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PREPARING FOR PEACE

One of the benefits that will result from the war is the opportunity it will afford us of noting how many things we depended upon others for, how many things we had others do for us which we should have done for ourselves.

For many years we were quite content to buy our dyes, our chemicals, our toys, our cutlery, our manufactured hardware and many other things from Germany. A British soldier, while setting up barbed wire entanglements on the battlefield drew the attention of a comrade to the trade mark "made in Germany," on the spool from which the barbed wire was being unwound. How many "made in Germany" articles were in use in this country two years ago! Had the war not broken out we should still have been content to have the Germans make all these things for us, quite content to admit that they were better and cheaper than the made in Canada goods.

All this has changed, some of it from necessity, because we could not get the German article, but most of it because we would not buy goods made in Germany even if we could.

Germany has for years held a monopoly of dyes, stuffs and many chemicals. Henceforth, and because of the war we shall make these things for ourselves.

Viscount Haldane, the other day started a debate in the British House of Lords on the urgent necessity of reforms and improvements in national education to enable Great Britain after the war to meet the inevitable German competition. The Marquis of Crewe later announced that the Government proposed to appoint a committee to review the whole field of national education. There is throughout Great Britain a strong agitation to overhaul the educational system of the nation in view of the defects revealed in the course of the war and with the object of meeting German competition in various fields of research in which Great Britain hitherto has been outdistanced. This committee, it was announced in the House of Lords, would be closely bound up with the general committee on reconstruction after the war. The Marquis of Crewe, speaking on the proposed educational movement said that "EDUCATION WAS A SUBJECT ON WHICH THE COUNTRY DID NOT DARE RESTRICT EXPENDITURE WHATEVER TAXATION HAD TO BE BORNE."

The movement in our own province, of which the Rural Life Conference and the Summer School for teachers, now in session are features, is in line with the movement in Great Britain and throughout the Empire. The need of such a movement has been clearly indicated by the war. Heretofore we depended largely upon others, henceforth we must depend upon ourselves. We have the natural resources, the raw material, the men and the means to do our own work and to do it, if we set our energies to work, in the face of the keenest competition. We must place more emphasis in future upon knowing how, upon the efficiency of our schools and our colleges. We must so conserve our resources that we shall not only manufacture our own raw material but that we shall employ our own people to manufacture it. Heretofore we have been educating our children to build up other countries, we must now train them to build up their own. It is as true of this country as of England that "education is a subject on which the country dare not restrict expenditure whatever taxation has to be borne."

The agricultural colleges have been brought to our doors by specialists; the researches of the experimental farms have been placed within reach of every farmer who cares to ask for the bulletins; our

schools are in our own keeping and it is within our power, if we do not too closely "restrict expenditure," to make them so efficient that our children can enter upon their life's work fully equipped. What we need most is to appreciate our possibilities and our opportunities. The Rural Life Conference which closes with this evening's session will have done much to awaken this appreciation among our people, to impress upon them the greatness of our opportunities and the benefits to the province and to individuals of co-operatively making the most of the advantages we have.

U. C. M. CONFERENCE

Since our article on the Convention of Canadian municipalities appeared in a recent issue, we find that Charlottetown was represented at several of these meetings. We have before us a report of the Convention of 1903, held in Ottawa, at which Dr. Warburton, then Mayor, and Mr. James Paton, then a member of the City Council, were present. Proof of their attendance is two-fold, first by an excellent photograph of each and second by resolutions moved by each. That moved by Mayor Warburton was for the adoption of one of the official reports; that by Mr. Paton was in connection with our telegraphic service with the mainland one of the first efforts made towards the removal of a grievance that had existed for fifty years and which was only removed a few years ago by the efforts of the present government. Mr. Paton's resolution which we give in full was discussed at considerable length and was finally adopted although the remedy asked for was not applied until many years afterwards.

Following is Mr. Paton's resolution which was seconded by Mayor Cook of Ottawa: "Whereas the Municipalities of the Province of Prince Edward Island and especially its capital City, Charlottetown, are placed at a great disadvantage by reason of a monopoly in telegraphic communication, there being no service to or from the Island between 8 p. m., and 8 a. m., and that the tariff of rates is double that charged throughout Canada, be it therefore resolved that the Union of Canadian Municipalities do strongly urge upon the Dominion Government to take immediate action to place the Municipalities of the province in a more advantageous position in telegraphic matters, both as regards rates and hours of service."

There was considerable discussion over the resolution and much sympathy expressed to the province so poorly served telegraphically, but, as already stated it was not until the present government took the matter up that redress was obtained. Our province now is on practically the same footing with regard to telegraphic service as its sister provinces are.

Besides the attendance of Messrs. Paton and Warburton at the above conference at Ottawa, Messrs. Paton, Warburton and Wheat attended another at Montreal, Messrs. Paton, John P. Nicholson and Campbell attended one at Toronto and Mr. Paton was present at another in Montreal.

In our previous reference to the subject we suggested that the City should be represented this year at the Conference to be held in Montreal. The fact former Councils of the City have been so represented makes it even more imperative that the representation should be continued.

