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PATRIOTIC AUCTION WAS A BIG SUCCESS

People of Western Northumberland Responded Nobly to the Appeal--Net Proceeds Amounted to \$5055.06

The big Patriotic Auction held in the rink on Wednesday last, by the citizens of Newcastle and the residents of the western part of the county of Northumberland, proved a most gratifying success from a financial point of view.

The large lists of subscriptions and donations, published in the local papers, bore strong evidence of the patriotic spirit of the people, and the many high bids put on different articles as they were held up by Auctioneer Lawlor gave still further evidence on the part of the bidders of their desire to give their utmost assistance to this worthy cause.

The day, which was proclaimed a public holiday by Mayor Stothart, turned out fine, and the environment was such as tended to make the day a most successful and pleasant one.

The large amount of preliminary work in connection with an undertaking of such gigantic proportions, was carried through in a most systematic manner by those who had this part of the work in hand.

The rink was tastefully decorated with the flags of the Allied nations, and one side was given over to the auction counter. An admission of ten cents was charged, and from noon until midnight a steady stream of people thronged the rink and the street leading to it.

Shortly after noon, Auctioneer J. R. Lawlor opened the sale, asking offers on a donation of fancy articles given by Miss Jane Mitchell, sister of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, and then throughout the afternoon and evening the bidding waxed warm and many were the high prices paid by those whose only desire was to help swell the proceeds, regardless of the intrinsic value of the articles bid upon, as witness, a pair of socks brought ten dollars, and as high as eleven dollars for a barrel of potatoes.

Among the number of bidders who had made purchases in the afternoon and then replaced them on the auction counter in the evening, was Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, of Douglastown, whose purchases amounted up to the hundreds.

At about nine o'clock in the evening, Auctioneer Lawlor called upon Hon. John Morrissey to auction the Patriotic quilt, this quilt, which was an exhibition in the J. D. Creaghan & Co. store window for a few days previous, was donated by the wives and mothers of our boys now serving at the front, and was a very handsome one and greatly admired.

The bidding on this quilt was most enthusiastic, being run up to the magnificent sum of \$200 by Mr. George Corey, of Portage River, who felt the prize was his until Mr. E. H. Sinclair called it by pinning a V onto Mr. Corey's bid. Both of these bidders were given a hearty cheer from the immense throng.

A beautiful centrepiece donated by the Sisters of St. Mary's convent brought \$35. It was bought by Mr. Hutchinson in the afternoon for \$30 and rebought in the evening for \$15 by H. M. Blair, of Fredericton.

The drawing of the lotteries resulted as follows: Cushion, donated by St. Mary's convent, won by J. H. Troy. Box of Patriotic candy, won by W. J. Dunn.

The grand patriotic lottery winners were: Piano, won by Geo. Dutcher, Newcastle. Driving Wagon won by Fred Robt. chand of Murdoch's Mill, Millerton.

Barrel of flour won by Tim M. Carthy, Nelson. Bag of sugar, won by Albert McKay, Strathadam.

Chest of tea, won by P. Hennessy, was afterwards donated for auction and sold for \$8. The receipts from the sale were as follows:

Proceeds from auction \$2916.54 Lottery on Box of Candy 54.00 Admission Fees 162.25 Grand Lottery 1099.00 Cash Donations 528.75 \$5055.06

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Pays Tribute to Sir Max Aitken

Quebec Paper Pays High Tribute to Canada's Eye-Witness at The Front

The Quebec Chronicle of the 18th inst., pays the following well deserved tribute to Sir Max Aitken, the distinguished New Brunswicker, with the Canadian forces at the front:

It would be difficult indeed to express adequately the general satisfaction that is voiced at the appointment of Colonel Sir Max Aitken to the responsible and important position of General Representative of Canada at General Headquarters of the British Forces in France and Belgium.

Some months ago, Sir Max Aitken was appointed the Official Eye-Witness by the Canadian Government for the Canadian Divisions. Some little uncertainty was expressed by some individuals regarding the appointment, but the splendid work performed by Sir Max created a most favorable impression throughout England, and his wonderful description, so vivid, so realistic and so graphic, earned wide spread and appreciative comment in every paper in the Kingdom.

To such an extent were his reports circulated that every paper copied them, accompanied by eulogistic articles in the principal dailies, in some cases, these reports were printed in pamphlet form, were excellently illustrated and had record circulations. The value of Sir Max Aitken's services were then fully appreciated and when it was seen that a Canadian Representative was urgently required at the front, there was no one so well qualified as Sir Max. Endowed with wonderful powers of organization, clear-sighted and aggressive, he was clearly singled out as the one man who could fill the position. It was a clear case of the office seeking the man and not the man the office.

There was no question that enormous sacrifices would be required, yet there was no hesitation on the part of Sir Max Aitken.

Tireless to a degree, tactful and resourceful, in fulfilling the duties of that important position in a manner that makes one wonder how ever got on without him before. From East to West, from North to South, he is travelling all over the lines, assisting, encouraging, suggesting, and in and out of the trenches, at Battalion and Company Headquarters, he is a familiar figure and one who never shirks a hazardous or tedious duty.

