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NEW ZEALAND AND CANADA

(Sydney Post)

A cable from London to the Montreal Star says that New Zealand is receiving plaintiffs all around for her share in the North Sea triumph. The London Times expresses "unmitigated satisfaction at the proof of Imperial solidarity supplied by the participation of the battleship New Zealand." The Times further says: "The whole Empire may be proud of the fact that this fine warship, given by our brethren at the other end of the world, has been able to do such excellent service on such an occasion. It may be truly said she was defending in the North Sea the shores of New Zealand, for the ultimate object of all warships of the Empire is to attack the enemy's squadrons wherever found."

The High Commissioner of New Zealand has since the sinking of the Bluecher published a statement wherein he strongly corroborates the recently expressed view of Sir Robert Borden. He says:

"Mr. Churchill said that New Zealand's gift of this ship was the most far seeing act of statesmanship he had witnessed. Events are showing every day that the young states of the Empire are getting past the period of infancy. They are feeling the power of youth in their sinews, and they are nobly taking their share in maintaining the integrity of the Empire. When the war is over other conditions will require other management, and the voice of each state in the councils of the Empire will be in proportion to what each is doing. But the first and most prominent plank must be efficient defence."

Some will say it is easy to be wise after the event, but in the case of Empire defences it was quite as easy for Canada to be wise before the event. The British Admiralty furnished Premier Borden with a memorandum in which it expressed in plain and pointed terms, its views as to how the Dominion could most effectively promote the interests of Empire defence. The memorandum declared that our program of naval defence should include a number of the most powerful warships that science could devise, or money could purchase.

Acting on the broad suggestions contained in this well-considered memorandum, Premier Borden in

December 1912, submitted his naval aid bill to the Canadian Parliament, calling for the construction of three super-dreadnoughts as Canada's contribution to Empire defence. It is not necessary just now to review the circumstances under which this patriotic measure was opposed in the House of Commons and eventually rejected by a hostile majority in the unrepresentative Senate. The details of this humiliating chapter of Canada's maritime history are too fresh in the minds of Canadians to call for comment just now. The mistake has been made. Partisanship has done its worst. Let us hope that that chapter of our history being closed, it will have no companion passage.

If the course of recent events could have been anticipated by the members of our parliament in the fall of 1912 and the winter of 1913, we have not the slightest doubt that Premier Borden's naval aid bill would have been enacted by the unanimous voice of both houses of parliament. It is far from our desire to taunt the Opposition with the political blunder to which they committed themselves and their party on that occasion. We trust, however, that the public men of Canada—whether Liberals or Conservatives—are capable of learning from experience. Every day the war is furnishing us with lessons of the most significant character, which he who runs may read. The time for party recriminations in this regard, let us hope, has passed by. If partisan considerations are lost sight of by our political leaders, it should not be difficult for the Canadian parliament to see its duty and perform it in a broad and patriotic manner.

PATRIOTISM AND PRODUCTION

"In the British Isles military preparation has been imperfect because development has proceeded along the paths of peace. The instinct of the British people is against militarism, and great standing armies are not viewed with favor.

But in the British Isles and her self-governing dominions alone there are at least sixty millions of people, a population nearly equal to that of Germany. If our preparation for the struggle was insignificant compared with that of Germany; let us not forget that her resources are insignificant compared with those of this Empire. There are many things that count besides armed forces in the field. In the organization of modern war all the nations' resources must be reckoned with. Consider those of Canada, which even during the coming war can supply food products to an almost unlimited extent.

The unity of purpose inspiring the British dominions and their participation in this war upon so vast a scale has amazed the Prussian war lords. Also it has shat-

Newcastle Boys Write From Salsbury Plains

Bombardier Alex. Ingram, Writing to Invalid Mother, Sends Cheering Words of Comfort—Letter From Lance Corporal Hiram Copp.

Salsbury Plains, Eng. Dec. 23rd, 1914

My Dear Maama,
Just a line to let you know I am well and hope you are all the same. I received your Xmas card yesterday, also Minnie's and Pink's. I got a nice long letter from Blanche a few days ago and a box of Spearmint gum from Albert Dickison. I am getting on real well and having a good time. The weather is pretty cold here now and today the ground is frozen real hard but I would sooner see it frozen than to have the mud which we have been travelling through. Sunday night Sergt. N. E. McKinnon and I got a pass and went out to the Baptist church in Hill-head about two miles from here and we heard a good Xmas sermon. It was taken from the second and third verses of the second chapter of Matthew and we also enjoyed singing the Xmas hymns. They haven't got a very large congregation but their choir is a dandy and I intend to go out as often as I can. We are getting on fine with Major Anderson and certainly find things running better since the Sydney crowd left us. I have just been warned that I am in charge of the guard tonight so that will leave me off at six tomorrow night, and I will have Xmas eve to myself. I did not put in a pass for Xmas as two of the N. C. O.'s in our company going out today, which just leaves McKinnon and I here but I guess we'll get away for New Year's.

Willie Gilford and George Masson came over to the tent last night to tell me that they had got a card from you and they were delighted over getting them. I hear that the Canadian Contingent will soon leave for England, so very likely we'll see them when they get here. I suppose Aiken has his Xmas holidays by now. I saw a piece in the Transcript about my promotion. They send-

tered their confident belief that the military resources of these dominions were entirely negligible. There is but one way to deal effectively with the Prussian gospel of force and violence, and the Prussian ideal of absolutism. It must be smashed utterly and completely. The sooner that is accomplished the better for the German people and for the nations. Canada joins whole-heartedly in that great task. What has been done is known to all. What remains to be done shall be limited only by the need.

