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CANADA AND GERMANY—A CONTRAST

No finer or more impressive lesson can be taught the youth of Canada on the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation than is found in the contrast between half a century of Canadian and of German development. What was called the North German Bund was organized on July 1, 1867, which is also the natal day of Canada. In the one case there has been a steady growth of democracy, and of conquest of the wilderness for the home-builders of a nation. In the other there has been the growth of a great and cruel autocracy, seeking not expansion for the benefit of the people, but making the people mere cogs in a great war-machine to achieve world domination for the war lords of Prussia. While the people of the British provinces were widening the bounds of freedom by the overthrow of the Family Compact, William of Prussia was preparing to Prussianize Germany. Later, while the people of the new Dominion of Canada were moving forward in the development of half a continent to be the home of a great free people, the new German Empire was creating a great army and navy, reaching out for trade supremacy, securing colonies, and looking forward to the day when the blow would be struck to Prussianize the world.

The record is instructive. In 1861 William I became king of Prussia, which was then a minor but very ambitious state. There was then a loose German confederation, in which Austria was the dominant power. William selected as his chief adviser Bismarck, then fresh from the Russian court, and consumed with an ambition to make Prussia the leading German state. An opportunity to begin his campaign soon presented itself. The duchies of Schleswig and Holstein lay between Prussia and Denmark. A dispute over the succession to the Danish crown gave Prussia and Austria an excuse to intervene. They defeated Denmark, and Austria proposed that she take Holstein and Prussia annex Schleswig. Bismarck, powerful army, and demanded both duchies for Prussia. Austria protested, war was declared against her, and she was quickly defeated and kicked out of the German confederation; while Prussia assumed the leadership and retained both Schleswig and Holstein. But South Germany, consisting of Bavaria, Wurtemberg and Baden, still remained outside of the union. Bismarck's ambition was to make a still greater Germany, and his opportunity soon came.

Napoleon, on the throne of France, was extremely jealous of the rising power of Prussia. He believed, moreover, that if he went to war with Prussia the south German states would come to his assistance. Bismarck knew better, and pursued a course that made war inevitable. The South German states joined those of the north, France was crushed, and in the palace at Versailles the German Empire was called into being, and King William of Prussia became the Emperor of Germany. This was in 1871. France paid an enormous indemnity, and lost the rich provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Bismarck now proceeded with tremendous energy to consolidate the Empire. Schleswig-Holstein, Alsace-Lorraine and Prussian Poland were Germanized with a rod of iron. Emperor William died in 1888, and his son Frederick only lived five months after him. The present Kaiser ascended the throne, and very soon rid himself of Bismarck. He continued, however, the Bismarck policy. He strengthened the army, developed manufacturing, built up a great trade, constructed a great navy, and secured small colonies at strategic points in various parts of the globe. But most of all he developed a tremendous fighting machine. We know now that for years the ambition of Germany has been to oust Britain from her position of world leadership, just as years ago she kicked Austria out of the leadership of the North German Confederation. Later, as we know, she planned to create a great eastern empire.

But what of the people of Germany in all these years? The state was not for them. They were for the state. They were mere cogs in the machine. It became a marvellously effective machine, but they were merely the cogs. No corollary in the world has developed such care of its children, but they are merely bred for the military efficiency of Germany. That country has never enjoyed democratic government. It is under the iron heel of militarism. The

war lords wanted world dominion, and the whole system of national development was based on that ambition. We see the result today. Not only has German ambition plunged the world into the most awful war of all time, but the German people, true to their training, have been guilty of crimes which have staggered humanity and blackened forever the record of their nation. Europe lies bleeding, and the suffering and sorrow have extended to all lands, while Germany herself goes headlong to her fate.

How nobly different has been the half-century record of the Dominion of Canada. The two races living here united their energies with singleness of purpose. Neither sought to oppress or to injure the other. They saw in the vast new territory which was theirs the opportunity to provide happy homes for the poor and unhappy of other nations, and opened wide their doors that these might come in and aid in building up a pure democracy, where every man would have his opportunity to win the highest honors by virtue of his own ability and worth. It is a wonderful and inspiring story, of which but the opening chapters have been written in these fifty years.

Parallel with the development of Canada went that of Australia and later of South Africa, and of the whole British Empire. Everywhere the people were given whatever measure of autonomy they were fitted to enjoy, as in Egypt and in India. The process is still going on, and it is the democratic principle which binds the Empire in ever closer unity. Sir John Macdonald at Confederation said the three millions of Canada were loyal to Britain, and he declared that when they were seven millions they would not be less loyal. We know today how clearly he and the other fathers of Confederation foresaw how the democratic principle would operate in a congeries of free peoples, no matter how widely severed by distance or how different in race or in religion. And when the storm of war broke and Britain drew the sword to defend her honor and the rights of humanity, there was a dash of swords from every quarter of the globe where the flag floats, to proclaim to the world the unity of the Empire and the determination of freedom's sons to fight as their fathers fought for liberty and righteousness.

