

OVERSEAS CLUB COMMISSIONER ADDRESSED CANADIAN CLUB

"British Trade and Emigration" Was the Subject of Interesting Address Delivered Last Evening by Frank Jones, F. R. G. S., London—Problems of Peace Greater Than Those of War.

Taking as his subject "British Trade and Emigration," Francis Jones, F. R. G. S., London, commissioner of the Overseas Club, delivered an interesting address before the members of the Canadian Club and the Overseas Club in Bond's restaurant last night.

The Overseas Club and Patriotic League, the speaker stated, was not a war-time organization solely, but he believed that there was something to be said for it even after November 11, and recognized that the problems of peace are greater than those of war. The Overseas Club, he said, is a non-party patriotic organization standing for unity of the British Empire—doing the greatest good in the world today.

The creed of the Overseas Club is: Believing the British Empire to stand for justice, freedom, order, and good government, we pledge ourselves as citizens of the British Commonwealth of Nations to maintain the heritage handed down to us by our fathers.

Cecil Rhodes was the man who thought out the plan of the organization, and it came into being through the energies of the present chairman, John E. Wrench, C. M. G., London. It is a British organization, he pointed out, and by British is meant every country over which the Union Jack flies. It is a good thing to be a Canadian, the speaker pointed out, but a far greater thing to be a Britisher. Never in history has the British Empire stood higher in the councils of the world than it does today.

Among the war-time activities of the Overseas Club, the speaker enumerated the following:

Organized an Imperial Aircraft Fleet and presented to the British

Government 172 aircraft at a cost of \$1,329,346.

Presented to the Canadian Government a squadron of 16 aeroplanes for the use of the Canadian Air Force.

Raised a Tobacco Fund amounting to \$2,048,020 and supplied nearly 10,000,000 packages of tobacco and cigarettes to the British Army and Navy.

Collected \$114,635 for the Royal Flying Corps Hospital.

Raised Overseas Club War Funds amounting to nearly \$5,000,000.

Opened new club rooms in the heart of London, and extended honorary membership to Overseas Troops, H. M. Navy, and members of the Mercantile Marine.

Circulated over 3,000,000 pamphlets in neutral countries, printed in various languages, for the purpose of countering German propaganda. Provided several hundred thousand Overseas soldiers with a map and guide to London.

Kept up a constant stream of hampers, gramophones, musical instruments, books and warm clothing to our men in the trenches and afloat.

Over 16,000 members joined the forces at home and overseas, and the membership, which now totals 165,000, represents practically every city and town in the British Empire.

The men who fought for the flag found nothing too big for them before the war, and they have not since, the speaker stated, and he called upon the audience to rally to the support of the men who have been making the sacrifices during the past five years by keeping all British trade in the British Empire.

Inside the vast territory which comprises the empire, he said, one can buy practically everything that the human being wants, and while that situation obtains, foreign trade should not be encouraged. The secret of undoing the recent troubled times is in "doing without." At present those with money are buying things which are unnecessary and thus making confusion ten times worse than confusion.

Ultimately the law of supply and demand will bring things right, but at present the world is consuming each day, and the world's stocks are practically depleted.

Regarding the appetite for luxuries that is being satisfied today by the average artisan, the speaker told of a London workman who bought two pianos, worth \$300 each, to place on either side of a chimney in his house—wanted to make a harmonious effect.

Those with more money than they need for necessities, he pointed out, should be buying government securities, war bonds, Victory Loans.

He did not believe that the present unholy prices would last—at least not after we regain our normal sanity.

In 1917 England was nearing starvation, with allowances on butter, meat, bread, fruit and other supplies. The difficulty was offset by the wholehearted co-operation of every aged man, boy, girl and woman not otherwise employed, who turned the spare fields, parks and other bits of ground into market gardens and raised the biggest crops in that year the country ever had.

It was illegal to go motoring for pleasure, and other restrictions were placed upon the people. "We went through that to win the war," said the speaker, "and we will go through more to win peace."

He paid a glowing tribute to the first army of 100,000 Englishmen, "the army of contemptibles," who threw down the gauntlet to Germany's army of six millions.

"Other people may ask, 'Who won the war?'" he said, "but we do not need to ask—we know. In Albert and Flanders there are a hundred thousand graves—and a million more at other places—that show the sacrifices made by Britain than right should overwhelm might."

