

PRICES THAT THE
SOLDIERS PAYSome Unscrupulous Dealers in
England

BLEEDING THE CANADIANS

Rev. J. H. MacDonald Makes
Scathing Arraignment of These
FawWho Are Destroying Good
Opinion of English Business MenRev. Capt. J. H. MacDonald, writing
from Belgium to the Maritime Baptist,

says in part—
Last week I intimated that at some
future time I might have a word to
say on the prices the soldiers are called
upon to pay for extra provisions and
other things. Food prices in this part
of the western front are fairly high.
During the last five or six weeks eggs
have been selling at eight-four cents
per dozen with an upward tendency,
butter at sixty cents per pound and
bread of a very indifferent quality at
twelve cents a loaf. The Belgian people
tell me that the ordinary commodities
have all steadily gone up since the war
began. The price of coal has increased
120 per cent, bread seventy-two per
cent, rice 800 per cent, crockery 600 per
cent, and shoe leather seventy-five per
cent.

It will thus be seen that the struggle
for life with the English population is
becoming more and more intense. The
shopkeeper, whose name is legion in
every spot where soldiers are quartered,
is almost the only exception to this rule.
Nearly every house along the main
thoroughfares, not a licensed eat-stall,
is converted into a store, and most of the
proprietors are making money.

One sees striking illustrations in
almost every shop of how trade follows
the flag. There on the shelves before
your eyes are cans of salmon, lobster,
and sardines bearing Canadian labels,
Quaker oats manufactured in Peterboro,
Ontario, and canned fruit from the Ni-
agara Peninsula are also among the staple
commodities. These tradespeople, who
are mostly women, know the best sellers
and when, for example, you want a stick
of shaving soap "Pearl," Colgate's and
Williams' are handed down, and you can
take your choice.

There is little or no complaint con-
cerning prices here, though they have
gone up since the second Canadians ar-
rived. But it is not so concerning the
cost of goods in England. If you want
to touch a sore spot in the average Cana-
dian, who has spent a few months in a
training camp in the mother country,
just mention English values.

We were all brought up to believe in
the sweet reasonableness of English
prices and in the unsalable integrity
of the English merchant. Most of the
Canadian officers and soldiers now in
Europe have revised their opinion and can
give a reason for their change of mind.
Let no one misunderstand me. The vast
majority of Englishmen would scorn to be
a party to a shady transaction. In com-
mon with other good citizens they have
given of their blood and treasure for
the empire and are prepared to give a
square deal to all comers.

But the advent of soldiers furnished an op-
portunity for us unscrupulous lot of
pirates as ever cut their trail. They
knew our boys had money and were
good spenders and they were ready
minds to have a share of it by hook or
by crook. They are as shrewd as we
are, but they are not only inclined to fight
for their country, but deliberately set
themselves to bleed those who came
across the ocean to fight on their behalf.

They watched for the landing of the
Canadian soldier and proceeded to take
advantage of his ignorance of English
money.

In some of the stores and eating
houses there was one price for Cana-
dians and another for the regular sol-
diers. In looking after the business end
of an officers' mess for a time I came up
against some of the crookedest people
I have ever met. I was not averse to
higher prices than those bargained for,
asked exorbitant and otherwise
made to feel that I was in the hands
of veritable Shylocks.

Do not run away with the idea that
I weekly saluted to the men who
tried to do me. I did not. In Canada
I never remember of questioning a man's
prices. If ever I thought I was over-
charged I paid the bill and afterwards
patronized another store. But in Eng-
land I have felt it my duty more than
once to take the bull by the horns and
tender what I believed to be an equi-
table price and demand a receipt in full.
The sad thing about it all is that a
large number of our Canadian boys are
under the impression that the sharks
and chysters whom they have encoun-
tered are typical Englishmen. They have
crossed the Channel with no personal
animus against the German whom they
have not met, but they have carried a
personal grudge against Englishmen
whom they have seen and dealt with.

For this reason, if for no other, the
authorities should see that future Cana-
dian contingents are accorded some pro-
tection or are at least forewarned, and
thus forearmed. It is the national loss
rather than the monetary loss that mat-
ters most and those of us who have
idealized the commercial traditions of
the old land are jealous for her good
name which is so indissolubly linked
with our own. I have written more
strongly of this matter than I otherwise
would because the prayer of Tennyson
is often on my lips—
"O statesmen, guard us, guard the eye,
The soul
Of Europe, keep our noble England
whole,
And save the one true seed of freedom
sown
Betwixt a people and their ancient
throne.
For saving that you help to save man-
kind."

