

FRENCHMEN PAY WARM TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS

Boys from Dominion are Called Admirable Fighters—British Gain Favor in France.

Paris, Oct. 4 (By mail).—A significant result of events of the last few months has been the change in the French appreciation of the Canadian soldier. The early part of the year, when the fierce attacks on Verdun were at their height, one heard many of the people who talk more than they reflect saying: "But what are the British doing? Why do they not make a counter attack to draw off part of the German forces if they do not wish to come and help us?"

Mr. Bonar Law's statement in the French Press that the British were only too keen to help their French comrades at Verdun if General Joffre, whose decision they were bound to obey, had not decided otherwise, put this matter right. The subsequent British successes on the Somme have not only changed the French public opinion as to the efficiency of the help given by their Allies, but with a curious sort of retrospective reasoning they are grasping at the thought of British achievement in turning herself from a non-military into a military nation without in any way weakening her naval power, in the short space of two years. Almost every day now one hears the most charming expression of French pleasure in what we are doing.

Of our own Canadian troops the opinion seems unanimous. A Canadian nurse in one of the French hospitals in Paris told me recently that a wounded officer, who has had an unique opportunity both before and after the war for studying the British character, had said to her that the Canadians were the best fighting material that Great Britain possesses. He gave as a reason that the self-reliance and rapid grasp of the situation shown by the Canadians of all ranks, and their capability of handling the difficulties that came their way in a manner not possible to men more lacking in initiative.

The French press has not been slow to reflect this statement. Joseph Reinach, "Polybe," has never ceased to express in the *Figaro* his admiration of British effort. Hugues Le Roux in two brilliant articles in the *Matin* describing his visit to the British front, speaks in glowing terms of the evolution of the British Army, and the *Petit Journal*, one of the French papers with an enormous circulation, has just made the following admission: "Let no Frenchman deceive himself on this matter. Events have proved that if this trouble had been localized between France and Russia on the one hand and Germany and her Allies on the other, a German victory would have been the consequence. It is useless to cherish phantasms. The facts are there. Without Great Britain our ports were practically at the mercy of the enemy, our overseas communications practically cut off. Germany had made no mistake on that point, and if she now hates the British, it is because she sees in them the principal cause of her approaching downfall. She declared war only because she counted upon the non-participation of Great Britain."

Canada is taking more and more hold on public attention in France. A number of Canadians are working anonymously, as it were, in one or other of the American organizations for the relief of the French wounded. Some of them are going up to the front like the Leslie Davidson, with the American Ambulance Corps. Others are working industriously at the distribution of American hospital stores. There are always a number of Canadian nurses at the big American hospital for French wounded at Neuilly, for as soon as one goes another takes her place.

At the moment there are eight fully trained nurses working there: The Misses M. G. Jones, of Montreal; Mary Conlin, of Toronto; Rose Griffith, of Sherbrooke; Edna Hunter, of Saint John, N. B.; Ruby Murray of Brockville; Mildred McArthur, of Toronto; Constance Tobias, of Hamilton, and Jessie Wilson of Walkerton, the latter a sister of Beckles Wilson, now recovering from an attack of rheumatism in a London hospital.

Besides these are three so-called "auxiliaries" of the English V. A. D. class: Miss Webb, of Quebec; Miss Murray of Montreal, and Mrs. Bell. Miss Lilly has lately left Paris for the Women's War Hospital at Paignton, North Devon.

ELIZABETH BOUCHER.

THE TRIUMPH OF GERMANY:

What It Would Mean to Dominion of Canada.
BY I. W. BENGOU.

When your Parliament's abolished, and your Legislature's gone, And your old accustomed liberties in Canada have flown; When through our wide Dominion there is not a man who dare Express a free opinion with the Canadian air; When a little bunch of tyrants, in breastplates made of tin, Sit at Ottawa to rule you on Orders from Berlin; When inspectors poke their noses into everything you do, And you're strictly regulated on a system thru and thru; When you've got to eat and sleep and think as Government dictates, And nothing is the citizen's, and all things are the State's; When police officials tell you you can't do this or that, And to every passing soldier you've got to touch your hat; When civilians are nonentities, and have to knuckle down; To the marines in uniform who lord it o'er the town; When your wife must step off in the mud with all the common throng When pigeon-breasted officers come swaggering along; When every town and city has its military caste, And the red-tape of bureaucracy has tied you hard and fast; When your patriotic bosses have three votes to your one, And you have to bear a tax-load that weighs about a ton; When your thoughts about the "War-Lord" you mustn't dare to speak, And the putrid German jargon is the language you must speak; When the papers all are consigned to the printing of the news, And the editors forbidden to express their honest views; When your schools are made "efficient" in dishonor, fraud and lies, And your children are transmogrified to traitors, sneaks and spies; When all these things have come to pass you'll know the War is done, The decision has been rendered—and Germany has won; And Canada is Germanized, and henceforth might is right, Great Britain and her allies have lost their gallant fight, How do you like the prospect? By those glorious Flanders graves, Our mothers never reared us to be the Teuton slaves! The Day is here; the hour has struck; behold the Hun's mailed fist—Arise, Canadian freeman, enlist.

ENLIST, ENLIST!

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicate "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a sick child is given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Nov. 3.—A supper and sale in aid of the Belgian Children's fund was held in Nordin schoolhouse yesterday. Many of the ladies of the district assisted Miss Urquhart, the teacher, and \$18.50 was realized.

Several of the other schools have also held entertainments for the same purpose. Miss Finley, at Moorfield, raised \$26; Miss Mary Russell, at Russellville, \$48; and the Ferryville teacher some \$22.

Tuesday night the Red Cross ladies of Millbank, raised \$29 for their fund.

