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Canada After the War

One and not the least of the great lessons the war has already taught is the value and need of preparation for all possible contingencies. Much of Germany's success is attributable to the fact that, prepared itself, it caught its foes either wholly or partially unready for a conflict so stupendous. Each of the allies has suffered from lack of foresight or over-confidence in the impossibility of war. Will they and particularly Canada apply this experience in other than military affairs and begin in time to prepare for what is likely to happen at the close of the struggle? Whether the end comes this year or next year or is still longer delayed, it will come at last, and should find Canada ready for the opening of a new era in her history.

The statistics of immigration show that the European wars of last century were all followed by a marked increase in the flow of emigration towards the North American continent. That happened at the close of the Napoleonic wars, when the maritime provinces received a great influx of settlers. After the Crimean war again Quebec and a similar tide occurred after the Franco-German war. This phenomenon was especially visible in the United States, which during the greater part of last century remained the chief centre of attraction for the European emigrant. Canada's turn came notably after the South African war, and it is a reasonable conjecture that the end of the present world conflict will be marked by a tremendous outflow of returned fighting men to the dominions.

The effect of wars has been no less apparent in the development of Canadian agriculture, industry and commerce. Their close has always resulted in periods of great prosperity, and this is particularly true of the United States and Canada. One of these periods came with the end of the civil war and was attributable to the necessity of repairing its ravages. High prices of wheat ruling during the Crimean campaign gave the first important impetus to Canadian agricultural expansion, and that again was responsible for the rapid extension of the Dominion railways and the rise of its manufacturing industries. Every line of national life and work benefited. Corresponding and even more profitable consequences may be expected when the time arrives to repair the wreckage of this world-wide conflict.

Canadian governments, federal and provincial, should set themselves assiduously to prepare for the reception of a record number of immigrants from Europe, and not only that, but to their best to turn the current towards Canada. This war will certainly create a phenomenal wave of imperial sentiment. It is already visible in the welcome which has been accorded to the prowess of the British territorials and the new Kitchener armies and no less to the splendid bravery of the contingents from the dominions and the loyalty of South Africans, Boer and Briton alike. Never has there been a time when the whole empire can reap a more remarkable and enduring harvest than now, when every unit in the far-flung battle line is thrilling with the consciousness of imperial unity and rejoicing in the realization that all are members of one body, knit not by the power of the sword, but by the stronger tie of sentiment and common ideals.

Toronto, too, should prepare for the inevitable future. It is said that here there are 4000 vacant houses. That looks a large number, but it is less than the five per cent, regarded as the normal even in the best of times. Just now, too, Toronto is suffering from the withdrawal of many of its bread-winners, and from motives of economy their families are "doubling up," or taking rooms, till the reunion comes. When they go back to normal family life, Toronto should not witness again the fact that reunited families must "double up" because of the scarcity of houses available on moderate terms. Builders should be prepared for this restoration and for the inflow of new citizens. There may not be the old opportunities for exceptional profits, but there will be for sufficient profits. These, after all, pay best in the long

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run, because they are more stable and less liable to be affected by fluctuations. Even as it is, current obligations are being met, building is proceeding in the residential districts, but it should be brought up to a point that regards not only the demand of the present, but the probable demand of the future. The greater and more accommodating the market the better the outlook for the property owner and the new citizen.

The People Pay
Mr. Taff's Philadelphia speech is well worthy of attention. There were worse things than war, he said, and it might be that the national honor and interest would demand the sacrifice of thousands and hundreds of thousands of lives to avenge the Lusitania, but a war must be sanctioned by the deliberate judgment of the people. It was the people who had to pay in life and treasure.

Vital issues—issues of life and death—Mr. Taff observed, should not be decided in hot blood under the strain of exasperation and resentment. A demand for war that could not stand the test of a few days' consideration, would not, in his opinion, voice the real sentiment of the country. If the feeling in the United States aroused by the sinking of the Lusitania approaches that aroused by the sinking of the Maine a declaration of war is inevitable. But even in the case of the Maine, President McKinley insisted upon a cooling time, a period of delay, so that when congress acted it did so upon an unmistakable mandate from the people.

In conclusion Mr. Taff urged the nation to loyally stand by the president. Mr. Wilson, he said, could not prevent a war if the people really desired it, but he could bring on a war which the nation might regret. It was the people who had to pay the price, and in his opinion it was the duty of the president to give them time to arrive at a deliberate judgment.