What the young fellow lacked in brains
the father made up in money, and the
latter was very rich.
One day a well-wishing friend, think-
ing to give the wealthy old fellow a hint,
said to him:
"Don't you think your son is wasting
his time staying here in this quiet little
town?"

A grim smile flickered across the old
man's lips as he replied dryly:
"Well, he might just as well waste it
here as anywhere else."

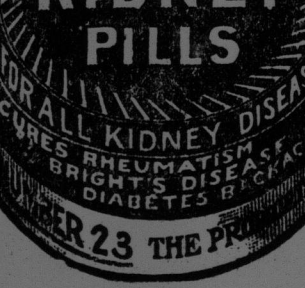
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Am. Steel Foundry	61 1/2	61
Am. Smelters	104	108 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tele.	128 1/2	129 1/2
Anacosta Mining	89 1/2	88 1/2
Atch. & S. F.	107 1/2	
Balt. & Ohio	94 1/2	
C. P. R.	179 1/2	179 1/2
Crucible Steel	73 1/2	73 1/2
Chino Copper	54 1/2	54 1/2
Ches. & Del.	62 1/2	62 1/2
Colo. Fuel Ir.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Consolidated Gas	144	148 1/2
Del. & Hudson	163 1/2	
Distillers Securities	47 1/2	47 1/2
Erie	42	46 1/2
Gen. Electric	173 1/2	
Gr. North pfd.	123 1/2	
Rock Island	16 1/2	16 1/2
Lehigh Valley	81 1/2	80 1/2
N. Y. Central	109 1/2	108 1/2
National Lead	65 1/2	
Nevada	16	16 1/2
North Pacific	117	117
Norfolk & West	121	121
Pacific Mail	69 1/2	69 1/2
Reading	81 1/2	81 1/2
Rep. Ir. & Steel	55	54 1/2
Rock Island	16 1/2	16 1/2
California Petroleum	32 1/2	32 1/2
South Pacific	102 1/2	102 1/2
St. Paul	95 1/2	95 1/2
Sloss Sheffield	63 1/2	
Southern Railway	23	23
Texas Pacific	138 1/2	138 1/2
Union Pacific	108 1/2	108 1/2
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U. S. Steel pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah Copper	80 1/2	80 1/2
Virg. Caro Chem.	89	88 1/2
West. Electric	89	88 1/2
Western Union	88 1/2	87 1/2
Mex. Petroleum	107	107
United Fruit	148	147 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	117 1/2	117
Sales to 11 o'clock 210,800 shares.		

THE BAPTIST MINISTERS

(Maritime Baptist)

