

Canada's Trade Shows Big Gain

Trade figures for the Dominion for the year which closed Dec. 31, when fully available, will show a total trade of approximately \$2,350,000,000.

For the eleven months of the calendar year, for which definite statistics are now available, the total trade was well over the two billion dollar mark. During that period merchandise was exported to the value of \$1,251,094,840 as compared with \$1,300,761,035 for the same months in 1918. Total imports of merchandise of November 30, 1919, was to the value of \$920,077,014 as against \$898,211,913 for the eleven corresponding months in the previous year.

Dutiable goods brought into Canada for the period were to the value of \$658,907,143, as against \$508,203,512 for the corresponding period in 1918, while in 1919 free goods worth \$334,169,871 crossed Canadian borders, as compared with \$390,008,401 in 1918.

According to a California Court, a wife has as much right to smoke as her husband. Perhaps so, but she cannot strike matches as easily, says the Norfolk Pilot.

Clemenceau's Future

Serene in his confidence of ultimate success, implacable in his hatred of the internal and external foes of his country, tireless in his activities in the great war and indomitable when facing his opponents in the Chamber of Deputies or in the constituencies, Georges Clemenceau will share with Lazare Nicolas Marguerite Carnot, of the Great Revolution, the title of "Organizer of Victory".

From present indications he has only to refrain from lifting his hand in order to be elected by the French Parliament to the Presidency of the Republic and to step from the laborious office which he now holds into the comparative ease and complete dignity of the Elysee Palace.

If at the close of the election at Versailles on January 17, Dr. (then President) Clemenceau returns to Paris surrounded by the customary escort of dragoons nobody will be able to say that his success was the result of a "compromise", as was the case with most of the chiefs of state of the Third Republic. He could no more be thought of as that than he could be described as an "accident". Master of his fate and

captain of his soul, he is the very living symbol of his great nation in war and peace.

Premier Murray Honored

Sir Lomer Guin, Premier of Quebec, and Hon. George H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, have been appointed Grand Officers of the Order of the Crown, by King Albert, of Belgium.

This honor has been conferred upon Premier Murray in recognition of the great Belgium Relief Movement which was inaugurated by him in September, 1914. Following his appeal the movement spread over the entire British Empire and the United States, giving Nova Scotia the unique and enviable distinction of having started the greatest movement for relief of one Nation ever conceived by another.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

The Japanese work-day is to be reduced to 9½ hours if the views of the International Labor Conference prevail, and India's 72 hour week may be reduced to one of 60 hours. Meanwhile, the German tradesmen have in numerous instances voluntarily adopted a 12 hour day.

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HOW C. P. R. ENGINEER WON VICTORIA CROSS

It fell to the lot of a C.P.R. engineer Pte. John Peter Robertson to win the much coveted Victoria Cross at Passchendaele. Robertson enlisted at Lethbridge with the 175th and was an engineer on that division. He was better known as "Petie" to his Lethbridge friends. He was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, but lived most of his life in Medicine Hat with his mother, Mrs. Alex. Robertson.

Robertson was aged thirty-four, won his distinction in connection with operations at Passchendaele, November 6, 1917. Details came through authoritative channels that during his battalion's attack Robertson's platoon was held up by uncut wire two hundred yards from the final objective. Our guns were still busy cutting a way through the wire when a German machine gun opened fire and inflicted very heavy losses on the Canadians. Robertson, without waiting for orders, rushed toward the German gun, defying the machine gun's withering fire. Moreover, our artillery barrage was so intense that death seemed almost certain. Working his way to the flank, he eventually found an opening in the wire, got through, and crawled until the end of the

emplacement was reached. Rising suddenly to his feet he charged down on the astonished Germans, and killed four of the gun crew before they could recover from their surprise. The remainder fled in terror, but their flight was soon cut short when Robertson seized the abandoned gun, screwed it around and poured a hail of bullets upon the backs of the fast disappearing enemy. Several of them fell victims to their own weapon and others were caught by our shells. When the remainder of the platoon arrived Robertson was still firing the captured gun. It was entirely due to his heroic action that the whole line was enabled to advance and capture the final objective. Robertson went forward with the first wave, taking a gun with him. He used it very effectively to keep down the fire of German machine guns and snipers, while his platoon consolidated the new position. Later in the day when two or our snipers who ventured in front of our lines were wounded Robertson volunteered to bring them in. He went into the open, although exposed to a heavy enemy fire, lifted one man on his back and carried him safely to the trench and immediately returned to the second man, staggering back with his unconscious burden while



Pte. PETER ROBERTSON WHO WON THE VICTORIA CROSS

the bullets whistled around him. But as if cruel fate were awaiting until the last possible moment to overtake him, he was killed on the very parapet of the trench, his mission almost accomplished. His splendidly heroic end, like his dashy work done earlier in the day, had a most inspiring effect.

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