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"Welcome the Coming, Speed the
Parting Guest."

Very angry and threatening clouds darkened our national sky when the present year began its course, nor are they as yet all dispersed. But, as often happens in nature, some of them have passed without leaving the wreck and destruction which they presaged.

In the early months of the year, one fear frequently expressed was that the turning of so many European grain fields into battle fields and the drain made upon the young manhood of the country by the call to war would lessen the harvests and introduce poverty and famine. Wise men who dreaded this result called upon the farmers to use every effort to enlarge their acreage and endeavor to make sure a larger crop.

The farmers heeded the call, and a kind providence blessed their labors and gave us a harvest double that of the previous year, and forty-five per cent greater than the highest yield of any preceding year. This great increase extends to all the products of the soil which enter into the usual bill of fare for man and beast, and to the United States as well as Canada. The only drawback has been the moderate yield of apples in the Maritime Provinces.

The harvest of the sea has also been very successful, the catch being larger than that of any previous year and the prices higher; and the coal mines have had larger demands made upon their output of black diamonds, chiefly because of the increased business of the steel plants.

The General Manager of the Bank of Montreal in his recent annual address, reports that the total Canadian bank deposits for the year have advanced \$38,000,000 over those of the preceding year.

All these are matters for which the Canadian people may well be grateful. But, they are not necessarily the highest and best things. We cannot live by bread alone, though we must have bread in order to live. And in this brief review of the year, it will be well for us to turn our thoughts to some of the higher and better things which are essential to a nation's stability and permanence.

The Higher and Better Things

On a very memorable occasion, a saying of the Great Teacher, not found in the four Gospels, but treasured in the memory of His disciples, was introduced by His greatest Apostle in a farewell address:—"The saying, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' We are persuaded that during the current year, many of the Canadian people, may we not say the most of them—have proved in their own experience the truth of this saying. The destitution and suffering occasioned by this greatest and most destructive of all wars have evoked tangible expressions of sympathy, not only from Canadians, but also from our neighbours in the United States and other peoples, which in their variety and profusion the world has never before witnessed. Men, women and children, the poor and the rich, have vied with each other, in proportion to their ability, in endeavors to mitigate distress and otherwise act the part of the Good Samaritan. These spontaneous and benevolent efforts cannot fail to produce some beneficial influence upon the character of the persons who have taken part in them and consequently upon the nation to which they belong. "The poor always ye have with you," and many who have, perhaps for the first time felt the blessedness of giving, when the present objects of their benevolence no longer need their gifts, will enquire for others who do need them.

Believing, also, as we do, that the gigantic struggle in which we are engaged is not one of our nation's seeking, but, has been forced upon us for the purpose of defending the weak, fulfilling solemn promises, and regard for international truth and maintaining our nation's honor and righteousness, the result must be beneficial to the nation, by bringing to the forefront and impressing upon the minds of all our fellow citizens, the supreme importance to the welfare, and indeed to the very existence of a nation, of building upon the eternal verities which are the subject of Divine revelation.

That some in our own nation and some among the people of France, our faithful Ally, and some who hope in other nations, are taking these things to heart is beautifully expressed in the following paragraph taken from an article by Viscount Bryce, one of our most distinguished statesmen, who has been in close touch with events transpiring at home and on the Continent. "The circumstances attending this war, and the challenge to Christian principles which it makes, have stirred the depths of men's souls as nothing has done for the last three centuries. Among the soldiers of France defending their country with a gallantry that moves our admiration, we hear of revived sense of the unseen world, and an earnest quest for some moral and spiritual basis for life. Among our own soldiers, we are told of many who say their belief in God has given serenity and calmness in danger which they would otherwise have thought it impossible to possess. Here at home, also, there has been a feeling of the triviality of the common objects of desire and pursuit, compared with the solemn calls of duty and brotherhood, and our young men have made a response to these calls such as had not been heard of in times of ease, such as had indeed, never before been seen in Britain on so grand a scale. Must we not try while this impulse is fresh and strong upon us, to turn it to the fullest account? Must we not make another effort to bring the individual life and the social life nearer to those Christian ideals, in following which, as we believe, the best hopes for peace and welfare of humanity are to be found. It is with such hopes and anticipations, that we repeat, "Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest," and desire for every patron and every reader of the "Monitor" a "Happy New Year."