A Spur for Slackers

Officially it is well to get on record some account of the horrors of which Germany has been guilty in her campaign in Belgium. Contemporary humanity has no need of other evidence than its eyes and ears afford it. But history must bear record to posterity of what mankind is capable under an evil system, and have the lesson kept before it which we have been so loath to learn that there is always latent in the race a demonic blackness of heart which sane and reasonable people are scarcely able to suspect. None of us could have believed a year ago that Kaiser Wilhelm was capable of authorizing the devilish crimes that will be associated with his name in times to come. The dastards and tyrants of the past sink into insignificance beside him. Napoleon was a Christian gentleman compared with the last of the Hohenzollerns. Nero was but the apprentice in the abominations which Wilhelm has spread before us in the fulness of his desolation; and Attila and Alva and Abdul all combined could not equal the shame of Germany's war-lord.

When the German nation comes to its senses, as we believe it will, the decent Germans will be as horrified as any of us over these terrible events, and it is necessary that the record be made indelible for them and their offspring. Dr. Jordan has said that the German military idea must be stamped out like a nest of snakes, and nothing else would be compatible with the future of a civilized race.

The French authorities have already made a report on the atrocities of the German army in Belgium, and they relied solely on German documentary evidence for the truth of their statements. Much of this evidence was taken from the official diaries of officers and men which are kept under the German army regulations. Great numbers of these diaries were obtained from the dead on the field, and from prisoners, and it is satisfactory to know that many of them gave expression to the horror of the writers over the scenes they witnessed and had to take part in.

The commission appointed by the



Unsettled—Winds veering from easterly to south westerly.

British Government, under the chairmanship of Lord Bryce, has examined 1200 witnesses of the outrages, and the accumulated testimony is of the most harrowing character. We do not wish to dwell upon it, nor further to revolt our readers with the details, but we must say that if anyone feels any doubts about the justice of the cause of the allies, or of the character of the alleged superior virtue, or culture, or civilization of the Germans, he should get these two reports as speedily as possible and peruse them.

We think the women of Christendom ought to make themselves familiar with the facts, too horrible to print, in connection with the assaults on women in Belgium, the violation of nuns and similar brutalities. Much of this is covered up on account of our British prudery, but it ought to be known by those capable of appreciating its significance.

The general indictment of the German nation which Lord Bryce's report constitutes ought to be in the hands of every slacker, and every man of full age who is free to take up a righteous cause. Those who cannot be spurred to action by these recitals have little of the true spirit of the knights who do not hesitate to be their brothers' keepers, and who have no desire to bear the mark of Cain.

OUTSIDERS OVERCROWD THE HIGH SCHOOLS

Special Committee Appointed to Investigate the Matter—Must Attend Other Schools.

It was brought out at the meeting of the management committee of the Toronto School Board yesterday afternoon that much overcrowding is caused in the Toronto High Schools thru the attendance of non-resident pupils. It is stated that some who attend live as far away from Toronto as Clarkson, Ont. A special committee was appointed to investigate the matter.

In order to relieve overcrowding at Church Street Public School the 73 pupils attending who live in other school districts will be required to attend the schools in their own districts, beginning with the fall term. It was decided to spend \$400 in having "Safety First" bulletins placed in the schools and safety literature mailed to the pupils' parents.

A request that the Women's Patriotic League be allowed to ask the school children on Empire Day to contribute money for wool to make socks for soldiers was granted. It was stated that in addition to the knitting done by the members, the league employs 127 women to knit socks. The total cost of a pair of these socks amounts to 8c.

A request that the league be allowed to sell flags in order to raise funds for respirators was refused. Trustee McTaggart expressed the opinion that the government should provide all the respirators required, and not leave it to outside efforts. A deputa-tion from the Patriotic League, which appeared, stated that the league were to forward 1000 respirators to France this morning.

It was decided to reopen the public schools for the fall term on Thursday, September 2. A report from the medical inspector's department showed that 48,723 pupils were examined during last month, and that of these 2088 were found with disease.

DON DAM IS STILL UNDECIDED ISSUE

Flow of Water Thru Watson Property at Thornhill Bone of Contention.

SATURDAY NIGHT SUIT

Defendants Ordered to Give Security for Costs in Libel Action.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday the second appellate division directed an issue to determine whether W. H. Jackson, E. J. Jackson and John Rie-brough are depriving George H. Watson, K.C., of the flow of the Don stream at Thornhill. The defendants have built a dam and created a nine-acre lake above the \$60,000 home of Mr. Watson.

Some time ago an injunction was secured restraining the defendants from interfering with Mr. Watson's rights to the flow of the stream, and later an order was made committing them to jail unless they apologized for breach of the injunction, and destroyed what they had done.