He is doing wonderful work in every direction, and the reports are being felt all through the Divisions in the position which he holds—a position without any personal considerations to gain, in fact with many sacrifices to make, his opinions are greatly valued and appreciated by those in the highest positions.

We congratulate the Government on securing Sir Max Aitken's services in this most important and responsible position.

"Canada" of 18th September has the following article:

"Sir William Maxwell Aitken, who is more familiarly known as 'Max' Aitken, last week had conferred upon him the rank of Hon. Colonel superseding that of Hon. Lieutenant Colonel bestowed when he was appointed official 'Eye-Witness' in connection with the Canadian Expeditionary Force at the front.

Present time he is on another visit to France, which he also visited a month ago in company with Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, when the party were received by Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army at the front, and made an extended tour of the Allied line. Apart from his official war duties his spirit despatches have attracted attention throughout the Empire. Sir Max's chief activities are concerned with important financial and industrial matters. His rise has been meteoric. Little over a dozen years ago a clerk in Halifax he has represented Ashton-and-Lyne for the last five years in the British House of Commons, has controlled over great projects, and is likely to go still further. He is still a young man as years ago, having been born at Newcastle, N. B., the son of the late Rev. William Aitken, a Scottish minister, on May 25, 1873. He was married in 1906 to Gladys, daughter of the late General C. W. Drury, C. B., of Halifax, and has two children, a daughter, and a son, the man of the Equitable Trust of London, a Director of Montreal Trust Co., Calgary Power Co., Porto Rico Railways, and other companies. He resides at Leatherhead, Surrey, and is a member of the Carlton Club, London, also of the Halifax Club, St. James' Club, Montreal, and the Toronto Club."

Mr. T. H. Churchhill, representative of the Dominion Tactile Press, of Toronto, publishers of literature for the blind, was in Newcastle on Friday.

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OUR DUTY? LET US DO IT

Stirring Sermon by Rev. S. J. Macarthur on Sunday Evening

URGES CITIZENS TO RESPOND By Prompt and Definite Action to the King's Appeal for More Men

Having read Psalm 107, which was held to be most apposite to such a theme and time, Rev. Mr. Macarthur spoke last Sunday evening, in part, as follows:

Last Sabbath evening I was pointing out to my audience that God must some times force individuals and nations to do his will. Elijah is a case in point. When, on account of his reforming zeal, his life was held in danger, Rev. Mr. Macarthur spoke last Sunday evening, in part, as follows:

Israel afforded a more striking parallel, and a still more wonderful revelation of God's quiet and persistent ways, he realizes his cowardice and lack of faith in God. And so when God bids him go back to his deserted post he is glad to obey. Israel affords a more striking parallel, Egypt, the Wilderness, Babylon, were all a part of the Divine discipline by which God tried to make his people good. And when they finally perished in the overthrow of Jerusalem, it was because they rejected their only saviour, Jesus Christ. Mr. Macarthur here asked the congregation to consider that though a nation perishes its contribution to the progress of humanity survived. Thus the ruins of Greece, and Rome, and Israel still bless mankind.

The Irrepressible Question If at the beginning of the Christian Age, God turned away from His Chosen People and adopted another portion of the race to be His agent in the task of Human Redemption, may He not do so again?

Our Proud Boast Have not we British boasted we were the favored of Heaven? When we heard of our liberty were we mindful of the cry of oppressed Armenia? Think of Britain's having forced the deadly opium traffic on China! Think of the traffic in drink and other abominations being permitted to poison the life of the natives of our own Empire! Has God abandoned? Does He not care as once He did what His chosen people do? Is God indifferent to the ingratitude and callous heart exhibited by us Canadians, in the sale of spavined horses, graft rampant, and, as our papers tell us, the all too true charge of his Majesty's representative, that we are not living up to our promise to do all in our power to furnish munitions? As I live I am persuaded God does care. And I am fully persuaded that nothing but complete and unselfish service to our king in whatever way he may desire, will save us from the doom that impends. For the weapons of our warfare are not simply and solely physical; they are spiritual also.

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A Blunder That is More Than a Crime

World Turns From Germany in Horror and Prays Allies May Triumph

New York, Oct. 23—The execution of Edith Cavell by the Germans is denounced this morning by every English language paper in New York save "The American." That paper is editorially silent on the case. So also is the Staats-Zeitung.

"Worse than a crime," is the heading under which "The World" says in part: "It is worse than a crime; it is a blunder," said Fouché of Napoleon's summary execution of the young Duc d'Enghien. "The action of the German military authorities in Belgium, who executed Edith Cavell, an English nurse, belongs likewise to the class of blunders that are worse than crimes."

Miss Cavell's execution, in the opinion of the Times, had done Germany immeasurable harm. "Germany," says the Times, "has brought herself into a position where the world turns from her in horror and decries nothing so much as the success of her arms. The executioners of Edith Cavell but carried out the spirit and purpose of the imperial military policy. They did their part in the working of the brutal, monstrous engine. It is because of this spirit of these purposes, of such deeds as that at Brussels, that Germany has lost her standing among civilized nations devoted to the ideals of humanity and of progress; it is because of these things that the prayer goes up in all the peaceful countries of the earth that her enemies may triumph, to the end that such a ruthless rule may not be established in power upon the earth."