Rev. E. A. Wilby, taking up the
call at Oak Bay. He has been given
a call to the pastorate, and will accept
if his health will endure the strain of
regimental work.Rev. A. F. Newcomb and family of
Fredericton, spent the Christmas season
in Boston.Rev. M. Vallis, who recently gave up
the work on the Rothery-Holderville
field to pursue a further course of study,
has been called to the pastorate of the
Immanuel Baptist church, Dorchester,
Mass. He will continue his studies at
the Gordon Training School while min-
istering to this congregation.Rev. G. W. Elliott of Sawyerville, Que.,
has accepted a call to the church at
Vanhook Hill, Ont. Mr. Elliott gradu-
ated at Acadia in 1899.A visitor at the office during the week
was Rev. P. C. Clarke, who has been in
attendance at the Gordon Training
School, Boston, since his wife's death.Rev. Thos. Trotter, D. D., LL. D., had
the honor of representing McMaster at
the inaugural of Dr. Clarence A. Bar-
bour as president of Rochester Theologi-
cal Seminary.Along the Washademoak Lake there
is no name more honored than that of
Dr. M. C. McDonald. In addition to the
ministry of healing that he has exercised
has long been one of the chief sup-
porters of our work, and the mainstay
of the church at Cambridge. The tidings
of his continued serious illness will be
a cause of deep regret to many, es-
pecially to those who in former days
have proved and been sustained by his
unfailing devotion and constant support
in the work of the church.We were delighted on Friday to re-
ceive a call from Capt. (Rev.) W. P.
Parker. He was spending a few hours
in the city before returning to Halifax.
He is finding his life as chaplain of the 64th
a very busy one.Pastor F. H. Wentworth of the Wat-
erloo street church, St. John, has dis-
tributed to his congregation a very neat
illustrated New Year's card.
Newton Theological Institute this year
has a large contingent from these pro-
vinces. In the senior class are E. G. Dal-
in and Guy Bleakney. Among the mid-
dles are J. W. Meinen, C. A. S. Howe,
Ross D. Egan, and C. D. Piper. Car-
lton A. Easton, also a member of the
middle class, is a graduate of Acadia,
but a native of Massachusetts. Among
the special students there are W. S.
Jacobs, Luke Bleakney and C. L. Feener.Among those who obtained marriage
licenses recently at the court house at
Harrisburg, Penn., was Christmas Candy,
twenty-three years old, an engineer
Tyronne. He told the marriage license
clerk that he was born on Christmas
Day and that his parents gave him the
old name for that reason.Fred A. Lewis, of Northfield, Vt., re-
cently cut an elm tree which measured
fourteen feet two inches in circumfer-
ence twenty inches from the ground. The
tree measured 96 1/2 feet in height. Sixty
feet from the ground it measured
eight feet two inches in circumference.CHRISTMAS TREATS
AND ENTERTAINMENTSThe annual Christmas treat for sail-
ors in port at the Seamen's Institute last
evening was largely attended and greatly
enjoyed. R. Morton Smith presided,
Rev. R. P. McKim gave an address,
Miss Alcorn was heard in vocal solos,
Miss Champion in piano solos, and an or-
chestra assisted. Some of the sailors
were the arm band showing that they
had enlisted under Lord Derby's plan.The three hundred comfort bags pre-
sented to the sailors at the entertain-
ment were prepared or secured by a
committee consisting of Mrs. J. Seymour,
Mrs. Thomas Graham, Mrs. E. N. Jones,
Miss LeLachur, Mrs. R. Morton Smith,
Miss McKee and Mrs. J. B. Cham-
pion, Mrs. E. Archibald and Mrs. M.
Watt.In St. Mary's Sunday school yester-
day afternoon the primary department
enjoyed their annual Christmas treat.
Supper was served and Santa Claus dis-
tributed gifts to the children. In the
evening the intermediate scholars were
entertained, the gathering being marked
by presentations as follows:—Purses of
gold to Harry Barton from his boys
class and to J. M. Rogers from the
choir; to Rev. R. T. McKim, a silk um-
brella from the boys cadets and club,
purses of gold from teachers and officers
and a hymn book from the school.The annual Christmas concert was
held last evening in Calvin Presbyterian
church under the direction of Mrs. Joseph
Semple and Mrs. W. G. Stratton. About
\$40 was contributed by the children for
the poor. Prizes were presented to
eleven children by the minister, Rev. F.
W. Thompson, for perfect attendance
during the year.One hundred and twenty little girls of
the St. Monica's Guild sewing circle were
entertained yesterday afternoon by the
members of the guild in the Knights of
Columbus hall. There were gifts from

SAVING HIS CASE

Lawyer Rushes Into Court With His
Hair Only Half CutIt is not infrequent that a freeman is
seen on a piece of apparatus tearing
down the street with only one-half of
his face shaved and the other half cov-
ered with lather. Such a scene, almost
identical was transferred today to Dis-
trict Court, the principal being Ator-
new S. R. Simon.Mr. Simon had a case in Municipal
Court and argued on being there at ten
o'clock. He had forgotten about an ac-
tion in District Court and was seated in
a barber's chair when the telephone
rang. Simon was getting a hair-cut and
one half of his head, that part of which
is not bald, was already clipped to the
scalp."You tell Mr. Simon that if he does
not come here at once he will lose that
case," said the deputy sheriff over the
wire. It is the order of the judge.
Mr. Simon received the message. He
jumped from the chair. He did not wait
for any further instructions, but headed
straight for the court, after telling the
barber he would be back soon. Mr. Si-
mon appeared in court and had the case
continued until Nov. 8 after which he
went back to the shop and had the
Knight of the Scissors complete his
work.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.When making apple jelly from whole
fruit save all the pulp and make a pud-
ding of it by baking layer wise in a but-
tered pie dish with dry bread crumbs be-
tween each layer. Sugar and spice like
powdered cinnamon and cloves, make
this pudding specially nice.A decree has been issued by the Aus-
tralian government providing that no
males between the ages of 18 and 40 will
be permitted to leave the country for
destinations overseas without military
permits.NEUTRAL VIEW OF FOOD
SHORTAGE IN GERMANYProvidence (R. I.) Journal.—It is im-
possible to explain away the increasing
evidences of Germany's food shortage.
Tautonic optimists have tried hard to
argue to themselves and the world that
the government measures for the regula-
tion of the supply of edibles were merely
another illustration of the nation's
marvellous capacity for looking ahead
and guarding against contingencies. But
they can do so no longer. The facts to
the contrary are rapidly accumulating.
The empire faces the hardest winter in
its history.A dozen German newspapers are said
to have been suspended for discussing
the food question. Maximilian Harden,
in his journal, "Die Zukunft," says—
"We must confess that the German peo-
ple for the moment are suffering great-
ly." A riot at Berlin on Saturday is
reported; several thousand women gal-
loped at a conspicuous place and deman-
ded the return of their husbands from the
war and an improvement in food condi-
tions. Amsterdam says that "all the
travelers returning from Germany speak
of the extreme food shortages in most
of the smaller towns and villages." For
four days several newspapers have not
been allowed to circulate their editions
outside of Germany.It would be folly to miss the signifi-
cance of these reports. They cannot all
have been manufactured. Where there is
so much smoke there must be some fire.
Moreover, they are merely the latest in-
stances of consistent news that has long
been filtering through from Germany.
For weeks and months the situation there
has been serious. The most ingenious
methods have been adopted to lessen the
rigors, present and expected, of the short-
age in food. Substitutes have been in-
vented, put on the market and advertised
in the press. The sale of meats, fats,
and various other food staples has been

