

THE ACADIAN.

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Children's Ambulance Fund of Nova Scotia.

The children of Nova Scotia who desire to help our soldiers at the front are asked to save their pennies for an Ambulance Fund. Children in other parts of the Empire have undertaken to provide ambulances, and the offerings from the children of Nova Scotia will also be used to advantage in alleviating the suffering of our brave soldiers who are risking their lives for us on the battle line.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, the Governor-General; the Honourable J. D. McGregor, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; and the Honourable G. H. Murray, Premier, endorse the proposal. Dr. A. H. McKay, Superintendent of Education, has given his official sanction to the school children's participation in this fund.

It is intimated by the authorities at the War Office that the gift of an ambulance from the children of Nova Scotia would be most acceptable. The War Office states that an ambulance of regulation pattern would cost about £450 or \$2,250.00. After delivery, the British Government will arrange for its maintenance.

If each child in Nova Scotia were to give an average of 10 cents, which is equivalent of the amount asked from the children in Great Britain, the money so collected would be sufficient to purchase more than one ambulance. No specific sum is set for any child, and any amount from one cent up may be contributed and forwarded through the principal or teacher of the school. It is important, in view of the urgent need, that the money be collected as early in the month of September as possible, and sent in by Sept. 27th. Supervisors, Principals and Teachers of the schools are, therefore, requested to call the attention of the children to this object, to invite their contributions, and to forward these to Mrs. J. S. McLennan, Treasurer Children's Ambulance Fund, Petersfield, Sydney, Nova Scotia, by whom all donations will be duly acknowledged. Address all communications to, Mrs. J. S. McLennan.

Booming Nova Scotia Apples.

The contest of the six free trips to the Maritime Provinces, which has created such great interest throughout the six New England states, has closed, and the winners have been announced as follows:

For the three trips via the Yarmouth line the following ladies lead the list: Mrs. M. Lawrence Barn, 9 Morrell Place, Lynn; Miss Adela Ober, 88 1/2 Chatham street, Lynn; Mrs. W. S. Haslow, 21 Franklin avenue, Springfield.

The winners via the International line are: Mr. A. J. Hayes, Pemberton Square, Boston; Mr. Fred W. Davenport, 14 Holyoke street, Malden; Mr. G. W. McGray, 62 Albion street, Medford. The largest list contains over 5000 names.

The contest has been declared a pronounced success, over 71 persons sent in lists, and a mailing list of over 50,000 names of persons formerly from the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland being obtained.

The purpose of the mailing list is for shippers to circularize such persons in New England to buy Nova Scotia and New Brunswick apples, and the slogan "Buy a barrel of Nova Scotia apples" has been adopted.

It is expected that the result of this original method of advertising will be to boom the sale of Nova Scotia apples throughout New England this season.

The following committee decided on the winners, after carefully comparing lists: F. A. Tupper, President Canadian Club of Boston; Richard E. Johnston, Vice President Inter-colonial Club; Thos. P. Anderson, Secretary of the New England Shoe and Leather Association.

Health Is Wealth.

(Issued by the Department of the Public Health, New York.)

An eminent English statistician, Dr. Farr, from a study of the experience of the mutual insurance organizations in London, estimated that for every death recorded there is an amount of sickness which might be stated as sufficient to confine a person to bed for two years. An application of this estimate to Nova Scotia indicates that during the last statistical year the amount of sickness in the province would account for nearly 5,500,000 days of confinement to bed. The enormous cost of sickness can be at once appreciated.

Considerably more than half the deaths occurred during the productive years of life, so that to the cost for medical attendance, nursing and medicines, we must add the loss of income entailed through approximately 3,000,000 days of illness.

It is generally conceded that there is no other factor so potent in the production of poverty, degeneracy and crime, as ill health.

It is well recognized that nothing is so essential to efficiency, success and the thorough enjoyment of life as good health.

As the struggle for place and even for existence becomes more intense, in the face of competition which is constantly growing keener, the need for sound health becomes steadily greater. No community need hope to make substantial advance unless it attends well to the measures necessary to maintain its people in a healthy, virile state. Any insanitary condition may be a menace to the

The Nova Scotia Lads.