The Tribune says:—"Americans will feel a deeper sympathy for Miss Cavell because an American minister's words are certain of the sympathy of German humanity. For as there is a plain case, testified to by one of our own countrymen; the facts be clear, the facts, be it said, not of illegality, but of inhumanity, surpassing brutality, unbelievable stupidity. Looking at the course, the heroism of a British woman, it is possible to believe that British men will fall where their women have succeeded gloriously."

The Herald sees a direct snub to the United States in the way the case was handled. "There might as well have been no American legation in Brussels," says the Herald.

That the press of the United States is unanimous in condemning the German rulers of Belgium for their killing of Edith Cavell is shown by editorial in prominent papers like the Boston Transcript, Boston Herald, Chicago Herald, Chicago Tribune, Philadelphia Public Ledger, and many others.

ces in men and in money and skill at the empire's service. Let our leading citizens represent to our government that the people will stand behind them in making a complete and unselfish service to our king in whatever way he may desire. Were Canada to-day on a war footing such as obtains in Europe her contribution to Imperial defense would be 800,000 men. Is it too much to say that in view of the present conditions, Canada should give up to least 350,000 men? Now, if the task of equipping such an army be beyond our resources, why not ask the government of Britain to share in the undertaking and equip every man that Canada gives over to the war, the number we ourselves can equip? Let Canada be mobilized and every man take his place and do his part in fighting the empire's battle.

All honor is due to the men in our own community who are planning to give employment to their own workmen this winter as in past winters. Such action compares most favorably with the proposed policy of outside holders of the public domain who propose to curtail their operations to a mere fraction, one large company having intimated that its operation for the coming winter will not be more than one-seventh the usual amount.

This leads to the urgent necessity of appealing to our citizens to further aid in this great struggle by eliminating all waste, and as one of the principal sources of waste here is the use of liquor, let all patriotic citizens unite to stop it. Might we not also go one step farther and suggest to our citizens the advisability of limiting, if not entirely ceasing, for at least the period of the war, the use of tobacco, thereby effecting the saving of large amounts for the necessary patriotic, benevolent and religious purposes?

In conclusion, Mr. Macarthur said that, as this war is essentially a spiritual conflict, it is open to us all, by confessing our sins and that of our nation, in making a sincere repentance with full purpose of and endeavour after new obedience, through our earnest prayers to mightily contribute to the establishment of a glorious and righteous peace.

Let the "fiery cross" be lighted and sent from one end of Canada to the other. Let us place our resour-

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All honor is due to the men in our own community who are planning to give employment to their own workmen this winter as in past winters. Such action compares most favorably with the proposed policy of outside holders of the public domain who propose to curtail their operations to a mere fraction, one large company having intimated that its operation for the coming winter will not be more than one-seventh the usual amount.

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In conclusion, Mr. Macarthur said that, as this war is essentially a spiritual conflict, it is open to us all, by confessing our sins and that of our nation, in making a sincere repentance with full purpose of and endeavour after new obedience, through our earnest prayers to mightily contribute to the establishment of a glorious and righteous peace.

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ROGERSVILLE MAN KILLED ON TRACK

Romain Bernard Killed by Freight Train Sunday Night--Inquest Held on Monday

The enquiry into the fatal accident on Sunday evening, when Romain Bernard, of Rogersville, was run over and killed by a freight train one mile west of Derby Junction, was conducted by Coroner Desmond on Monday, when evidence as follows was given by the train hands and others. The only valuables on the body were a silver watch and \$1.05 in silver.

The first witness was Joseph Gauthier, of Rogersville, who swore that he positively identified the remains as those of Romain Bernard of Rogersville, his father-in-law, whom he had last seen alive on Saturday, 23rd instant, about noon, at Rogersville Station. He was to take the train for Derby Jet, as he wished to draw pay which he had coming to him at Robert Murdoch's mill. He said he would return a Saturday night's freight train. He had been working at the mill for about three months and had quit for a month. He did not return Saturday night nor Sunday. He was a man of good sense, and witness could not account for him being on track. Had never seen him drinking or intoxicated. He was not quarrelsome. His age was about 60.

David R. Hanson Next witness was David R. Hanson of Gibson, I. R. C. Conductor in charge of special train which left Newcastle at 5 p. m. Oct. 24th inst., who swore that after leaving Derby Jet, and about one mile west he noted emergency brakes so on and train come to a standstill. On descending he discovered the hand of a man. Had never before had seen deceased. He was dead. They cut off engine and ran to Millerton and notified officials. Left Brakeman P. Davidson in charge of remains. They picked up \$1.05 in silver near remains, which he handed over to coroner. His driver was Ralph Miles and fireman Wm. Matthews. On order of coroner, remains were brought to Newcastle and handed over to Undertaker Malby. Accident occurred at 5:15 p. m.

Driver Ralph Miles testified that about one mile west of Derby Jet, he had seen an object lying on the track, which he first thought was a dog, but, coming closer, saw it was a man, and applied the emergency brakes and blew whistle. When en