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DUE TO FRANCE

It is a somewhat peculiar thing, but nevertheless a fact, that English-speaking people have had to borrow from France their voicing of delight at public performances, or in appreciation of individuals at the festive board.

Every time there is a cry of "encore, encore," it is the French for "once more," or "again," and now it has been discovered that the tune of "For he's a jolly good fellow," also originated in the land of the fleur de lis, with words written for the purpose of burlesquing the Duke of Marlborough.

The name of the ditty was "Malbrouck," and the music was written by an obscure composer in the Walloon country.

It was unknown in the French capital until fifty years after Marlborough's death, when a Picardy peasant woman, coming up to Versailles to nurse the baby Dauphin, brought it with her and sang her little baby charge to sleep with the old jingling rhyme.

From this "Malbrouck" became popular in Paris, and ultimately it reached England. The tune being a catchy one, it was wedded to the festive chant of "For he's a jolly good fellow." And so a song written in savage ridicule of England and one of her greatest generals has become one of the most popular airs to which Britishers all the world over pledge jovial cups.

CANADA IS ALL RIGHT.

The following are extracts from an article in "Canada," a well known illustrated magazine published in London, England, and dealing solely with Dominion items and affairs.

"This journal and apparently all of its contemporaries who devote much attention to the progress of Canada and movements of Canadian securities, have been asked by their readers if there is anything unsound in the financial position of the Dominion. Rumors of various kinds have been circulating in the city, and have also sprung up in foreign financial centres, which tend to disquiet holders of Canadian securities. We may say at once that there is no justification whatever for any fears in regard to Canada's progress or its financial stability. It is impossible to trace, nor is it useful to discover, the origin of some absurd and foolish statements which have obtained currency on the continent. A few days ago for instance, the Neue Freie Presse came out with the astounding statement that the great Canadian chartered banks were calling in their loans.

We have dealt at some length this week with the subject in our columns devoted to Banking and Finance, but in view of the unrest occasioned by irresponsible rumors from the continent and elsewhere we deemed it advisable to take proper steps to allay immediately any anxiety created in the minds of investors by what we can only characterize as malevolent gossip.

Apart from the most satisfactory reports on agricultural and industrial development and expansion chronicled week by week in the pages of Canada from experienced and reliable correspondents, we had the pleasure last week of publishing the report of the Hon. W. T. White, Canadian Minister of Finance, and we now publish statements by the London Managers of the Canadian Banks.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the London Manager of the Bank of Montreal, when called upon by our representative remarked: "Many investors in Canadian securities are asking if there is anything wrong in the state of Canada, and, indeed, it is said that in certain Continental and other quarters a financial crisis in the Dominion has been predicted, one absurd indication being a garbled statement to the effect that the banks of Canada are calling in their loans. As the surest guarantee of peace is preparation for war, so does preparation for financial stress ensure immunity therefrom; therefore, obviously it has been wise of Canadian banks to strengthen their position. As regards the Bank of Montreal, it has rarely in its history been in a stronger position.

In the opinion of Mr. H. V. Franklin Jones, London manager of the Bank of Commerce, the rumors were so unjustified that they hardly deserved a categorical denial. Advice from Canada were of a satisfactory character, and preparations were being made ahead to care for the coming crop.

Mr. W. M. Botsford, London manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, stated: "Business conditions generally in Canada are healthy.

There is no doubt about that and the cause of the present tightness of the money market in Canada is simply due to the country's remarkable prosperity and rapid development.

Mr. F. W. Ashe, London Manager of the Union Bank, remarked: "It is quite obvious to those business men who are watching with pleasure the progress of Canada, that there is a deliberate 'bear' raid on Canada and Canadian investments. Malicious reports of an impending financial crisis in Canada are the chief causes of the unrest and decline in values. Such reports of a crisis are absolutely absurd. One has only to look at the last government return of our chartered banks to see that they are in a very strong position. Our recent advances from Canada show that every line of legitimate business is prosperous, and the outlook for the immediate future is most encouraging."

ARE MILLIONAIRES HAPPY.

Baron Henri de Rothschild, a multimillionaire was asked the question the other day, "Are Millionaires happy?" His reply was: "That all depends upon the millionaire," and he added that he himself was not a perfectly happy man.

