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A SAD STORY

8, tells a story that gives us a vision of callous disregard of every patriotic sentiment and of every feeling of gratitude, such as has not been other features, reminding one of far-away equalled since the commencement of the war. Switzerland. The story follows:

The death occurred in the Peever settlement on March 5 of Chas. H. Reiss, who arrived home about two weeks ago from overseas. The deceased-enlisted with the 80th battalion, and served for over a year in the trenches. He was wounded, and appears to have been discharged from the hospital while still in a weak condition. When he landed at Maynooth it is alleged that he could not get anyone to drive him home. He had to walk a distance of seven or eight miles, and the effort was too much for him. He contracted a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia and caused his death.

Surely, surely, there must be some mistake. The cold brutality of allowing any man in a weakened condition, after being discharged from a hospital, to undertake a walk of seven or eight miles, over roads thickly covered with snow in the dead of winter, would be hard to conceive of in any enlightened Canadian community. But when that man had been overseas and had received wounds while he was fighting to defend the very homes and firesides of those whom he left behind at Maynooth, the thankless inhumanity of allowing him to find his own way home is all the more amazing.

If such treatment as this were to be meted out to our returned heroes what would be the effect on recruiting?

We cannot, however, believe that the good people of Maynooth would generally be guilty of any such debased form of positive disloyalty, as is illustrated in the story given above. But we do think a searching investigation should be held and if there were any individuals so recreant to patriotic duty as to have refused to assist a wounded soldier to his home, their names hat such hardened ingratitude merits.

was somewhat similar to the case of Sergt. teen-year-old hero came to his death. Charles Gibson, a veteran of three wars who was wounded in action and invalided home to Belleville some months ago. 'There was no one to meet or greet him at the station and he was happened to be at the depot that day with his buggy. No one was there to greet Sergt. Gibwas coming at that particular time or on that son because nobody in the city knew that he particular train. But a mammoth demonstration a few evenings later told Sergt. Gibson that the hearts of the people of Belleville were in the right place and that they had not forgotten.

A NEW AND BETTER BRITAIN

When the smoke of this great conflict has been disselved in the atmosphere we breathe there will reappear a new Britain. It will be the old country still,, but it will be a new country. Its commerce will be new, its trade will be new, its industries will be new. There will be new conditions of life and of toil, for capital and for labor alike, and there will be new relations between both of them and forever. There will be new ideas, there will be a new outlook,, there will be a new character in the land. The men and women of this country will be burnt into fine building material for the new Britain in the flery kilns of the war. It will not merely be the millions of men who, please God, will come back from the battlefield to enjoy the victory which they have won by their bravery-a finer foundation I would not want for the new country, but it will not be merely that—the Britain that is to be will depend also upon what will be done now by the many more millions who remain at home. There are rare epochs in the history of the world when in a few raging years the character, the destiny of the whole race is determined for unknown ages. This is one. The winter wheat is being sown It is better, it is surer, it is more bountiful in its harvest than when it is sown in the soft

due season we shall reap if we faint not .- Lloyd nooth. George at Carnarvon.

THE ICE BRIDGE

is published every Thursday morning at \$1.00 s saw the famous ice-bridge. The bridge this grown and highly profitable. It is a rare thing year was said to be the greatest proposition of fore keyed up to see something on a pretty lavish scale. We had visited Niagara many times before, but our tours in that direction always occurred in the summer season with no

severe winter would give plenty of ice-making temperatures. We had fed our imagination The Bancroft Times, in its issue of March with books of views, and photographs of former tains, with crevasses, precipices, yawning abysalleged ice-bridges, showing crystalline mounses, chasms, geysers, gorges, avalanches and

We have been and we have saw the famous ice-bridge and, frankly, we came away disappointed. As a hair-raising feature of the scenery the bridge did not live up to the advance notices. It is about as tame and flat a hairraiser as has come under our notice for a long time. We have seen ice-bridges over the Moira every spring that could discount the Niagara phenomenon by about one hundred per cent.

The mountains and chasms were there all right but they formed no part of the ice-bridge. isfied. They are the rocks below the American fall that have become covered with an ever thickening coat of ice. The spray as it rises freezes to the surface of the rocks and has formed mounds of ice said to be in one place over seventy feet in thickness. At other places great icicles are suspended from the cliffs as much as eighty feet

The real ice-bridge is somewhat further solid, flat field of uneven surface.

