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## Mentioned in Despatches

The Hon. A. C. Flummerfelt, Minister of Finance in the new British Columbia, Govt. is an Ontario man, being born in that province some 37 years ago. He first came into prominence in the financial and industrial world about a dozen years ago, when he became associated with the late S. H. C. Miner of Granby, Que., in promotion of the Granby Mine and Smelter at Forks, B. C. Mr. Flummerfelt is a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and associated with a number of other financial and industrial corporations.

The patriotism held a large place in the life and plans of the late Capt. Guy M. Drummond as evidenced from his will, which has just been made public. Drummond had wealth, youth, education, social position and everything else that a young man would regard as worth while, yet was willing to sacrifice all in order to put an end to Prussian militarism. Drummond was killed at the battle of St. Julien last April while trying to rally the French who gave way before the gas attack of the Germans. He was a son of the late Sir George Drummond, former president of the Bank of Montreal, and was born in the Province of Quebec twenty-five years ago. He was educated at McGill and also studied from his will, which has just been made public. Drummond had wealth, youth, education, social position and everything else that a young man would regard as worth while, yet was willing to sacrifice all in order to put an end to Prussian militarism. Drummond was killed at the battle of St. Julien last April while trying to rally the French who gave way before the gas attack of the Germans. He was a son of the late Sir George Drummond, former president of the Bank of Montreal, and was born in the Province of Quebec twenty-five years ago. He was educated at McGill and also studied

E. L. Pease, vice-president and general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, whose annual report has just been issued, was born in the Province of Quebec in 1856, but by business training and residence is popularly supposed to belong to the Maritime Provinces. He gained his first banking experience away back in 1879, when he joined the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Montreal. He shortly after joined the Merchants' Bank of Halifax (afterwards absorbed by the Royal), remaining in that city until 1887, when he returned to Montreal as local manager of the Royal Bank of Canada. He was made general manager in 1900 and vice-president in 1908. Under his management the Royal Bank has become one of the strongest financial institutions in the country. Mr. Pease is a good business man, which is another way of saying that he is a good banker. Outside of the Bank, his chief interest centers in athletics.

Sir John Gibson, who has just been promoted from the rank of colonel to that of brigadier-general, was until a few months ago Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, and is one of the best known statesmen and business men in this province. He was born in 1842, educated in Hamilton and at the University of Toronto, where he took a distinguished course. He practised Law at Hamilton, went into politics, and soon became Provincial Secretary retaining Cabinet rank in successive administrations until the defeat of the Ross Govern-

ment. Brigadier-General Gibson is an enthusiastic military man, working his way up from the lowest rank to the command of the 13th Regiment of Hamilton. He is also an expert rifle shot and commanded on one occasion, the Canadian team at Bisley. He is connected with large number of corporations, including the Presidency of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company.

New Zealand is extremely proud of her newest M.C., Corporal C. K. G. Bassett. He was a member of the new Zealand Infantry Brigade and when they won a new and difficult position on the Gallipoli Peninsula Bassett undertook to connect the old position with the new by telephone. He laid the wires in broad daylight under heavy fire and repeatedly went out and made repairs when the line became broken. Those who witnessed the deed declared it to be the finest piece of work ever undertaken. Bassett is a modest, young chap and cannot be convinced that he did anything out of the ordinary.

The Sun Life of Montreal, which has just absorbed the Manufacturers Life of Toronto, has the "mergerists" busy for two years in Paris. He was married only a few months before war broke out. Capt. Drummond's fortune amounted to over \$1,000,000 the bulk of which goes to his widow.

J. A. Cooper of Toronto, editor of the Canadian Courier, has just been given a captaincy in the 114th Overseas Battalion. Cooper was born at Clinton, Ontario, in 1868, and educated at the University of Toronto. On graduation he went into journalism, eventually becoming editor of the Canadian Magazine, a position he retained for a dozen years. He then founded the Canadian Courier, which he has been editing for the last ten years. Captain Cooper is not only a well-known writer, but is one of the best students of municipal and the best questions that we have in Canada, and in brief is interested in every movement for the social and economic betterment of the country. He is one of the founders and was the first president of the Canadian Club in Toronto, was a director of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, and is a member of the Ontario school book commission. During recent years he has done a lot of effective work in furthering the cause of commission in government and town planning in Canadian cities.

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## VARIETIES

Crafs measuring two feet in length have been found in India. The chief mines for quicksilver are in Almaden in Spain and Idria in Austria. The United States produce more copper than all the rest of the world put together. The first smoking carriage was introduced on the Eastern Counties Railway in September, 1846. As several of the smaller islands of New Zealand are without telegraphic communication with the mainland, a substitute has been found in carrier pigeons.

