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SCARCELY A SHEPHERD ROAMS NOW ON HILLS OF SCOTLAND

Splendid Tribute Paid to Scotsmen by Mr. Justice Riddell.

Toronto Scotsmen yesterday did honor to their patron saint in a spirit that proved that none of the love for the old land had been lost, but that, in these days of momentous life, the heather-clad hills call with a freshness and a power that makes St. Andrew's Day one that stands out conspicuously amongst the many that have gone before.

Surrounding the banquet board at the Queen's Hotel, were men drawn from every walk of life; men burdened with the responsibilities of a nation and a people; men who labor at more menial tasks—but they were Scotsmen all. Lieut.-Col. John Michie, president of St. Andrew's Society, in introducing the toast list, referred to the presence of his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Hendrie, whose father, he added, "was a fine example of the good, old-fashioned Scottish gentleman."

His Honor sat to the right of the President, and by his side was Sir Mortimer Clark. To the left of the chair was Mr. Justice Riddell, the speaker of the occasion. Pipe-Maj. James Fraser piped the music that thrills every Scotsman.

"Nor was the passing of the proverbial 'snuff' neglected. Other prominent gentlemen in attendance were Mr. Justice Craig, Lieut.-Col. D. M. Robertson and Past President J. MacKenzie Alexander. Greetings were read from sister societies in all parts of the land, including a number from points in the United States.

Scotland Counts.

In replying to the toast drunk in his honor, Sir John Hendrie said that he had never forgotten the world of one of his predecessors, who had told him that, for the fourth time in succession, the honor of the office of Lieutenant-Governor had been conferred upon a Presbyterian and a Scotchman. "Toasts to the King and Our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen" were honoured enthusiastically and Rev. Professor Kilpatrick, D.D., read a poem penned by Mr. Charles Murray and the spirit of which was that "Scotland counts for something yet."

It was a finer character sketch of the Scotsman that Mr. Justice Riddell furnished in his eloquent address. "Canadian to the finger tips, yet Scottish to the last drop of his blood," the speaker recalled the origin of Saint Andrew, skillfully extracting it from a mass of conflicting legend and setting forth the spirit which meant "Scots Wha hae" yet never, "Scots What Hae Not."

"They tell us that we are clanish," continued Mr. Justice Riddell, "but did not St. Andrew, once that he had received the happiness and good of Christ, seek out his own brother to make him a communicant in that blessing. It is but the example of the patron saint that we follow. No country has better reason to know the beauty of good brethren who dwell together in unity, because union is strength."

Spirit of Independence.

The spirit of independence which characterized every Scotsman was interpreted in eloquent spirit. The long fight for political independence through which Scotland passed had not been without its reverses, but Scotsmen had proved that, while the eighteenth battle may be lost, that at it is the last battle that counts and that was the Battle of Bannockburn. The creation of James VI. as James I. through a series of accidents revealed the later effort to make Scotland an appendage, a "little England," but it failed.

"And it failed, not because of the resistance of the governing classes," proclaimed the speaker, "but because of the resistance of the common people, who were the backbone of Scotland then, as now, Scotland. Although Holyrood was vacant, Scotsmen in Parliament became a force and power that had resulted in Scotland being a government by Scotsmen, on Scotch principles and Scotch lines. They had always voted as one."

The Scotsman's power of adaptability was proved in the history of immigration. A Scotsman's economy had not been misunderstood as being penuriousness, but it was this same spirit of economy that gave Canada its balance and integrity. A Scotsman always wants to know the nature of a contract before he will sign it, and for that reason, he has become a power in the public life. He asks only to live a decent life without calling upon his neighbors.

Not Penurious.

"If you think that a Scotsman is penurious, ask of the churches, the clergy, the Red Cross, hospitals, charity, benevolent and educational institutions and they will tell you

that Scotsmen are generous in their support. A Scotsman will spend, but he wants to see the worth of his money—that is true economy. The man who spends money recklessly is a danger to the community. A Scotsman asks only to enjoy the glorious privilege of being independent without being a burden to anyone."

Closing with a magnificent tribute to Scotland's part in the great war, the speaker emphasized the fact that Scotland would never stand by and see a small country trampled under the bootheels of the villainous Prussian. "Is it any wonder that, on the hills of Scotland to-day, there roams scarcely a keeper and hardly a shepherd?" he asked. "Is it any wonder that the valleys and dells of Auld Scotia are populated by children and old men and women. The fact stands that the factories that produced the cloth for this continent are now producing munitions for the other continent. Scotland has taken her place side by side with all democratic nations in the fight for truth, justice, honor and everything that makes life worth living."

