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## THE CANADIAN NAVY

The fact that Canada today has neither the facilities for building naval vessels nor the trained men to man them is undisputed. Neither is it questioned that some years must elapse before Canada can have either the naval yards or the trained men. Naval warfare is a highly specialized business. Men must be trained for it. The building of warships is a task calling for extensive and special equipment.

What do these facts indicate? Simply that it is high time a country whose commerce is expanding at an enormous rate began the work which in due time will provide the ships and the men. Canadians do not take kindly to the suggestion that they should have their fighting done for them—if fighting there must be. Readiness to fight in defence of home is essential in the present state of human society. One does not like to emphasize the thought during the season of peace and goodwill, but as a matter of fact the strong navy of a peace loving country makes for peace, and is a form of national insurance against war and spoliation. Those Canadians who argue in favor of a navy do not pursue that argument because they think to see their country embroiled in war, or adopt a policy of aggression. They desire to see Canada and the empire safe from the danger of war, and free to proceed along the lines of peaceful progress and development.

Yet even the possession of a navy and the desire for peace are not an absolute guarantee that there will be no war. And if war should come, Canadians would prefer to do their own fighting, to the extent of their ability and resources. This means a Canadian navy, with Canadian officers. It is not necessary for Canada to enter upon costly experiments without guidance or assistance. The imperial naval authorities are ready to co-operate, and place at Canada's disposal the rich fruits of centuries of experience in naval construction and naval training. The traditions of Britain's navy would be the traditions of Canada's navy, which would be an integral part of the navy of the empire.

This country desires to be in a position to give more money for the defence of the empire. She desires to give ships and man her own ships and her own men. She desires, moreover, to defend her own commerce. A Canadian navy would tend to develop the national spirit and strengthen the empire. The creation of a navy is a task involving time and skill. The longer it is delayed the greater the danger of ineffectiveness in the hour of need. Premier Borden has stated that the present British navy will suffice for present needs, and a naval expert follows with the statement that the German scare has been overcome. There is time for Canada, in co-operation with the imperial naval authorities, to provide for the defence of her coasts and commerce. If more is needed, the country will not hesitate to do its full share as a loyal state in the empire.

## A PRISON FARM

The announcement that the provincial government of Ontario has purchased a farm of 613 acres to be used as a central prison marks a great forward step in reformatory work. The question of the treatment of prisoners in such a way as to provide for healthful and helpful influences as well as detention has received a great deal of attention in Toronto during the last year or two, and the prison farm is the result.

St. John people do not need to be told of the ill-effects of ordinary jail life. A man is committed to jail for drunkenness and confined for a certain period, and upon his release is practically certain to yield to the old temptations. If the same man were sent to a farm where he would be given healthful employment his physical condition would improve, and he would have greater power to resist temptation. Not only so, but such a farm should be made largely self-supporting, and thus there would be less cost to the taxpayers—a consideration that appeals to citizens generally. As a result of the liquor traffic and the present system of dealing with drunkards in this city there are men who are no longer of any benefit to themselves or their families. So long as they can get liquor they will continue to drink. Perhaps even a period on a farm would not effect permanent reform.

in the more hopeless of these cases. But the experiment would be worth trying; and they would be better on the farm than pursuing a course that is degrading them, disgracing their families, setting a bad example to the young, and annoying people of charitable disposition. Ontario has set a good example.

Madriz is president of Nicaragua, but Estrada is the man the people are talking about.

Manitoba is divided on the question of local option, but eighteen municipalities voted yesterday against the saloon.

If the Grand Trunk Pacific is to be completed from Moncton to Winnipeg in 1912 the question of a winter port should be attracting some attention in the near future.

It is stated that there were 422 industrial accidents in Canada during November. Of these, 143 were fatal and 279 serious. Trade disputes numbered eight, a decrease of three as compared with the previous month.

The Standard devotes considerable space to the alleged attitude of Liberal members regarding the naval programme. There can be little doubt that at some future time the Standard will explain its own attitude.

Mr. Thomas Hetherington, dominion immigration agent in New England, intimates that the provincial government has not yet discovered his office. A few pamphlets on New Brunswick might do the province some good if placed there for distribution.

Mr. J. D. Sperry, the Liberal candidate, won the federal bye-election in Lunenburg yesterday by a large majority than that of Mr. McLean in the general elections. The Halifax Herald will grieve, but the people of Nova Scotia generally will applaud the verdict.

So far as speakers are concerned, the London cables indicate that the Liberals have the best of it in the matter of men able to sway the feelings of an audience. The announcement that 800 free trade orators are to take the stump next week in an organized campaign shows that the government forces are well equipped for the struggle.

