 12.—Fodder and cereals are to be grown in Richmond and Bushy Parks, as the first step in the new food campaign.

BE CURED TO-DAY OF BACKACHE

Your persistent backache can have but one cause—Diseased Kidneys—and they must be strengthened before the backache can be cured.

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Typewriter Speed Secrets Told by the Mistress of the Keys

HOW TO MAKE YOUR MACHINE SING AT THE RATE OF ELEVEN STROKES A SECOND OR 137 PERFECT WORDS A MINUTE—A PANDORA BOX OF GOOD ADVICE TO THE FRATERNITY OF FLYING FINGERS.

STORY FOUR

Having placed you in proper position before the machine, given instructions as to how to hold your arms, and divided the characters on the keyboard between all the fingers, I am going to step from the sedate path of teaching long enough to give you some points that will help in your general work.

MEMORY AND CONCENTRATION

Two things that should be deeply impressed upon you are the value of Concentration and Memory. Do not allow anything to distract your attention while you are engaged in this study for there are very few subjects that require more earnest concentration.

We will assume that you have already accomplished this difficult step and know which fingers operate the various keys. Our foundation has been built, so I am going to take my primer class in hand and give it the first lesson.

READY FOR THE SECOND ROW

Place your hands on the second row of letters and type: Has Ataska a flag a lad asks Jak. Now that sounds awfully funny, doesn't it, but just study it for a minute and you will see how practical it is.

Do not practise anything else until you can write this and the following sentence and exercises rhythmically

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WANTED A VOWEL

With the first row of letters it is impossible to make a sentence, for it does not contain a vowel. We will have to overcome this difficulty by straight practice work.

CUNARDER LACONIA DAMAGED.

NEW YORK, January 11.—The Cunarder Laconia, scheduled to leave Liverpool December 31st, with passengers and mail for New York, was rammed by a small boat

LAST CALL FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

Most of the cards have been filled and returned—a few are still outstanding.

Don't allow any misapprehension to delay this important duty.

The objects have been clearly stated. Let me repeat.

National Service is the commencement of a comprehensive plan for the mobilization of Canada's resources,—both man-power and material—for the purpose of better directing the energy of the country in peace as well as in war.

It is not a form of conscription. It has no connection whatever with such a move.

Its success will render any form of compulsion unnecessary.

Don't let any reason whatever prevent you from completing and returning your card this week.

If you require any explanations, or if you have failed to receive your card, apply to the nearest postmaster.

Remember. Your refusal or delay will only cause unnecessary trouble and expense in finishing this work, as the National Service Board will certainly procure a complete enrollment by some means.

Your duty in this regard is simple, clear, and easily performed. DO IT NOW.

J. A. MacDONALD, Director of National Service.

Cold Weather Footwear

For the cold weather you need overshoes. We have them in all styles made from the best materials. Men's 1 2 and 4 buck women's in button and strap styles. Lumberman's rubbers. A complete line made by the famous vacuum process with red sole and heel also several lines with black sole, snag proof. Large new stock. The lowest prices possible.

GOFF BROS.

PREPARING FOR PEACE.

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, correspondent. They are busily engaged in preparing for peace in the prison camps on the Isle of Man. Here are nearly 25,000 German and Austrian and civilian prisoners. Many of them have been residents of the British Isles for ten or fifteen years, and expect to go back to their civilian employment as soon as peace comes.

schering effect on the most frivolous and the frame of mind of the internment camp prisoners is almost uniformly serious. Some are learning new trades, others mastering new languages, others studying the course of the war in map and law books with a view to being on the spot for post-war developments of business and commerce.

supplied by well-to-do prisoners. At the Knockaloe camp there are about 22,000 prisoners. Four thousand of them are studying languages, engineering, navigation, geography and kindred subjects, or learning trades. Others are at work as gardeners, farmers, road makers or chefs.

All this work is under leaders chosen by the men themselves with the approval of their British guardians. Among the rank and file of the prisoners, there is no serious complaint about their lot of their treatment at the hands of the British authorities.