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SPEED UP PRODUCTION

Seed time is again upon us and preparations on a larger scale than usual are being made for increasing the acreage under crops, for more liberal fertilizing, for more generous sowing. And never was the need so great. Ordinarily the food supply throughout the world varies but little year by year; the world's farmers are able to feed themselves and the non-producers in the cities and elsewhere and have a small margin to spare. The margin however at best is a narrow one representing little more than a few weeks supply of food.

The present year is not a normal one. It is estimated that between 30 and 40 million men have been called from the producing fields to the war and its allied callings, munition factories, the navy, the war depots. Their work must be done by the greatly reduced number of farmers left on the land. It is not necessary to point out that the task is a difficult one; one that is not going to be carried out by the ordinary everyday methods of farming. It is because it is known that the ordinary methods of farming are not sufficient to meet the extraordinary requirements of the time that the call has gone forth to speed up production, to turn the parks and the vacant building lots in the cities into vegetable plots, to cultivate every inch of land available. This call has gone forth throughout the British Empire; it has been echoed in the United States; it has been supplemented by a call everywhere to practice economy in every possible way.

In this province of ours we have hundreds of acres of land lying useless and waste, land which this Spring could, with the use of a little fertilizer, be turned to good account in the production of food. For those who have time to devote to the cultivation of vacant city lots and back gardens would no doubt yield their quota and every extra pound produced will add so much to the sum total and these efforts on the smaller scale are by no means to be despised. But what about the larger possibilities offered by the vacant farms? Should not these also be requisitioned? There are many acres within easy reach of Charlottetown, many lying around Summerside and Georgetown. Out of these a few enterprising citizens could secure a considerable quantity of potatoes and other vegetables, oats, feed for cattle, anything that the land is suitable for, and the expenditure of a little fertilizer even for one year's production would pay, besides adding so much to the world's food supply.

Potatoes at nearly two dollars a bushel, as they are at present, may be a godsend to the farmer who has potatoes to sell but it must not be forgotten that this price indicates famine or a very near approach to it. It indicates a serious shortage of food, not in this province where we have never faced a food famine or even a shortage, but taken in conjunction with prices of other foodstuffs, it clearly points to the fact that the end of the world's available food supply is perilously near to us and that unless there is a very considerable speeding up we may be face to face with a condition which will mean the defeat of our arms and the loss of all the sacrifices we have made. With such a possibility in sight is it not wilful and extravagant waste to have hundreds of acres of land lying idle within sight of men and women who, if they chose to exert themselves, could do their little bit to avert it. This is not a visionary idea. We believe there are many acres of land available in this province for the asking and that the required help for cultivating them is also available.

SCHOOL CIRCULARS

The Guardian is indebted to Mr. J. E. McLarty, B. S. A., of the Rural Science Department of Prince of Wales College for numbers five and six circulars just issued to the teachers of the province. Two copies of these circulars are issued to each teacher, one to be kept in the school and the other to be circulated among the pupils for use at home, and the promise is given that additional copies may be secured, if required, on application to the Department of Education. A study of these circulars will show what the government is doing in the way of co-ordinating the regular work of the school with that of the farm, the encouragement given to pupils to intelligently apply their school studies to the building up of their own province by emphasizing the great industry of the province, agriculture. An interesting history is given of the development of School fairs, home gardens and home projects in Canada and the development of this idea in Prince Edward Island, together with suggestions as to further development. Suggestions are also given in handicrafts and practical usefulness in the home, the school, the garden and on the farm. Emphasis is placed on the garden as a means of teaching the child the principles underlying cultivation, and leading him to a love of nature and the larger life on the farm.

To help the pupils in their work and to enable them to have the best seeds possible for their experimenting arrangements have been made with the Superintendent of the Experimental Farm to supply schools with choice material with which to carry on school project work. The selection has been confined to two varieties of potatoes, one variety of oats, one of barley and one of flax, all at nominal prices. Instructions are given in the circulars for securing these. A list of flowers and vegetables is also given to

enable the pupils to make proper selection. Many other items of valuable information are given in these excellent circulars which it would be well for parents as well as teachers to read.

