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PATRIOTIC FACTS AND FANCIES

In our Saturday's issue the Rev. J. J. McDonald, Organizer of the Patriotic Fund, here, protested against the rumors being circulated throughout the country to the effect that contributions to the Patriotic Fund went to pay officials in Charlottetown. The report is baseless, of course, but the persistency with which it is being circulated would indicate some ulterior motive behind it. It is being used as an excuse by the ungenerous, ungrateful and mean, of whom there are not many, for not subscribing to the Patriotic Fund. Now the principal officials in Charlottetown are Mr. H. W. Binning, Honorary Treasurer, who handles all the contributions and keeps the accounts without charging one cent for his services; the Hon. Justice Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Relief Committee, and of the Lady Visitors' Committee, who devotes an immense amount of time and labor to the supervision of the distribution of relief to the dependents of soldiers; very few realize the amount of work entailed in investigating claims and keeping records; all this is done by Mr. Justice Fitzgerald without fee or reward of any kind except the thanks and gratitude of the many hundreds of recipients who benefit from the fund. Last, but by no means least, is the Rev. J. J. McDonald, who at the special request of subscribers, in November last, undertook to organize the whole province in support of the Fund. He made it a specific condition of his acceptance of the position that his services should be voluntary. Father John J. immediately threw himself with enthusiasm into the work with the result that order and system are taking the place of the chaotic conditions hitherto prevailing. The recent successful whirlwind campaign in Charlottetown testifies to how well he is accomplishing the work.

In this connection it should be mentioned that the Ladies' Committee in Charlottetown renders invaluable services to the Fund. It includes among its members Mrs. W. W. Clark, Mrs. A. E. Morrison, Mrs. G. E. Full, Mrs. K. Ledwell and Mrs. R. H. Jenkins. These ladies make a personal visit on all the recipients once a year and monthly visits upon those who especially require assistance and advice in the absence of the bread-winner. This is over and above the personal calls which hundreds of applicants make from time to time on the chairman who keeps Savings Bank accounts for a very large proportion of them. These honorary officials are assisted by committees of business men who devote a great deal of time and attention to the administration of the Fund. It will thus be seen that there is no ground whatever for the allegations which the Rev. J. J. McDonald repudiated in his letter to The Guardian on Saturday.

In this connection it may be pointed out that the Patriotic Fund throughout the whole of Canada is administered at the incredibly low cost of sixty cents per hundred dollars, twenty-five cents of which goes in postage.

The following issued from the Headquarters of the Fund over the signature of the Honorary Secretary, Mr. R. B. Ames, speaks for itself:

"No other Canadian Fund of the size and multiplicity of detail of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has ever been administered at so small an impairment of the contributed amount.

"It is almost incredible, but it is true that of every one hundred dollars subscribed to the Fund, approximately ninety-nine dollars and forty-cents go into the pockets of the dependents.

"There is no middleman between the giver and the receiver to exact toll.

"When you contribute to the Fund, you know that your money goes, practically intact, to relieve the wives and families of our citizen soldiers.

"This great and unusual result is due to two main reasons: one, that bank interest on deposits brings in a handsome revenue available for administration expenses; the other, that nearly all the work of administering the Fund is performed freely by patriotic men and women.

"In every town in Canada where there is a branch of the Patriotic Fund, are to be found public spirited men and women devoting without remuneration, their time and energies to collecting funds, visiting dependents, working for them along many lines of service, and carefully distributing the moneys allotted to these wives and children of our soldiers.

"Think of it! Of the sixty cents deducted for administering each \$100 about 25c goes for stamps. The Fund sends out approximately 60,000 cheques a month, and each one requires at least four cents in postage and war tax.

"The very basis of the Fund's existence is public confidence. Every man who has examined the workings of the Fund gives that confidence in fullest measure. Every man who has any doubts is urged to study the Fund, and make himself acquainted with its operations. The officers invite always the closest scrutiny. It is their object and their pride to administer the Fund at a cost far below that of any other great national undertaking."

