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### AT LAST WE ARE SAFE

The Clarke government is determined to defend its honor and its life, and the treasury of the province of New Brunswick. Official notice to this effect is given in The Standard, with a special warning to "alien enemies." Whether this is directed against A. R. Gould, who has just failed in the promotion of a \$4,000,000 railroad proposition in the State of Maine, and who might be prompted by past successes to turn a covetous eye upon the treasury of this province, is not stated. Of course the warning is not for aliens alone, and we may fairly assume that persons such as those who got that \$100,000 out of the strong box of the lumbermen, and those got away with the swag in connection with the Southampton Railway, to say nothing of certain Valley Railway transactions, potato purchases and the like, will find themselves confronted by a gentleman in khaki, with bayonet fixed at the door of the legislative building.

Had proper precautions been taken during the past two or three years, the province would be in a much better position today to meet the many demands upon the treasury, not only for war purposes, but for the different public service. For while it is true that plans may be made in private rooms in hotels, and in other places, it is necessary to go into the legislative building before the plans of the conspirators may be fully carried out. It is true a guard or a door keeper, or an issuer of tickets to the sacred precincts, might be influenced, yet public confidence will be reassured by the announcement that detectives will be stationed in the legislative halls and chambers, armed, no doubt, and ready to pounce upon any hostile person who may be suspected of a desire to get away with a railway franchise, a double subsidy or a plain ordinary pocketful of graft.

"Halt! Who goes there?"—St. John Times.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

A. R. Gould, president of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, is here today on business with the provincial government. E. R. Teed, treasurer of the timberland boodle fund, collected by Willard H. Berry for "party purposes," is also in the city. It is understood that while here they will consult with that noted strategist, Attorney General Baxter, in regard to the military precautions to be taken to prevent an onslaught by alien enemies on the provincial treasury.—Mail.

### River Bank

On the evening of March 4 a crowd from this place gave Kilpatrick and family a

Greenfield a surprise party. Those that went were: James Brooks, James Bell, James McLennan and Benj. Tompkins with their wives, also Mrs. Thomas Waugh, Mrs. H. L. McDonald, Miss Laura Page and last but not least by all means, your humble servant, Mrs. Bertha Tompkins. The night was fine, the roads well nigh perfect and we all enjoyed the drive even if the backward drive did take place in the wee small hours. We relished the oysters and cake that was served in due time. Oh! it was an evening long to be remembered with pleasure by all that went.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Broker and Mrs. B. E. Tompkins attended the conference meeting held at Stickney Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Young have been visiting his sister here, Mrs. Rupert Long.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Jones spent Sunday in Peel.

C. J. Small and family are expected home from Vancouver on Tuesday.

A prayer meeting is to be held in the River Bank hall Thursday evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. William Broker had a slight stroke of paralysis on Monday morning.

### Refugees and Britain's Soldiers

A United Sewing Circle met in the Old Church, Glassville, on Tuesday afternoon, March 2, to sew and knit on behalf of the soldiers in the army of the Allies. The material used was supplied by the Queen Mary Needlework Guild, Moncton. Much good work was done by the ladies who turned out in large numbers on behalf of such a worthy cause. Mrs. Young-Smith of the Moncton Branch desired that the thanks of her branch should be conveyed to all who rallied to the call—"Your King and Country need you now," with such readiness and efficiency. In the evening a pay-as-you-eat supper was served to all comers and netted \$14 which amount including other subscriptions has been forwarded to the Central Fund.

### Only Complaints

"I suppose John is still taking life easy," said the woman in the train. "Yes," answered the woman who was carrying a bundle of clothes. "John has only got two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up and eat, and the other is that he has to give up eating to sleep."—Pearson's Weekly.

### The Easy Mark

Bill Crook again is in disgrace. And off to jail he's trotted. Poor Bill has got a crooked face. That's why he's always spotted. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Some brains is what Bill seems to lack. Or else they couldn't jail him. Bill has a head just like a tack. That's why they always nail him. —New York Mail.

Poor Bill's a nut they like to crack. The cops are apt to joke him. Unfortunately he's a sponge. And that's why they soak him. —Spokane Spokesman-Review.

More Cruel Than Hubby. Mrs. Bryde—I told my husband I was going to give him something of my own cooking and he said I'd better try it on the dog first. Wasn't that a cruel suggestion?

Her Friend—Very! And I thought your husband was so fond of dogs. —Boston Transcript.

### Wonderful Woman

With hat tipped over, no eye free, 'Tis very plain she cannot see. With hair combed over the ears 'Tis plain That she, of course, can hardly hear. With gown so tight it causes talk 'Tis plain that she can scarcely walk. And yet she dodges autos, teams, And gets along quite well, it seems. Man never could survive, poor chap, Beneath one-half that handicap.

### A Crafty Politician

"So you think you have your opponent defeated before the campaign starts?" "I'm sure of it. He is going to depend on the old fashioned hands shaking methods to make himself a greasable. I'm learning to dance."—V. Washington Star.

### Ahoy!

"A sailor bold I'd like to be," I heard the farmer roar. "For I would like to plow the sea, And then raise Cain on shore." —Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I'd like to sail the ocean floor," Said Fugillat McGue, "For I could teach the mast to spin, And box the compass too." —Detroit Free Press.

### HISTORICAL TREASURES.

Archives at Ottawa Contain Priceless Relics.

In the Archives building at Ottawa there are many reminders of former deeds of bravery that illumine the annals of Canada. The plan of Montcalm, also a great map, although the enemy of the British, found in his tent after his death on the Plains of Abraham. Also letters of this brave soldier, written shortly before the decisive battle took place.