It was formerly a favorite accomplishment the ice from shore to shore.

tragedy that has ever since caused the crossing tide of revolution set flowing, it soon was beat-mercializing and advancement of the enter- his services, but we have yet to hear of the bridge to be among the forbidden pleasing upon the footsteps of the throne, then prise from a branch of industrial education to ope being asked to resign permanent ures. On that day Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stan-mounting higher swept Louis the Sixteenth of a leading industry. The latest available re- ly under such circumsances, or of ton of Toronto and Master Burrell Hecock of France and Marie Antoinette into oblivion. ports show there are seventy-six Alaskan rein- having his resignation accepted even Cleveland, Ohio, were carried to their death, as The carnage, which followed, a veritable reign deer herds consisting of 70,243 animals, a net if he sent it in. the ice-bridge gave way with a thunderous re- of terror, is read upon the pages of French hisnort and without a moment's warning to be t port and without a moment's warning, to be tory with every glamour of attraction. broken up in the Whirlpool rapids. Young History is partially repeating itself in killed for meat and skins. Carcasses shipped some of these have reverted in rank Hecock might have saved himself but he paused Russia. The war has precipitated a revolu- to Seattle brought twenty to thirty-five cents a in order to get into the front of to aid Mrs. Stanton who was fainting. A brass tion. The bureaucracy, under the sanction of pound. Of the total of animals, 1,140 natives the battle. In their congregations should be given all the unenviable notoriety tablet on the Canadian side, immediately above the Czar, profited nought by the early lessons own sixty-six per cent.; five per cent. are ownthe location of the ice-bridge, tells every passer- taught by the war. It was manifested through ed by the Government; ten per cent. by mis-usually who talk of thechurch suff There must be some mistake. Perhaps it by, in brief form, the story of how this seven- much of its personnel, predisposed towards the sions and nineteen per cent. by Lapps and oth- ering in the absence of the pastor.

GROWING MORE POTATOES

following facts,-

thanks to the potato planter and digger. One tion.

creasing the yields. 25-acre field. Hence, his word should carry the minister's denial otherwise. his quality is always of the best.

Much of the soil in Hastings County is betspring time. There are many storms to pass ter adapted for the growth of potatoes than for through, there are many frosts to endure, be- any other purpose. This is particularly true of fore the land brings forth its green promise, the lighter soils in the Oak Hills section and

trict to grow potatoes on an adequate commer- to the resort of arbitration sick of the resort to cial scale or to employ labor-saving machinery, force and glad enough to accept arbitration. This week we visited Niagara Falls and and yet the potato-crop is one that is easily growth and marketing would do wonders.

world's markets.

The quality and flavor of the potatoes that nical education. anything that this earth produces anywhere.

can never be over-supplied. As it is now everything is done by haphazard. One man grows an early, round, white va- help matters out greatly by planting as soon as enant colonel to tender his resignariety, while his next neighbor grows a long, red the soil is sufficiently dry and warm to be tion. It was the interests of his late variety, entirely different in texture and worked. Early plantings escape both rot and welfare, that he had in mind when flavor. The two are thrown together in a car blight and will give a good yield by the first of he asked to be relieved of his clerand the ultimate consumer is altogether dissat- July. By the middle of July they will be almost ical duties. He had been given leave

Co-operation and uniform methods would overcome these drawbacks and pen up to the late planted potatoes are pretty certain to be- at the start, and the prospects for grower a gold mine as yet untapped.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

History has a habit of repeating itself. It down the river and is merely an accumulation of the Feudal System; the riotous extravagance secured from the same plot in one season. broken ice that has become congealed into a by the rich, the miserable poverty of the poor, which in a moment of stress for food set the match to the tinder which was awaiting the re- the Bureau of Education for the natives of A- anke creditable to both, between of tourists to cross the ice-bridge. But on Tues- volution. The outbreak in Paris was precipi- laska that the reindeer enterprise has success- pastor and people. Many a man has day a soldier, with fixed bayonet, barred the tated by the outcry and the demand of the wo-fully passed through two stages—the intro-given up a lucrative position in pubpassage way down the cliff. It is now five years men for bread. "If they cannot get bread, why duction of the animals to a new country and with the understanding that his since any tourist has been permitted to cross by don't they buy buns" was the traditional re- people and the development of an administra- place will be kept for him until his mark of a Bourbon Princess. The revolt of the tion which has fairly well established the in- return. His employers are making On Sunday, February 4th, 1912 occurred a women spread to that of the men and once the dustry. There remains the successful com-sacrifices when they dispense with