A GROWING INDUSTRY

In the report of the year's work of the Prince Edward Island Egg and Poultry Association given at their annual meeting here a few days ago it was stated that the Association had handled, through the Egg Circles, \$250,000 worth of eggs. This, it was stated, was about one quarter of the total egg production of

the province. Our total egg production then can be put down in round numbers at about a million dollars, and the figure will be well within the mark. The real poultry business of the province is as yet in its infancy. Until a very few years ago the hen was merely tolerated by the farmers as a sort of necessary evil permitted to afford a little pin money for the women of the household while not engaged in destroying the grain crops or the garden.

Today the hen has become a million-dollar sideline on Prince Edward Island farms, ranking in respectability and profitability with the cow and the hog, the recognized gold mines of every well regulated farm.

There are, according to the latest census 29,000,000 hens in Canada, and the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture is opening a campaign to bring the number up to 150,000,000. In this campaign Prince Edward Island is to have a part and an appropriation of between two and three thousand dollars will be apportioned for the purpose of improving the breed and increasing the poultry population here. A committee of three men, representing each of the three counties has been appointed to carry on the campaign and to see that the appropriation is properly and wisely administered. The members of the committee are Mr. Preston Campbell, Lower Montague, Mr. George Lightizer, Charlottetown and Rev. Dr. Monaghan, Miscouche. The gentlemen comprising the committee are "live wires" and will no doubt be instrumental in revolutionizing our poultry business. They hope that in the course of at least two years the one million output will be multiplied by two and there is no reason why it should not be. There is every reason to believe that the price of both eggs and poultry, which has been so phenomenally high during the past year will continue at its present level if not a higher one for several years to come, and at these prices there is no likelihood of agriculture or stock-raising that will pay better than the hitherto neglected and often abused hen.

It is hoped that our farmers generally will enter into the spirit of this campaign, and that every farmer will resolve to at least double his flock during the coming year and quadruple it the next. Many will do this and will find in their increased flocks a veritable gold mine. Others, as usual, will wait to see if prices will hold up and will lose the opportunity. This is the time to prepare for this rich sideline harvest. The committee purpose proceeding with their campaign as soon as practicable, and we trust they will meet with all possible encouragement.

THE YEAR OF VICTORY.

Mr. Horatio Bottomley, in the London Pictorial World, refers to the "prediction" of Kitchener that the war would be finished in three years, and hails the year 1917 as the year of victory and peace. As to the reasons for his hope, he says: "If it were not for the Defence of the Realm Act, I should like to cheer you up with a few particulars of what we have in store for the enemy during the next few months. There can, however, be no harm in saying that we are pouring hundreds of thousands of men into the west and on the other battle fronts. It is also common knowledge that our munition works are at it night and day. New Russian armies are in course of active formation; things are beginning to hum at Salonika, and Tino will not have much longer to make up his mind. If, as I believe to be the case, Mr. Lloyd George is prepared to give a free hand to the army and navy, and not to allow any civilian interference with their discretion, it will not be long before we receive another note from President Wilson, couched in different terms from those of the two already transmitted through or from Washington.

"Then here's to the Kitchener year,—the year of victory and retribution. What a tragedy that the great war lord who foresaw it—planned for it—died for it—will not be with us to join in its celebration! But equally let us give a thought to the thousands of British lads who have brought the hour of triumph near. Let us, too, remember the bereaved relatives who have given to the Empire all they held dear. And with these memories in our minds and hearts, let us resolve to countenance no settlement which will leave our children, or our children's children, in danger of a tragedy similar to that which is today deluging the earth with tears and blood. Then, and only then, can we, in honor to our dead heroes, sheathe the sword.

"So far as the western world is concerned, I am satisfied that our faith will be justified. What the dim and distant future may have in store from the east is a problem too vast and obscure for present-day consideration. Ours to see that when this conflict is over, the western world shall be knitted into a commonwealth of progress and enlightenment, which, with all its material resources concentrated upon the peaceful evolution of the human race, shall be able—whenever the time comes—if come it should—to withstand any onslaught from the present nascent nations of the world.

