



Rippling Rhymes
by Welf Mason

SLEEP IN READING

We haven't time for magazines, nor patience with romances, for touring cars and limousines have altered circumstances. We used to sit before the fire, and read the story tellers, the poets who punish sounding lyrics, and all that bunch of feilers. We read up Homer, Milton, Bill—old Bill, the bard of Avon, and strained our intellects until we had to rub some salve on. The bookstores got our extra change, when we went forth a-shopping; but now, alas—this sad and strange—old customs we are dropping. Ere I went daft on gasoline, and tires and clutch and starter, I bought the works of Anna Green and Bertha Clay and Carter. I read all kinds of helpful tomes, indorsed by church and college. I read the tales of Sherlock Holmes, and stored my mind with knowledge. But now my books have vanished clean, with all their buckram facings; they had to go for gasoline and inner tubes and casings. I gave John Milton for a tire, and Pope to fix a puncture; I go to seek my priceless lyrics, to buy gas, at this juncture.



SIDE TALKS
by RUTH CAMERON

Why should children be taught to obey their parents? So that their parents can enjoy the feeling of authority and show off their discipline? Or so that the children can be brought into harmony with people about them, and kept from harming themselves or interfering with the rights of others?

The answer would seem clear. And yet one frequently meets apparently intelligent and well-bred women who justify the second sentence in the above paragraph.

Just When Everyone Was Looking At Him

I was the witness the other day of a little scene which made me feel very strongly on the subject. We were having an athletic meet at our summer colony. There was a jull in the swimming races and all the spectators were hanging over the railing of the bridge, idly watching the float. A small boy of perhaps ten or twelve had just dived off after somebody's straw hat. As he stood there, shaking the water off, the focus of all eyes, a woman some distance away called to him in a determinedly sweet but exasperatingly domineering manner: "Richard, don't go in the water again!"

Every one heard her. The small boy looked as embarrassed as he felt.

The First Time He Had Been In "Why, Mother," he protested, "that's the first time I've been in this afternoon."

"Never mind, don't go in again," Mother doesn't want you to," she said, with that same self-satisfied sweetness. "Put your sweater on."

The small boy looked still more embarrassed, but he obeyed, while the other small boys demonstrated their freedom from maternal apron-strings by diving into the water.

She Made Him Jump Through A Hoop

Now there may have been a perfectly good reason why the boy should have been forbidden to go into the water but there was no reason on earth why he should have been publicly forced to jump through a hoop.

That is just what it amounted to. If she had wanted the boy to stop swimming for his own good, instead of as an exhibition of her discipline, she could have waited until the public eye was off him and then gone to the point nearest him and asked him to come up and speak to her a moment.

Tact and courtesy in dealing with children are not wasted.

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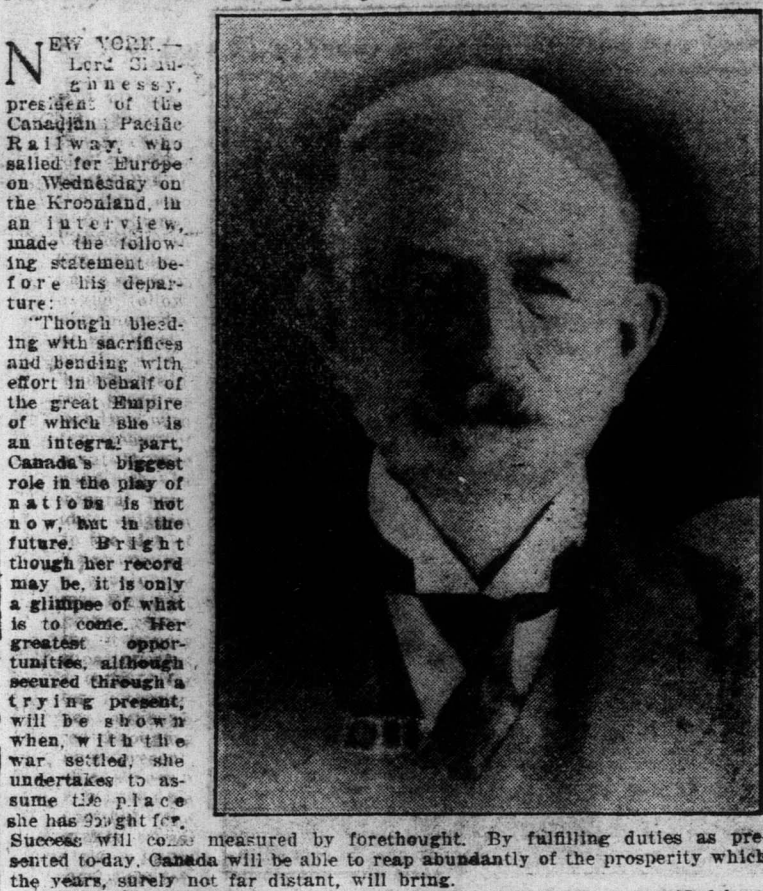
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CANADA'S BIGGEST ROLE In Play of Nations is in the Future.

Forecast of Lord Shaughnessy before sailing from New York.



