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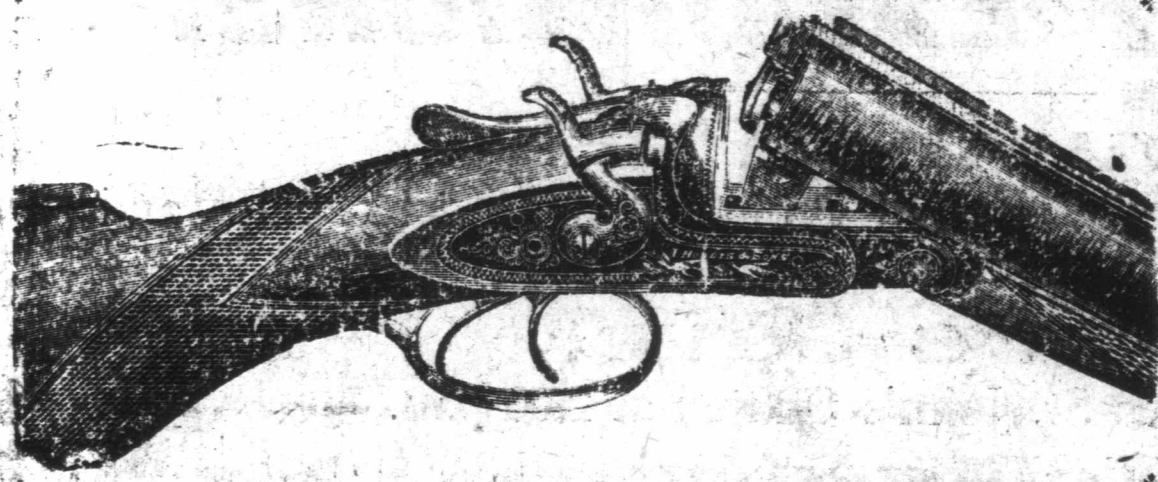
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Devonshire Not Home of Duke Of Devonshire

Bulk of the Ancestral Ducal Estates are in Derbyshire—Canada's New Governor-General—Once Worked in an Accountant's Office in London to Learn the Business

The Duke of Devonshire, the new Governor-General, is forty-eight, and he inherited the title from his uncle, the late Duke, when he was within a couple of months of forty.

He gets \$50,000 a year for his "work" and he will probably spend at least \$100,000. This is in war time, when economy is more or less in vogue. In the years immediately preceding the war his predecessor in the Governor-Generalship, H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, spent \$50,000 each year in addition to his salary, largely in social functions.

Many Beautiful Possessions
His Grace is one of the biggest landlords in England, owing about 186,000 acres. These comprise some of the richest, mineral-bearing lands in the United Kingdom and from them principally their owner derives his immense wealth.

He also possesses some half-a-dozen residences; Bolton Abbey, in Yorkshire; Hardwick Hall, named after his famous ancestress, "Bess of Hardwick"; and Chatsworth, familiarly known as the "Palace of the Peak."

The last-named, the principal family seat, is one of the most stately homes in England. A couple of million dollars would not suffice to buy it and its treasures.

Yet its owner does not care much for it. "It's a rummy old place," he remarked recently to an enthusiastic admirer.

Custom decrees that the house and grounds shall be thrown open on certain days to the general public. A few years ago it was pointed out to the Duke that the passing through the house of so many people was extremely bad for the structure and might have untoward effects. "I daresay," said he, "they will bring the floors down some day, but I don't see how we can keep them out."

Entered an Accountant's Office
It is a curious fact that the bulk of the ancestral Devonshire estates are in Derbyshire; neither the Duke of Devonshire nor any family connection in the county of Devon. When the first Cavendish was created an Earl, and looked round for a country from which to take his title, as was then customary, he found that that of Derby was already appropriated. He therefore selected Devonshire, mainly because it happened just then to be unannexed.

The Duke ought to get on well with the Canadians, for he is thoroughly un-conventional and a great believer in bustle and hard work. One of the first things he did as a young man, after leaving Cambridge was to take a seat on a high stool in a London accountant's office in order to gain a first-hand knowledge of figures, and book-keeping generally with a view to properly superintending the business side of the management of the vast properties which he was heir to.

His Duchesse, too, will doubtless vie with him in popularity. A daughter of Lansdowne, she is a perfect hostess, a most lovable and charitable woman, and an ideal mother to her children, of whom she has had seven—five boys and two girls.