To a great many people riches seem to be everything but are they? The responsibilities and the worries of vast wealth must be many and a modern Croesus cannot eat any more, or sleep any more, or do anything else human beyond that of those whom the world classes financially as not in that category.

An incident took place some years ago in Brant County which is quite illuminative of this point. Two boys were brought up on the same farm, the one an orphan, son of a deceased brother of the proprietor. The second lad was ambitious and went to the States where he amassed much wealth. Then under the money getting strain his health broke down and he was ordered on a tour of the world in the vain hope of regaining expended energies. His health account, was, however, too much overdrawn, and on his return to die at home he visited the old farm for a farewell. He found the companion of his youth in a robust and contented condition physically, and at breakfast next morning while he was sipping at a bowl of bread and milk, he noticed that his cousin was polishing off a substantial repast of porridge and bacon and eggs. Then he wistfully remarked: "They call me a rich man, and so I am, as the world regards it, but I would give very cent I possess to have an appetite and a zest like that."

The truth is that a man who is healthy himself and has a healthy wife and family, is richer than any millionaire not so circumstanced.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is a terrible shame to have had to bury all that rhino.

There does not seem to be any immediate danger of the royal direct line dying out in Spain.

There was a net profit of \$176,000 in connection with the two polo matches in New York between the British and United States teams. That's enough to make the ownership of the Brantford Baseball Club just a trifle envious.

In Berlin, when Hydro-Electric power went off, the Telegraph then adopted the novel plan of using a motorcycle to supply power to run the typesetting machines. Newspapers have to get out each day, no matter what happens.

A crow in the possession of a Liberal family at Goderich has been taught to speak. He makes sneering remarks about the Ontario Conservative leaders. The family ought to eat the bird, for provincial Grits are quite used to masticating crow these days.

It is to be hoped that the fact of a rhinoceros dying in Brantford will not lead to an outside belief that we grow them in the river here. By-the-by, it was a Sheffield Choir member who, when introduced to a Brantfordite at the depot, at once remarked, "Oh, please show me a Mohawk." It was raining at the time, and the gentleman in question explained that Brantford Mohawks never came out in the wet, as it would cause their war paint to run. And she accepted that.

Narrowly Averted. Last evening at a quarter to six one of the employees of the Avey Planning Mill on Grey street, while working on the sticker noticed the big belt connected to the machine commencing to tighten on the shafting, and in trying to avert an accident to the machine, he, in some way became tangled up with the belt. He narrowly escaped injury.

A Warning—To feel tired before exertion is not laziness—it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sufferers should not delay. Get rid of that tired feeling by beginning to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to-day.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

The Other Fellows Etce English Enterprise for Canada. Canadian Churchman: Three important English newspapers, the Sheffield "Daily Independent," the Birmingham "Gazette," and "The Northern Echo," have included gratis with their ordinary issue a thirty-two page supplement dealing with all phases of Canadian life. It is not an emigration "puff" or an advertising sheet, but is intended as a strong appeal to men to invest their labor and capital in a land described as "full of opportunities." These three papers have practically the largest circulation of any morning journals in the districts covered by them, and they have for many years devoted considerable attention to Canada, and thereby have created a keen atmosphere of interest. Several members of the staffs of these papers have visited Canada from time to time, and are fully alive to the advantages offered by the Dominion. This is an enterprise which is decidedly significant of the intense interest now felt in England in all matters pertaining to Canada, and we record it with great satisfaction and with the hope that the result may be to bring into our country all the capital we need and also the best available labor.

Church Union—A Good Example.

Ottawa Journal: At Danville, Quebec, Presbyterian and Congregational churches have joined to form a union church. It is the largest in the town now, and the attendance at its services is 50 per cent, better than the total attendance of both churches before they united. Rather a promising example, isn't it? And to be commended to the attention of the committee of ten which has been formed to oppose church union within the Presbyterian church.

Was She a Martyr?

Christian Guardian: Miss Emily Davison was a cultured and clever Englishwoman, and a militant suffragette of more than ordinary daring. Once she threw herself down a flight of stairs in the jail and was seriously injured, and it was she who not long ago assaulted a Baptist minister, thinking him to be Lloyd George. Her last daring exploit, which cost her her life, was to throw herself in front of the galloping horses on Derby Day. Her idea seems to have been that this would call attention to woman's demand for the suffrage in such a fashion as to materially hasten the coming of the reform she so much desired. Few of us question that British women will ultimately be granted the suffrage, but it may well be doubted whether any such sacrifice of life will convince any man that woman has the right to vote. It is true that her militant sisters will hail the dead woman as a martyr, but we fear that a very much larger number, both of men and women, will be inclined to view the act rather as an evidence of unbalanced mentality or overwrought nerves.

