

"AT LAST"

A hymn of the United Empire Loyalists, after the speech from the throne delivered to the Imperial Parliament, January 30th, 1900.

At last, at last! the hour has come,
The hour of recognition;
The day we've waited for, at last!
After a hundred years have passed,
To see our best tradition!

The day for which our fathers fought,
In which they bled and perished;
Leaving their homes and wading forth,
To brave the rigours of the north,
Bearing the flag they cherished!

At last our kinsmen stretch their hands,
And call us now their brothers;
They've learned that blood is thick and fast,
They've learned that sacred name at last,
Is ours, and not another's!

No more of empty word and phrase,
No more of smooth cajoling,
Calling an alien race their "own,"
Whose children look on England's throne
With hatred past controlling!

At last! we're standing side by side,
Shoulder to shoulder, fighting;
For this our fathers fought and died,
For this, the strength of Empire's pride,
Britons, in truth uniting!

What if the days be long or short,
What if it comes stormy weather,
What if our toes around us lie
Thick as stars in summer sky?
Britons, we'll stand together!

God give us hearts to praise Thy name,
Hearts to rejoice while weeping;
Glad that our love has stood the test,
Glad to give of our very best,
Faith with our fathers keeping!
—C. N. M., U. E. L.
Charlottetown, S. C., Jan. 31st, 1900.

—The Halifax Herald reviews the facts in respect to the Government and the sending of the First Contingent, and says: "It is, indeed, a pitiable story of government neglect and wrongheadedness or wrongheartedness, but it is also a glorious story of triumphant popular patriotism."

—We agree with the Toronto Globe that there may be wiser methods of negotiation than those of Mr. Chamberlain adopted. But there is no evidence that either the Colonial Secretary, the British Government or the English people desired this war or did any thing to promote it. All the relevant facts lead up to the conclusion that Kruger's beloved policy of "taxation without representation" was persistently maintained by him, because he felt that the influence of the free-trading Uitlanders in the Dutch Parliament would tend to defeat his life-long design of overthrowing British supremacy in South Africa.

Lieut.-Col. Wachs, of the German War Department, said to the Associated Press correspondent at Berlin: "The prestige of the British army cannot be said to have suffered so far as fighting qualities are concerned. Both privates and officers have behaved with the utmost bravery in action, as the lists of the dead and wounded show."

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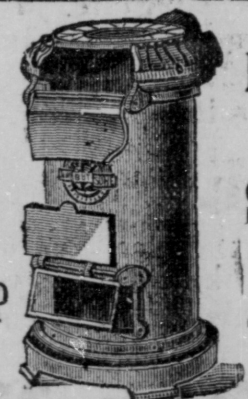
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