Juliette Dodu

The Canadian Pictorial for November contains a copy of a painting by a French artist, of a scene connected with the Franco-German war of forty-four years ago.

The incident which the painting portrays, is, in marked contrast with the recent murder of Miss Cavell, of which Mr. Sarolea, in *Everyman*, says "No other crime throws such a sinister light on the depravity of the German soul, and on the methods of German justice," and that it "means more to the German cause than the loss of a great battle."

Juliette Dodu, a French telegrapher, on an important occasion, of the former war, outwitted the German invaders. Her action was discovered by the Germans. She was taken prisoner, threatened with death, and was treated chivalrously by the "Red Prince," Frederick Karl, father of the present Duchess of Connaught, wife of our Governor General, and released on the proclamation of peace. Her nation decorated her with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. She retired to a little farm in Switzerland, and has recently died.

The painting represents her as being brought by two officers before the "Red Prince," who reaches out his hand to her, and says, "it is an honor to meet so brave a woman."

Poverty in Germany

The "Vorwärts," the German Socialist paper in Germany, which has several times been suspended, continues to speak plainly of the increasing destitution among the poorer classes in Germany. In a recent article on the "Miseries of War," it depicts crowds of women and children waiting for hours with pots and pans at the barracks where the soldiers are fed, that they may gather for their own needs the remains of the soldiers' dinners. It describes also scenes at the municipal shops where meat and lard were sold. The sales commenced at 7 a. m. and continued until 10 a. m., but comparatively few were supplied. Women complained that they had stood with the crowds at the doors of these shops for three or four nights, hoping to enter but were obliged to go away unsupplied. At one shop when time came to close, there were 100 in it yet unsupplied, and 1000 outside who had not been able to enter.

It furnishes an incident which happened in Cologne. A local paper offered a bed and wardrobe as a gift to any needy person who applied. The applicants were "overwhelming." One applicant said, "I am a poor soldier's wife, with two children, and have no bed—sleep on the ground." Another said, "Have no wardrobe, and as I am far gone in consumption, I need a bed to sleep alone. We had five children and four are dead." Another replied that her husband had returned from the fighting line, and was in a sanatorium, incurable. The war allowance is insufficient to buy food for the children and she cannot buy a bed.

After further remarks showing that such scenes are not isolated, but general, and that they occur at the beginning of another cold winter, the "Vorwärts" remarks that the idle life of the soldiers' families is very different from the ideas of many persons who see only the surface, and being deceived themselves, wish to deceive others.

TORTURED BY RHEUMATISM

Sunday School Supt. Tells How "Fruit-a-tives" Relieved

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 1st, 1913.
"I have lived in this city for more than 12 years and am well known. I suffered from *Rheumatism*, especially in my hands. I spent a lot of money without any good results. I have taken "Fruit-a-tives" for 18 months now and am pleased to tell you that *I am well*. All the enlargement has not left my hands, and perhaps never will, but the soreness is all gone and I can do any kind of work. I have gained 35 pounds in eighteen months."

R. A. WAUGH,
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or direct from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Ladies Short Course at Agriculture College

The ladies' Short Course which is an annual institution now at the Agricultural College, Truro, promises this year to be the best held since their inauguration. In the past the ladies have had no definite place of abode but between the dates Jan. 4th and Jan. 14th, they will have for the first time their own particular rooms which are situated in the New Science Building. All the second floor is devoted to their work and includes a splendid Assembly Hall, a cooking class room with laundry equipment as well as attractive little reading room, cloak room and lavatories.

The Course planned for the ladies this year is along the same lines as those held in the past with this exception, that in the cooking classes, the ladies have an opportunity for individual work, each student having her own particular table at which to work. Those intending to avail themselves of the Course this year are requested to provide themselves with aprons and sleeve protectors or wear short-sleeved blouses while attending the cooking classes.

Cooking, Horticulture, Poultry and Dairy work with some special lectures makes an interesting program and all the work will be presented by people who know and have experience. All tuition is free and reasonable board is obtainable. For further information, apply to M. Cumming, Agricultural College, Truro, N.S. or Miss Jennie A Fraser, New Glasgow, N.S.

