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PATRIOTISM AND PRODUCTION

In this issue we reproduce views expressed by some of the leading authorities in the dominion on the attitude which Canadians should assume with reference to the war and the changed conditions resulting from the war. That they will be read with pleasure and profit we feel assured.

The war is a calamity; there is no disguising that fact, and Canada must bear its part of the burden which this calamity brings. It is now up to Canada to set about making the best of it, to lighten the burden where it is possible, to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to reap a profit out of the loss.

Already Canada is making preparation to meet the new demands. The Government, federal and provincial are taking up the question with trained and experienced experts with a view to increasing the production of food-stuffs, to negotiating for markets, to enlarging the facilities for handling and transportation.

Are we making such preparation as our opportunities would warrant us in making? No other province in Canada stands so profit as much by the changed conditions as Prince Edward Island.

THE RUSTLE OF THE HAY

Recently we have been discussing the question whether or not Sir Robert Borden "faked" the Naval Emergency. We have proved conclusively, we submit, that if the Emergency was a "fake," as claimed by the Patriot, then Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. L. Harcourt were the "fakers," for it was after consultation with them that Sir Robert Borden brought forward his emergency proposal in the Canadian Parliament.

Anyone with any knowledge of the British Navy, knows that it would be impossible to man a dreadnought with raw recruits.

- Minimum time taken to obtain a commission:—
Officers:—
Captains—24 years.
Commanders—18 years.
Lieutenants—8 years.
Others (medical, clerical, etc.)—
Midshipmen—
Minimum time taken to obtain the rating:—
Seamen rating:—
Chief petty officers and leading seamen (including signalmen and telegraphist branches)—6 to 12 years.
Able seamen, ordinary seamen and boys—3 to 4 years.
Gunners ratings (seaman, gunner, gunlayer, 2nd class gunlayer, 1st class gunner's mate)—5, 8 and 10 years.
Torpedo ratings (seaman, torpedoman)—5 years.
Leading torpedoman—8 years.
Torpedo gunner's mate—10 years.
Minimum time taken to obtain the rating:—
Men:—
2nd engineer, artificers—6 to 12 years.
Stoker petty officer, including chief stokers and leading stokers—4 to 12 years.
Stokers—1 year.
Armourers—4 to 12 years.
Electricians—5 to 12 years.

That is our answer to our contemporary's first question. The trained Canadian officers and men in the British Navy would be drafted in just as the Australians were, the others would be trained sons of the Motherland. To the second question we need only say that Canada would do for our Emergency Navy what she is doing for

our Emergency Army—pay every dime of the cost of maintenance, pension the widows, wounded and fatherless, and feel mighty proud of the privilege of doing so for the sake of the Empire and the Empire's freedom.

Sir Wilfrid refused to pay our soldiers in South Africa, and he pledged himself to naval neutrality in a war such as the present.

In 1910, when Sir Wilfrid was discussing his naval proposals in the House of Commons, Sir Robert Borden interrogated him on the attitude he would adopt were the Mother Country at war.

Sir Wilfrid replied: If there was a war such as the Crimean war, he would not think for one moment of permitting the Canadian Navy to join with the British Navy!!

Sir Robert Borden, astounded, thereupon put other questions. "What," he asked, "did Sir Wilfrid think Canadian ships would do if the Empire were at war and they met the enemy's ships on the high seas?"

Sir Wilfrid replied that they would not fight unless attacked, or unless they had the orders of the Canadian Government to do so!

Sir Robert Borden also asked whether our ports would be neutral were the Empire at War?

Sir Wilfrid replied that it would be time enough to decide when the enemy sailed in!!

This is the sort of Imperial patriotism the Patriot is now seeking to defend in the midst of the present life and death struggle. True, Sir Wilfrid now says, "when Britain is at war, Canada is at war," but admits he is "surprised" at his new-found sentiments.

We don't like these sudden conversions, the converted are apt to lapse on return to their former haunts and associates, and we know Sir Wilfrid has a lingering longing for "the rustle of the hay."