What greater inspiration can come to the youth of any nation than may rightly come to the youth of Canada today? Aye, there are problems to solve; but who would not want to be alive today, with the record of Canada behind him, to throw himself joyously into the task of solving them, as his fathers did those many and serious problems of the years that are gone?

Canada, the country of the future, the great democracy of our hopes and dreams, calls to her sons today to prove themselves worthy, not only of the graves in France and Flanders, but of the pioneers who laid the foundations so truly and so well.

An Ottawa despatch to the Standard says: "The arrival of Mr. N. W. Rowell, leader of the Liberal party in Ontario, in the city today, and the fact that he had a long conference with the prime minister at his home, has aroused anew the talk regarding the formation of a union government. It is taken for granted that the formation of such a government will be announced shortly after the conscription bill passes the house. The belief is that it will include Liberals from outside parliament as well as Liberals in the house who supported conscription."

Tomorrow will be the third Dominion Day some of the Canadian soldiers will have spent in France. They will be thinking of home. If we at home were thinking of them as we should, the shrunken battalions would be brought and kept at full strength. Dominion Day should mean infinitely more to us because it is made sacred by the blood of heroes who sleep in Flanders fields.

Mr. N. W. Rowell, Liberal leader in Ontario, has been called in conference by Sir Robert Borden. Mr. Rowell is one of Canada's big men. On the first page to today's Times is presented his contribution to a Dominion Day symposium in this week's Canadian Courier. That utterance must appeal to every Canadian. It is timely and fearless and true.

The announcement that a second shipyard is to be established in St. John at once, and the possibility that a third may be started at the Warner mill site cannot but afford the citizens the greatest satisfaction.

The Canadians may mark Dominion Day by squeezing the Germans out of another section of Lens. We may be sure they will honor the day.

There is again talk of coalition at Ottawa. The seriousness of the situation is more clearly perceived as the debate on conscription progresses.

THE SEMI-READY SUMMER SALE

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Boys' Knicker and Youths' "First Long" to be a Feature of the Semi-annual Clearance Sale.

A feature of the semi-annual sale in the Semi-Ready Tailoring Shop in King street, will be the sale of suits for boys and for younger young men. These latter suits really belong to the now famous "High School" brand made by the Semi-Ready Company to meet the demand for parents who have felt that they had to go to Boston or New York to get something really smart for their sons. These garments are to be sold at exact wholesale cost for ten days.

The selection of men's summer suits has never been finer in the Semi-Ready store. Two large cases of goods, which arrived only last week. The cloth having been delayed in shipment from England, will add interest for these new patterns had never yet been shown to customers.

Some two-piece suits, which are in demand more than the single-breasted ones, will be sold at \$10 and \$12 each, which is far below their present wholesale value. "So that there may be no disappointment we have announced that plain serges, blacks and blues, will not be included in this sale. These goods are almost impossible to get, as they are worn on the same looms which are so generally devoted to khaki serge," said the manager.

All other suits, including the white silk stripe serges, will be included in the general reduction while the Semi-Ready summer sale is on at the corner of King and Germain streets. Visitors to town over the holiday are specially invited. The store will be open until 11 o'clock tonight.

LIGHTER VEIN.

"Now, Harold, said the teacher, 'if there were eleven sheep in a field and six jumped the fence, how many would there be left?' 'None,' replied Harold. 'Why?' 'You may know arithmetic, but you don't know sheep.'

"You are willing," said Mrs. Williams, "to lay out pounds and pounds every month on cigars and whisky, but you grumble like a bear when I speak about a new frock." "Well," snarled Williams, "can I smoke or drink a frock?"

An old chap applied to an artist for the post of model. "Well," said the artist, "what do you sit for?" "Oh, anything, sir," said the model, fingering his beard nervously. "Anything you like, sir; landscape, if necessary."

The stonemason was on the witness stand describing the way in which he had been accused by the defendant. "He walked right into my yard," the witness said, "and slammed me up against one of my tombstones." "Did he hurt you?" inquired the court. "Hurt me! Why, I've got 'sacred to the memory' of stamped all down my back."

A certain business man of Rochester is of opinion that he has an exceedingly bright office boy, and nothing pleases him better than to tell how he acquired the youngster's services. A notice had been posted in the man's shop window, which read as follows: "Boy wanted about fourteen years." A lad of that age, with little that was prepossessing in his appearance, came into the office and said that he had read the notice. "So you think you would like to have the position?" asked the merchant, patronizingly, as he gazed at the lad over the rim of his spectacles. "Yes, sir," was the reply; "I want the job, but I don't know that I can promise to keep it for the full fourteen years."

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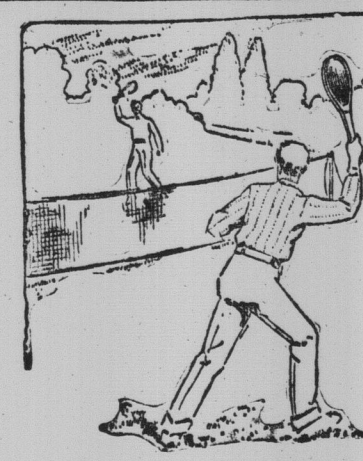
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RECENT WEDDINGS

Crawford-Stokes

The marriage of Miss Tessie M. Stokes to Russell Crawford, Botsford, took place at the home of the bride, Sackville, on Wednesday.