"After all, this is only 1917, and the greatest among us, or of those who preceded us, will have been long forgotten before any such new danger arises."

NOTES

We have been promised that the whole man-power of the nation shall be mobilized. There is to be no age limit in future. Each of us is to do his bit—and her bit also. We are all ready—simply waiting for marching orders. If we cannot fight we may be able to make munitions; and if we cannot make munitions we may be capable of growing potatoes or rearing pigs and sheep.

COMIN' THROUGH THE RYE

Words and Music of This Famous Song.

"Comin' through the Rye," as now printed and sung is usually ascribed to Robert Burns, the great Scotch farmer-poet, but as a matter of fact, only the first four lines are by Burns, the remainder having been added by John Walter, an Edinburgh musician and music-seller who later removed to London.

Burns did write a complete song, to an ancient Scottish lay, but the words became coarser and more suggestive with each verse, and although it may be found in Johnson's "Museum" it soon fell into "innocuous desuetude." The air to which it is now sung, is an old melody, "The Miller's Daughter," modified by Walter.

People generally, and the artist and author, have largely followed suit, and have taken it for granted that the song referred to traversing a path leading through a field of rye. It is strongly claimed, however, that it refers to the fording of the River Rye, where certain stepping-stones allowed the barefooted Highland lassies to cross, none the worse for the shallow water that swirled about their ankles. It may well be imagined that Burns and his "ne'er-do-well" cronies were not averse to happening along when certain of the local beauties came up the "Fords of Rye" on their way to kirk or market.

This song is to be found on page 113 of "Heart Songs"—along with many others just as famous. The distribution of this unrivalled song book which we have undertaken has met with a wonderful response from our readers. The time is drawing near when the opportunity will be gone, and we again call attention to the coupon published daily in this paper.

A CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Mrs. Roy Burns, Freetown, has received the following letter:

22 G. Woodcott Park
Epsom
Surrey, Eng.
Jan. 6th, 1917

Dear Mrs. Burns:—Your Christmas stocking instead of travelling to the trenches (travelled) to the trenches in the Christian Hospital, Englefield Green, Surrey, and I topped at my bed. Though it did not cheer up one of the boys in the trenches it surely did help out a Cannuck who was a pretty tolerable long way from home and pretty well married to his bed by reason of a knee that had been foolish enough to get in the way over at the Somme.

There were two of us Canadians in the ward and we were in adjacent beds so placed to allow easy confab at all times. We were given a really enjoyable time and we did have a bright and Merry Christmas but we thought more of our little stocking each from Canada than all the rest. It is not possible for parcels to be sent to France so soon as they are fit to travel. I expect to get fixed up at Ramsgate without a very long stay at all and then I will return here and get into shape for life in France again. I managed to dodge all of Fritz's compliments over there for 14 months but the last ten weeks were on the Somme and it "rained" pretty hard there to dodge all the Fritz.

My home is in St. Thomas, Ont., so we are not very near neighbors, are we? Still we are all from Canada and it will be a joyful crowd of boys that go back to the land of the maple leaf after the job is finished up over here.

Again thanking you very much for your kind words and the good things and wishing you and yours all the happiness and prosperity during this New Year 1917.

Yours Sincerely
RUSSEL COUTTS

P. S. In all this rambling note I failed to tell you that I was in the Artillery 15th Battery, as telephonist, at observing office and the other telephonist, and myself being all wounded by the same shell.

Sincerely
Bdr. J. R. COUTTS
No. 83964-X

GRAND DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE

"The Grand Division Sons of Temperance of P. E. Island met in first Quarterly Session at Kensington, January 25th, with Shamrock Division No. 132.

Officers present were; G. W. P. Ira McKay, G. W. A. Peter Sinclair, G. Scribe, J. F. Proffitt, G. Con, Chester Howard, G. Sent, J. A. McKenzie, Pro. Temp; G. Chap, David Arbing, P. G. W. P. Samuel Bernard.

