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## THE ATTITUDE OF THE RETURNED SOLDIER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The announcement that Canada is to have two representatives at the Peace Conference has been hailed with a good deal of satisfaction throughout the Dominion, if one is to judge by the comments in the press. That the presence of our representatives at the Conference will do good, goes without saying. In the first instance, it will put Canada in the position of having a direct voice and vote upon subject matters under discussion, and the wishes and desires of the Government upon the final settlement of the peace terms will be laid directly before the Conference. In the second instance it will give our statesmen a broader and larger view of international politics, rubbing shoulders, as it were, and exchanging views and ideas with the representatives of the other countries. They will get their viewpoint upon international politics, and at first hand be able to study their different economic and social conditions. This is all to the benefit of the nation, and will certainly help our leaders in dealing with the many and difficult problems that the aftermath of the war has created; they will see how other countries are facing the problems and be able to study the methods of adjustment, and will be able to compare other methods with those that have been adopted here.

The returning soldier will also bring with him some different views and ideas, to what he held in pre-war days. He has been taught many things that were strange and new to him. He has been taught to be patient under difficulties, and to be cheery under most depressing circumstances. He has learned the value of the Fabian policy of waiting, waiting for the right moment to strike, and when he did strike, to stick with all his force, so that it would be effective. He has also learned how to discipline himself so that he can obey commands or give commands, and he has learned the value of discipline. He knows that an undisciplined army is nothing but a mob, without a leader, or any sense of direction. He knows that some men are fitted for command and others have no sense of initiative; and no teaching, no matter whether it is the Marxian theory or the more idealistical teachings of Tolstoi, can convince him that all men have an equality of intellect. He knows that some men are born commanders and that the majority need sense of direction, otherwise he is like the man from "Missouri", he must be shown. But the Canadian Tommy has a quick sense of what is right and equitable, and he has the apt manner of contrasting rapidly the conditions of things as he sees them. He will contrast the conditions of municipal and national life as he has view them in Flanders, France and England, as he sees them at home, and he will compare the cost in dollars and cents, he will contrast the conditions of the streets in the places he has journeyed through with we will suggest; the condition of the streets

of the commercial centre of Canada, Montreal, and compare the cost of same with, say, London, Liverpool and Boulogne. He will want to know how you propose to deal with the unemployed problem, and will contrast the methods he has observed, that obtain in England and France for dealing with the problem. He has no sort of use for the noisy agitator who cheers for the Bolsheviki at Labour meetings; indeed Tommy will be inclined to handle him rather roughly, because he knows that he is a product of that German Culture he has been up against for the last four years. He is wise enough to know that. The apostolic injunction, "That if a man wont work neither shall he eat", is just as true today as when it was uttered almost two thousand years ago. He has learned that only by obedience can anything be achieved and that we are interdependent one upon the other; otherwise the world's work cannot be carried on. So that he having been schooled in the hard school of adversity, will not be inclined to subscribe readily to the teaching of the Bolsheviki, but will wait with patience the cloud that seemingly obscure his effort, and not want to overturn the Government because his desires are not at once realised, because he has suffered and sorrowed and triumphed over his suffering and sorrows.

We feel sure that the returning soldier will bring with him a broader view of things international and will help, by his patience and his training, the Government and our statesmen, to bring the good ship of state safely into harbour.

We regret to have to inform our readers that Lieut. Col. Melville's son, Earl, died on Thursday night, the 23rd of January, after an operation for appendicitis.

The heartfelt sympathy of all ranks of this Depot is tendered our Commanding Officer and his family in their bereavement.

## THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

What is the name of the officer who, when changing his abode from the Officers' Club to the Windsor Hotel, found in his new room the following epistle in feminine handwriting, "My Darling Baby, I am sure sorry for the way I left you last night, but you was so luvng that I felt I had better went home. I sure do miss you and I hopes you will not take it wrong like, but fix up a date soon with

Yure affecktionate little girl,  
Margreete."

Who is the gentleman referred to in these lines,—

There came a complaint from a Captain called Bill,  
The coffee had made him exceedingly ill,  
And he urgently needed a Number Nine Pill,  
For he couldn't keep food on his stomach.

Which St. Johns' hotel proprietor is the hero of this true story? One of his guests, having had a perfectly good party "the night before", called him aside one morning and whispered that he would like a pick-me-up from the druggist. Our friend tiptoed to the nearest shop and with great secrecy obtained the required medicine. Then he gumshoed back to the hotel and, standing at the door of the large dining-room which was well filled with people at breakfast called out in stentorian tones to the unfortunate guest who was some distance away, "You take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before each meal."

Who is the officer who found a lady in his bed at the Club on New Year's Day, after the Dance? Do not blush, gentle reader, she was made of plaster, though otherwise quite charming.

What is the weight of "Little Eva", the Star chorus lady of Mack's Big Show, which delighted the youth of our fair city a few nights ago, and does she buy her stockings by contract or by the acre? Even "Old Bill" confessed he had never seen such substantial "limbs", while Tom and Jock were struck dumb with admiration. Come again dainty little one, what price Baby Elephants?

Observer.

Why is a nobleman like a book?—  
Because he has a title and several pages.