flowed through Russian Poland even into the hides used by themselves, was \$81,997. high councils at St. Petersburg. The pro-Ger-With the lowly spud at four dollars or so by man element honeycombed Russian society itduction assume a new importance. From a cir- jary in the greed of some Russian bureaucrats. has in countries even democratic, actually cor-Fifty years ago an acre of potatoes nered food while the masses of the people were yielding 110 bushels required fifty-five hours starving. As in Paris of old, so too in Petroof man labor. Now an acre yielding 220 grad of today, it was the food question, that bushels requires but thirty-eight hours, struck the match which lit the torch of revolu-

man with a good planter can open the rows, Governments may change in obedience to distribute the fertilizer, drop the tubers and adverse votes in the Duma, but it was ever the cover them over an area of three to five same old clique with a new mask in the premacres each day. Planters are now being used iership. There was such a change a few days in many communities and a greater area cov-since. A new minister was in charge of the ered. Best methods of cultivation and ferti-food supplies. People demanded food, but in lization assist in reducing the cost per bushel the interests of the bureaucrats, who were corof growing potatoes, at the same time in-nering the food and coining wealth out of the pangs of hunger of the masses of the people "Take care of your yields and the quali- they were told that the arrival of flour had been ty will take care of itself," says H. J. Lur-delayed by a snow-storm. Suspicion was kins, Michigan's well-known potato grower aroused because high prices were maintained. and authority, and county agent of Berrien The revolution broke out, and during the course County. Mr. Lurkins has grown an average of the revolution it was found that vast stores of 454 bushels of potatoes to an acre on a of flour and food existed in the capital despite

some weight. Mr. Lurkins believes in plant- But a revolution could not succeed unless ing none but the highest grade of seed from there was a widespread organization. That orcarefully selected stock grown in a seed ganization was found to exist. The Czar displot. He manures his ground heavily a year solved the Duma but the Duma hoisted the flag ahead of the time it is put to potatoes. He of revolt by declining to be dissolved. It beplows it early in the spring and re-enforces came a war between the immature parliament the manure with a suitable well-balanced of Russia and the old form of government. The commercial fertilizer. He says the potato is army, composed of the masses of the people a lazy plant and must have its plant-food too was evidently disaffected. Regiment after close at hand, if best crops are to be secured. regiment declared for the parliament, thus im-Mr. Lurkins grows 2,000 to 10,000 bushels of itating in a measure some stirring scenes in potatoes every year. His yields are high and English history with which its students are fa-

> History is being made rapidly these days. The American railway brotherhoods have

But let us not be weary in well-doing, for in farther to the north about Bancroft and May-determined to strike because they are "sick of arbitration." Well, it is up to the general pub-There have been few attempts in this dis- lic to make those who prefer the resort to force

The Bellaville Board of Education proto find a field of potatoes of even five acres in pose to undertake a very necessary, important year was said to be the greatest proposition of that the deputation from St. Andtivation, harvesting and marketing are still em-children of the schools in the growth of vege-rew's Church, Cobourg, paid Lieut. ployed. It is not possible to go into a neighbor- tables in the home gardens and in vacant lots. Col. Beattie when they waited upon hood here and secure a car of potatoes uniform To transform ugly weed patches into luxuriant the Presbytery of Peterboro yesteras to variety, quality and size. Co-operative vegetable gardens is something worth while at cline to accept his resignation as any time, but just at this present period of pastor. The presence of the dele-We have already seen the value of co-oper- food scarcity it becomes a patriotic duty. But gates, and the kind things they said garb and judged that the present continuously securing an output that is uniform in excel- the child from having done something both eloquently the regard in which he lence and that ccommands top prices in the useful and deeply interesting. There is also the added value of very practical, wholesome, tech- most distinguished chaplains in the

> On Saturday potatoes were selling on the the residents of Cobourg generally The finest potatoes of New Brunswick, Maine or Belleville market for four dollars a bag. This very presence of death with the sol-Michigan are but poor imitations. If these po- price may be modified somewhat after the weath weath with the solution of the s tatoes were grown on an adequate commercial ther becomes sufficiently warm to ship potatoes a man by his prompt aid in getting scale, uniformly graded, properly advertised from New Brunswick and Alberta where they him to the hospital. Lieut. Col. and marketed, there is in Toronto and Mon- are still said to be plentiful. But there is no Beattie has, besides, written home treal a demand for these high-class goods that prospect that potatoes will be anything like instructive letters that have been recheap before the arrival of a new crop.