The reports of the Grand Officers showed that considerable progress had been made and that greater interest was being taken at present than during the past because of the alarming increase in the consumption of strong drink in our province as well as the unsatisfactory political phase of the question. In the afternoon session the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order furnished lively and animated discussion a part of which referred strongly to the laxity of law enforcement the failure of our prosecutors to wipe out the numerous liquor dens which have been accumulating so rapidly during the past year in many of our towns and villages. The Committee on obnoxious manuscripts referred to the death of

Uncollected Envelopes

Sir,—In connection with the last Patriotic Canvas of our city, I am informed that a large number of our people have not as yet been called on. Consequently it would not be fair to put these people down as slackers without giving them an opportunity to show their patriotism.

I am, Sir, etc.,
FAIR PLAY.

L.O.L. MEMBERS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

The following letters of appreciation will be of general interest to all but especially to the brethren of Sterling L. O. L. 2649, Montague, through whom the parcels were sent.

North Witley Camp
Surrey, England
6-1-17

To the Officers and Brethren of Sterling Lodge:—

Dear Brothers:—I am going to try and write you a few lines to thank you for the package of cigarettes and chewing gum. They arrived here today in good shape. It was indeed a great surprise to get that parcel, I was a good while trying to figure out who had sent it before I came across the card.

We are having lovely weather here lately, more like October than January.

I do not see very much of the boys from around Montague as I am a good ways from them but I think they are all well. I have charge of the Officers Mess and Canteen, so do not get very much time off to play, but on the whole I have very little to complain of. The boys have been pretty busy lately as they are all taking a Bombing Course. I have not gone for mine yet but expect to be called on any time.

Well I guess that is about all the news this time so will close.

I remain
L. Cpl Earle Moore 712898
105th Battalion
B. Coy.
Witley Camp
England
Jan. 1, 1917

To the Officer and Members of Sterling L. O. L. No. 2649

Dear Brethren:—Often have I felt it my duty to write you a few lines so you might know I have not forgotten my friends and the cause I loved so well; and having received your kind remembrance a few days ago felt that I must, at least acknowledge the receipt of it.

This is quite a different life to the pleasant trips we used to have when we could all meet for a few hours and spend a pleasant evening together.

Have seen a great deal and have had some good experiences but like all the rest am beginning to get tired of this kind of life and long for the time to come when I may, if spared, join my many friends again.

I have no news as you know anything of interest or importance would be cut out so will bring my short note to an end by thanking one and all for remembering me and wishing Sterling Lodge every success in the New Year.

Your Sincere Brother
R. J. MacGREGOR

our late brother Everett McKay who was a valued and consistent member of Pearley Stream Division. In the evening an overflowing public meeting and stirring addresses were well marked features of the evening's entertainment. The following was the programme:—Chorus, Island Hymn; Speech, G. W. P. Ira McKay; Recitation, Elva Toombe; Address of Welcome, Samuel Bernard; Solo, and Chorus, T. W. Bentley; Address, Rev. Archibald Watson; Recitation, Jennie Bowness, encored; reply to address of Welcome, David Arbing; Recitation, Lillian Casley; encored; Address, Rev. W. E. Johnston; Recitation, Jennie Bowness; Address, Rev. G. A. Sellar; Address, Dr. Darrach, National Anthem.

NO MEAT BAN IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Times says it understands the idea of enforcing meatless days in Great Britain has been given up for the present at least. Lord Devonport, the food controller, will endeavor to obtain a reduced consumption of meat without imposing restrictions which would be difficult to enforce.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by
W. S. LOUSON,

IT ALWAYS PAYS.

Be happy! Gather, on life's road,
The sweetest flowers you find!
Some pleasures are for you bestowed,
But choose the proper kind.
How fair a face temptation has,
How joyous seem her ways;
Look not therein, but bravely pass;
You'll find it always pays!

Though here on earth, or there above,
Be now that eartw we prize,
Remember that a mother's love
Is one that never dies;
So heed the counsel she will give,
That good attend you days;
And let them guide you while you live
You'll find it always pays!

Honour the aged, as you should,
And give them reverence due;
And "do to others as you would
That they should do to you!"
A kind word here, a good deed there,
Like sunshine casts its rays,
And melts the world more pure and fair
You'll find it always pays!