OBITUARY

JOHN EDWARD HUNT

Death visited the community of Granville Centre again on the evening of Dec 16th, and this time claimed as its victim John Edward Hunt, after a lingering illness from tuberculosis. Deceased was born in Smith's Cove, Digby County in 1857. Coming to Granville some thirty years ago, he has since his marriage resided here. He is survived by a widow, daughter of Mr George T Bent, and two sons, Edgar of Queens University, Kingston, Ont., and Abram B of Lunenburg, in the employ of the H & S W Ry. He also leaves three brothers, Alonzo, Charles and Burkett, and one sister, Beatrice, in the United States, and two brothers, Lorenzo and Edgar, and one sister, Georgia, in Smith's Cove. Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev C W Neish of the Episcopal Church, and the remains were interred in Wadeville Cemetery.

HYMENEAL

BENT—ARMSTRONG
A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs Fred Armstrong, Round Hill, on Dec 16th, when her daughter, Rhoda May, was united in marriage to John S Bent of Tupperville, in the presence of only the immediate relatives.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev W H Langille of St George's Methodist Church, Annapolis Royal. The bride wore a tailored suit of elephant grey, trimmed with beaver fur, with a green hat also trimmed with beaver fur, and carried a muff to match, the gift of the groom.

On the evening of Dec 3rd, the girl friends of the bride made her a pleasant surprise and presented her with a shower of fancy work and other useful gifts. The bride received many useful and valuable presents; also a couple of substantial cheques. Mr and Mrs Bent will reside at Tupperville.

The third number of "The Thistle," the organ of the 85th Overseas Battalion, Nova Scotia Highlanders, has reached us. It opens with an article in Gaelic. This is followed by an article in French. The remainder of the columns are in English. The paper is well printed, is well patronized by advertisers, and contains a good variety of news especially interesting to members of the C E F and their friends.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hutchison*

Notice to the Public

That I am now prepared to take in sewing at my dressmaking rooms. Latest Paris and New York fashions. Prices moderate.
MRS. E. E. BURKE
Paradise, N. S., Dec. 6th, 1915.

OUR Christmas Stock IS NOW COMPLETE

It is on display consisting of a selected line of Chinaware, Xmas Fruits and Confectionery, full line Holiday Stationery. A large line of suitable gifts for Ladies and Gents is to be found in our store at a price to suit the pockets.

BURKE'S Paradise



Xmas Goods

Confectionery
Royal Mixture, Spanish Cream, Christmas Mixture, Edinborough Mixture, Empire Mixture, Moir's Chocolates in bulk and 1/2 lb and 1 lb Fancy Boxes and a large assortment of Penny Goods.

Oranges
Try our Sweet Florida Oranges, 30 cents per dozen.

Nuts
Walnuts, Filburts, Almonds, Brazils and Mixed Nuts.

J. I. FOSTER

December 1st, 1915. 34-41

Many happy returns of the Festive Season
Granville Street
Boot and Shoe Store **J. E. LLOYD**

For 1916
We wish all a Happy and Prosperous year and to thank you for a good year in 1915
KARL FREEMAN

WE wish to take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for kind favors extended to us in the past and wish all
"A Happy and Prosperous New Year"
STRONG & WHITMAN

Tenders for Collection of County Rates
Tenders will be received by the undersigned for collection of the County Rates for the ensuing year till December 31st inst.
1. All tenders must be accompanied by the names of two reliable Bondsmen to be approved by the Committee.
2. The full amount of the Roll must be guaranteed in each case, subject only to such reduction for illegal rates as may be allowed by Council.
3. All tenders must be sealed and marked, "Tenders for Rates."
FREEMAN FITZG.,
J. C. GRIMM,
E. W. GATES,
Committee on Tenders and Public Property
December 1st, 1915. 34-41

A Happy New Year to all
It's Ken's for the good goods At a very reasonable price :
KEN'S RESTAURANT
PHONE 81

XMAS SPECIALS
Nuts, Creams, Chocolates, Oranges, Grapes and Figs
Blue Ribbon Raisins 12c 3 tins Tomatoes 35c
Currants, pkg 12c 3 tins Corn 27c
Dates, pkg 09c 3 tins Peas 27c
Pulvarized Sugar, lb 10c 3 tins Squash 24c
3 pkgs. Jell-O 24c 2 tins Pine Apple 35c
5 pkgs Bee Jelly Pow. 20c 2 tins Raspberries 30c
DISHES ON BARGAIN COUNTER
5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c
WOOD & PARKS

We extend to our customers and friends our heartiest and best wishes for a most prosperous New Year.
J. HARRY HICKS