

DEMOSTHENES POINTS OUT THE PLAIN DUTY OF CANADIANS

Oration Delivered Two Thousand Years Ago Can Be Applied in Almost Every Particular to Canada To-day.

Two thousand years ago, Demosthenes, the great Greek orator, delivered an address to the Athenians, urging them to greater effort in a war in which they were then engaged like Canadians, far from home. He pointed out the danger of war being brought to their doors in the event of Philip of Macedon winning. With the name of the kaiser substituted for that of Philip and Canadians for Athenians, the address of Demosthenes, delivered as it was before the birth of Christ, the address of the great orator can be applied in almost every particular. It is here reprinted.

"I mention this that you may feel and understand both the folly of continually abandoning one thing after another, and the activity which forms part of Philip's habit and existence which makes it impossible for him to rest content with his achievements. If it be his principle ever to do more than he has done and yours to apply yourselves vigorously to nothing, see what the end promises to be. Heavens! Which of you is so simple as not to know that the war yonder will soon be here. If we are careless? And should this happen I fear that as men who thoughtlessly borrow on large interest, after a brief accommodation, lose their estate, so will it be with us found to have paid dear for our idleness we shall be reduced to many hard and unpleasant shifts and struggle for the salvation of our own country.

"To censure, I may be told, is easy for any man; to show what measures the case requires is the part of a counsellor. I am not ignorant that frequently when any disappointment happens, you are angry, not with the parties at fault, but with the last speakers on the subject; yet never with a view to self-protection, would I suppress what I deem to your interest. I say then you must give a two-fold assistance here (military service and victory bonds). As to a supply of money, you have a larger military fund than any people and you receive it just as you please. If you will assign this to your troops you need no further supply; otherwise you have none at all (as it will be confiscated by the Germans if they win.)

Men and Money.
My opinion is that there should be soldiers raised, and a military fund, and one and the same regulation for receiving and performing what is due (military service). It remains then to imagine, that all must contribute, if much be wanted, much if little. Little Money must be had: without it nothing proper can be done. Other persons propose other ways and means (referendum). Choose which ye think expedient; and put hands to the work while it is yet time.

It may be well to consider and calculate how Philip's (kaiser's) affairs now stand. They are not, as they appear, or as an inattentive observer might pronounce, in very good trim, or in the most favorable position. He never would have commenced this war had he imagined he must fight. He expected to carry everything in the first advance and has been mistaken. This disappointment is one thing that troubles him, and surely we must suppose that Illyrians and all such people (Belgians, Serbians), unused to obedience—and the man is a tyrant, so report says, and I can well believe it for undeserved success leads weak-minded men into folly, and thus it appears often that to maintain prosperity is harder than to acquire it. Therefore must you look on his difficulty as your opportunity, assist cheerfully in the war, sending embassies where required, taking arms yourselves, exciting all other people; for if Philip (kaiser) got such an opportunity against us and there was war on our frontier, how eagerly, think ye, he

would attack you. Then are you not ashamed that the very damage which you would suffer if he had the power, you dare not seize the moment to inflict on him?

If Kaiser Wins in France.
And let not this escape you, that you have now the choice whether you shall fight here, or he in your country. If Olympus (France) hold out you will fight there and disturb his dominions, enjoying your own home in peace, but it he take that country who shall then prevent him marching here? As to the vast difference between a war here or there. I fancy there needs no argument. If you were obliged to be out yourselves for thirty days only, and take the necessities for camp-service from the land without any enemy there-in your agricultural population would sustain I believe, greater damage than what your share of the war amounted to. There is the insult too, and the disgrace of the thing, worse than any damage, to right-thinking men.

On all these accounts, then, we must unite to lend our succor, and drive off the war yonder; the rich, that, spending a little for the chance which they happily possess; they may enjoy the residue in security; the young that, gaining military experience in his territory they may become redoubtable champions to preserve their own; the orators, that they may pass a good account of their statesmanship, for on the result of measures will depend your judgment of their conduct. May it for every cause be prosperous."

Rippling Rhymes FOOD CONSERVATION.

I'm cutting out fat living, since folks have let me know that eating pies is giving much comfort to the foe. I shun all ducks and geese, and eat things I abhor, since told that fats and greases are needed in the war. My aunt, who is a dandy is helping on the cause: she isn't eating candy or ice cream as she was; her diet will improve her, as it will surely aid all girls who hoove with Hoover, and join the food parade. And I am feeling finer than I have felt for years; I've been an ardent diner, consuming roasts, steers, I've cleaned the plate and platter, with gluttonous delight, and kept on getting fatter until I was a sight. But now I'm eating sawdust and boiled excelsior, to help, in manner modest, our country win the war. And I am feeling fitter than since I was a lad; all day I sing and twitter, I am so beastly glad. From here to far Vancouver the fat men bear their load and they should hoove with Hoover, since I have shown the road. This fact will bear repeating in this most crucial time; we're all fond of eating, when stuffing is a crime. And so, in language moving, I do beseech, my friends, that you will do your hooving as Hoover recommends.