105th DRAFT FUND

Our soldiers quartered in the City are now reduced to the 105th Reinforcements draft and these like the previous units are preparing to go overseas shortly. Something has been done for each of the units that have gone, done cheerfully and willingly by many of our citizens. It now remains to do something for the remaining soldiers by way of a regimental fund as was done for the others. A number of the ladies of the City have already interested themselves on behalf of this unit and, by way of a beginning, have asked Major Bartlett to give a lecture the proceeds of which shall be devoted to the fund. Major Bartlett, always ready to do what he can for the soldiers, kindly consented and the date of the lecture has been set for Tuesday next, May 1st in the Baptist Church. The subject of his lecture is Venice, a city which he visited recently and in which he secured a number of excellent views which will be used to illustrate his lecture. Venice is admittedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world and Major Bartlett's descriptive talent is well known so that the lecture alone, apart from the purpose to which the proceeds are to be devoted, will be a great attraction and one which no one who enjoys a literary as well as a scenic treat can afford to miss.

The object for which the fund is being raised is a sacred one, one in which every citizen should, and we trust will, participate. The boys are going to take the places of those who have fallen out of the ranks, whether through death or wounds or sickness. The casualty lists now reaching us from day to day show the imperative need of reinforcements, the need of hurrying the boys forward. The first drafts of this our only Island Regiment have been heavily engaged and we have not yet learned the full toll that has been and shall be paid. All we know is that if the battalion is to maintain its strength many more of our boys must go and the draft now in training here will in all probability be called shortly. In the meantime and while they are with us let us remember why they are here, why they are going forward and our obligations to them. Let everybody do their little bit towards the regimental fund by attending this lecture or contributing otherwise, so that the boys shall not want, either in health or in sickness, for any comfort which we can supply.

TORONTO'S EXAMPLE

Some time ago it was announced that the third campaign for Red Cross funds in Toronto resulted in a contribution of two and a quarter million dollars, the two previous ones having totalled something over a million dollars. The population of Toronto is in round numbers 500,000 so that the City's contribution for this one fund alone amounts to about \$6.50 for every man, woman and child in the City. It is doubtful if any other city in Canada can show such a result.

In conversation with a gentleman from Toronto the other day the secret of the city's generous contribution was at least partly revealed. It was simply a practical expression of the city's patriotism and was by no means the only expression. In the whole social life of the city Patriotism took precedence over every other thought. In the first place 60,000 residents of the city have gone to the front or are under arms in preparation for the front. This was at once an expression of and a cause for patriotism; the city was in a real sense in the war; practically every citizen had a personal interest in the war, in winning it, in sharing the burden voluntarily assumed by their fellow citizens. With their husbands, sons, brothers and friends enduring the discomforts and the dangers of war they looked upon it as disloyal to their own flesh and blood to live as they had lived, to continue their former enjoyments and comforts and luxuries. They began to practice as well as to preach economy. They abandoned to a very marked degree their social entertainments, their luxurious living, their expenditures on mere pleasure. It was regarded as unseemly to dress as elaborately, to entertain as expensively as formerly. It became fashionable to wear last year's fashions, as *infra dig* to adopt fashion's changes, a habit that was followed only by housemaids and employees. The war became the city's religion and the savings from accustomed extravagances were religiously applied to the war funds. This, and this alone, accounts for the splendid contribution made to the Red Cross in the accumulation of which practically all the ladies as well as the gentlemen gave of their time and of their energies. The city was organized into districts, including even the slums and every district was thoroughly combed by representative men and women, the contributions ranging from thousands of dollars to the "widow's mite" of five and ten cents.

Toronto is perhaps the wealthiest city in Canada. That its contributions for war purposes should be generous was to be expected but it has gone far beyond ordinary expectation and the reason for this is its practical patriotism, its willingness to bear a little of the sacrifice borne by those who are risking all and bearing all at the front. It has set a magnificent example to the rest of Canada, an example in real, practical, genuine patriotism and its method of doing it might well be adopted in other cities, not excluding our own which has not yet abandoned any of its comforts or even its luxuries for the sake of those who are doing our work and carrying our share of the burden amid horrors and discomforts that we have never even dreamed of.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

The marriage of the Duke of Devonshire and the Duchess of Devonshire will be held, and the honorary degree of LL. D. will be conferred upon the Duke. After visiting other Ontario cities, he will go to the Province of Quebec in the beginning of June and will remain until about July 2nd. The Governor-General and his party will then visit the Maritime Provinces en route to the Government steamers. In the Autumn he will probably go to the Western provinces.

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town, who has been spending the winter in California, has arrived in Medicine Hat to be the guest for a time of her son, Dr. J. T. Macleod and Mrs. Macleod, Second street.