The original plan of the battle of the Plains of Abraham, which was sent to Pitt after the fighting, is there, too. And so also is the plan of the battle of the Plains of Abraham.

And there is a letter written by Gen. Wolfe, dated Aug. 10, 1759, dealing with military matters and commissions of soldiers. These are several of Wolfe's signatures in the Dominion Archives, and a map which was taken from the field after the terrible battle.

One cannot look upon these things as mere relics. They are the great historical treasures which make Canada a British possession. These sacred testimonies do not make a patriot of a schoolboy. It is very doubtful if any schoolboy has ever seen the original of any historical relic. One almost instinctively feels that in the Archives there are things which brave men sacrificed their lives as willingly as we sacrifice our consciences to-day, except for the great silence which seems to hang over the Archives, like an everlasting benediction.

But not all the things in the Dominion Archives speak of war and suffering, although one might say that it would be difficult to see anything of the seventeenth and eighteenth century period, which had not suffered persistent upsurge.

There is a great poster, dated at Quebec in 1793, of the habits of civility and amusement, of laughter and banished care, of light-heartedness and freedom from worry. It is the announcement of a society which came to town. It is a curious touch. For we can see that, even in the midst of such troublous times, the people had time for a hour or two of idleness.

The seal of Louis XIV, makers, dated 1688. And several seals which were used in 1875. They could tell of the triumph of the proclamation which gave Gen. Brock control over the troops in Upper Canada. Also, that such control should have ended so tragically. Queen Anne is represented in the Archives. Such a slight reminder that we forget. A map of North America hangs there, which was originally dedicated to her.

And speaking of maps, the one which is perhaps of greatest interest is the copy of one made by a Spaniard called La Cosa, in 1500. The original is in Madrid, but one may get a good idea of it from the copy which was made about the same time.

It would be impossible to give any kind of accurate list of the many beautiful engravings in the Archives. In fact it would be impossible to give an adequate account of anything there. One cannot see them. One cannot tell of the fine old maps which were used in Brock's last battle, neither can one write of the seal which was given to Brock by the Indian Chief Tecumseh. These things carry with them such memories of valor and glory that they must be seen. It seems that the people of Ottawa should get aside some day in the month of June and look at them. It is so that their names of today may not become indifferent.

There are some very fine drawings by Sir Edward Head, made in 1860. And an excellent steel engraving of Lady Durham from the painting by Sir Thomas Lawrence. These are some drawings made by one of the finest artists of the day, Capt. Smythe. More recent are a military stepladder, a little London, in 1853; a last of the paintings of Niagara in 1804.

APP. R. Island Knight. The native of Prince Edward Island to receive knighthood is a man who can look back upon a long life devoted entirely to the interests of his native province. Sir William Wilfred Sullivan is a rare example of a distinguished Canadian who has risen to the highest rank in his own field. He was born on a farm, as most P. E. Islanders of any prominence have been. That was at New London in 1848. His early education was at the Central Academy and St. Dunstan's College in Charlottetown. His first ambition was to become an editor. He accomplished this when, as a young man, he worked himself up into the local Government service by writing editorials when the first Confederation Conference was held in that town in 1865. He was also studying law—the beginning of his second ambition. The year that Confederation became a fact the young editor, age 24, was called to the bar. His greatest case in those early years was as counsel for the local Government before the Maritime Commission. Over the years he has been a member of the P. E. Island Government, and in 1890 he was made a Knight of the Order of the Marquis of Cornwallis. He has entered politics without any party, and has been a member of the provincial parliament for many years. In 1909 he was called to the chief justice of the province and local judge in Admiralty. In June, 1914, he was made a Knight of the Order of St. George.

### New York's First Mayor.

The first mayor of New York, Thomas Willett, was inducted into office in June, 1695. Governor Richard Nicolls, the first English executive of the future Empire State, was responsible for the appointment of Willett, who was a wealthy merchant and trader and had a town house in New York and a country estate in Rhode Island, where his body was buried in 1674. Willett, who was a shrewd business man, governed New York honestly and well and after his first term of one year was made mayor again in 1697. The municipal government of which he was the head was composed of five aldermen, three Dutch and two English, and a sheriff, although police duties devolved largely upon the mayor, and he was police magistrate as well.

### A Wonderful Drummer.

Probably the most remarkable drummer who ever lived was Jean Henri, the famous tambour major of the Emperor Napoleon. One of his feats was to play on fifteen different toned drums at the same time in so soft and harmonious a manner that instead of the deafening uproar that might have been expected the effect was that of a novel and complete instrument. In playing with one drum to the other with such wonderful quickness that the eyes of the spectators could hardly follow the movement of his hands and body.

### Mansfield's Humor.

Richard Mansfield's humor was often misapprehended for conceit. One night the company was playing under a tin roof upon which a sudden downpour of rain caused a terrific clatter. This startled Mansfield into exclaiming, "What's that noise?" "Rain, sir," was the answer. "Tell it to stop!" ordered the actor fiercely.—New York Globe.

### She Was Prepared.

"I trust, Miss Tappit," said the benevolent employer to his stenographer, "that you have something in reserve for a rainy day." "Yes, sir," said the earnest young woman. "I am going to marry a man named Mackintosh."

### Perfectly Plausible.

Cautious Customer—But if he's a young horse, why do his legs bend so? Dealer—Ah, sir, the poor animal has been living in a stable too long for him, and he's had to stoop.—Exchange.

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