

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

Of 25,000 soldiers invalided from the Canadian forces back to England, about 20,000 have recovered for further service. That is a pleasant assurance. About 2,500 soldiers have been sent back to Canada as unfit for further service, and these presumably are included in the English count. A wastage from wounded of only 13 per cent. is cause for congratulation.

Release by the Admiralty of three big liners of the White Star Dominion fleet, the Northland, Southland and Canada, will enable that company to re-establish a passenger service between Canada and the old country. Large freight, as well as passenger carriers, the return to regular service of these steamers will materially assist in lessening the transportation difficulties of Canadian importers and exporters.

The resolution to be moved at the public meeting to be held on Friday, August 4th, the second anniversary of the declaration of war, is as follows:

"That, on this the second anniversary of the declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of the citizens of Wolfville, records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the allies."

The dairying season in Canada has been an excellent one, and the cheese production to the Dominion will probably this year reach record figures. Prices are higher and exporters are finding little difficulty in securing adequate ocean tonnage. The admiralty has made arrangements for space in the transports. The average sailing from Montreal is about one steamer per day. The total export will in all likelihood be two hundred million pounds as compared with one hundred and fifty millions last year. Western Canada is now supplying its own dairying needs, and there is a surplus from British Columbia.

James Whitcomb Riley, whose death is announced, was a poet of the people, whose verse appealed to the great mass of readers. He understood and interpreted the feelings and experiences of the people around him, and gave them expression in a simple, homely style that appealed to the hearts of all. All over this continent his verse became familiar, and he was also well known in the United Kingdom. The poet gave readings from his own writings in cities all over the United States, and enjoyed perhaps a wider popularity than any other American poet of his generation. His was not a great poet, in the sense which we apply the term to the coteries of American poets of an earlier time; but he struck a popular note, and his writings gave a pleasure and inspiration to a great host of persons to whom the greater poets were only a name. He owned and will hold an honored place in the ranks of American writers.

The following clipping from the Rural New Yorker, of July 15th, should be of some interest and perhaps of value to the apple growers in this region:

Three weeks ago we mentioned the plan of making syrup as a by-product from cull apples. We believe there are possibilities in this. The apple juice is acid and quickly becomes more so on exposure to the air. By adding lime this acid ferms as a solid which may be filtered out after which the juice may be boiled down the same as maple sap, or case juice. While this is still undeveloped, we believe it will, in the future, become a large industry and help make a market for the cull or smaller fruit. Such a market must be found in some way, for the dumping of this grade of fruit into cities upsets prices and makes it impossible to obtain what first class fruit is worth. It costs just as much to pick and pack and carry and sell the culls as it does the best fruit. If it can only be utilized and kept away from competition with No. 1 apples all growers will be better off.

Crop Reports.

The promise of another great crop for the farmer this year is full of encouragement for the country. Last year, the total value of Canada's various food crops was estimated at over \$800,000,000 or nearly \$300,000,000 more than the average for the previous five years. The effect of this exceptional yield was quickly noticeable both in the east and the west. In cash resources the western farmer, in particular, was better off than he had been for years. Back loans and machinery indebtedness were quickly paid off, and the money put in circulation had a stimulating effect on business all over Canada. This year's good crop news comes just at the right time. It assures our business communities of another year of solid prosperity, and makes easier a confidence of Canada's part in the war. Even if munitions demands or peace comes and upsets industrial arrangements based on war business, the solid prosperity that comes of wealth production from the soil will be a strong pillar. The crop average, as officially recorded, is but slightly smaller than in 1915. The acreage devoted to field crops was 37,000,000 approximately. This year it is 34,000,000.

Practical Church Union.

There is perhaps no finer illustration of the growing tendency to disregard what are termed the non-essentials in religion than is afforded by the action of the Ohio valley of Pleasant Plain. With less than five hundred inhabitants the village was supporting three churches—Methodist, Baptist and Lutheran. Becoming wholly dissatisfied with the rivalries and the lack of harmony associated with such a condition the people got together last summer in an old-fashioned town meeting and fully and freely discussed the situation. The result was a decision to unite in one community church, which should be the centre of the social, civic and spiritual life of the town and the surrounding country. There was a feeling that they should unite with some denomination, and that it should not be either of the three represented at the conference; and in the end a Presbyterian church was organized. The largest of the existing church buildings was purchased and refitted, and now there is but one church in Pleasant Plain.

Such a change could not have occurred a generation ago. We are getting beyond the stage where people placed the most emphasis upon their religious differences. With the rapid increase of population on this continent, and the broadening of the outlook of all the people, as a result of education and wider knowledge of other peoples and their ideals, the littleness of sectarian controversies has been revealed and the church union movement has made steady progress. Who would dare to say that the Presbyterians of Pleasant Plain are not quite as good citizens and Christians as were the same individuals when divided by sectarian lines into Methodists, Baptists and Lutherans?