NEW YORK.—Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who sailed for Europe on Wednesday on the Kronosland, in an interview, made the following statement before his departure:

"Though blessing with sacrifices and bending with effort in behalf of the great Empire of which he is an integral part, Canada's biggest role in the play of nations is not now, but in the future. Bright though her record may be, it is only a glimpse of what is to come. Her greatest opportunities, although secured through a trying present, will be shown when, with the war settled, she undertakes to assume the place she has sought for. Success will come measured by forethought. By fulfilling duties as presently today, Canada will be able to reap abundantly of the prosperity which the years, surely not far distant, will bring."

"Canadian history shows that what mistakes have had to be rectified have been those due to short-sightedness, and that the straight course of steady development. Between the two is the straight course of steady development. The success of the Canadian Pacific, the pioneer, urged others to be reckless, perhaps, but then there were those who said the construction of the Canadian Pacific was folly."

"Canada's course is the centre one, and to choose is no easy task. We do not wish to grasp our future by a narrow, limited imagination, neither do we wish to greatly over-develop and thus render the load we are now carrying too great. It is sometimes hard to realize that on the shoulders of the present, the material for the future must be carried."

"Canada is an empire in itself. Its population is not a fraction of what it should be, of what it is capable of becoming, or of what it will be after the war. We are taking steps to prepare for the future, and are anticipating an immigration that should be unprecedented in Canadian history."

"When peace is declared Canada will naturally be looked upon as the promised land by many peoples of Europe. She will be in a position to choose carefully. She need take not but the best, and only by so selecting her citizenship will she build up a nation capable of performing the tasks which undoubtedly will be allotted to her."

"The war has taught Canada self-reliance as probably nothing else would have done. She has been forced to do rapidly and efficiently things which were impossible. She has expanded commercially and industrially faster than ever before and has confidence in herself to do the things which she formerly expected others to do for her."

"In the same manner that she unhesitatingly mobilized the largest army that ever crossed the Atlantic, she has developed a sea traffic on both the Atlantic and the Pacific that is tremendous. This will be undoubtedly further developed, proving to be a powerful aid in moulding trade connections favorable to Canada after the war."

"Canada cannot go back. She is committed to expansion, but not to over-expansion. Keeping within limits justified by conditions has been hard. It is difficult in being optimistic to be not too optimistic, and here perhaps is the greatest problem."

"In the past Canada has been too eager and is now faced with the problem of over-development in certain lines."

"Politically Canada will undoubtedly take a more prominent part in the destinies of the British Empire than ever before. She will probably be asked to become one of the senior members of a firm in which before the war she was merely regarded as a junior, bright, full of promise, to be sure, but one on whom a full share of the burden should not be placed. The future is undoubtedly bright, but the advancement is fraught with problems which will require good judgment and forethought rather than good judgment in afterthought."

Good Stories
by Leona Dalrymple
Author of "Onions of the Green-Van" Etc.

In the fairy glen where the glow-worms and fireflies turn back each night to faeries, there was much excitement. Princess Glow-and-Glimmer, who lived with her parents in the Castle of Sparks, had chosen for her husband a strange glow-worm knight who had slipped into the glen—how or when nobody knew. All the other knights were hure and jealous.

Knight Fairy-Fire and Knight Flash-and-Flicker talked it over.

"If he is indeed noble as he claims," said Knight Fairy-Fire, "let him prove it. If he loves her, let him prove it."

And they went together to the fire-witch who lived on the border of the glen.

That night smoke curled blackly from the witch's cauldron and filled the glen with inky darkness. Next from the cauldron came showers of sparks and the fire-witch, muttering, turned them into winged rubies that went flying into the blackness of the glen.

At the Castle of Sparks, Knight Fairy-Fire sent the princess out to seek her lover. And Knight Flash-and-Flicker sent the lover out to see the princess.

"Ah!" he said, "there comes the fairy rubies on shining wings. Now we shall see. If he is greedy and clutches at the fire-jewels, then he is unworthy and little likely to be noble. If he still fares forth to seek the princess without lingering in blaze of the witch-jewels, then indeed he loves her."

Ah! 'twas a wonderful sight, blazing, beautiful rubies winging hither and yon in the inky blackness.

The prince hurried on. The jewels dazzled him, but the blackness filled him with fear for the fate of the princess.

He called her again and again, but the air was filled with the noise of jeweled wings. He could neither see or hear, but still he stumbled on, seeking the princess.

And then, far down the glen, he caught the silver mist of her robe of fire. Only for a moment—then the air was thick again with the blazing rubies flying and dancing before his eyes on wicked witch-wings.

The prince drew his sword and pushed his way along. On and on he went, stumbling, until he caught again the silver glimmer of the princess' robe. He put out his hand and caught it.

The winged rubies vanished. The smoke cleared away. Prince Rupert had proven his right to the princess.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Oak Hill branch of the Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. Peart, Burford Road, there being a good attendance. The president, Mrs. H. Jennings had charge of the meeting. A report of the work being done for the soldiers in the past month was given by the Secretary. This consisting of thirty-three seven pound parcels at the cost of over fifty dollars, sent direct to boys at the front. Mrs. Charlton read an excellent paper on "Slighting as a Fine Art," touching on the woman in her home at work. Miss Marguerite McDonald sang a solo which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Fellows kindly invited the ladies to hold their December meeting at her home. This invitation being accepted. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. After a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Peart for her kindness, the meeting broke up, all having enjoyed a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

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