There are about one hundred and thirty species of bats, and these are distributed over nearly every quarter of the globe, extending as far northward as latitude sixty degrees. The larger bats are found in the warmer regions. Italy harvests about twenty-two thousand acres of tomatoes yearly, and the wasteage amounts to practically nothing. The skins and seeds, formerly discarded, are now utilized for the former as cattle food and the latter as a source of oil suitable for soap-making and for lamps.

**AN ISLAND WILDERNESS.**  
Andros Island, among the Bahamas, is ninety miles in length and twenty to forty miles in breadth, and its extensive area has never been explored. It is an unbroken wilderness, inhabited solely by about three thousand five hundred negroes. It has great forests, seldom penetrated by white men, but no real effort has been made to exploit its resources.

**A LOST GOLD MINE.**  
Among the famous lost mines of the Western world, and one which is again being sought is the D'Amegall gold mine. It is said to have yielded great quantities of gold in the time of the Spanish domination. However, the Indians uprising, however, the Spaniards failed to re-locate the mine. It is thought that it lies hidden in the bed of one of the largest streams. Many attempts have been made to find it, but so far without avail.

**A GIANT CYPRESS.**  
Doctor Shirasawa, a Japanese botanist recently found in Formosa a cypress (Cupressus formosensis) which is by far the largest tree of the Old World. Some seeds from this, sent to Kew Gardens, have now germinated and produced a promising stock of young plants. The tree is about ninety-five feet, with a girth of sixty-seven feet, will easily grow to a height of seven feet, will be a most valuable addition to the British trees, certainly for ornamental purposes, and probably also for timber. It should prove quite hardy being found growing on the mountains of Formosa up to an altitude of ten thousand feet, and must rival in bulk, though not in height, the "big tree" of California.

**MUSIC HATH CHARMS**  
The wondrous power of music over men of all sorts and conditions is shown by the following incident related by Mr. George Kennan in his book "A Russian Comedy of Errors." It was told to him by a musician named Hartveldt, who had discovered in a Russian prison a marvellous balalaika player.

"When the gifted convict finished his last song," said Hartveldt, "I grasped his hand and thanked him most effusively. I said to the warden to let me keep the balalaika a little longer," he whispered to me, while I was still holding his hand. 'Persuade me to leave it with me a day or two more.' I made the desired request, but the warden declared it absolutely impossible. 'It is against all rules,' he assured me, 'and I might have to answer for it to an inspector. Bring me the balalaika,' he said to Klochko, his assistant.

"Then there happened something that I still remember as astounding, tragic and almost terrible. The quiet, submissive, unobtrusive convict suddenly became as fierce and menacing as a tigress about to be deprived of her young. His face lost every trace of color; his eyes seemed to fill with blood and fire; foam began to bubble from his breast, and he threw himself into a fighting attitude, and cried hoarsely and fiercely: 'I'll never give it up! You can't have it! I'll kill the first man that tries to get it!'

"Take the balalaika away from the prisoner," said the warden in a cold, stern voice. "The soldiers and turnkeys, with their hands on their weapons, sprang towards the defiant convict, who stood motionless, with murder in his eyes, breathing heavily and clasping the balalaika to his breast. Before they reached him he realized even in his paroxysm of furious passion, that he could not successfully resist four armed men. Dropping the balalaika, he stood for an instant looking at it with an expression of wild grief and misery on his face, and then, throwing himself on the floor, burst into a storm of convulsive sobs.

"Never in my life had I seen such agonized weeping. It was the expression not merely of disappointed expectation and thwarted impulse, but of all the hopeless misery of a wrecked existence. The loss of the balalaika brought to him a vivid realization of all that he had missed in life—love, freedom, music, happiness, everything—and the agonized consciousness of irretrievable disaster was deepened and intensified by acute regret and unavailing remorse."

The turnip, cauliflower, and quince were not cultivated in this country before the sixteenth century.

Philip Giardino, aged 82 years, widely known in Kenosha, Wis., as "Old Philip, the children's friend," died at the city poor farm.

**SOME PROVERBS OF THE SERBIANS**  
Better in the grave than be a slave. Stride rather over my grave than my body. Better to look from the mountain than the dungeon. Labour as if thou wert to live a thousand years, and pray as if thou hadst to die to-morrow. The fox fears not the boaster at night, but the early riser. When great bells chime the little ones are unheard. Neither hew down the whole forest nor come hewn without wood. A man cannot carry two water-melons under one arm. The good shepherd ought to shear his sheep rather than to slay them. Speak the truth, but come away quickly after. When an old dog barks, then see what the matter is. The sun goes over unclean places, but is not defiled. When you go as a guest to the wolf see that you have a hound with you.