RECENT DEATHS

James A. Belyea.
James Austin Belyea, K. C., one of
St. John's most prominent citizens, a
leading lawyer and one of the most ac-
tive in securing the new city charter for
the commission form of government,
passed away suddenly last night at his
home, 67 Haas street. He had been in
failing health recently and on Christ-
mas day his illness took its first critical
turn.Mr. Belyea was a man of sterling
qualities, a true citizen, having always
the interests of the community at heart.
He was democratic in his views and
a most charitable disposition. He was
one of the leaders in the original citi-
zens' committee which considered the
commission form of government and
from it he was appointed to head the
smaller committee which drew up the
new charter. He worked for months on
it and was repaid with heartfelt con-
gratulations on his accomplishment. He
was interested in the fishing industry
along the bay shore and for some time
he had been secretary of the Weirmen's
Association.Mr. Belyea was born in Queens
county, the son of Coles Purdy Belyea.
He was educated at the University of
New Brunswick and was graduated
from there in 1871 with a B. A. degree.
He then studied law with the late S. R.
Thomson here and in 1874 was admit-
ted to the bar. He was appointed K. C. He
was common clerk of the city of St.
John. Following this he practiced law
and in 1890 he was appointed K. C. He
was associated in partnership with the
late Sir Frederic Barker for ten years
preceding Sir Frederic's appointment to
the bench. In 1902 he became associated
with Earle, Belyea & Campbell, but
since the death of Dr. Earle in 1910 he
had been practising by himself.Mr. Belyea was married in 1880 to
Miss Annie MacMillan, daughter of the
late Hon. John MacMillan, a prominent
figure in provincial politics at the time
of Confederation. Mrs. Belyea died in
1901. Mr. Belyea leaves one son, John
C. Belyea of this city, and Mrs. Walter
S. Johnson of Montreal.James W. Brickley.
The death of James W. Brickley oc-
curred yesterday afternoon at his resi-
dence, 77 Leinster street, aged thirty-
three years. He had been ill for some
time, but his many friends will be
shocked at his passing. He leaves one
brother, W. J. Brickley, and four sis-
ters.

FOUND CLAN MACLEOD MEN

Story of Torpedoed Freighter in The
Mediterranean
Boston, Dec. 20.—The British steamer
Lord Cromer, here from Calcutta, reports
the rescue of a boatload of men from the
British freighter Clan Macleod, which
was sunk in the Mediterranean by a sub-
marine. The Lord Cromer picked up
Captain Goodwin of the Macleod, who
had been wounded by shells, and forty-
eight members of the crew. All were
landed at Algiers. Another light, con-
taining twenty of the Macleod's men,
was missing at the time.Captain Goodwin told officers of the
Lord Cromer that his vessel was on ad-
miralty business, and was sunk by the
submarine on November 30. The Clan
Macleod had been ordered to stop, but
the captain sent his ship full speed ahead
and was shelled by the submarine until
he signalled surrender, and ordered his
men to the boats. Captain Goodwin lost
his right hand and leg, while several
other members of the crew were killed
or seriously injured.TIRES SUICIDE, REPENTS;
SCREAMS BRING HER AIDBoston, Dec. 28.—With alcohol and
brimstone, Maggs Cleary, aged seven-
teen, attempted suicide in the home of
Isadore Weinberg, 64 Glenway street,
Dorchester, where she is employed as
a servant.The screams of the girl attracted those
in the house and a doctor who was sum-
moned ordered her removal to the City
Hospital.From what the police learned, the
girl was on probation from the court for
being a stubborn child. Her mother,
Catherine Cleary, lives at 481 North
street.At the hospital the doctors say the
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