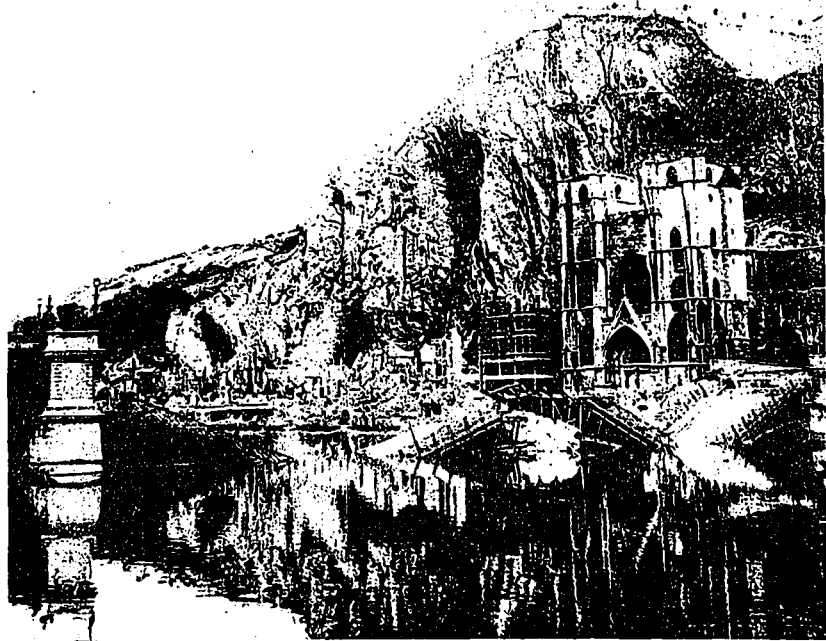
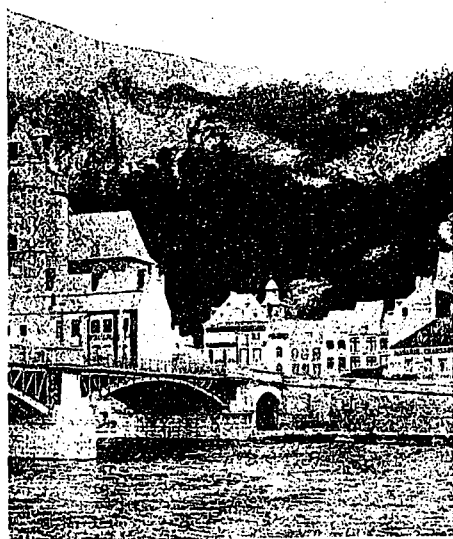


*The future outlook for Canadian civic planning and Government work much brighter through appointments by Government and Conservation Commission.*

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS in the architectural world of the Dominion are indicative of a sane and wholesome progress along the line of civic improvements and public work. The efforts of the Conservation Commission in all phases of art merit the unstinted praise of every Canadian. Its scope is broad and the field unlimited. In May last the Commission acted as host to the International Conference on City Planning. It was at this gathering that Thomas Adams, head of the Town Planning Department of the Local Government Board in England, impressed the delegates with the necessity of conforming everything to the will of the people. Since then Mr. Adams has been engaged by the Conservation Commission to further civic improvements in Canada, and his past record convinces us that everything possible will be accomplished to rectify past mistakes and eliminate needless expenditures in the future. Another appointment of no less importance is the choice of Edgar Lewis Horwood for the position of Chief Architect of the Department of Public Works at Ottawa. Mr. Horwood is amply qualified for the task before him, possessing as he does an esthetic nature coupled with a keen appreciation for the practical. He will have the hearty co-operation of the Government as well as the good will of all architects and should be instrumental in raising the standard of architecture in Ottawa second to none among the capitals of all other progressive nations.

*The practical and peace-loving nation of Belgium being gradually annihilated by the terrific struggle between the warring hosts of Europe.*

THE BELGAE, according to Cæsar, were the bravest of the Gauls, a fact clearly demonstrated during the past few weeks. Fighting for the neutrality of their country, then for their individual rights, and now for the privilege of owning a home and a Government; they reveal once more the spirit which sacrificed to the Roman legions their entire army of sixty thousand with the exception of only five hundred. The recent devastation wrought by the Germans is too well known for comment, but now comes the counter-action. The London *Times* correspondent says: "Observation from a British balloon has revealed how effective has been the fire of our warships on Ostend, Middlekerke, Lombaertzyde, and other coast villages. Not a single wall remains standing in the towns of Westkerke, Slype, and Novie. Several other places are also in ruins." From all that has happened, all that is transpiring, and all that will have to occur before this nation is rid of warring hosts, it is safe to predict that her vast monuments of peace and industry will be practically a memory. With her cities laid in ruins, her fields a barren waste, her factories blown to atoms, her best blood sacrificed in battle, will she be able to unite her scattered remnant and build once more the foundation of a free and prosperous nation? Surely this is the united prayer of the whole civilized world, and needs must be, for no righteous force can be completely submerged without blighting our much vaunted civilization.



DINANT, BELGIUM, BEFORE AND AFTER THE BOMBARDMENT BY THE GERMANS.