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TRUE PATRIOTISM

(By Katherine Glover)

The farmwife and I, fell to talking of neighborhood things. I told her I had been staying at the hotel in the nearby town and she said with genuine concern, "Well isn't that too bad when you might as well have come to our hotel! Travelling men who have been all over the country say it is the best in the whole of Canada."

From her window I could see the hotel, a mere shack. One could imagine there being a friendly host who would make one feel much more welcome there than at a big, glittering hotel but one could hardly call it "the best in the whole of Canada."

But there was something so warm and genuine in the farm woman's recommendation, it made me feel sorry I had not put her famous hospitality to the test.

That glow of local pride shining in the eyes of my hostess, the faith in the thing that is a part of one's surroundings and the willingness to defend it, is one of the great world forces for good overall. It can stir us to splendid, impersonal deeds for our own community or it can drag us to sleep in the face of crying needs for change through our very acceptance of the ways to which we are accustomed.

I have been in the countries now struggling in terrible war. Looking into the faces of the common soldiers in France, in England and in Germany, as they went back and forth to and from the trenches, and into the faces of those splendid women who are bearing so gloriously the heavy burdens of war, I saw the same look of the farmwife who glowed with pride over the perfection of her village hotel. Only it is for love of country instead of a tiny village community that these soldiers and these women are aroused.

Yesterday they were just folk like you and me doing their village tasks as best they could contributing to the upkeep of their communities because of the love they bore them. Then

because that tremendously larger was that a real league of nation did almost over night their local pride not come by talking about it. The force, patriotism, which, roused to action, can weld peoples together in world wars, can topple kings from their thrones and set up new republics and fresh ideals of democracy.

It is such a pulsing, changing, vital hour in which we live that there is not one of us whose efforts are not needed to mold and shape our communities to the new developments of the times.

We need to watch the achievement of other people and other communities than our own, to be wakeful to our shortcomings and ready to stand shoulder-to-shoulder to put our neighborhood in rank with the most progressive.

If you will look carefully at any community that has forged ahead, usually you can put your finger on a few wide awake, active men or women, sometimes it may be only one, who with their own ideas and energy have started the van of improvement.

It is amazing how easily fired is that flame of local pride which smolder within us all. It takes just a spark sometimes to set it going. The spark may be lighted by nothing greater than a "get-together" effort among the women to bring some sort of wholesome amusement into the community to handle the problem of two or three poverty stricken families.

We are in too complex a period of the world's development for any one to be able to sit entirely apart and settle only his or her own problem. We need constant sharing and comparison. We need to get out in the open and look around us with the eye of someone else.

We should keep ourselves alive to the new ideas that pour in with every newspaper and journal, and come to us by every wayfarer who stops at our door. We should keep our local pride out in the sunlight, an active, stimulating urge to development rather than to shelter and pamper it until it grows narrow and resentful of any change.

London, March, 14.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking here, said there had been criticism because the Cabinet Ministers had not given sufficient prominence to the idea of a League of nations. The Bolsheviks had taught them one lesson—that

over small ones. There has been only one successful food Controller in the history of the world—the One who made five loaves and two small fishes feed a multitude.

"I tell you what rationing means. It means that a nation in the furnace of war is becoming more of a brotherhood."

Trouble Brewing in China Now

MYSTERIOUS TROOP MOVES

Tibetans Have Rebelled and Have Upturned Several Towns—Force is 10,000 Strong

Pekin, Monday, Mar. 11.—Taking advantage of disorder in the Province of Szechuan, the Tibetans have rebelled and are marching into Szechuan, where they have captured several towns. The force is estimated at 10,000, and is armed with modern rifles.

Tibet is controlled virtually by the natives, who are a branch of the Mongol race, the Chinese Government looking after foreign relations and maintaining small garrisons of Chinese troops. There is a regent appointed by the Chinese Government selected from the Lamas or religious leaders.

Wanted Autonomy

In 1913, Tibet demanded complete autonomy, and in October of that year the Tibetans were successful in fighting against the Chinese. A conference at Simla, India, in July, 1914, failed to agree on a convention between China, Great Britain and Tibet, assuring the autonomy of Tibet. In January, 1917, Great Britain presented ten demands on China, affecting Tibet, but these have not yet been agreed to by China.

The Province of Szechuan has been overrun recently by bandits, against whom the Chinese troops have been able to make little headway.

Troops Moving

Pekin, Mar. 11.—The mysterious movement of troops by Governor Chang Soulin, of Mukden Province, coupled with the reported desire of President Feng Kwo Chang to resign is causing speculation in the capital. General Chang Soulin recently intercepted a large shipment of arms from Japan intended for the use of the Chinese Government. The seizure was made on the allegation that there was danger of the arms falling into the hands of the enemies of the northern military leaders through evil counsel in the Government.

Against Rebels

Shortly thereafter Chang Soulin began to move his troops southward, ostensibly to aid the northern leaders against the southern rebels. His troops are now at Lwan Chow, Shan-haikwan and Tien Tsin, in Chihli Province, in which Peking also is situated.