If it was not for the British Navy, said the speaker, the war would have been over the first three months—as one speaker put it, American would have been out of it before she was in it, for neither the Americans nor

the Canadians would have been able to cross the ocean. "Remember that glorious American," he said, "was of the opinion that Great Britain should have the greatest navy in the world, as her right and her colonial defense, and if Britain's supremacy of the seas was good enough for Roosevelt, it is good enough for any American who is living today."

The mercantile marine also came in for its share of praise. Mr. Jones saying that passengers on the transatlantic liners should take off their hats to the greasy man in overalls who came up for a breath of air now and then, a statement that was greeted with loud applause.

He spoke of the German marine, their inglorious surrender and the cowardly scuttling of the ships at Scapa Flow.

Referring to trade relations, he said that Canada gets about 80 per cent of her imports from the United States. Most of these goods, the speaker said, could be secured from the other countries of the Empire, and he thought the preference should go to those of the nation.

He did not see why any merchant or shipper should help the Hun to prosper by buying goods from Germany now. Germany stripped France and Belgium of all her machinery, levied heavy taxes on the defeated countries and then made them slaves of the townspeople, and now she Hun blood-stained hands are reaching out for world trade. The Hun is not repentant, what he did yesterday, he will do tomorrow what he did yesterday.

The condition of Russia at present is due to the German intrigues, and the strikes in Canada, the strikes in the United States and Great Britain can be laid to the door of German treachery. The Hun right now is trying to create ill feeling between Great Britain and the United States and between the United States and France. The man who trades with Germany now, he considered a traitor to his country.

He asked for a more considerate viewpoint for the working man. Under the present conditions even the most learned statesmen are puzzled and it would naturally follow that the artisan cannot see his way as clearly as he did in the pre-war period. He urged that the foreign labor agitator be dealt with.

With regard to the emigration problem, he thought that a little more consideration should be given the English settler in the country. Some time ago there was a Dominion law in effect through which the country head for every settler they brought to the country. "You cannot get a good Englishman for \$5," said the speaker. He spoke of the present pleasant footing upon which the English-speaking countries stand, but said that the United States is in a position now where she does not need more outside capital nor more population. The losses of that country in the war were only one to fifteen in proportion to Canada, and she grew very rich in the process.

Regarding the world conflict, he said that the League of Nations was not necessary while the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes float side by side as they did from the towers of Parliament Buildings in London on Independence Day, 1917.

Dr. Hibbard, headmaster of Rothesay Collegiate School, urged the members of the Canadian Club to enroll with the Overseas Club.

Sir Douglas Hazen, who presided, made a fitting tribute to the memory of the late R. W. W. Frink, a former vice-president of the Society.

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PUBLIC MASS MEETING THURSDAY

Rev. Dr. Braithwaite, National Organizer, Will be Principal Speaker in St. Andrew's Church on Inter-Church Forward Movement.

Plans have been completed for a mass meeting in St. Andrew's Church tomorrow evening in connection with the United National Campaign Inter-Church Forward Movement. Rev. E. E. Braithwaite, M. A., Ph.D., National Organizer, will be the principal speaker, and Chief Justice H. A. McKeown will preside.

Dr. Braithwaite is a graduate of McGill, postgraduate of Yale, and for a number of years was president of the Western University, London, Ont., where his organization ability manifested itself. He is a young man, a brilliant speaker, and the committee is most fortunate in securing him for this campaign.

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Harvey Alton Thompson.
The death of Harvey Alton Thompson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Thompson, of Rothesay, occurred at ten o'clock yesterday morning and will be learned with regret by many friends of the family. He was eighteen years of age and had been ill for some time. Besides his father and mother, he is survived by two brothers, George Otty Thompson, of Moncton, and Alfred Victor Thompson of McAdam. The funeral will be held at two o'clock this afternoon, with service in St. Paul's church and interment in Fernhill.

Mrs. Sarah Bray.

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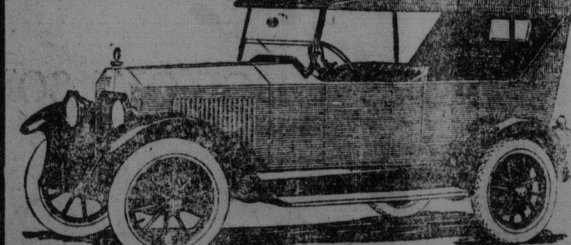
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