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## DOING, NOT KNOWING

Not what we know or what we know not, but what we do or do not is the measure of our usefulness or uselessness. Today, as never before we are being exhorted, preached to, lectured to, in view of a common and imminent danger. Our governments, federal and provincial are sending out missionaries among the farmers warning them that to avert famine they must increase their food production; warning the young and physically fit that, to save the Empire from destruction, they must shoulder their rifle and go to the front. The call to the farmers is one in the immediate benefits of which, if they heed it, they will directly share, and many will redouble their efforts, partly to avert the threatened famine and partly to add to their incomes from the high prices that food shortage means. The call to the young and the physically fit has been ringing in their ears for nearly three years; those who saw their duty have responded, the others are "gospel hardened" and would not alter their ways "though one came to them from the dead."

Our farmers know the truth of what is preached to them; our young men and the parents or wives through whose influence they may be kept back from doing their duty, know the peril to the Empire, know the need of more men, know that those who have gone are meeting with difficulties which would be very materially lessened if more men were available, if all were doing their duty. By keeping constantly before them these things that they already know many of these will be spurred to extra effort, some of the "gospel hardened" may be led to repentance.

We are all more thoughtless than wilful; we become accustomed to things; the war with all its horrors and anxieties is making us callous to many things which ordinarily would impress us most painfully. Many will remember the wave of emotion and sorrow that passed over this province when, one day during the South African war, word came that two of our Islanders were killed in action. Today over a hundred of our men are buried in unknown graves in France and the list is being daily added to in ones and twos from the three thousand boys who left their homes among us so recently. We know not upon whom the blow shall fall next, but like our boys themselves who have become accustomed to the "bullets picking dust spots on the green" and who forget the danger, we go about our affairs as if the dust spots and the casualty lists were a normal condition of life. It is the thoughtlessness that comes of custom, not any lessening of our love for the boys or disregard of the danger they are in. And yet this condition of mind is not a wholesome one. The officers at the front are constantly warning their men to beware of the "dust spots on the green," to remember the danger signals. We too should do well not to forget our first impressions of the horrors of war, to keep in mind the danger our sons and our fathers and brothers are in and to share with them, in spirit at least, what they are enduring and sacrificing for us. In this way only can we retain our human and humane affections and save ourselves from becoming hopelessly hardened by constant association with horrors. And, as our boys are bravely enduring what stern duty demands of them, let us, too, bravely do the part that remains to us, do our work bravely if not cheerfully, "keep the home fires burning," but remembering always the homes where the fires have already burned down to the grey ashes and to which the boys shall not return.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION

The suggestion has been made that another section of Victoria Park be converted into a farm or garden plot to be worked under expert direction by volunteers from the City. It is pointed out that many citizens would gladly offer their services for some days on farms out in the country but that owing to the distance and the little time that could be spared from business such service would not be practicable. Many of these could devote an hour or two a day on the Victoria Park where with proper direction the labour could be made profitable. Every acre or even half acre that can be added to the producing area of the province will be so much added to the sum total and every pound produced this year will count. Enough men can, we have no doubt, be found in the City to work up any quantity of land that can be spared within a reasonable distance of the City, either on Victoria Park or elsewhere and their work would count for very much. The initial cost of breaking the ground, which divided among many would be trifling, could be defrayed by voluntary contributions and the kind of seed for which the land would be suitable and which would be likely to be most profitable could be suggested by one or more of our Agricultural experts.

The suggestion is well worth taking into consideration and we commend it to the National Service League to be worked out as they think best. One thing however, must be borne in mind, that is that any move of this kind that is going to be of service this season must be put in hand at once. Within the next week

or ten days farming should be in full swing all over the province.