Here's a Libel.

Guelph Herald: That men are in reality the "fair sex" is the somewhat startling assertion recently promulgated at the annual convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors of America, Cleveland. It is all bosh, say the tailors, about women being the fair sex. "If it wasn't for hair, which the men have to cut off, and complexion, may-be, and dress, women wouldn't be half so good looking as men. Some of the tailors even went so far as to say that women won't let men wear the bright and beautiful colors which women monopolize, for fear the truth will be revealed.

U. S. Bosh.

Montreal Star: The New York American says that Princess Patricia has written a book about Canada and the States which has been censored by Queen Mary. The only thing which gives color to the story is the peculiarly intimate not to say affectionate relationship between Mrs. Hearst and the Royal Family. It is now rumored that Queen Mary will send a copy of the book with her kind regards to Tammany Hall.

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beyond Rockton for a short distance was the best piece of road travelled. The rock in that district is close to the surface, and by the kindness of nature the road can more easily be kept in good condition. Once the rocky country is left the road was not quite as good, though excellent as compared with some of the roads in Brant.

Brant Roads Await

The party arrived in Hamilton at 6.15, and had supper at the Waldorf Hotel. Leaving Hamilton, the party took the Hamilton road to this city. The road was excellent, but once the Wentworth line was passed, the party quickly realized that they were once more travelling on Brant County roads. One councillor remarked that the eight miles from the Wentworth line to this city spoiled the whole journey for him. For two miles after crossing the Wentworth line it was a case of dodging to the side of the road, going through mud holes and competing with several other kinds of very unmodern road-building. The last six were not so bad, but bad enough.

Arrived Home

The city was made about between 8.30 and 9 o'clock, after having travelled the roads of three counties—Waterloo, Wentworth and Brant.

Some of the councillors are in favor of the movement, others are not, but how much missionary work was done yesterday will remain to be told when the matter is taken up in the county council.

With the City Police

There was a good sized police court this morning. The case of Angus Sheppard again came up. Chief Slemin declared the man had a bad record and wanted the Magistrate to send him to the Guelph farm. There was a lively discussion between the chief and the prisoner. Several witnesses were called and they stated that Sheppard had tried to sell them a pair of gold-rimmed glasses. When asked where he had obtained these glasses, he said that he had found them in a railway car. Prisoner declared he had been working up till two weeks ago, and made a strong plea to be dismissed, stating that he was willing to work if he could obtain a job. An officer of the Salvation Army, who was present, said he would obtain work for him, and he was let go on suspended sentence.

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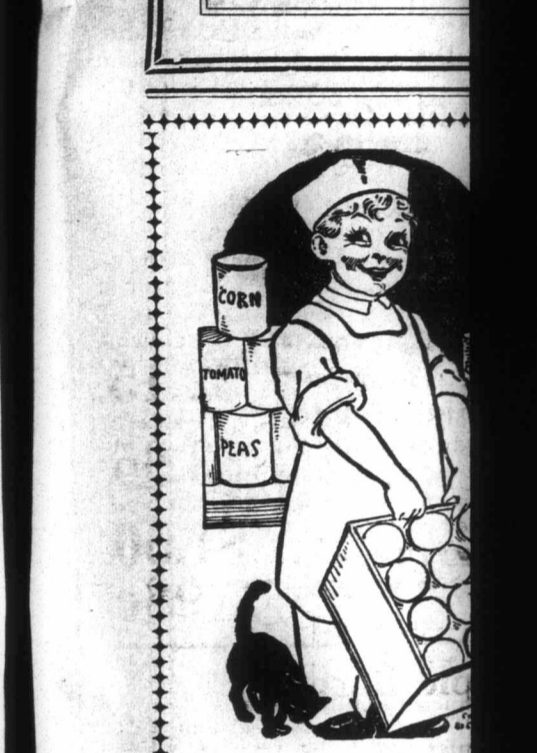
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