P. M. G'S REPORT

The report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 31st. March last came to hand a few days ago and so far as this Province is concerned we note the following:—

The total postal revenue increased last year from \$80,531.21 to \$85,722.66. The half of this increase was made in Charlottetown. The revenue of the Charlottetown office having advanced from \$27,955.62 in 1913 to \$30,598.66 last year. There have been slight increases in every accounting office on the Island, but the only two offices outside of Charlottetown which show any marked increase are the following:— Summerside advanced from \$10,322.97 to \$11,339.83 and Montague advanced from \$2,044.19 to \$2,532.04.

The revenue of the Charlottetown office has increased by \$4,700 since 1911 and the total postal revenue of the Province has increased by about \$11,400 in the same period.

There has been increased business in every branch of the Postal Department. For instance in the Money Order Branch the total amount of orders issued increased from \$448,843.95 in 1913 to \$504,711.63, and the total amount of paid orders increased from \$447,169.35 to \$574,073.59. The Charlottetown office contributed \$42,000 to this latter increase and the Summerside office \$48,000. The total amount paid for mail transportation within the Province amounted to \$50,919.19 and the amount paid to the Prince Edward Island Railway for mail services totalled \$19,528.96.

KNOWLEDGE IS NOT DANGEROUS

The chief profit a woman wins from studying the advertisements does not consist in the immediate savings she is able to make on her purchases at the stores—although these are worth while.

She acquires, day by day, a complete KNOWLEDGE OF VALUES. And this is vastly more worth while. To assume that ad-reading cultivates in a woman a mania for buying, leading her to purchase things not at all needed simply because the prices are attractive, is as absurd as the older idea that KNOWLEDGE WAS DANGEROUS—that education "spoiled a woman for home duties."

Buying for the home is a business matter, strictly. If a woman has business knowledge she utilizes it, with profit, in her buying. She is less likely to be influenced to buy what is not needed, for she makes of her buying a continuing test of her capacity to manage the home. She succeeds or fails according to the manner in which she meets this test. She would fail utterly if she ignored the store advertisements. For these afford her hints and suggestions and information which she could not obtain otherwise.

NOTES

You will NOT PAY TOO MUCH if you are an ad-reader.

It is probable the annual session of the Legislature will begin about the middle of March.

One of the ship's cooks of the Indomitable has been saying that his vessel was only hit once by the Germans in the Falklands fight. The shell went clear through the pantry and opened a can of sardines without damaging the fish! We wonder if he told the story to the marines?

The Fox Conference has proved a huge success. The draft bill is now almost ready for presentation to the Legislature and every clause in it has been adopted unanimously. There will be just one other sitting, probably the week before the opening of the Legislature.

The publication of the Promotion Edition of the Guardian is being keenly anticipated. It will prove one of the greatest boosts this or any other Province in Canada ever received. A copy will be mailed to every newspaper in Canada and the Eastern States, every Board of Trade, and all the leading hotels. As it will be an edition de luxe, beautifully illustrated, the recipients will be glad to keep it for reference and admiration on the principle that a thing of beauty is a joy for ever.

London papers to hand yesterday give a queer story about the search lights. There are 17 official ones playing over London, but one night somebody counted 18. So next night, at a given signal, the official lights were doused—and the 18th remained. The "operator" was duly located, too—which is not surprising, as a searchlight in use is not exactly a thing one can hide in one's pocket.

When Pierre Loti was last in London his quiet unconventional movements exercised the royal servants when he visited "by command" Queen Alexandra at Buckingham Palace. As he passed through the vestibule one of the royal funkeys noticed that Pierre Loti's coat bulged considerably, and there was a whispered conference as to what should be done. One even suggested that the visitor should be searched, but as Loti had produced his "command" no one had the courage to make a move. After an embarrassing two minutes, Loti produced from under his coat a fluffy blue Persian kitten which he had brought as a surprise present for Queen Alexandra.