SIDE TALKS

The Authorman objects to one of my statements about Christmas—that you can get just as much of the Christmas spirit by giving to people who are in need as by exchanging gifts with those you love.

"I suppose it's right," he says, "but don't tell me I'll get any Christmas spirit out of it. Just sitting down and signing my name to a few checks—where's the Christmas in that? I may feel a little glow of righteousness at the time and I suppose I'll respect myself for it, but there's no real Christmas fun in it."

I was glad the Authorman made that objection.

People Feel the Coldness Of Signing Checks

Because it opened up to me the state of mind of a great many people who are trying to do the square thing about Christmas, and yet who feel this coldness, this lack of Christmas spirit in sitting down and writing a few checks.

Why do it that way?

Let me tell you what we are going to do.

A Family with Plenty of Children

We are going to adopt a family and play Santa Claus to them. One of the charitable agencies has looked one up for us. It is to be, of course, a family with as many children as possible because Christmas belongs to children and children to Christmas. We are going to get the children to write letters to Santa Claus and we are going to try to answer them for him. We expect to find as much fun in fulfilling those wishes as in trying to buy something that will look as if it cost more than it actually does, or something to tickle the selfish fancy of a recipient who doesn't know what to do with all the truck he already owns.

I know a school marm who does something of this sort every year. She and some of her scholars adopt a poor family from a neighboring town (emphatically not one whose members go to the same school). Then the scholars collect clothing, toys, money, etc., and the day before Christmas borrow a machine from their parents and play Santa Claus.

Lord, Keep us From Getting Smug
Of course, there is the inevitable danger in all this will become im-patient with us and take away what we don't know how to deserve.

GRAFTON'S

Annual December OVERCOAT SALE

Just grasp the opportunity men, with a full season's wear before you, and if you Men and Mothers could only realize the prices and qualities for next winter, you would hurry here even though your present coat is a little shabby and you will be needing one for next winter



Men's Overcoat Sale

MENS' OVERCOATS \$16.00 A Bargain	MENS' OVERCOATS \$18.00 That Retail Regularly for \$20.00	MENS' OVERCOATS \$20.00 That Retail Regularly for \$25.00
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OVERCOATS Fit ages 12 to 18 years. BOYS' ULSTER AND BELT OVERCOATS, AT \$7.95 Regular \$9.00 Made from strong dark tweeds, in smart convertible collar, ulster styles, single or double-breasted.	BOYS' O'COATS Very smart belt all around style; also the new slip-on model, made just like older brother's coat. Fit ages 2 to 7 years BOYS' BELTED STYLES, AS ILLUSTRATED, ON SALE \$4.98 Made from fancy tweeds and plain grey chinchilla cloths, also striking checked patterns and fancy mixtures. BOYS' NEW BELTED AND SLIP-ON STYLE, NOW \$6.95 Made from rich grey and brown check cloths, warm body linings. A real snap. BOYS' SMART, NEW STYLED OVERCOATS, ON SALE \$7.98 Splendid Tweed and Chinchilla Cloth, dandy warm linings; fit ages 3 to 11 years. BOYS' NEW BELTED MILITARY OVERCOATS, NOW \$9.50 A splendid choice of rich browns and greys, in check and fancy weaves to choose from.
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G. C. ANDERSON,
Superintendent
Office Department, Mail Service, Ottawa, 21st November.

Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant St. and Mrs. Clarence Wheeler.

JERUSALEM'S FALL PERMANENT
By Courier Leased Wire
Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—An indication that the Turks will not attempt to recapture Jerusalem was given by General Steoger-Steiner, Austro-Hungarian War Minister, in replying to a question raised in the Army Committee of the Austrian delegation as quoted in a despatch received here to-day from Vienna. The general said Jerusalem was occupied without fighting, the Turks retreating eastward through the town when their positions to the west were subjected to a surprise attack by the British. Jerusalem suffered no damage, he said, and the Ottoman supreme command has given assurances that wanton damage is out of the question. "Jerusalem will now remain outside the fighting zone," the general said.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COAL FAMINE IN TORONTO.
By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Dec. 13.—The coal situation here is again acute. At Exhibition Camp, where there are many troops from all over the district in training, there is only enough coal to last one week. It takes 75 tons per day to keep the military establishments here going. If bad weather ties up the supply at Buffalo and other points, the suffering here will be intense.

FRENCH LOSSES LIGHT.
Paris, Dec. 13.—In the week ending December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1,600 tons was sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three French vessels were attacked but none of them were destroyed. No fishing vessels were sunk.

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