"And we in Canada, a land that is largely populated by Scotsmen and dominated by Scottish influence and feeling, are proud that this new land has found its soul, never again to lose it," he concluded. "Please God that when another St. Andrew's Day comes around, we will have the glorious and happy privilege of knowing that beastliness shall not have the upper hand on this splendid footstool of God."

Winston Churchill in the Trenches

London, Dec. 1.—Winston Spencer Churchill, who resigned as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to join Great Britain's forces in the field, is marked by The Daily Express for early promotion to the rank of general, with the command of a brigade.

The paper says he has chosen the most difficult school in the army for the Grenadier unit to which he is attached, under the command of Col. Jeffreys, is noted for its indifference to personal comfort.

When Mr. Churchill joined the Grenadiers he found himself in a fireless dug-out and supplied with the ordinary army rations. He did not grumble, however, but entered cheerfully upon his task.

An officer in the same command, writing to a friend about Mr. Churchill's experiences, said:—

"The first night he shivered visibly, and it was some time before we were able to warm him up, but after partaking of liberal portions of agricultural laborers' rations he thawed out and talked interestingly for an hour. He was taken for a round of the trenches until 2.30 o'clock in the morning, but in spite of hard grueling, never complained. He was called again at 6 o'clock, and the next night, after the usual cold storage dinner, he took charge of his company."

"Summer attachments?"

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"Why did he marry her?"

"A matter of economy. He couldn't afford to court her any longer."—Boston Transcript.

"It's five years ago today, and I'm going to celebrate my wouldn't wedding."

"Wouldn't wedding? Wooden, you mean?" "No. Wouldn't. Five years today, I asked a girl if she'd marry me and she said 'she wouldn't.'"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Literal Truth.

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All Saints and All Souls

God Souls, God Souls are calling to His Saints
Out of the smoke, out of the blood and roar
Where life dies out, and mortal spirit faints
Out from the light,
Emptied of might,
Terror on terror, hell's horrible door
Agaie in the fight.

God's Saints, God's Saints are answering in the night,
The hosts of Heaven call clear the note to charge,
The Cross shows blood red on Our Lady's Heigh,
Here rally the dead,
Christ at their head,
The blind eyes blaze, the captives at large,
The hungry are fed.

The armies of earth and the armies of Heaven,
On this day of days, uncounted but one,
Earth's little number God's hierarchies seven,
With plumes all a-loss
They bear up the Cross
In light of the moon, in light of the sun,
The battle is done.
—Frances Chesterton.

How Canadians Secured Leave For Nine Days

The Montreal Star Office, 17 Cockerup street, London, Nov. 30.—A group belonging to the Canadian brigade returned from London to the front today, after a leave obtained under peculiar circumstances.

Their commanding officer declared that the men who entered the German trench in front of the Canadian position and captured twelve Germans should have nine days' leave. The trench was entered that night sure enough, and the Germans in it threw up their hands, calling for mercy as comrades.

They were triumphantly taken prisoners, but in the excitement of the moment the victorious Canadians did not count the prisoners until they returned to the Canadian quarters, when, to their dismay, they found eleven only—just one short of the number necessary to secure the coveted leave.

There was nothing for it but to return to the trench which the Germans had re-occupied.

"How many of you are there here?" said a Canadian officer, suddenly coming to the trench, revolver in hand. The Germans answered, "Nine."

"Oh, well," said the Canadian, "we only want one; throw him out." He was thrown out, and he and his comrades returned to the Canadian lines with their extra man, so earning their nine days' leave, which ended to-day.

German Women Now Fighting In the Ranks

Letter From Nova Scotia Sergeant, is Said to Contain News That Some of Them Have Been Captured by the British.

Biddford, Me., Nov. 29.—German women are being called upon to fill up gaps in the actual fighting ranks of the German army, according to a letter from Sergeant Stephen Marshall, of Digby, N.S., writing to relatives here. Sergeant Marshall is serving in a company of heavy artillery.

He writes that 200 German soldiers were captured shortly before and brought into camp. It was then discovered that every one of the 200 prisoners was a woman dressed in the uniform of the German army. They were armed and from their appearance at a distance it was almost impossible to tell that they were not all able-bodied men.

"Why women are being put into the trenches is not known, but the inference is that the loss of so many troops by the Teutonic force and the death of men to take their places makes it necessary for the women to shoulder muskets and go to the front. This would appear to bear out the statement of Frederick Palmer, the Press Correspondent, printed recently, that if the steel curtain could be raised on Germany a complete picture of affairs would be revealed that would astound the world."

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