The Ottawa Free Press says:—"Mr. R. P. Roblin says he is opposed to a Canadian navy, because it indicates that we are desirous of establishing ourselves as an independent nation." But Mr. Roblin says: "We must and will have in this country a naval force of our own for our coast and home defence." Does Mr. Roblin class Mr. Foster as an advocate of independence?

Speaking at a banquet in Montreal this week, Mr. R. L. Borden said: "No man desires to be called a militarist, but no man is worthy to be a part of the nation unless he is ready to take part in the defence of that nation. No man in Canada will fail in his duty when called. However it is not for us to sit down and say we will be ready when the time comes. It is for us to know that we will be ready. And when the time comes Canada will take the first place in the defence of the Empire."

The latest statement made by Mr. Monk, M. P., on the question of imperial defence is as follows:—"As a citizen of Quebec, I say if the time ever comes the people of the province will be found ready, as they have ever been, to do their full duty. But we shall claim with the assumption of large responsibility in that regard, as British subjects have always claimed in the past, adequate and sufficient representation. That is a pretension which I think any man who has been a British subject and is so still can lay claim to and not be ashamed of."

Major Stephens addressed the Ottawa Canadian Club this week on the subject of Montreal harbor. In the course of his remarks he paid this tribute to a minister who is often attacked with great bitterness by the opposition:—"If there has been anything worth while accomplished in the port of Montreal in the last three years it has been due very largely to one fact, and that is that we have had a minister of marine and fisheries who has not interfered with the work that is going on. He has placed responsibility and confidence on the shoulders of the commissioners, and they have endeavored, to the best of their ability, to act up to his trust."

An Ottawa despatch says:—"During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,910 homestead entries were made in western Canada by United States citizens. Every state and territory of the American union was represented. North Dakota contributed the largest number, viz: 3,461. Some other states are represented as follows: Minnesota, 1,741; South Dakota, 1,221; Michigan, 516; Washington, 510; Wisconsin, 477; Iowa, 439; Illinois, 208; Montana, 184; Indiana, 152; Missouri, 131; New York, 129; Oregon, 130; Idaho, 144; Kansas, 140; Nebraska, 134."

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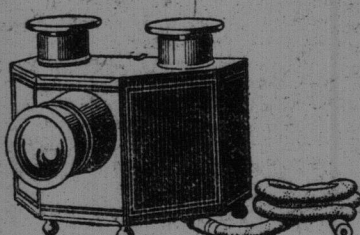
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These are what we're wanting to make the perfect life.  
A little more of laughter and fewer, fewer sighs,  
A little more of forbearance, a little less of hate,  
A little more of patience, less quarreling with Fate.  
A little more of kindness, a little less of severity,  
A little more of sweetness, a little less of austerity,  
A little more of honor and less of business greed,  
See brother, see how little it is we really need!  
A little more of silence, and less of hasty speech,  
A little more of practice and less desire to preach;  
A little more of smiling, with fewer drooping chins,  
A little more of virtue and fewer petty sins.  
A little more of praising, a little less of blame,  
More thought for all our loved ones and less for future fame;  
A little more of doing than talking of the deed,  
See, brother, see how little it is we really need.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

TOO LITERAL.

"Did you take your shoes to that place with the sign, 'Shoes repaired while you wait'?"  
"Yes. They repaired six while I waited, and told me to call in three days for mine."—Judge's Library.

## THE CUP AND THE SLIP.

In fees and trembling, Jonathan Jenkins took his seat at his office desk at 8.30 punctually. Of course, it was most improbable that anything would be discovered, but his guilty conscience gnawed remorselessly at his heart.  
The "chief" approached him sympathetically.  
"I understand, Mr. Jenkins," he said kindly, "that you had a half day off yesterday to attend your son's funeral?"  
"Yes, sir," murmured the quaking clerk.  
"And did all go well at the final ceremony?"  
Jenkins looked up quickly.  
"Oh, it wasn't the final sir," he answered thoughtlessly, shaking his head; "it was the semi-final!"—London Answers.

## CHEERFUL

"What happened, Mr. Jenkins?" asked the Chronic Optimist, when he woke up in the hospital.  
"A shark bit your leg off," said the nurse.  
"Oh, well," he mused, "I had rheumatism in that leg, anyhow."—Cleveland Leader.

## A DULL RIDE

He—Shall we go in and have a lunch now?  
Oh, no; let's keep out till we've run over somebody.—Ally Sloper's.

## AIN'T IT!

"More than five thousand elephants a year go to make our paper keys," remarked the student abroad, who had been reading the scientific notes from a patent medicine salesman.  
"My word!" exclaimed the landlady. "Ain't it wonderful what some animals can be trained to do!"—Harpers' Magazine.