It is within the bounds of probability that the four free nations of the overseas dominions will have put into the fighting line 250,000 men if this war should continue for another year. That result, or even the results which have been already obtained, must mark a great epoch in the history of inter-imperial relations. There are children within sound of my voice who will see the overseas dominions surpass in wealth and population the British Isles; there are children playing in your streets who may see Canada alone attain that eminence."—Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden.

AGRICULTURAL WAR BOOK

The Dominion Department of Agriculture has just issued an agricultural war book, "Patriotism and Production," which is a presentation of facts and suggestions bearing on the present and probable future supply of agricultural products as influenced by the war.

It has been issued by the direction of the Honourable Martin Barrill, Minister of Agriculture, primarily for use of the speakers who will address the Agricultural Conferences to be held throughout Canada. The articles have been carefully prepared by the Agricultural Commissioner and officers of the Department of Agriculture and other gentlemen keenly interested in this great topic.

me the Transcript regular and it is very good of them. Well as it is near time for the guard to fall in I guess I'll have to close, hoping this will find you all real well and hoping to hear from you soon. I remain,
Your loving son,
ALEX.

Lavington, Jan. 4th, 1915.

My Dear Maama,
Just a line tonight to hope that you are much better by now. I often sit and wonder why it is you have so much sickness for goodness knows you don't deserve it, but I hope that you will be all better now and that you will be real well when I get home.

We'll we are all in houses now here in Lavington, and it is certainly some change to what we have been having. There are six besides myself in this house and it is a lovely family, they can hardly do enough for you. Last night I was on pipot and they were bound that I would be me down to the house at twelve o'clock and get a lunch, so they waited up until I came in, a little after twelve, and gave me a dandy lunch which went very good as I had to be up all night. It seems something like home to have a nice soft bed to turn into at night and a good warm fire at which to dry your clothes before going to bed.

They are very strict now about soldiers obeying orders and all the non-commissioned officers of our battery were up to the office this afternoon and Major Anderson gave us a fine lecture on what we would have to do if any of the men didn't do as we told them and any man that we see drunk in the streets or using bad language we are to arrest them right away, so you see we have a pretty hard job ahead of us.

Well I have just received the letter from you and Minnie and I can hardly tell you how glad I was to get it, and to hear that you are feeling better and only hope you will continue so. I also got a letter from Pink and one from Mrs. Allingham, telling me that she misses me very much in the choir, and I certainly miss the choir very much and look forward to the time when I'll be back singing in it again.

We have a graphophone and piano here in the house and they are great company. We have the graphophone going now and are going to have some music on the piano as soon as the girl gets back.

Well dear I guess I'll close now hoping to hear from you real soon, so with lots of love to you and all I'll say goodbye for now, but will write soon again.
I remain,
Your loving son,
ALEX.

1st Can. Contingent
Reg. No. 23506
G. Co. 12th Battalion,
Bulford Camps,
Salisbury Plains, England.
Dec. 27, 1914

Lt. Col. Maltby, Esq.,
Newcastle, N. B.

You will no doubt be surprised to receive this letter but it will I think, prove interesting to you, being that it is from one of the boys who served under you.
We arrived at Plymouth Oct. 16 and landed Oct. 23rd and arrived on the Plains same day at a camp named Ponds Farm.

The situation of the camp was fine but as the space was small and as it rained continually things got muddy, which was very unpleasant.
On arrival the following Sunday we were reviewed by Lord Roberts and the Lord Bishop of London, spoke a few words which were listened to very attentively.
We were also received by the King and Queen, accompanied by Lords Kitchener and Roberts, and the review was watched with deep interest. Lord Kitchener deeply

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impressed the Canadian troops on account of his great height, he certainly looked well.

The King spoke to many Canadians, mostly to those wearing the ribbons and Lord Roberts spoke to many who had followed him in the South African campaign.

A few days after the review we changed camp and went to a place named Sling Plantation.

We were placed in huts which was more comfortable than in tents.

We are drilling pretty hard so when the call comes we shall be in the pink of condition.

I am sorry to say the change of climate has affected our boys a little, but glad to say they are getting on their feet again.

The first time since leaving Canada we have the chance to go rifle shooting, which was on Thursday last, and the shooting was very good.

Before closing this letter I must again thank you for recommendation which you gave me, which has proved of value to me.
Kindest regards to Mrs. Maltby and accept same from
Yours respectfully,
HIRAM A. COPP,
Lance Corporal.

SCIENCE SCHOOLS FOR TEACHERS

Purpose of Which is to Give Practical Instruction to Teachers in Nature Study

Under the Departments of Agriculture and Education two Rural Science Schools for teachers will be held in New Brunswick during the coming summer; one at Woodstock and one at Sussex.

The purpose of these schools is to give practical instruction to teachers in Nature Study and Agriculture under the divisions—Plant Life, Animal Life, School Gardening and Home Plots, Farm Mechanics and Rural Domestic Science.

These subjects supply to the teacher an opportunity to vitalize rural education, to bring the schools into closer relation with the life of country communities while at the same time they afford a means for making that education broad and cultural.

"The principle of learning by doing" will be strongly emphasized at these Summer Schools. The length of session will be four weeks. They begin on July 14th. All teachers holding Provincial Licenses and actually engaged in public school work in the Province are eligible for admission. Information may be obtained of R. P. Steeves, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education, Sussex, N. B., to whom also applications for admission should be made.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 29
—At a convention held in Pictou county in many years, Alexander McGregor, of New Glasgow, was Thursday afternoon at Westville nominated by the liberal-conservative party as the bearer of their standard at the next Dominion election. Dr. John Bell, of New Glasgow, occupied the chair, and Jo'n Doull, barrister, acted as secretary.

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