**AN UNREHEARSED EFFECT**  
The famous tenor, Caruso, is a good ventriloquist, and he often surprises his friends by his voice to a distance. He was walking with some companions in the country when he told them that he would make his voice appear to come from the top of a large apple-tree. Every one waited expectantly while the singer approached the tree and addressed an imaginary person in the branches. He was just about to ventriloquize a suitable reply when he was astonished to hear a quavering little voice begging for mercy. There was a boy up in the tree stealing apples!

**AUTHORS AND DRESS.**  
It is recorded that Disraeli, as a young man started the town by an evening-dress, comprising green velvet trousers, a canary-coloured waistcoat, and a coat with blue cuffs. Disraeli, like every man of a certain bright green waistcoat which he wore in accompaniment with a vivid scarlet tie, did he turned up at Frib's studio one day in a blue overcoat with red cuffs. Even more fearful and wonderful was Dumas' appearance at an ambassador's reception in "shirt on his back" and a pair of red d'Almeida diamonds. Disraeli, in an ambassador's reception in "shirt on his back" and a pair of red d'Almeida diamonds. Disraeli, in an ambassador's reception in "shirt on his back" and a pair of red d'Almeida diamonds.

**WITH THE FAMOUS**  
The Hon. William H. Hughes, who recently succeeded to the premiership of the Australian Commonwealth was formerly attorney-general in the Fisher cabinet. While occupying that position he conducted an investigation which has brought to light some more of Germany's far-reaching schemes and the minute preparations she made for the struggle which she knew was coming. Hughes found that the great Broken Hill mines in Australia, supposed to be controlled by the Richard Mereton Company of London, were in reality controlled by the Metallgesellschaft of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, one of the greatest metal houses in the world. The Kaiser owned a large interest in this concern, and just prior to the outbreak of the war it cornered the world's supply of spelter. Richard Mereton and Company were official metal brokers to the British government, and the home authorities were not aware of the fact that the company was controlled by the Kaiser and his associates until Hughes brought the matter to light. The new premier of Australia went to that country as a young man of twenty and for a time made a living as a travelling umbrella mender. He then studied law and entered parliament, eventually becoming attorney-general in Fisher's cabinet and now succeeds him as premier of the commonwealth.

**The New Broon Sweeping Clean**  
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The Free Press yesterday morning said five prominent hotels, the Grange, St. Regis, St. Charles, Royal Alexandra and Fort Garry, will be proceeded against in the Provincial Police Court Wednesday afternoon for an alleged violation of the liquor license act in allowing the consumption of liquor on their premises during prohibited hours. New Year's Eve Chief License Inspector Argus stated that there would be no individual prosecutions. The Free Press adds that it is thought there may be a suspension of licenses.

Great Britain has a new ally; Ahmed Mirza Shahof Persia and "King of Kings," who has definitely thrown in his lot with Great Britain and Russia, and has refused to have anything further to do with the German ambassador of Persia. The young Shah is only sixteen years of age but has been on the throne for several years, securing this job when his father was deposed. The young man is developing into a great sportsman, recently presiding at a race meet, the whole cost of building the track having been paid out of his own pocket. The fact that Persia has turned against Germany will do much to break up her dream of a Berlin to Bagdad railway. A Russian is not of age until he is twenty-six years old. Until that time at least, four-fifths of his earnings must go to his parents.

**CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED**  
Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, don't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mothers! See if tongue is coated, system full of cold, has sore throat, indigestion, constipation, sour bile and undigested food passes out of a system, and you have a well, playful child again.

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## Britain Gives Canada \$125,000 For Hospital

London, Jan. 5.—The British Red Cross has given the Canadian Red Cross £25,000 for building and equipping recreation rooms at the Canadian hospitals and convalescent homes established in England. This may be taken as recognition of Canada's generosity towards British institutions. The French-Canadian hospital at St. Cloud, given by the Canadian Government for the use of French soldiers, but staffed and maintained solely by the Canadian medical service, will open at the end of January under Col. Mignault, Montreal, Commandant, and Major Lebel, deputy. The accommodation will be 400. The Canadian Medical Service has acquired Chatham House, at Ramsgate, as an adjunct to the special hospital recently opened there for nervous cases, giving a further accommodation of fifty patients. Surgeon-General Gaskellton Jones proceeds to France to-day.

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