President Feng's desire to resign was expressed at a cabinet meeting where he produced a telegram which he proposed to send to the Provisional Government, declaring that the situation was too difficult for him to solve. The president is said to have withheld his resignation temporarily on the advice of the cabinet, pending negotiations with General Chang Soulin for the removal of his troops and the restoration of the arms he seized.

Offered to Resign

In a mandate early in January President Feng Kwo Chang assumed responsibility for the country's political troubles and announced that he would resign shortly. A report was received in London on March 2nd that President Feng would probably be forced to resign. It was added that he was virtually a prisoner of the northern military leaders. In July, 1916, General Chang Soulin was reported to be preparing to make an attempt to reinstate the Manchurian dynasty in China, but his efforts never bore fruit.

TODAY'S MARKET

Eggs sold today at 40c and 42c per dozen on today's market. Butter sold at 45c to 48c. Chickens brought from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per pair. Potatoes were offering at \$1.00 to \$2. The market generally was smaller today. Apples were fairly plentiful at \$1 per bushel and upwards. Hay is quoted at \$13 per ton. Hogs are worth about \$20 live weight, but sold today dressed at \$23.50 to \$24.50 per cwt. Beef hindquarters bring 17c to 20c per pound wholesale.

DIED

ROY.—In Belleville on Friday, March 15th, 1918 Annie Roy.

TO-DAY'S CASUALTIES

Wounded.—Chas. Carson, Belleville

Patrol Streets in the Interest of Girl Welfare

MOVEMENT ON FOOT AMONG SOCIAL WORKERS TO HAVE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

TO WATCH THE STREETS Present Conditions Make It Easy For Girls to Go Astray

There is a movement on foot among the women social workers of Toronto to organize and establish a women's protective association, or in more expressive words, a women's police corps. This may not be the name of the organization when fully complete, but it conveys the idea and aim, an organized band of women to look after the safety of weaker sisters who are either incapable or too indifferent to avoid danger themselves. This idea is now in the committed stage and is being perfected by a select number of social workers from the various clubs dealing with the study of social welfare work in Toronto.

Those who attend the juvenile and women's courts realize that a woman's police corps would be a wonderful help for women and young girls. The idea means there would be a protective agency throughout Toronto composed of experienced, capable women, who would shoulder the responsibility.

To Patrol Streets

At the last meeting of the Club for the Study of Social Science the committee's representative reported progress, but had nothing definite to announce as plans were not perfected. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Adam Brown the idea was again discussed; there were present some who knew of the work of the women of England, and were of the opinion that a woman's protective association would be of great benefit in Toronto.

Many of the prominent social workers have expressed themselves in favor of the idea and believe that there will be sufficient volunteer workers to make the plan successful. "The women of England patrol the streets in the interests of girl welfare," said one settlement worker, "and the women of Toronto could find plenty of work ready for their attention upon the streets of their city every day."

"Too many English-speaking girls," said Miss Austin of Central Neighborhood House, "recently, 'were allowed upon the streets after nightfall. I have found in my district that once a young girl gets a taste of street life it is almost impossible to save her."

The committee arranging the women's protective association have this in view. Girls who are found on the streets after reasonable hours without any excuse will be watched and cared for. "It is too easy," said one social worker, "for our girls to go wrong; we must make it more difficult. If the mothers do not care, there are women who do and they must bear the responsibility." The Big Sister Association deals directly with this girl problem and the head worker of this organization said that she found so many of the delinquent girls who are brought to the juvenile court, come from homes where normal conditions do not prevail. "We find so often that the father has gone overseas and the mother not strong enough to control the girl, or that the mother herself is not morally fit; or else the home conditions are abnormal in some way."

The women's protective association will endeavor to follow up these cases and correct, as far as possible, the home conditions.

HAMILTON WELBANKS

Mr. Hamilton Welbanks, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Prince Edward died this morning early at his home at Rednersville. He was born at South Bay, Prince Edward County in the year 1830 and resided in the county mostly all his life. In his early days he was a sailor on the Great Lakes, until about 57 years ago when he purchased a farm at Rednersville. In religion he was a Methodist. Mr. Welbanks is survived by one son, Stanley of Rednersville and one daughter, Mrs. Peter Fox, of Toronto. He had been ill for three months past. Mr. Welbanks was the oldest resident in the first concession of Ameliasburg.

A very pleasant time was spent last evening when a number of young friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Tallon, Victoria Ave. Games were played and refreshments were served at 10.30.

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SOME CLERKS OF OUR HOUSE OF COMMONS

(Montreal Standard)

Of all the members of our House of Commons, the Speaker holds first place, outranking even Ministers of the Crown, who hold seats in that Chamber. He presides over the sittings of the House, enforces its rules, maintains order, and holds the balance between the opposing forces in debate. He speaks for the House when it has occasion to address the representatives of the Crown, and it is because of that high duty that the First Commoner is called the Speaker.