Twenty-eight nurses received their graduation diplomas, last week at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. An address was given by Lieut.-Col. C. B. Keenan, D. S. O., and the diplomas were presented by Mrs. Keenan. Sir Vincent Meredith Bart, president. Among the graduates was Miss Stella Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parmenas Orr, French River.

Mrs. (Dr.) Reddy of Montreal is visiting in Halifax the guest of Mrs. W. M. P. Webster.

Princess Victoria, the King's daughter, and Princess Patricia, have both been suffering from an attack of measles, which has been very prevalent in England.

Among those who accompanied the Fifth Siege Draft to Pictou yesterday were Col. H. M. Davison and Mrs. Davison, Major and Mrs. Fullerton, and Mrs. Ernest McNutt of Malpeque.

A hearty welcome from his old friends will be awaiting Gunner Karl Fletcher when he arrives in this city on a short furlough from England.

Miss Frances Rogers, of Alberton, who has been having a very pleasant visit here, is leaving for home this morning.

A most enjoyable bridge was held last evening by Mrs. George DeBlos at her prettily appointed home. A delightful evening was spent during which dainty refreshments were served.

Sir Robert Borden spent the weekend at Windsor Castle, the guest of the King and Queen. Several of the Premiers of overseas Dominions, as

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison.

TWO CLASSES.

The race is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and enquire "Why wasn't it done the other way?" - O. W. Holmes.

The pleasures of life which are real are those that come from a knowledge of having helped some weaker man, or better still, a woman or child. These things are better than money, ease or social position.

well as his Grace the Archbishop of York were also guests.

Miss Marion Auld is being welcomed home after an extended visit to Montreal, New York and Halifax.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will spend the 22nd of May in Windsor, Ont., the 23rd and 24th in Woodstock, and on the 25th and 26th will pay an official visit to Kingston where a special convocation at Queen's University will be held, and the honorary degree of LL. D. will be conferred upon the Duke. After visiting other Ontario cities, he will go to the Province of Quebec in the beginning of June and will remain until about July 2nd. The Governor-General and his party will then visit the Maritime Provinces en route to the Government steamers. In the Autumn he will probably go to the Western provinces.

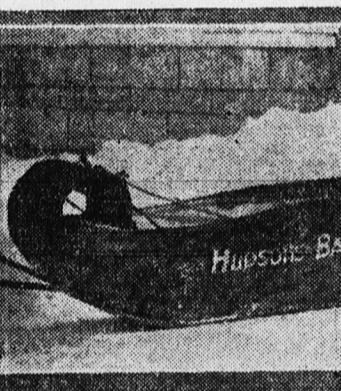
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Mrs. E. B. MacCreedy is spending several days very pleasantly among former friends in St. John.

Miss Jennings, who has been spending the winter with her friend, Mrs. J. Morris, in Charlottetown, has returned to Halifax and taken up her same rooms again on Cobourg road.

Miss Lilian McKenzie held a nicely arranged chain tea on Tuesday evening, her guests thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The closing of the Legislature on Thursday afternoon was of special interest this year, on account of the presence on the floor of the House by invitation of the American Consul, Mr. Pierce, representing the United States, our latest ally and the attendance for the last time of the 5th Siege Battery Draft, before sailing for overseas. After the usual ceremonies His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, the American Consul, the members and others, from the balcony of the House said words of farewell to the Siege boys amid the most enthusiastic cheers of the crowd which gathered.

Madame Hurd, whose terrible experiences were graphically told in one of the most interesting of the war-books, "My Home on the Field of Honor," widely read in this city, was a visitor to St. John this week. The Madam Hurd is making a trip through Canada and the United States. She is an American by birth, a daughter of Francis Wilson, the actor, from whom she inherited her love for things literary.

The novelty entertainment in the Beattie Memorial Hall last evening was another successful affair which afforded fun in plenty for the large audience present.

Senator and Mrs. McLean of Souris were among the interested spectators at the closing of the House, coming to town in connection with the departure of their son Lieut. Roy McLean of the overseas draft of the 5th Siege Battery.

Mrs. A. C. Saunders of Summerside

CANADIAN CASUALTIES HEAVY YESTERDAY

(Special to the Guardian.) OTTAWA, April 26.—Today's casualties are heavy and the department is about seven hundred in arrears in announcing them.

Have you tried the new Chocolatta, its delicious, for sale at Beer & Goff's. 7019.

Pure honey in 1/2 lb and 3 lb bottles, also in the combs at Beer & Goff's. 7019.

spent the past week most enjoyably with friends here and was most agreeably entertained at several informal social gatherings.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, who established the American Hospital at Neuilly, France, gives some thirty thousand dollars a month to carry on the work there. She also gives all her own time and energy to the work.