## SAVE THE YOUNG ANIMALS

The high prices that are being paid for meats of all kinds are tempting many of our farmers to slaughter their young animals, calves, lambs and pigs. This is a serious mistake and will inevitably lead to a shortage of animals when they are most needed and when they would be most profitable. "Fat no veal" is a slogan recommended by the Department of Agriculture. It would be well to extend it to the flesh of all young animals. The average age at which calves are killed is two or three months, when they weigh 100 to 150 pounds. If grown to two years old they would weigh many times this and would bring very much more profit to their owners. Lambs are killed at two or three months when they weigh 25 to 35 pounds. If matured they would weigh 75 to 100 pounds. Pigs of two months old are being slaughtered when they weigh not more than fifteen or twenty pounds. Kept for six to nine months they would weigh 150 to 200 pounds. The cost of keeping any of these would be much more than made up by the extra weight to which they would grow. It has been remarked that the Charlottetown market has been more than ordinarily supplied with these young animals this season and it is hoped that our farmers will not yield to the temptation of sacrificing any more of them even at the abnormal prices that are being paid for them at present.

## CONTROL OF INSECTS

The Entomological Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has issued Circular No. 9 on "Common Garden Insects and their Control." This publication includes an account of the more important insect pests of the vegetable and flower garden. It has been prepared for wide distribution at this time when everywhere throughout Canada efforts are being earnestly made to increase the production of vegetable foods, etc., in back yards, vacant lots and other areas near cities and towns. The remedial measures for controlling the common destructive species and also for mulch for the making of the chief insecticides are given. For easy reference the insects are grouped under the crop or flowering plants they infest. Gardeners will find this publication a most useful means for solving many troubles that will arise. Application for this Entomological Circular No. 9 should be made to the Chief of the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Insects concerning which further information is desired should be sent with a covering letter to the Dominion Entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Packages and letters so addressed up to 11 ounces in weight may be forwarded free of postage.

## GOOD ADVICE

The United States Secretary of Agriculture, in response to requests from many editors for a statement as to the service women can render to the nation in conserving agricultural products, has issued the following and it is as applicable to Canada as to the United States:

"Every woman can render important service to the nation in its present emergency. She need not leave her home or abandon her home duties to help the armed forces. She can help to feed and clothe our armies and help to supply food to those beyond the seas by practicing effective thrift in her own household.

"Every ounce of food the housewife saves from being wasted in her home—all food which she or her children produce in the garden and can or preserve—every garment which care and skilful repair make it unnecessary to replace—all less than household's draft on the already insufficient world supplies.

"To save food the house wife must learn to plan economical and properly balanced meals which, while nourishing do not encourage overeating or offer excessive and wasteful variety. It is her duty to use all effective methods to protect food from spoilage by heat, dirt, mice, or insects. She must acquire the culinary ability to utilize every bit of edible food that comes into her home. She must learn to use such foods as vegetables, beans, peas, and milk products as partial substitutes for meat. She must make it her business to see that nothing nutritious is thrown away or allowed to be wasted.

"Waste in any individual household may seem to be insignificant, but if only a single ounce of edible food, on the average, is allowed to spoil or be thrown away in each of 20,000,000 homes over 1,300,000 pounds of material would be wasted each day. It takes the fruit of many acres and the work of many people to raise, prepare and distribute 464,000,000 pounds of food a year. Every ounce of food thrown away, therefore, tends also to waste the labor of an army of busy citizens. Make economy fashionable lest it become obligatory."

## NOTES

The man who can succeed by working a few hours is to be congratulated, but not imitated, says an exchange. The best—and for most of us the only—recipe for success is hard work. Thomas A. Edison, though seventy years old, world-famous and rich as the world counts wealth, today works harder and longer than any other reader of this paper. One of the "old man's" time-cards which he actually punched showed that he was on the job a little under ninety-five hours and forty-five minutes during a single typical week. Any man who will work like that will succeed—not in the same manner as Edison, but to the same degree. Try it.

## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

### THE RAIN.

This is the greening rain That comes to lawns and fields where leaves have lain. Softly it blurs the pane. And softly, oh, softly I can see it turn ing Our tawny hills to living emerald. The bitten blackness of the elms is dulled Since day by copper mist Above the fresh red earth from April plows Still gray are apple boughs. But, in between, The withered strips of grass have changed to green Like beryl bracelets on an Indian's wrist. The willow pales Her Winter amber in a weft of jade. The reds stream like veils And maple buds In scarlet loveliness will soon be burning Their sudden fires along the forest trails, Before the leafy floods. Beauty is here in spite of sorrow's shade.

The Duchess of Teck has opened at Chester, England, a Horticultural College for the training of women as gardeners.

Mrs. A. B. Warburton is visiting in Windsor this week and will be present at the closing exercise of King's College when her daughter Miss Nora, graduates.

Mrs. C. E. McLaggan and two little daughters of New Glasgow, were very welcome visitors here this week being the guests of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. McKinnon, Grafton Street.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., president of the Naval War College, at Newport, is a guest at Windsor Castle, according to the court circular. Admiral Sims is engaged with the British naval authorities in working out problems involved by the participation of the United States in the war.

The Nurses' Graduation exercises always an event of the year, were on Thursday quite largely attended many being present to do honor to the young ladies, Miss Mabel Sweet, City, Miss Margaret McKenzie, Northam, and Miss Dorothy McDonald, New Glasgow, each of whom was presented with a beautiful bouquet from Mr. Tat, after Premier Mathieson, in his affable manner, had presented the diploma. A pleasing feature was the announcement by Mr. Pope that a room was to be furnished in honor of Miss Lattie Campbell, whose death, just about as she was about to graduate, is fresh in the minds of all. It is a kindly tribute to a faithful nurse and will be much appreciated. A short musical program added to the pleasure of the affair and the young nurses start life with an abundance of good wishes.

The Director of Naval Service for Canada, Vice-Admiral Kingsmill, has just been gazetted as Admiral.

Mrs. Neil McQuarrie of Summerside spent the week end here with her sisters Mrs. McPhail and Mrs. McDonald.

The cheery letters which came this week from the boys in England and France were very welcome to their anxious parents and friends.

Mrs. R. G. Morton after a short but pleasant visit among her friends has returned to Halifax.

Premier Mathieson is leaving this morning for Ottawa and when he returns he will hold a reception of parents and friends of soldiers overseas in order to be able to tell the boys that he saw them personally before leaving for Europe.

This spring and summer will see a bewildering variety of styles exploited, in which every kind of loom product, silk, wool, cotton and linen will all be pressed into service. Colors, too, will be as varied as the fabrics; soft neutral tints are seen side by side with the most brilliant hues, indeed, a riot of colors seems striking. However, even the most striking shades are rendered attractive if they are used with skill and judgment, and every woman can indulge her fancy as to color, knowing that whatever shades she selects it is undoubtedly bound to be fashionable. Among plain silks, taffeta has been revived again and is much seen in the French im-

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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### DO IT NOW.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them; and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you intend to send for their caskets, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy, and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body. I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them. I would rather have a plain casket without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends before they die. Post mortem. Kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit, flowers on the casket cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way.

# Saturday Specials

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 A FEW SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY.  
 Fleece lined hose, 25c a pair  
 Cotton Hose, 15c a pair  
 White silkline hose, 30c a pair.  
 Buster Brown sisters hose for the Kiddies in White, Pink and Blue 5/2 to 9, at 30c per pair.

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portation; in dresses, two piece suits and for smart coats. Two toned effects of purple and blue shot effects are smart, the colorings in the main being blue and brown, and brown and purple and blue shot effects. The stories are showing these a good deal and there is every indication that they will be much worn.

The engagement is announced of Prince Alexander, son of Princess Henry of Battenberg, and Lady Irene Denison, only daughter of Lord Londesborough.

As a compliment to the Overseas Dominions, Lady Perley, Lady Mackenzie, Mrs. Fisher, and Mrs. Shreiner, the wives of the four Dominion's representatives in London, have been invited to become temporary honorary members of the Lyceum Club, an honor hitherto accorded only to the wives of certain representatives of foreign courts.