THE ORIGINS OF THE PRESENT WAR

(BY SIR VALENTINE CHIROL, FOREIGN EDITOR OF THE LONDON TIMES)

THE control of the mightiest military empire of modern Europe have fallen into more dangerous hands? Nemo repente tuitur imperium and the young Emperor who succeeded to the throne of Germany in 1870 as to the impulse of her Emperor to attack the mad War Lord who now challenges the whole world to Armageddon. He has been the child of his own generation, and the evolution of German policy under his auspices has been due quite as much to the atmosphere of the new Germany which has grown up since 1870 as to the impulse of her Emperor. "World-power or downfall," is today not only William II's motto, nor is it only the motto of the great German military and aristocratic caste which stands immediately behind the throne; it is the motto of the vast majority of the German people, reared as they have been today on the teachings of Treitschke and of the whole school of historians and philosophers, artists and professors, of whom Treitschke is the foremost and most sinister representative.

Within two years of his accession, William I had grown impatient of all tutelage, even of that of a Bismarck, and, dropping the old pilot overboard, he himself took command of the ship. "A new course," he cried, "and full steam ahead"—ahead into uncharted seas, which Bismarck had steadfastly refused to explore! Bismarck had been content to make Germany the foremost Power on the Continent of Europe. William II, undertook to transform her into a "World Power." The term is rather a vague one; and, at the time of the Kaiser's accession to the throne, there were only four States to which, by the widest stretch, it could be possibly applied. There was the great Republic of North America, which, by its dominant position on the American Continent, looked forth to the East over the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans; there was, certainly a World Power in the New World. There was Russia, stretching across two continents, from the Baltic and the Black Sea to the Pacific Ocean; but her ambitions did not extend beyond the friendly cession of her Arctic territories in Alaska to the United States in 1867. There was France, with great colonial possessions in Africa and in Asia, and a few outposts in Australia; but she had accepted them more often in obedience to purely political considerations than to any instinctive promptings of her essentially stay-at-home people. Properly speaking, the British Empire alone could claim to be a World Power, in view not only of her world-wide possessions and dependencies, but also and above all of the great overseas Dominions in which growing communities of British stock moved and lived and had their being, and of the command of the seas, which are the essential highways of an Empire so constituted. The British Empire had also another

LETTER FROM THE WEST

Sir:—I often think the people of Prince Edward Island are not half awake to the advantages of making the island one of the best places in America for a watering place for summer tourists from all over the continent. Few places, if any, have such attractions, or is so naturally adapted for boating, salt water bathing—that life invigorating panacea for all the ills that humanity is heir to—as the island is along the shores of its beautiful bays and its sequestered estuaries. All that is needed is persons of ambition and means to erect summer hotels and provide the necessary modern launches and bathing houses, and then advertise in the papers of the United States and Canada—and to do it energetically and extensively—to draw the crowds from the large cities of the Continent who are looking every Summer for such a place of recreation as the island affords. It may not be generally known that the waters of the Atlantic are much more salt than those of the North Pacific and consequently more buoyant and pleasurable for swimming. Victoria has several bathing houses in its vicinity that are well patronized by hundreds of the young men and young women of the city during the Summer, and many of the latter can outstrip their male companions in their swimming contests. The Y. M. C. A. building also is supplied with a large swimming tank and during winter is much used. It has been very serviceable since the recruiting began, to the volunteers, who are being marched in squads of eighty or a hundred two or three times a week from the Willows Camp to enjoy the luxury of a bath.

This reminds me that next Saturday will see the departure from our shores of about 12,000 men and officers of the 30th Battalion, commanded by Colonel Hall, a very popular man in this community and will be much missed. These volunteers are made up of the flower of the young men of this Province, and it would be hard to find more stalwart looking men than they are. But the melancholy reflection arises that many of these young men are destined never to gild their names upon the head of the modern Nero, and his German accessories, who began this war! This contingent will not be much missed numerically, out of the large number of soldiers left behind, and recruiting is again going on briskly, preparatory to the third contingent that is to be sent to the front.