Defendants appealed to the appellate court and asked that an issue be granted to ascertain whether they have in fact interfered with the normal flow of the river beyond what they are reasonably entitled to as riparian owners.

MUST GIVE SECURITY

By order of Mr. Justice Middleton the Augustine Automatic Rotary Engine Company, of Canada, must give security for costs in its action against Saturday Night, Limited, to recover \$50,000 for alleged libel. The plaintiff alleges that as a result of the comments published in The Saturday Night it was prevented from carrying out a contract for the purchase of certain property from Chatham. The Saturday Night editor made an affidavit that he had been unable to learn that the plaintiff had any property.

The direction of his lordship reverses the decision of the master in chambers, who refused to make an order for security.

Mr. Justice Lennox gave judgment in favor of Harry Levine in two mortgage actions against Benjamin Sunshine, Sam Shukyn and Joe Clyne regarding property on Dundas street, and against Benjamin Sunshine, Sam Shukyn, Rebecca Sunshine and Sarah Shukyn relating to property on Manning avenue. In one of the actions 80 per cent. per annum was charged and 45-2-6 per cent. in the other.

CLIFTON INN, NIAGARA FALLS, IS PERMITTED TO CONTINUE—OTHER HOTELS WARNED

The Ontario License Board cleared up many odds and ends of work in their session yesterday. One outstanding piece of business was the cancellation of the Toronto Rowing Club license, regardless of the many appeals made for its continuance. The commissioners felt that the past record of the organization could not be disregarded.

Representatives of the Clifton Inn at Niagara Falls obtained a hearing during the day in reference to their license for the year, and the board decided to leave it untouched.

Brantford hotels also came in for some brief investigation and order was given to the Grand Valley Hotel to complete repairs within three months. Permission had been granted for one month, but now three will be granted. The nature of the order is understood to be imperative. The hotel must be put in shape or else the license will go forthwith.

An extension of three months was granted to licensee Fred Mandrell of Brechin. This was the quarter where the movement of selling only lighter spirits and no whiskey during war time is supposed to have originated.

Representations concerning the establishment of a new shop license in Haverston, K.C., appeared to urge the granting of the former one, as well as the other proposed, but the other side has yet to be heard.

PREMIER HEARST NOW ON ROAD TO HEALTH

Premier Hearst is now on the road to health, and within a week may make a brief visit to his office at the parliament buildings before going on the summer trip. The ministers stated yesterday that he was recovering as rapidly as could be expected, but that he was still in a weak condition. More serious stage than the public had appreciated at first. He passed thru the critical period towards the end of last week, and for a few hours his condition was the cause of grave concern.

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COMMISSIONER TO HEAD DEPARTMENT

Board of Control, However, Failed to Make an Appointment.

MAYOR WANTED CHIEF

Considered a Commissioner Would Only Become a Figure Head.

The board of control yesterday could not come to a decision as to the man they would recommend as fire commissioner, and the only recommendation that will go on to council for Monday's meeting will be that a commissioner be appointed instead of a fire-fighting chief. Mayor Church wanted to settle the matter by sending on the name of Acting Chief William J. Smith. "I am in favor of appointing a fire-fighting chief and I think if you send Smith's name on to council he will be appointed," said the mayor. "I am in favor of giving him a trial to see what he can do. We don't want any more expenses and I think a commissioner would be a figurehead." The mayor also pointed out that the street lighting is to be taken away from the fire department, and as the hydro inspector, electrical apparatus and City Architect Pearce will be made responsible for fire prevention methods in public buildings, there is less need than ever for a commissioner.

Controller O'Neill objected to the nomination as he believed that the department could not be properly recognized by a man now in the department. The controller wants a commissioner, but expressed his willingness to have Acting Chief Smith made chief fire-fighter.

Wants to Save Money.
Commissioner Harris wants to save the city some money by buying the cars for four new Landover cars separately and assembling them here. The cars on Bloor street civic car line cost \$4850 each, and the commissioner thinks they will only cost \$4800 if bought the way he suggests. Tenders for the completed cars will be advertised for as well as for the parts.

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A letter Harris registered extension of proposals. Prospect of no operation regarding avenue. W. Crail to co-operate other associated insurance from the offer of the Company. It was after the President chair.

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HAMILTON POLICEMAN BENT ON VENGEANCE

William Smith Lost Wife in Sinking of Lusitania.

HAMILTON, May 12.—Constable William Smith, whose wife went down on the Lusitania, handed in his resignation today. He is now a member of the 36th Battalion.

"Those dirty hounds murdered my wife and her unborn babe. They may get me, but by Heaven I will wipe out my score first," he said as he walked out of the station.

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