NOTES

The report of the Admiralty on the Dover patrol service says that since December, 1915, twenty-one thousand merchant ships, besides war craft, passed through the lines, and that only twenty-one, or one in a thousand, were damaged by enemy vessels. The patrol protects the flank of ships passing between England and France from the hostile submarines and other craft, and so well was the work done that not a life has been lost during the passages. The fact that 4 per cent. of the protecting craft have been sunk shows that efficiency is not bought without risk. The part of the navy's work concerned is creditably performed.

PRESENTATION

The people of Bothwell, P. E. I., met in their hall recently and the following address was read by Mr. F. Baker to Pte. Edward Muttart returned from the front. Mr. Muttart had been in the hospital with fever for five months. He has had many thrilling experiences. The gift spoken of, was a purse and a sum of money:

Private Edward Muttart,

Dear Sir:— We your friends and associates gladly meet this evening to give you a cordial welcome home. When the tocsin of war resounded o'er our peaceful isle, there was a ready response from every town, village, and hamlet. Young men in the prime of manhood, with all the anticipations of youth, offered themselves as sacrifices on their country's altar, to endure hardship, to suffer, bleed and, if necessary, to die for their country. We are proud to say that you were one of the first of these our Island patriots. It was an act of self denial, to leave a loving father, devoted sisters, and a circle of friends, turn your back on all you held dear, and strike out on the dread and dangerous path of duty.

Home was dear to you, life was sweet, the pleasures of youth gratifying, but these appealed to you in vain, for mingling with the twang of the trumpet horn there came a wail of distress, a scream of anguish, a despairing call for help. It was the dying call of murdered, mutilated fathers, the agonizing scream of mothers, maidens and babies. You resolved to do your part to punish the guilty, avenge the innocent, and mutilate our noble grandfathers by upholding those noble institutions and laws for which they bled.

You are soon to return to duty. Be assured that we shall hope and pray for your safe return.

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Take home a smile, don't scatter grief and gloom Where laughter and light hearts should always bloom; What though you've travelled many a dusty mile Footsore and weary, still take home a smile.

Take home a smile— it is not much to do, But much it means to those who wait for you; You can be brave for such a little while, The day of doubt is done—take home a smile.

E. A. QUEST.

When anyone is in great trouble most of us are astonishingly considerate.

We pardon short temper and shortcomings, and make allowance in a hundred different ways.

Yet in the ordinary way of life we are very reluctant to "make allowances," though life would be much happier if we did.

We are so inclined to think that ordinary things— little things— are not worth troubling about. It's a little thing, Take home a smile.

NOTICE

S. S. Harland goes to Pictou, Thursday the 3rd inst., to go on the slip for inspection of Shafts by Dominion Government Inspector, there will therefore be no afternoon return trip to Victoria on that day. Steamer will in all probability be away for greater part of a week consequently there will be no boat on East River on Friday 4th, nor on West River Saturday 5th, nor Orwell, Monday or Tuesday, 7th or 8th. Any further information as to her movements will be duly announced as soon as received.

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THE OBSTRUCTIONISTS ARE CENSURED

Sir— The following quotation is from the address of the Supreme Grand Master of the L. O. A., which was delivered last week in Toronto, and is well worthy the earnest consideration of all our people:—

"In the conduct of the war the Government of Canada have endeavored, honestly, I believe, to carry out the wishes of the Canadian people by devoting the resources of this country to the successful prosecution of the conflict. It is to be regretted that a certain type of politician—men of no mean ability—have, instead of rendering loyal service to Canada and the Empire, devoted their energies to hampering the work of the administration in respect to the war by resorting to senseless criticism and obstruction. I do not accuse these men of disloyalty, but whether so animated or not, their action must give encouragement to the enemies of the Empire."

I am, Sir, etc., INDEPENDENT.

BATTLEFIELD NEWSPAPER

The Guardian has been shown a copy of the Listening Post—published in the field by men of The First Canadian Division. The following are extracts:

Who was the painfully truthful private, who, when writing to a correspondent, said: "Dear Friend, I had a close shave the other day. A shell struck the parapet and buried me under what I thought was ten tons of earth, later I found it was only five." The following took place at Festubert:

Scene, trenches. Poor old Ferguson coming out pretty badly wounded, was beating it to the Dressing Station. McDonald, our old stretcher bearer, was chasing Ferguson to give him first aid, but he could not catch him. So Mac yelled to somebody to shoot the blamed fool and stop him, so he could get him to the medical officer.

"Every time I miss me rum issue, I 'ave a feelin' we ain't goin' to win this war. I come all faint-like—my heart's weak, I think."

OUR COLONELS.

They have given their word, as every one knows, And they'll surely retrieve it with ease, That they'll either be covered with D. S. O's, Or covered with S. O. D's.

Party leaving trenches, dog tired, asked their way to nearest dressing station. The first informant said three miles; half an hour another gave the same distance. The last person asked, after an hour's tramp, replied "About three miles." A voice from the rear was heard, "Thank God, we're keeping up with the bally place."

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