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THE HOLIDAY.

On Monday, Dominion Day, the Star will not be published.

CANADA'S BIRTHDAY.

At the age of forty, which is but boyhood in the life of a nation, Canada takes her place in the world family, a lusty and vigorous youngster, sound wind and limb, and strong from the nourishing diet of hardy earned experience. Perhaps to no country has there come such a unique succession of storm and calm, of peace and war and internal disquiet such as must necessarily accompany and develop these national traits upon which true prosperity is founded. In the brief history of British North America, and in the few years of the life of this Dominion, there have been witnessed upheavals such as might wreck the hopes of any state, contests at arms, loyalty and disloyalty, differences between church and state and political changes as have fallen to the lot of no other nations in so brief a career. But through the gloom the star of empire has steadily shone and Canada today, having passed the tempestuous days of early youth, is rapidly reaching the stage of early manhood. Although in years our life as a nation has been very brief, it events are to be considered it is a long time since that party of doubting but hopeful leaders from the various independent provinces first discussed the question of confederation. Looking over the great results which have followed the union, consummated forty years ago, it seems strange to us that there should have been any hesitation or any opposition to the proposal. The wonder rather is that the idea of federation which apparently developed of its own accord in both Upper and Lower Canada, did not find expression many years before. The country was, however, in such an unsettled state, that little time could be found for interprovincial discussions. It will be for some time until the desirable result is attained—a matter of regret that the first idea of those who were political leaders forty years ago, the union of the Maritime Provinces, was not then carried out. This question, the original proposal, was put aside when the larger one of a Canadian federation was introduced, and while it, has been considered from time to time during the last score of years, it is not now a live issue.

On Monday, Canada will be forty years old, and on this birthday will be celebrated from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the wheat fields of Manitoba to the ice covered shores of the Yukon. And in the celebration there will be found a true national spirit, not perhaps that effervescent patriotism which finds expression in the blowing of horns and exploding of fireworks, but a deeply rooted feeling of contentment, satisfaction in the great progress already made, hope and determination for the future, self reliance, loyalty, and devotion which after all are worth more than any amount of outward show.

NATURE AND MAN.

After all there is no good reason why we should be eternally grumbling about the weather, complaining of the lateness of the season, and saying the crops will be a total failure. Nature always squares herself with the world, and if one season is a little too cool the next will be warm. During the month of May and the early part of June vegetation was backward. Reports from every section conveyed the depressing information that seeding was late, and that the crops could not get a fair start. Gloomy pictures of hard times were drawn by farmers, and everyone looked forward to an autumn of high prices and semi-starvation. But mother nature has as usual come to the rescue, and during the past two weeks has made up for much that was previously lacking. Trees and grass and plants of all kinds began to grow, and have continued at such a rate that they are now almost as far along as in any previous season. Trees came out in blossom, the petals dropped off, and the fruit is now forming. Small vegetables planted two weeks ago are almost ready for use, grains and root crops have taken a sudden start and are shooting upwards at an altogether marvellous rate. The growth is nearly as far advanced as usual and the tone of agricultural reports is changing very noticeably.

Holman Hunt's famous painting, The Light of the World, has been presented by Right Hon. Charles Booth to St. Paul's Cathedral. It will be placed in the body of the Cathedral so as to be readily seen by all who worship there. The picture is now on the way to England from a tour of the world.

THE TYRANT OF THE DEEP.

They built me in the Barrow yard, From cunning tower to keel; From stem to stern they fashioned me, And armored me with steel. Where white the roaring furnace gleamed, They rolled me plate by plate, My sire was Vulcan of the forge, My dam was scowling fate.

At last they christened me, Well may the devils laugh, And drink my health with three times three, As deep the wine they quaff. They christened me: Ha! Ha! Ho! Ho! Then flung me 'mid the spray, And taught me, trained, and practised me, Then turned me loose to slay.

The mighty battleship is mine, I hiss and tear and grin, My blood red fangs have bitten deep— The green sea rushes in, Up turns her stern, down, down she goes, With three three hundred souls, Ha! Ha! I laugh, as o'er her grave A long white billow rolls.

The Lord High Admiral may sweep The waves with troubled glass; Their captains and lieutenants strive To catch me as I pass. Mad terror fills the cruiser fleet, They pale and turn, and flee; With flamm'ng funnels out they pour; Out to the open sea.

Down 'midst the whitened bones of things That once were living men, I creep and crawl, then rise to breathe The salt sea wind again. Oh! How I palpitate with power; My motors hum and sing; My three torpedoes grime like lions, Like tigers crouched to spring.

I lash the snarling waves to foam, They lick my feet and fawn; I am the arbiter of fate, I laugh the world to scorn. Strong men grow pale, and women weep. There are widows in my frown; And orphans in the making, when The submarine goes down. W. B.

"Poor man," said the benevolent old lady, "what has brought you to this desolate condition?"

"My wife, mum."

"Why, how is that?"

"Well, you see, mum, I got her three good jobs, and blessed if she didn't lose them all."

"How much is that?" asked the middle-aged shopkeeper.

"Five dollars, sir," replied the smart little shop-girl.

"Don't you think you are a little dear?"

"Most young men think so, sir," she coyly answered.

NO MOLLYCODDLE.

"Does Jones shrink from physical pain?"

"Not at all. He speaks his children."

"How did he die?"

"He died game. He was mistaken for a deer while hunting."

Lady (engaging new cook)—"Well, I suppose you can do clear soups and soups of that sort of thing?"

Cook—"No, Mum, I can't say as I can. But I'm a blue ribbon, I'm puffing and blowing in wind and limb, and ain't got nobody dependent on me!"

Lady (to butler)—"Please give this note to Mr. Smith, and say I'm sorry the envelope is so dirty; but my little boy dropped it in the mud."