Prince Edward Albert of Wales, heir apparent to the British throne, has answered for himself the question whom he will marry, according to the National News, a London weekly. The News says the Prince has decided he will ask for the hand of his first cousin, Princess Maude, the youngest daughter of the Princess Royal and sister to Princess Arthur of Connaught. The young princess is fourteen months older than the prince who is 22. She has lived a retired life, the inseparable companion of her mother. Her father, the Duke of Fife, was the closest personal friend of the late King Edward.

Rev. Dr. Gauthier who is greatly interested in increased production and who would like to see all the waste and play places of the Province under cultivation, was a welcome visitor to Charlottetown this week.

The Bridge at the Women's Club on Wednesday afternoon came as a pleasant change in an otherwise quiet week socially, quite a number of ladies attending to assist in a worthy cause while enjoying a social hour. A very pleasant afternoon was spent ending with dainty refreshments and the awarding of suitable prizes.

The closing of the Prince of Wales College on Thursday morning was most agreeable to parents and friends as the young graduates looked exceedingly happy after a year of hard work, forgotten in the success achieved and the warm words of praises extended to them by the teachers and the gentlemen on the platform.

Mrs. R. L. Logan's many friends are giving her a warm welcome on her return home from Winnipeg, and are delighted to hear that she is to reside in Halifax to which city Mr. Logan proceeded Monday morning, having been the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Paton. Miss Nita DesBarres and Miss

Sibyl Calkin were hostesses at tea on Friday afternoon in honor of the post-graduates and seniors of Mount Allison Ladies College at the home of Mrs. DesBarres, Sackville. Among those present were Miss Nan Brown and Miss Olga Crosby.

Mrs. (Dr.) Myers of Toronto whose exquisite singing affords her friends so much enjoyment, was among the visitors arriving this week.

A new note has been struck in official receptions at Washington by the presence of Miss Jeannette Rankin, Representative in Congress from Montana, who has been the only woman present at several of the official entertainments recently given in honor of the visiting commissions from England and France, where Cabinet members, of Congress and scores of the higher Government officials—Miss Rankin the only petticoat in the lot—were invited to meet the distinguished foreigners. At the reception given by Secretary Lansing, where even Mrs. Lansing was not present, in honor of Mr. Balfour the British statesmen manifested special interest and cordiality for the slender young woman from Montana, when she came up the receiving line to shake his hand.

Feeble with the weight of years, but as keen and alert mentally as in the days of long ago when she swayed the destiny of a nation, the ex-Empress Eugenie quietly passed her ninety-first birthday anniversary Saturday last at her home at Forthborough Hill. Following a custom inaugu-

gated by the late Queen Victoria and likewise regularly observed by the late King Edward, the former Empress of the French, was visited by a personal messenger bearing greetings on her birthday from King George and Queen Mary.

After an extended visit to New York and other points of interest Mrs. W. A. Brennan and daughter Miss Dorothy are being welcomed home by their Summerside friends.

Gradually the list of notables in the Royal Aviation Corps now stationed in Toronto is being increased the latest addition being Lieut. Vernon Castle, the New York dancer of international fame, who has been serving with the French Army for several months and whose bravery won for him the Legion of Honor. Lieut. Castle was one of a party of officers who arrived in Toronto to take over instructional duties with the Canadian corps. Mr. and Mrs. Castle appeared in Toronto just before the war in a presentation of up-to-date dances. Mrs. Castle is also known to theatre-goers as "Patricia" in the big war picture of that name which is now going the rounds of the movies.

This week, Lieut. Clyde Auld a brilliant McGill student who gave up his college career of much promise to don the khaki, had the honor of having the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred on him by the Faculty of McGill University. Lieut. Auld is now in Halifax and leaves shortly for overseas with the new McGill Unit.

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