Prinier Mathieson is leaving shortly for England and purposes crossing over to France to visit the islanders now fighting there. It is understood he will be accompanied by Mr. A. E. Arsenault, Mr. P. H. Hearty and Senator McLean.

The departure of the Fifth Siege Battery Draft, yesterday morning amid the ringing of bells and tooting of whistles was welcomed by the boys themselves but to their friends it was not such good news. However they left amid smiles, cheers and hearty good wishes from the large crowds who lined the streets and wharves.

Each season predicts that women will weary of the sweater, in spite of the fact that the smart sport coat or velvet coat appears in tempting array. The average woman still wants at least three sweaters, and the especially extravagant one will own a dozen without a twinge of conscience. Shuff brown, ashberry and Robin Hood green ones are all worn with pleated skirts of fine white serge, or poplin, or a plain skirt of tunic colored crepe de chine in the heavy quality offered for sport usage. A few permit candy mustings, so well beloved by our inveterate ancestors; grown made of these are offered by exclusive houses at prices that make one shudder. Striped ghingams, the sort people made in their own sewing rooms for morning wear a few years ago, are also being featured by fashionable designers at a cost out of all proportion to their value, but because Dame Fashion has emphasized their use, they are now a luxury.

I got to see him in the morning and stayed with him till noon. Say but wasn't he glad to see me and I to see him. I left there Tuesday morning and got back here Wednesday night.

I expect he will be sent over here as soon as he can be moved. He was shot in the back and the bullet came out his chest, but he is not suffering any pain so don't worry about him. I feel sure he will be all right. I had a letter from Jim and he is getting along fine and is very anxious to get to France. I got the parcel of candy and lobster you sent. Say but it tasted good. I want you to thank Mrs. Dixon for the lobster and hope I will be able to thank her in person when the war is over.

Well Mother, I will close for this time. I hope this will find you all well. With lots of love from DAN

E. Coy. 3rd C. C. D. Hastings England

LT. HENRY IS MISSING

Lieut. Reginald Frederick Henry, son of Mayor W. T. Henry, of Edmonton, is among the British aviators listed among the missing as the result of the terrific air attacks on German positions on Saturday and Sunday last, preparatory to the big British offensive this week which has had such disastrous results for the enemy. The telegram announcing the news was dated from Ottawa on Wednesday, and was received by the Mayor this morning. It is stated that Lieut. Henry was listed as missing on Sunday last.

Lieut. Henry, who was a young man of exceptional promise, was born in Edmonton. He enlisted in the Third University of Alberta company, resigning the Princess Patricia, in July, 1915. He was afterwards transferred to the 49th battalion, being given a position in the intelligence platoon. His career is one of the many examples of the way in which Edmonton men have "made good," for although joining the University company as a private, his ability and aptitude were quickly recognized, and upon his transfer to the 49th battalion he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He was wounded while serving with the 49th, and was taken to hospital, but quickly recovered.

During last fall Lieut. Henry thought he would prefer a position in the air service, and accordingly took his examinations about Christmas time. He was successful, and, according to a letter received by Mayor Henry, left for his base about a month ago.

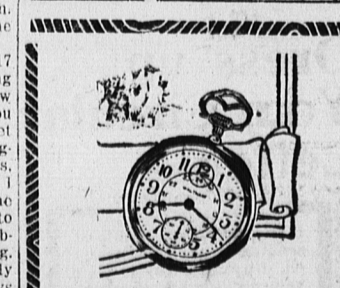
Lieut. Henry was a third-year student at the University of Alberta at the time of enlistment, and is now twenty-one years of age.

The many friends of the Mayor and Mrs. Henry, and their son, sincerely hope that good news may yet be received, and that it will be found that Lieut. Henry is safe and sound, with a long period of air fighting still in store.—Edmonton Bulletin, April 12.

Lieut. Henry is a great grandson of Mrs. William Pearsons, of Great George Street in this city. His father, Mayor W. T. Henry, was a number of years a resident of Charlottetown, having been engaged in business with Perkins & Sons.

CROWN FOR CROSS.

For every cloud a silver light; God wills it so. For every vale a shining height; A glorious morn for every night; A birth for labor's throes. For snow's white wing a verdant field; A gain for loss. For buried seed, the harvest yield; For pain, a strength, a joy revealed; A crown for every cross.



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