As the Speaker is the first member of the House, the Clerk is its first servant. He makes the record of its daily proceedings, and he, with his staff, is the custodian of the accumulated records.

With respect to one branch of knowledge the Clerk must be an expert, and that branch is parliamentary practice and procedure. Should the Speaker make a slip or falter, the Clerk must be able to whisper in his ear the solution of the riddle and unobtrusively lead him back to the beaten path of rule and precedent.

As far as runs the memory of the members of today, an able and well-informed man has sat at the head of the Clerk's table. For many years his position of dignity and usefulness, and of fair emolument, too, was filled by the late Sir John Bourne, who made parliamentary procedure his life study, and who left behind him a monument in which through erudition and diligence, a work that is the standard authority in Canada, figured.

His successor, Thomas B. Flint, D.C.L., had added to the work, and the third edition is worthy of the two men whose labor is there combined.

Twenty-seven years ago Dr. Flint came to the House of Commons as the member for Yarmouth, Nova Scotia—a successful barrister with four years' experience as Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly of his province.

He was an attentive member of the House of Commons, and one of the most zealous and sincere advocates of prohibition in public life at that time. He was then and always has been one of those persons to whom the title, "gentleman," properly belongs.

For a little more than fifteen years he has been Clerk of the House. Falling sight compelled him to tender his resignation and seek retirement.

W. B. Northrup, K.C., like Dr. Flint, is a lawyer and like him too in this, that he has had a long traineeship in his ear the solution of the riddle and unobtrusively lead him back to the beaten path of rule and precedent.

A man of ability and a trained speaker, he soon made himself felt in the debates; and his natural gentility and uniform courtesy made him friends on both sides of the House. He was not a candidate at the recent elections; so that he is not now a member, but his appointment to the Clerkship will restore him to a chamber in which through erudition and diligence, a work that many sessions he was a prominent is the standard authority in Canada, figured.

Inspection Reveals Much Dirty Milk in City

Result of Tests Made Under Authority of Health Department—Prosecution Will Follow if No Improvement is Shown

Dr. H. A. Yeomans, Medical Officer of Health has received the following report of a milk inspection made in the city this week: Belleville, March 14th, 1918. To H. A. Yeomans, M.D., Medical Health Officer, Belleville. Dear Sir—Below is a statement of the samples of milk tested for your Department by order of Thos. Wills, Inspector.

Vendor	Sample	Temp.	Acid	Remarks
Cummins	41	31	40	2.1 Clean
Whitfield	65	31	60	3. Dirty
G. A. B. Gay	59	30	60	3.2 Clean
Devault, E. E.	32	24	60	10.5 Dirty cream, not a fair sample of milk
Citizens Dairy	43	30	60	3. Dirty
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Reid, F. F.	52	31	60	3.5 Dirty
Waldron	30	30	60	2.5 Too weak in cream
Miller, R. F.	45	26	60	8.9 Dirty cream, not a fair sample of milk
Calnan	55	30	60	2.7 Clean

The milk vendors of this city will have to clean up and give us a better milk or prosecutions are sure to follow. Too much carelessness altogether in the handling and caring for the utensils by some of the handlers. The citizens are paying a good price, and they are entitled to good clean milk.

Yours Truly, J. A. Kerr, Milk Inspector.

Attend School Near Firing Line

250 LITTLE ONES TAUGHT LESS THAN FOUR MILES FROM GERMAN TRENCHES

Somewhere in Belgium, March 15.—One of the most amazing sights along the Belgium front is that of a school for children which is being maintained close to the fighting lines by the army through General Rnoquoy, the Chief of Staff. Here about 250 little folk whose homes are nearby are being cared for during the day in a school which is less than four miles from the German trenches.

Great shells pass with their wicked wall over the heads of these youngsters as they play about the grounds. The detonation of the huge guns is constant, and often the school house rocks with the vibration. Fleets of German airplanes circle about with their loads of enormous bombs. But the work of the school continues its regular course.

The American Red Cross is deeply interested in this unique institution and is helping it in every way possible. Major John van Schaiick, jr., Acting Commissioner for Belgium, in a report on the school said: "It would appear as if these children ought to be in a highly nervous condition, but in fact they are about as sturdy a lot of little Flemish boys and girls as I have ever seen. They never run when the shells whistle or explode. One of their favorite amusements is to jump at German airplanes and they are absolutely devoid of fear. It probably would appear to many people that the duty of the American Red Cross would be to get these children out. Instead, we are giving them a new barracks, and sending them clothing and shoes, to help them stay. This is on the theory that it is better for the children to be with their parents than to be sent away. Reversing conditions in former generations, we find that the big towns are the places of danger and the scattered farms places of comparative safety. This institution is a day school, where meals are served and instruction given, and the children live at home.

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IN SERMON ON THE MOUNT

British Premier Warns Against League of Nations Before Victory

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