Those who have vacant lots or gardens can It was characteristic of the lieutfull grown.

come afflicted with the rot, unless conditions bright. Lieut. Col. Beattie thought are very favorable. The early planting gives a the church would suffer without a smaller but far more certain yield and the regular pastor, and offered to quit quality is usually of the best.

If potatoes are planted early, cabbages or as their gallant pastor himself. No was the prolonged wars waged by the Bourbon other vegetables may be planted between the matter how long the war lasts, they Kings of France, combined with the decay of rows at a later date and thus two crops may be are anxious to see him remain at his

It appears from the report of the work of Here is certainly a model relation. withstanding the fact that nearly 9,000 were ities other than that of chaplain. Germans. The latter had under the guldance ers. Total income of the natives from rein- and believe that he should make way of the crafty statesmanship of Germany over- deer for the year, exclusive of the meat and for another. The pity of it is that

> The fear that the potent pro-German in-specimens of humanity. The pearls fluence at Petrograd would bring about a sep have been consumed to no purpose arate peace between Russia and Germany has Those who devoured them are ray been a nightmare for some months past. The enous and untamed as ever.--Pet nightmare has passed.

A BOY'S SUMMER

A boy's summer- Can't you see Them hallowed spots of memory? The old mill race, with sun ashine Betwixt its banks of velvet fine? The hilltops green and over you The woods that beckon-coax-y' on. To be a youngun' free and wild As any wanderin' story child?

A boy's summer gold and blest, A fish pole where it's handiest, A dam across the medder streams. A top, a spool, contraption schemes-A pathway to the "hi-hole's" perch-A whistle made of silver birch For Pan to pipe the roundelays That sing of boyhood's summer days!

A boy's summer! See that sign-Or ain't your eyes as good as mine?-Two fingers up that overtop The penny rile and jimson crop, An' tempt some youngun' 'the must Go traipsin' off through dimpled dust Of paths that only younguns knows, Where boys can swim in birthday clothes!

A boy's summer! God above, I know what You're thinkin' of! For us that's old an' growin' white An' failin' in our sense an' sight. You fashion golden days like these, So's't we can set beneath the trees. An' lookin' yonder through the haze Kin dream of boyhood's summer days.

Other Editors' ণ্ড Opinions ঞ

THE MINISTER OVERSEAS

Lieut. Col. Beattie is one of the Canadian forces now overseas, and it is little wonder that his people and ceived from Europe.

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The members of his congregation at home are unselfish in this matter post in Europe until the close, and to come back to them when the wa

in all his labors before the war broke out, the ministrations of the absent pater have failed to work a change for the better in the nature of such erboro Review.

NOT NEUTRAL

Practically every English language newspaper of importance in the United States has maintained a neutral attitude in this war as far as treatment of European belligerents is concerned; but those who are truly American, have upheld American rights and are therefore pro-American. If they have denounced Germany's ruthless submarine warfare, it is because Americans have been among the victims. They are not neutral when the honor of the United States is at stake.-New York Commercial

POOR PATRIOTISM AND WORSE POLITICS

Bedlam never produced a proposal that carried a greater appearance of futility and folly than the scheme to call for 50,000 volunteers for the home defence of Canada.

Sir Edward Kemp has apparently permitted the Borden Government to become responsible for the half baked designs of a hierarchy of ad ministrative soldiers.

Voluntaryism is to be loaded up with fifty new regimental establishments of colonels and majors and staffs. The officer who has never gone overseas is to be further glorified and promoted and paid, to the prejudice of the soldier who has gone

The Borden Government has place ed itself in danger of being despised for a leadership that is not strong wise enough to let voluntarism alone. The whole scheme is an example of poor patriotism and worse politics.

-John D. Wells., -Toronto Telegram (Con.)