I am Sir, J. R. McDONALD, Victoria, B. C.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR READERS OF THE GUARDIAN

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AT THE END.

By Walt Mason.

We do our little stunt on earth, and when it's time to die "The line we cut has little worth—we wasted time," we sigh. When one has snow above his ears, and age has chilled his veins, he looks back on the vanished years, his

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Much gaiety was crowded into the opening days of this week preliminary to the Lenten Season which opened on Wednesday with special services in the different Catholic and Anglican Churches, all of them largely attended.

The skating party at Government House, Ottawa, Tuesday was largely attended. The guests were received by H. R. H., the Duchess of Cornwall, who wore a costume of navy blue, and sable furs. H. R. H., the Princess Patricia wore black velvet. Among those present were Sir Louis and Lady Davies.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Malou came over from Halifax to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. S. W. Dodd which took place on Thursday.

Miss Fullerton is visiting in Alberton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fielding.

Miss DeBrisay entertained the afternoon bridge on Monday last.

Lady Davies, of Ottawa, was hostess on Thursday and Saturday of last week at handsomely appointed luncheons.

Hon. John Agnew is receiving congratulations on his re-election as Mayor of the bright and progressive town of Alberton.

Hon. Charles Dalton is being warmly welcomed home after his interesting trip through the United States.

Mrs. W. A. Weeks made a most pleasing hostess on Tuesday afternoon and evening when she entertained on two occasions at Bridge. Her guests were agreeably chosen and a delightful social time was whiled away, dainty refreshments being charmingly served during the interval.

Valentine teas are very popular at this season and several were held during the week. Especially pleasing and one that was very largely patronized, was held by the young ladies of the Baptist Church on Monday afternoon. It was nicely arranged and passed off most successfully.

Mr. Irving Beers was heard to excellent advantage at his pleasantly arranged recital in the Kindergarten on Monday evening. Mr. Beers chose his selections with discretion and they gave a splendid idea of his dramatic power. He was assisted by local artists whose appearance also meant a pleased and responsive audience.

Miss Josie Blake, assisted by her brothers entertained at a most enjoyable pre-Lenten party on Monday evening last at their commodious and pleasantly appointed home on the Malpeque Road. Upwards of fifty young people were in attendance and whiled away a delightful evening in music and dancing. The refreshments were charmingly served and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Fullerton, Brighton, invited as her guests upward of thirty ladies, on Thursday evening to a very nicely arranged sewing. Much fancy work was in evidence and while nimble fingers sewed, embroidered or knitted, much pleasant conversation was carried on, interspersed with delightful refreshments.

Judge Stewart will have the sympathy of his many friends in the death of his aged mother, Mrs. Alexander Stewart, who passed peacefully to rest on Wednesday last after a long and useful life.

With their usual hospitality the Knights of Pythias extended many invitations to outside friends for their Fifty-first Anniversary celebration which was held in their commodious and well appointed Hall last evening. A most enjoyable evening was passed, a carefully selected musical program preceding the Wheat, in which almost all the guests joined. Refreshments came as a very sociable intermission after which adieu were said.

Miss Helen Hughes whose delightful voice has so charmed the music lovers of this city during the past winter months, leaves on Tuesday evening to continue her musical studies in New York. Miss Hughes will be sincerely missed, in the social affairs of this city and her return home in June will be eagerly anticipated.

spirit racked with pains. However, well he may have done, it all seems trilling then; alas, if he could only run his little course again! He would not then so greatly prize the sordid silver plunk; for when a man grows old and wise, he knows that coin is junk. One kindly action of the past if such you can recall, will soothe you greatly at the last when memory is all. If you have helped some pilgrim climb from darkness and despair this action, in your twilight time, will ease your weight of care. The triumphs of your business day, by stealth or sharpness gained, will seem, when you are tired and gray, to have your record stained. Ah, comrades, in the dusk of life, when you have ceased your grind, when all your strategy and strife are left for aye behind, when you await the curtain's fall, the setting of the sun, how you will struggle to recall the good that you have done!

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