Be honest in your dealings all —
In every word you say;
Then you may never fear to fall,
Nor shun the light of day.
Stick to the truth, my cheerful friend,
And hold the word that strays!
Begin in youth, and in the end
You'll find it always pays!

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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 SIXTEEN.

Like punctuation, the art of building up the perfect letter is a matter too often neglected by the average stenographer. In the schools she is called upon to devote so much attention to the keyboard and exercises which have no letter form, or else merely copies those in the manual without getting any experience in setting up her own letters, that when she takes her first position she is subjected to the righteous indignation of her employer because the letter looks as though it had been written in ragtime! Why not take a personal interest in every letter you write, so that you can be justly proud of its appearance when it is turned over to your employer for his signature? With little difficulty you can soon learn to judge how much or how little to put on a page, properly centered.

TWO REALLY GOOD FORMS.

There are two really good forms of letters now most commonly in use, which, if adopted and placed before any business man will instantly win his approval. These are based upon the proper heading for each line and a neat right hand margin, and no erasures. One little smudge from an erasure ruins the appearance of the whole page, so get the accuracy habit—is it just as easy to cultivate good habits as bad ones?

Do not abbreviate too much. There are many words like Co., for Company, which our employer will consider correct, but the habit of abbreviating oftentimes leads to excess the same as the use of superfluous commas.

Here is what may be termed a modernized letter which appeals to conformity and is founded on straight margins:

New York City,
January 1,
1917.

National Phonograph Company,
1678 Worth Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your last quotation on number one machine, but are inclined to believe there has been some mistake on the part of your quotation clerk. You will remember the last quotation you sent us was for twenty-five per cent, while this one gives us but twenty.

We are of the impression that you appreciate the difficulty of sale in this territory and have no intention to em-

Very truly yours,
Charles Ransom & Co.

ENCLOSURES.

If you personally are taking care of the mail, see that each enclosure is attached to the letter BEFORE it goes to the employer, and that each letter is enclosed in the flap of the envelope, addressed side up.

ROADMASTER'S PATRIOTIC FUND

A Start Made—Who Follows in the Trail?

In response to several appeals, Mr. A. W. Bruce, Red Point, has opened a Roadmasters Patriotic Fund. The idea being that every Roadmaster contribute \$2.50 to the Fund. The money may be sent to Mr. A. W. Bruce, to Mr. H. W. Binning, Bank of Nova Scotia, or to the Editor of the Guardian and it will be acknowledged in the columns of the Guardian.

Angus Dart, Apple Road 2.00
James Dingwall, North Lake 2.00
Andrew Mooney, Little Harbour 2.50
E. B. McLaren, Georgetown 2.50
David T. Dover, Suffolk 2.00
William Coady, Hazelbrook 2.00
John O. Campbell, Long River 2.00

NOTE.—By request it has been agreed to accept \$2 contributions as Artemas Betts, Cumberland, \$2.50

It is more convenient to mail this amount than \$2.50.

Harry Webster, Cape Traverse	\$2.50
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Garfield Stewart, Red Point	\$5.00
Angus A. Campbell, Black Pt.	\$2.00
Christy A. Campbell, Black Pt.	\$1.00
Nelson Stewart, Black Pt.	\$1.00
A. A. Moore, Pownal	\$2.50
Alex. A. McDonald, Little Pond	\$2.50
E. J. McDonald, Glenfinnan	\$5.00
E. S. Norton, Montague	2.50
C. O. Rankin, Mt. Albion	\$3.00
James Dingwall, North Lake	2.00
Alfred F. Rose, North Lakeville	2.00
* Paid into the bank at Souris	
E. B. McLaren, Georgetown	\$2.50
David T. Dover, Suffolk	\$2.00
William Coady, Hazelbrook	2.00
John O. Campbell, Long River	2.00
Archie Bowles, Murray River	\$2.50
Layton McCabe, Alexandria	\$2.50
Artemas Betts, Cumberland	\$2.50

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