It is interesting to note that the movement for church union is attracting a good deal of attention in England. The Literary Digest quotes Sir Charles Wakefield, a prominent Wesleyan Methodist, as one desiring to see one British church, "with no chaos or rivalry in works of charity, with no waste of money or labor, and with one authentic voice in the region of action." The Christian Commonwealth, of London, thus reports Sir Charles' statement of his views:

He suggested that if he invited the leaders of the churches to the Mansion House, from the Archbishop of Canterbury to General Booth of the Salvation Army, and asked them how far they could unite and mobilize their forces for the welfare of this country, the leaders of religion would find it difficult to be theological, for they would be in an atmosphere of practical affairs, meeting under the roof of the chief building in the capital of the British Empire. We need, he said, not a great statement or a great general, but an inspired leader in religion, and he disclosed his belief that if the heads of the churches were to come together and avoid all exploration in the theological region, it would be possible to achieve unity on the basis of the two foundation commands of Christianity—love of God and love of our fellow men. There is really no sounder argument against such a union than there was in Pleasant Plain, Ohio. All that is necessary is to divorce the people from their sectarianism—but that is a task not to be accomplished in a day. That there will be a very marked modification of the religious views of the people of the world within the next hundred years is as certain as that there have been remarkable changes in the last century. The present movement in favor of church union is a hopeful augury of greater changes to come.

The Guides Meeting.

The Annual Meeting and Sports of the Nova Scotia Guides Association this year will be held at Lakeside Park, Yarmouth, on Thursday and Friday, August 10th and 11th, under the patronage and for the benefit of the Patriotic Committee.

The usual events consisting of Rifle Shooting, Trap Shooting, Trout and Salmon Fly Casting, Canoe Races and Tilted, Log Bunting, etc., will be on the programme and in addition to the regular events special exhibitions of fancy shooting will be given by representatives of the various ammunition companies of Canada and the United States. Indications all point to this sporting carnival being one of the most successful ever put on by the guides of Nova Scotia and a valuable prize list will ensure keen competition in all the events. The objects of the meet and the purpose to which all the proceeds will be donated should appeal very forcibly to the public.

A full list of events and prizes will be published later.

A strong committee is in charge of the sports and arrangements and an interesting time is assured.

An invitation has been extended to the New Brunswick Guides Association, and undoubtedly some of these will be present to compete in the various trials of skill.

Promoted to Lieutenantcy. Recently, word has been received that another of our Kings county heroes at the Front has received another mark of honor. Harry W. Hiltz of Kingsport, has been promoted on the field to the rank of Lieutenant.

This is a signal mark of ability. He is only nineteen years of age and probably the youngest officer in the line. He is a brother of the late Clifford Hiltz who was recently killed in action.

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A Route March.

The following interesting details of a recent route march of the 97th Battalion (American Legion) has been furnished THE ACADIAN by Pte. Conway, of that battalion:

Number of officers and men on march: 5 officers, 104 men; weight of pack carried without rifles, 35 lbs.; total distance covered, 29 miles; actual marching time: 10 hours, 22 minutes; time consumed on march: 14 hours, 22 minutes; total number of halts, 12; casualties (men that fell out): 1 officer, 14 men; temperature, 95 degrees Fahr.; average miles per hour, 2 1/4 (approximately).

MARCH IN DETAIL.

6:55 a. m., left 97th camp, Aldershot; 6:20, passed main guard; 6:43, passed Kentville; 7:01, halted 7 minutes; 7:27, resumed march, delay of 19 minutes caused by lifting or bad shore of one man; 8:40, halted; 8:45, resumed march; 10:10, halted at Wolfville; 10:20, resumed march; 10:55, halted; 11:00, resumed march; 11:57, arrived at spring this side of Beach and halted for men to procure water; 12:05, p. m., arrived at Beach where men removed their shoes and rested their feet; 12:05 to 1:55, mess and bathing; 1:55, resumed return march; heat was intense at this time of day, dust bothered to a considerable degree; 2:50, arrived at Mrs. Harvey's, entertained there by the Red Cross Society; 3:40, resumed march; 5:20, halted; 5:25, resumed march; 5:49, arrived at Mrs. Harris' residence in Wolfville and was entertained there; 6:05, resumed march; 6:50, halted; 6:55, resumed march; 7:35, halted; 7:45, resumed march; 8:25, arrived at 97th Camp, Aldershot.

Much discomfort was caused by the intense heat, heavy dust and bad roads beyond Wolfville. Several stone hills were crossed between the 10th and the main road which caused nausea.

ny of the men. tion due to heat all was the difficulty shoes and poor grade of gear worn by the men. The moral of the men was excellent during march and was to a great extent increased by the hospitality shown by the citizens along the line of march. The command was lectured at the halt, on the proper care of the feet.

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