Miss Annie Alice Gertrude, daughter of Mrs. Louise Lawlor, will be married next Wednesday morning to Clair P. McCabe, son of ex-Altd. Andrew McCabe.

Miss Dottie Menzies has returned from Lawrence, Mass., to visit Mrs. Allan Menzies, who is ill.

Mrs. S. J. MacArthur returned Wednesday night from a visit to her father at Summerside, P. Q.

Mrs. J. D. McMillan is visiting Moncton friends.

Miss Nellie Gilespie and her nephew, James Geary of Parrsboro, N. S., are visiting Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Desmond.

Harold Bate has gone to Truro, to take a course in the agricultural college.

Mrs. John Morrissey is convalescing at the Chatham Hospital.

Miss Edith A. Ross of Boston, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, and saw her brother before the latter left for overseas.

Mrs. M. M. Kane and Mrs. Beynon have returned from their visit to Boston.

Miss Ellen McCallum has returned from her visit to New York and Boston.

Mrs. A. A. McTavish held her first at home on the 26th ult. The bride wore a gown of broad crepe de chine. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. A. McMillan, who wore navy blue silk.

Miss Lillian Rundle, gowned in pale blue silk, ushered the guests. Mrs. Wiseman assisted as usher, gowned in black silk. Miss Evelyn Williams, son, gowned in dark green velvet, served, and Mrs. L. M. Ingram poured tea. She wore black moire silk.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Nov. 5.—Mr. Robert Saulnier spent part of last week at the shiretown, returning on Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Williamson of Brown's Falls, who has been a guest at Watkinson cottage for some weeks, returned home on Wednesday.

Rev. Chas. and Miss Winifred Stob.

blings spent Monday and Tuesday in Moncton, guests of their uncle, Rev. Mr. Goodwin.

Mr. W. F. Buckley visited Rexton on Wednesday.

Miss Brown of Melville Hat, Alta., who has been spending the summer with Mrs. Anthony Little of Coal Branch, was the guest last week of Miss Evangeline Saulnier.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Ward are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Murray of Tinsitanc.

Mr. Tom F. Buckfield of Vancouver, for many years a resident of this place, passed through on Tuesday on his way overseas. Mr. Buckfield is attached to the 19th, the Western University Battalion. Many of his old friends were at the station to shake his hand and wish him Godspeed, and a safe return.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh. Reid of Beersville, are visitors at Mrs. James Pahey's.

Mr. S. M. Dunn was fortunate in bringing down a fine mouse on Thursday.

Mr. George Mitchell of Rexton, spent several days of last week in town, a guest of Mrs. John Beattie.

MOSS GLEN

Moss Glen, Nov. 7.—Mrs. E. H. Merritt is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Lyon, at Hampton for a few weeks.

Rev. H. Waterson held service in All Saints Episcopal church, on All Saints Day, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Leon Peck, St. John, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cronk, a few days last week.

Miss Annie Lindsay, St. John, spent the week-end the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, at this place.

Mrs. N. N. Puddington and Mrs. A. G. Breen have returned from St. John. Pte. Roy P. Breen of 236th Klitties, is spending a few days the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Breen of this place.

The school children under the direction of their teacher, Miss Edna Haslett, are preparing for a concert to come off about the middle of this month in aid of the Belgians.

MARRIAGES.

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Milton Addison in the presence of about 100 invited guests. The event took place on the lawn under an arch of evergreens, autumn leaves and aspens fern. The bride was becomingly gowned in white madras silk with satin and oriental lace trimmings, wearing the conventional veil caught with lily of the valley and carried a very elaborate shower bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Miss Eva Prosser, dressed in brown silk poplin, while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. John Steeves. After the ceremony and congratulations the guests went to the house, where a dainty repast was partaken of. The bride's party left for St. John and other points of interest. They will take up their residence in Hillsboro. The bride's travelling suit was of brown serge with hat to harmonize. Many beautiful gifts, including silver, cut glass, linen, etc., afforded testimony to the popularity of the happy couple. The groom's gift to the bride was a substantial cheque, to the bridesmaid a pearl necklace, and to the groomsmen a beautiful tie pin. Mr. and Mrs. Steeves' many friends unite in wishing them every happiness and prosperity through life.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND. Monthly—D. W. Puddington, \$5.00; Miss H. M. Lane, \$1.00; George J. Rathburn, Westfield, \$2.00; W. C. Allison, \$15.00; Joseph Taylor, \$2.00; R. S. Orchard, \$10.00; E. L. Rising, \$5.00; J. J. Gillies, \$1.00; Chief Justice McLeod, \$50.00; W. A. Ewing, \$5.00; H. J. Dick, \$5.00; G. Ernest Fairweather, \$5.00; Mrs. E. W. Cummings (4 mos.), \$2.00; Rotary Club, \$84.00. Single—Mrs. E. Archibald, \$5.00; Geo. E. Barbour Co., Ltd., \$500.00.

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Crystal Stream Steamship Co.

ST. JOHN-FREDERICTON ROUTE. The S.S. D. J. PURDY will sail from North End for Fredericton and intermediate points every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m., returning alternate days, leaving Fredericton 7 a.m.

The "D. J. Purdy" and "Majestic" can be chartered at any time for excursions and parties.

By special arrangement with the C. P. R. passengers may go to Fredericton on the S.S. D. J. Purdy and return by train same or following day, rate \$2.50, stopover rate \$3.00, also effective good for return until Oct. 31st. This arrangement also applies in reverse direction.

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Steamer Champlain will leave public wharf, North End, on and after Tuesday, Oct. 17th, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10 o'clock for Hatfield's Point and intermediate landings. Return on alternate days, due in St. John at 1 o'clock.

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