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TOWN PLANTING

There is no reason why every Kentville citizen should not have a garden this summer.

At a meeting of the Patriotic Planting Club held on March 22nd, arrangements were made to divide the town into sections for the purpose of securing information as to the land available, persons free to work it and assistance required.

This work was placed in the capable hands of Captain McBride, A. E. H. Chesley, C. B. Lockhart, James Sealy, R. T. Caldwell and Father Donahue, who will either call personally, or send a representative to each family to obtain answers to following questions:

- 1—How much ground have you available for growing other than the home garden?
- 2—Under what conditions may this land be secured?
- 3—What is condition of land at present?
- 4—How many in your family are free to work available lots outside of their home gardens, two night per week, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.? Married men? Married women? Unmarried men? Unmarried women? Children?
- 5—Do you require assistance?
 - (a) Help
 - (b) Horse labor.
 - (c) Fertilizer.

The Dominion Atlantis Railway has offered any portion of their right of way that is suitable, to their employees on application for cultivation.

Let us support the Club in their good work.

"BUY AT HOME"

The Sydney Record of March 24th says: "If there are any doubters as to the efficacy of publicity of the right kind let them read this little story and have doubt give place to conviction."

A few days ago a local man, who was about to buy \$100 worth of furniture, decided to give the order to a large Upper Canadian mail order house. More than this, he wrote out the order on one of the blanks supplied by the Upper Canadian Company.

Before he mailed the order he happened to read in the local papers advocating the "BUY AT HOME" Campaign. The article seemed to him to be sound. It's a good idea, thought he, this idea of "keeping money at home."

Next day he walked into Wright's Limited, with the mail order form in his hand. "If you can fill this order at the same prices as these people ask," he said, "the business is yours."

"Of course we can fill it on as good terms as anybody else," was the response.

And Wright's got the order, the Sydney money stayed in Kentville to help Sydney development, and the value of the publicity was demonstrated again.

This is the Campaign that is soon to be started in Kentville if the local merchants will lend sufficient support.

ITALIANS ARE PREPARED FOR OFFENSIVE ON PART OF HUNS

Rome. — A great Austro-German offensive on the Italian front is being freely predicted throughout Italy. Information reaching the Italian press from Switzerland has convinced the newspapers that such an action has been planned by the Central Powers for this spring. There is no uneasiness apparent however, by a general confidence that Italy is fully prepared and can meet any blow directed against her. General

Cadora is quoted by the Giornale D'Italia as saying to Salvatore Barzilai, Governor of the occupied Australian territory:

"Whether they came or not, I am acting on the principle that they will and in force, I am conscious of having neglected nothing that past experience may have taught and I am certain of having at my command a magnificent army, full of energy and faith and strengthened rather than worn by war. I have put at its head, with strict impartiality, chiefs possessing the greatest aptitude for their posts."

"The first element of success is the active faith of the nation in itself. For the army to resist, the country, whose every feeling is reflected by the army must resist also. Let it have faith in itself and it will have victory."

BRITISH SHIP ASTURIAS TORPEDOED

London, March 27.—The British ship Asturias was torpedoed without warning, it was officially announced today. Thirty-one persons killed, and twelve are missing.

The statement says: "The British hospital ship, Asturias, while steaming with all navigation lights and with all proper distinguishing Red Cross signs, visibly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 20. The casualties occurred: Military dead 11; missing 3, including one female staff nurse; injured 17. Crew: dead 20, with nine missing, including one stewardess; crew injured 22."

"The torpedoing of this hospital ship is included in the list of achievements claimed by U-boats, as reported in a wireless press message yesterday."

The German Admiralty yesterday announced the sinking of the Asturias. It is understood that when the Asturias was torpedoed she was carrying no wounded. She had disembarked a considerable number of wounded at a certain British port and was on a return voyage with some 300 persons aboard.

London. — The Government has arranged for the construction of 100 standard mercantile ships in three sizes of 18,000, 5,000 and 3,000 tons respectively, according to a statement made in the House of Commons.

London, March 26—(delayed by censor). —From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag, to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. She carried a meagre number of passengers—33 all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight. The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there, at any time, indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner.

The journey was virtually without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed the Ambrose Light, but as she neared the danger point even the life rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use. Reflectors were strung up fore and aft and carbide lights were tied along the rail for use in the event the St. Louis became the victim of a torpedo or gunfire.

Nine autos comprising McLaughlin and Fords were unloaded at Wolfville on Tuesday morning of this week. This makes the seventh carload of McLaughlin Cars which have been brought to Kings County so far this season. A large number of interested people witnessed the scene.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor Advertiser:

Dear Sir—I have just received the report of Dr. Hattie, Inspector of Human and Penal Institutions for the Province of Nova Scotia. It is a very serious report to be sent broadcast over the length and breadth of Nova Scotia. I feel it is a duty that some one owes to the citizens of Kings Co., to find out whether the report is true or not. If true find where the blame should be attached. If not true what other course should be pursued. If it is true, the blame should not rest upon the people of Kings County as a body. As there is not a more philanthropic people in Canada than the citizens of Kings.

If there was any need of proof for this statement we only need refer to the very large amount of money raised for the patriotic fund, and to the vast amount of money, labor, and energy given to the Red Cross, which was not only willing, but GLADLY given.

The people are always ready to respond and willingly to any demands charity may have upon them. I can safely say that ninety per cent of the people of Kings's Co., (and I think this a low estimate) not only desires but demands that our unfortunate poor shall be comfortably clothed, fed, and treated kindly. Also the home for the poor should be kept in good repair, comfortably furnished with beds, furniture and the rooms fixed up so they will be bright, cheerful and homelike.

Dr. Hattie's report referring to the Poor House or Cornwallis says: "The utterly wretched condition which this establishment continues to be maintained quite beggars any description. The building is in a disgraceful state of repair. The furnishings are in keeping with the state of the building. There are no blankets provided for the beds. The quilts are ragged and threadbare. The clothing is scarcely decent. Altogether it would be difficult to conceive of a more discreditably conducted institution. The living rooms lack even the barest semblance of comfort. Plaster is broken in nearly every bedroom. This affording excellent hiding places for vermin which flourish abundantly."

If these "indescribable" conditions are and have been existing, it is easy to see where the blame rests. The Overseers and Clerk are wholly responsible, as there is no power that has any control over them. They have the power to give the poor the same treatment that Royalty receives if they wish to do so or they can give them the kind of service that Dr. Hattie says they are getting, and have been for several years. If the Overseer and Clerk are responsible for this awful stain and reproach brought upon the good name of our County, they should have been retired from all public duties many years ago.

This report of Dr. Hattie's is either TRUE or it is NOT true. If it IS true we would suggest to Mr. H. H. Wickwire that he instruct or advise his followers in the Kings County Council which are in the majority (knowing them to be intelligent men. I believe they would consider his advice favorably) to retire this old board at the first opportunity, and appoint new men who are willing to carry out the wishes of the people. If he does not do this, I am afraid the responsibility of the awful conditions described in Dr. Hattie's report will indirectly fall on him. If the Doctor's report is NOT true then Mr. Wickwire should explain the situation to the Honorable G. H. Murray and see that Dr. Hattie is retired and the position filled by a man who will make a truthful report.

CORNWALLIS, March 28th, 1917.

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