Grace McLeod Rogers, of Amherst, the well known Nova Scotian writer, in a recent number of the Canadian Courier, tells a simple, true story of ten Nova Scotia lads who, not many years ago, were members of a football team, out of whom seven are now serving at the front or are enroute. The story was suggested by a group picture of the lads clustered in semicircle about the centre youth who proudly holds the football of the team. On the football is printed in letters plain to read, 'Rangers, 1906.'

The story is such excellent evidence of what Nova Scotia is really contributing of Canadian born, that it is given as follows: '1906! They were lads of twelve and thirteen, the boys of the neighborhood—sons of the judge, the bankers, the barristers and the merchants of the town, and this was their first essay at team work. How eagerly they planned the personnel, how importantly they framed their rules and saved their pocket money for the coveted pig-skin, arranging matches with down town opponents, and at the close of the season triumphant over all their foes, they gathered for this picture group. Ten sturdy little forms in the clustering chairs. Teenager, winsome faces looking straight into your eyes. O, the world was all before them and the way seemed bright and fair!

'1915! Nine years. Where are the boys of that clustered group? From High School they separated for College—to Acadia, Mt. Allison, Dalhousie and Kings they went. Presidents of their classes, captains of football and hockey, leaders of debate, winners of prizes—fitting themselves for their share in the world's work—some moved to the west, others to neighboring cities, varied interests called them various ways and they seldom met.

To-day the two of the group who are my own, are crossing overseas, to serve their King and Country, and as I sat in the late afternoon, thinking wistfully of them, suddenly this picture of the 'Rangers' met my gaze. The sun shone through a beam of gold upon it, and every little eager, boyish face shone clear and plain, as though the lads themselves sat before me. I counted them over, thinking of one, and another, and another, who beside my own had joined the colors, and I saw to my wonder that nine of the ten had enlisted for their country's service!

The little group was transfigured! It was the Hero's Ship of old!

What had so stirred their young souls. What had moved them to offer up the supreme gift, their lives, with all their promise, for their Country and the Cause?

It was not in the first flush of the war that they had answered, when adventure, perhaps, might have lured and when the safety of England's safety and victory seemed certain, but in later weeks, after 'Ypres,' and 'Langemarck,' when they knew the cost. What should call these merry youths from college halls to battle-field afar!

Only two who are mine were mine to deal with personally.

'It is our bounden duty to go,' said they, when they came from college to claim our consent. 'We are unlettered, healthy, and not actually needed at home, and for us to remain for selfish motives would controvert every result of our upbringing, every fibre in our character, and every obligation to the land which gave us birth.'

'The hot tears blinded and I could not see.

And the pain of it stabbed the heart of me.'

And I said, 'But we have been waiting so proudly for you to be out in your chosen calling, taking your place in Canada.'

Quick they answered: 'We would not feel like taking our place in Canada if we failed her in this time of need, and what we consider to be our duty and our service, that we should render, no matter at what cost to feelings or ambition You have always taught us that.'

'But are you willing to give up your lives. You must face that squarely,' I said, seeking still to prove them—and myself as well for they looked so fine and strong and young.

'If we tried to save our lives in this way we should lose them in another,' was the simple answer.

And I was humbled at their strength, and awed, and filled with pride at such an uplift of spirit.

Who was I that I should meddle with a man's soul! And I said them yea and so fared they forth.

And so fared they forth, all of them, from the mothers of them—the college gowns folded away, the books and the sporting toys thrust aside. They are men, they—and the King's sons—and all that wonderful host of youth—the opening flower of British manhood, too soon made men, out on a nation's errand!

O little band of 'Rangers' of the long ago.

I lift my heart to you, and love you! O noble band of 'Rangers' of to-day, I salute you!

The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee; and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon us, all, and give us Peace.

health of the whole neighborhood, and should not be tolerated. Self interest demands that we should be quiet of our neighbours and of every one in our community strict attention to sanitation; that we should require clean air, clean water, clean food, clean houses, and clean surroundings; that we should regulate our habits in accordance with well established rules; and that we should secure proper protection against the spread of communicable diseases.

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