

of the world—par-
ticularly those who will be selected
to the Disarmament Con-
ference—were to travel the entire
distance from New York to San
Francisco, for days, conjuring up
that ghastly spectacle. How would
it then be possible for the delegates
to return from the conference with
but another "scrap of paper"?

BAY NIELSEN.

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UNPATRIOTIC EXPENDITURE.

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star:

Sir.—What a reflection upon the
patriotism and good sense of those
who, particularly during a depression,
think so little of their country and
its welfare as to send millions of
dollars out of it in payment for ma-
terials to be used in the construction
of Canadian buildings, when the
same is available, as good in quality
and as reasonable in price as that
which they ordered and purchased
from the United States and other
countries.

The community and the country
as a whole are indebted to Mr. Nor-
man Holland for the information
which he has been able to secure
as result of the personal survey he
made. That almost 27 million dollars
should be sent abroad in the pur-
chase of materials which could be
ordered and obtained in this coun-
try indicates how thoughtless men
can be who presumably would be the
first to appreciate the opportunity
their position gives them to patron-
ize home industry and buy Canadian
materials, instead of giving the pre-
ference to foreign firms. That mater-
ial of this kind should be
purchased when the means to erect
the buildings comes from relief ap-
propriations makes the offence all
the greater. Of what avail is it to
carry on a "produced in Canada
campaign," and encourage men to
invest their money in the equipping
of factories to meet domestic wants,
when we send such a huge amount
as 27 million to foreign competitors
of Canadian firms? Twenty-seven
million dollars in Canada would
mean a great deal of work and busi-
ness at a time when it is very sorely
needed.

Surely, the Government, when
these facts are brought to its atten-
tion, will take action not only to
penalize those responsible for the
specifying and purchasing of foreign
made goods, but to prevent a recur-
rence of so unpatriotic an act and
policy. The Star is deserving of the
warm appreciation of its readers and
the public for giving the prominence
it has to the report of Mr. Holland.

BERNARD ROSE.

Points From Letters

J. T. Chenard, Montreal, writes: "I
suggest a city manager for Montreal,
to remain in office 'during good be-
havior.' Also, a large reduction in
the number of wards. The mayor
and aldermen should be elected for
four years."

H. B. Parr, St. Lambert, writes:
"It would be a grievous error to in-
clude all Tramways men in any con-
demnation, because most of us can
recall some cases of kindness or
consideration, but the very fact that
such instances become indelibly im-
pressed on the memory indicates the
rarity attached to them."

James Watt, Montreal, writes:
"Much is said against the machine
these days, but the machine is here
to stay and the time will never come
when it will supplant man. What we
take out of labor-saving devices is
not rest or idleness but the power of
accomplishing more and more."

E. M. Bennett, Montreal, writes:
"Many will agree with a statement
made by Dr. Ernst Jackh, German
economist, at the People's Forum,
Montreal. Dr. Jackh stated that the
anti-peace demonstration in Paris
was the most hopeful event that had
yet taken place in regard to the
prospects of the 1932 disarmament
conference at Geneva being success-
ful, for it indicated that the militar-
ists were getting alarmed at the
trend of the world toward the aban-
donment of arms. Should there be no
cause for alarm they would not
trouble themselves to the extent of
breaking up meetings called to fur-
ther the cause of peace."

NATIONS AND DISARMAMENT.

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star:

Sir.—It is to be hoped that the
disarmament conference in 1932 will
be a success, but there are many
reasons why it will fail. It is very
doubtful that the whole world will
decide to disarm. Some nations will
be balking, and so long as one nation
is fully armed it would be disastrous
for the rest of the world to disarm.
Can anyone imagine the nations of
the world destroying the war equip-
ment on which they have just
recently spent billions of dollars?

Let us here form a mental picture
of the actual results of the war that
ended in 1918 ("the war to end
war").

Not less than 11,000,000 dead. If
they were buried, side by side, the
graveyard would stretch from New
York to San Francisco, or from
Gibraltar to Moscow. Imagine a
row of crosses 3,000 miles in length.
Then imagine a line of 9,000,000 cry-
ing war orphans behind the crosses.
Behind them imagine 5,000,000 weep-
ing war widows lined up, and again
a double line of helpless wounded,
20,000,000 in all. Behind this ghastly
picture we may add some 50,000,000
starving unemployed or part-
employed, the indirect effect of the
war. If any further effect is neces-
sary we may pile up all the ruins of
churches and buildings.

It would be good if the statesmen

Canadian peasoup, which is made
with bones despite the new contempt.
For the most part, the rest of the
soup is just wash.

You will never grow up into a big
strong man like me unless you take
more pride in your bones.