My Little Boy—"Snak."

Our little four-year-old Charlie said to me last spring, when we were arranging where we would go on our summer vacation, "Papa do you remember much about last summer?"

"Yes," I said, "I remember a good deal. Do you?"

"Well, I remember some; but, you see, the winter is so long that it wears out the memory."

A pretty and agreeable young woman who lived in a country village suddenly announced that she was going to take up teaching. "You—you a school-teacher?" exclaimed the recipient of her confidence, "why, I'd rather marry a widower with nine children."

"So should I," replied the young woman frankly, "but where is the widower?"

KAISER COMPLIMENTS FRANCE.

Calls Her His Friendly and Beautiful Neighbor in Kiel Speech.

BERLIN, June 28.—Much interest is manifested in the Kaiser's marked attention to the French guests at the Kiel regatta. Toasting the foreign guests at a dinner he made a general reference to other countries excepting France, which he specified as "our friendly and beautiful neighboring country."

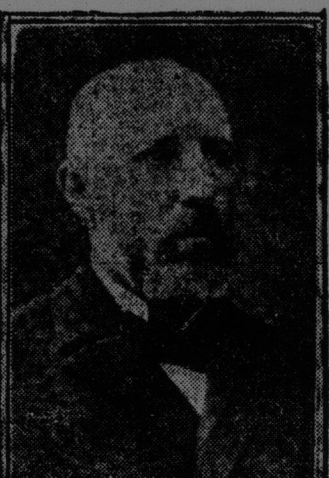
After dinner he chatted for an hour with Admiral Jonquieres of the French navy. The Frenchmen are reported to be delighted with the emperor's courtesy. They declare he is a masterly diplomat.

BOTTLE AND ALL.

Doctor—"Did you take the bottle of pills that I left?"

Patient—"Yes, Doc; but I forgot to remove the cork."

ROYAL MISSIONARIES.



STOCKHOLM, June 18.—The portraits of the Prince and Princess Bernadotte of Sweden, who have gone on a missionary tour to Lapland, where they hope to convert a good many of the primitive inhabitants to Christianity.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE.

UNSHED TEARS.

I saw a little girl the other day who had been disappointed or rebuked—I don't know what the trouble was—but she wanted to cry, and if she had been alone she could have found relief in tears, but to cry before strangers who might mock her tears was what that little tot of three or four years had said to her brave little soul she would not do, and she fought back the tears that filled her eyes, and not one drop ran over the brimming lids.

That little girl and her unshed tears brought to my remembrance a picture from the week before, when I saw when a little boy. It was in the "good old time" when funeral sermons were preached, and the minister who could make the "mourners cry the hardest" was the greatest demand.

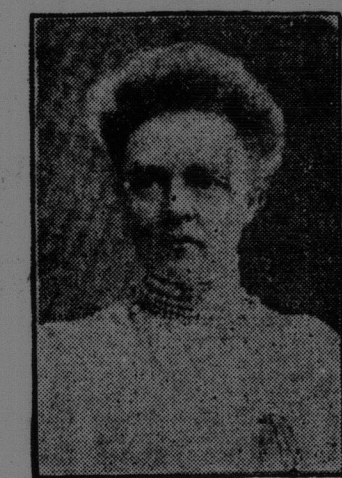
I remember one minister who was always wanted at funerals. He would after his long sermon address the mourners one by one, commencing with the eldest and finishing with the youngest. If it was the funeral of a wife and mother, husband and children were told that they would never see mother again, they would go back to their lonely home and find no mother there, they would go from room to room, from the parlor to the kitchen, from the bedroom to the pantry; no mother. By the time that good but tactless minister would get through with his picture of the lonely home, there would be such hysterical sobbing all over the "meeting house" that he could scarcely be heard, and the widow, if he had by his scolding and nagging and stinging shortened his wife's life, was almost sorry that he had killed her.

In front of the high pulpit was a "deacon seat." In front of that was a table on which the coffin with its black pall was placed, behind the coffin on the deacon seat the chief mourners sat.

Can you imagine anything more hardest" was in the greatest demand. I was one of the mourners. It was the funeral of my cousin, a loving, winsome little girl of seven, and I thought when she suddenly died that my heart was broken—oh me, how often our hearts break—Behind the casket sat the father and mother. The mother was weeping, not silently but noisily, hysterically and I did not wonder at her loud sobbing, but I did wonder for many days how the father could sit there so unmoved. A large, strong, sterner-looking man he was, but he sat as quietly as though he were carved in stone, and there was not a tear in his eyes that to my boyish ones seemed cold but now I know were unutterably sad. The mother's grief was vent out in a week, his went through his life. And now I know that "unshed tears are the hardest to bear."

What tragedies are hidden away in hearts we cannot read, how charitable, how patient we would be, if we knew this man and that woman as God knows them.

I have tried to study the characters of men and women. From what I have ever so lightly and seem ever so care free but there comes a time when the mask they wear falls down for a moment and in the eyes of the man you thought so debonair and in the eyes of the woman you thought so gay, you catch the glimmer of unshed tears they are fighting back with all their strength. Why cannot we bury our dead? Or why must their ghosts haunt us, go where we will? We thought they were laid for ever. But they go with us through the night. We climb the mountains and they stand at our side. We sit in church and the one beside us thinks the song or the sermon has flashed into his head. We are a thousand miles away. We are saying good bye to the old life. We are burying our dead. There are many kinds of tears and only some of them are very sad. The tears of children are soon dried, they are but April showers. The tears come very readily to the eyes of the aged.



they are the tears of weakness. Hysterical tears irritate us. The mauling tears of the drunken disgust us. But God must pity man or woman whose heart bleeds and aches like an inward wound and the tears that would bring relief must not, cannot fail.

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