## GREAT LUCK.

"What do you think, my dear? Such luck! We leave for Paris in an hour!"  
"Really?"  
"Yes, we're going to Pasteur's. My husband has just been bitten by a mad dog."—Bon Vivant.

## IN DOUBT.

Bacon—"What's his business?"  
"Hoops."  
"Well, he is a brewer or a dancing master?"—Yonkers Statesman.

## WHAT ISTHUS IS.

Tommy—"Pa, what is the Isthmus of Panama?"  
Pa—"The Isthmus of Panama, Tommy, is a narrow strip of land connecting Central America with the United States Territory."

## WOULD SCARE THEM MORE.

Gentleman Farmer (to his gardener)—"Will you have one of my old hats made a scarecrow with?"  
Gardener—"If it's all the same to you, sir, I'd rather have one of the missus's. It would scare 'em more!"

## MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

"I was very favorably impressed by that young man."  
"In what way?"  
"He seemed to give me credit for knowing something."

MORNING NEWS  
OVER THE WIRES

Three men lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Stearstone Hotel barn at Gloucestershire, (N. Y.) yesterday.  
Thirty policemen had their hands full trying to check a tumult that greeted Congressman J. A. Keliher in Boston last night when he was addressing a meeting in the interests of J. J. Starrow, mayoralty candidate.  
A fire in the main offices of the Western Union Telegraph Co., State street, Boston, did considerable damage last night.

Charles L. Warriner, defaulting treasurer of the Big Four Railway was sentenced in Cincinnati yesterday to six years hard labor in the state penitentiary.  
Bryan Patrick Hennessey, thirty-five years of age, died in Montreal on Tuesday from consumption. Hennessey, who was a South African veteran, went to Montreal from Chatham, (N. B.) and was being cared for in the Grace Dart Home.

Gales in Great Britain have done much damage to shipping. The steamer Rotter, from Ireland to Wales, is missing and it is feared she has foundered. She carried a crew of twenty-four and a few passengers. Steamers from the United States arriving at Queenstown report severe weather on the Atlantic coast.  
Henry Z. Y. Holey was executed yesterday in the barracks of the mounted police at Fort Saskatchewan, for the murder of his wife at Mundare, on Sept. 20.

In county court chambers yesterday Judge Forbes granted a discharge in the delinquency cases of Prescott vs. Blois and R. D. Roach Co. vs. Blois.

When you make chicken salad next time try using canned peas, cucumbers or sliced apples instead of celery.

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DENY OUTRAGES  
IN THE CONGO

Prominent Belgians Express Indignation at Continued Criticism

New York, Dec. 23.—Criticism, in America and Great Britain, of the Belgian administration of the Congo has elicited a manifesto of protest signed by August Beernaert, Belgian minister of state; the director of the Belgian royal observatory, Professor Leconte, his grace the Cardinal Archbishop of Mechlin, and many other distinguished Belgian educators, jurists and public men. Copies of this document have been received in New York. In it the signers express their "righteous indignation" at the "continued unfair criticism and attacks upon our country concerning its African possessions. We cannot refrain," they declare, "from publicly giving vent to an emphatic protest, and in so doing help to dispel many a misunderstanding and to overcome many a prejudice."

The protest recites that, as a result of the visit to the Congo of Prince Albert, who now succeeds Leopold to the throne, the Belgian parliament has adopted a beneficial programme of administration by which many reforms have been effected. The system by which the products of the domain were formerly exploited has been abandoned, it is said, and collection of taxes is now made in money and not in kind, in labor. It is further proposed to give the natives facilities for instruction in trade, industry and morals, and in every way possible to promote private initiative. This general scheme of policy has been adopted, says the signers, by all parties. "The Congo is now dependent," they say, "on a mother country which is industrious and wealthy, well organized, enjoying political and social institutions which need not fear comparison, and where a free press, constantly on the watch, enforces public opinion. It is subject to the control of a parliament possessing great authority, checked by a vigorous opposition, and has a minister responsible to parliament for all the acts of his administration."

## Deafness Cannot Be Cured

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## THE WOMAN WITH NERVES

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Live and sleep in rooms with open windows.  
Be out in the open air as much as possible, even if it means giving less time to the house.  
Try and take ten minutes in a really comfortable chair, with your eyes shut, in the middle of the day.  
If during the day you feel inclined to weep without any real reason, start doing something that will occupy all your energies.

Perhaps you are not taking sufficient food. Many women do not eat all that is required in order to keep themselves up to the mark. Their meals must be nourishing and regular. But if you find that you do not easily digest heavy meals, don't eat them. Many women, more especially as

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