Morgan-Carr

Miss Alberta Vera Carr of Southampton, and Melvin C. Morgan, of Millville, were married in Fredericton Wednesday by Rev. G. C. Warren.

McAndrews-Stephenson

On Wednesday evening at the home

of the bride's parents, Marysville, N. B., the marriage of Miss Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, was united in marriage to George McAndrews of Calais, Me.

Gaudet-Magee

In St. Bernard's church, Moncton, on Thursday, Miss Emily Magee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Magee, of Steadman street, became the bride of Edward P. Gaudet, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Gaudet.

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Macdonald-Menzies

Newcastle, June 29—At the First Baptist parsonage, Lawrence (Mass.), on June 29, Miss Eva I. Menzies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Menzies, of Whitteville (N. B.), was married to William G. Macdonald, of Buctouche (N. B.), Rev. York King being the



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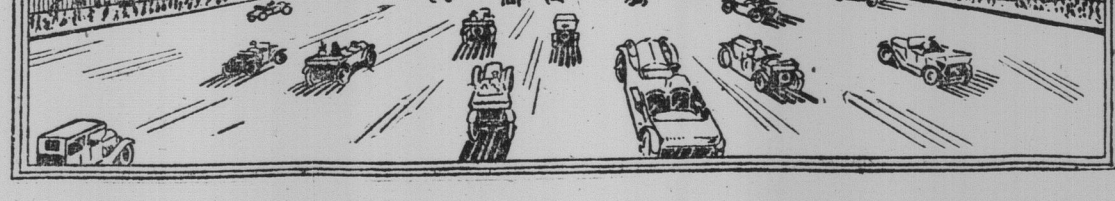
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BY AUTHORITY PROCLAMATION

JOSIAH WOOD.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor directs the publication of the following for general information:

Whereas, the 1st of July is the semi-centennial of the confederation of the Canadian provinces;

And, whereas, a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons was appointed to consider the proper celebration of the occasion;

And, whereas, the said committee have recommended that, "As the day falls on Sunday, it should be particularly fitting that the churches and the Sabbath schools of all denominations should incorporate into their exercises the recognition of the facts and lessons embodied in our national birth and fifty years progress, and have requested that clergymen and Sabbath school superintendents give to the celebration their hearty and intelligent co-operation";

And, whereas, Monday the 2nd day of July, has been fixed by proclamation for the celebration of Dominion Day, and the committee have recommended that the celebration on that day be as "general as possible, without expensiveness and elaborate display, as befits war time and carried out on the broadest social and democratic lines, a plain sincere people's demonstration, a tribute to the founders of our Dominion and the institutions and ideals of our common country";

We do most earnestly request that the cities and municipalities of the province, clubs and patriotic associations, co-operate with the citizens generally, in commemorating the day, and the obligations that rest upon us all as citizens. We especially request that the clergymen of all denominations throughout the province, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, in the religious services of Sunday, the 1st of July, honor to the memory of the noble brave men who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country, as well as to those who are still facing danger and death upon the battlefield, and that the religious exercises of the day be characterized with a spirit of loyalty, unselfish service, and earnest prayer for the success of the sacred cause for which we are fighting.

And we further request that on Monday the 2nd of July all municipal and city officers, coroners, and all patriotic societies, and that all citizens by a display of flags and suitable decorations at their homes and places of business, give hearty support and countenance to this movement, that this semi-centennial celebration of confederation may testify to our appreciation and grateful acknowledgment of the many blessings and great prosperity our province has enjoyed, and the continued unity and patriotism of the Canadian people.

ROBERT MURRAY, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer.

To Teachers and School Officers:

In accordance with the proclamation of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, teachers and school officers are requested at the school closings for the present term, to have special reference made, in as far as practicable, to the fiftieth Anniversary of Confederation and the historic incidents connected therewith.

W. S. CARTER, Chief Superintendent of Education, Education Office, June 29, 1917. 6-39

clating clergyman. Miss Mairie Wright was maid of honor and William Gordon, cousin of the bride, was best man. They will reside at 17 Clinton court, Lawrence (Mass.).

Melitzer-Gunter.

At the home of Prof. and Mrs. M. C. Herner, Balfour avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Wednesday evening, June 18th, Miss Annie L. Gunter, daughter of Mrs. Helen Gunter and the late Chas. R. Gunter, of Fredericton, N. B., and Nelson J. Melitzer of Saskatoon, Sask., were united in marriage.

Cameron-Fawcett.

In the North River Baptist Church Wednesday evening, June 20th, Bertie Mary, daughter of R. Bliss Fawcett, was united in marriage to LeRoy Withington Cameron, of St. John, by the Rev. Abram Perry.

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