THREATENS ONTARIO GOVERNMENT WITH GERMAN VOTE

Berlin, Ontario, Sept. 9.—The Ontario Government has alienated the German vote of the province according to this week's issue of the Berliner Journal, as the result of issuing the order-in-council to change the name of this city from Berlin to Kitchener, following closely upon the enactment of the Ontario temperance act which comes into force on Sept. 16.

The paper predicts that there will be a reckoning day, for the government when the German vote of the province will show its disapproval of its recent enactment. It urges its readers to endure the name Kitchener for a period of four months after which steps will be taken to have the name changed back to Berlin.

Lesson in Finance.

"Uncle," said Willie, "Lend me a nickel to buy ice cream."

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Germany's Coast Defences

The July number of The Quarterly Review contains a very interesting article entitled, "A Voyage of Discovery in Northern Germany." The subsequent issue in which it is to be continued will be awaited with curiosity by all who have read this instalment of the article. The writer is likely to have still more interesting communication to make in his next contribution, for the great sea fight off Jutland took place after the present article was put in type.

It is only by someone having access to places and sources of information in Germany from which outsiders and all but the necessary servants of the States are rigorously excluded that the article could have been written. Mr. de Beaufort tells us nothing as to how he obtained the introductions that admitted him into confiding official circles. Whatever the open sesame, he succeeded in getting into the inner offices of the German Admiralty. As he says: "To advance beyond the doors leading into the 'holy of holies' is a labor that takes time, influence and brains." He refrains from describing the "devious way and means" which had to be employed. A Captain Lohlein, a high official at the Admiralty to whom he was introduced, was trusted, but was firm in his refusal to permit a visit to Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, the Kiel Can-

al, Emden or Heligoland. "Ee list verboten." But that was not the end of the matter. Through friends and acquaintances "and other mediums" Mr. de Beaufort had several chances of visiting the principal defences of Germany on the North Sea. His trip through the Kiel Canal is one of the forbidden and wonderful things he has to tell of. The account of his explorations cannot be given in the short space of a newspaper editorial. From what he gathered there is not another defence system in the world that can be compared with Germany's 200-mile coast-line on the North Sea. What he writes about that defensive system is of absorbing interest. In his opinion Heligoland is so formidably fortified and defended as to be vulnerable only by an air attack. On that strip of land a mile long and less than half a mile wide a fleet of aeroplanes could he says, do an immense damage. The batteries of the island are able to fire in all directions, and, it is maintained, they exclude any possibility of attack on the entrance of the Elbe and Weser mouths or the Kiel Canal. The Germans have made Heligoland the Gibraltar of the North Sea. It is futile he says, to try to get anywhere near Heligoland. The nearest he got to it in 1915 was within two miles, and that by air. But he "managed to obtain some interesting and first-hand descriptions of the place." He believes that it would be simpler for a soldier to pass in khaki through Belgium and Brussels than for a spy to get in sight of the Kiel Canal. But he succeeded in passing through the canal. In Kiel he met an officer who sneeringly said: "The English are no good in secret service work." That German little knew what a clever hand at finding his way about he was then talking to. At Emden, Germany's most Western port, he was able to get on board a 600-ton steamer. It passed through the Ems-Jade Canal to Wilhelmshaven and thence by Cuxhaven through the Kiel Canal to Kiel, a distance of less than 200 miles, but "requiring five days for the trip. At Wilhelmshaven through the courtesy of one of the harbor official the traveler was able to send a message to a naval surgeon he had known in New York, and to whom he had there rendered "a not inconsiderable service." The naval surgeon being a chief staff surgeon, had the standing necessary to make him at home during the pleasant night passed in Wilhelmshaven. At a dinner at the officer's mess there Mr. de Beaufort met Grand-Admiral von Koester, Admiral von Igenhoff, Rear-Admiral Hipper and the notorious Captain-Lieutenant Hersing, who a short time after was to become infamous as the "Lusitania hero." Some of the interesting conversation is given. One topic was that of the peace terms Germany would dictate. A part of the article on which many readers will dwell is that dealing with the material of German ordnance and armor-plate. Krupp's general representative in Berlin assured Mr. de Beaufort that it is impossible to burst a Krupp gun, for the barrel is made of one solid piece of crucible nickel steel. The German coast defence guns, of which the calibres range up to seventeen inches, are protected by a sort of cupola of "Gruson plate." Experiments with this armor-plate have shown that it is practically impervious to gun-fire. In an account of an Italian Government test a plate weighing 200,000 pounds is reported to have been fired upon at point blank range by a 100-ton Armstrong gun using Krupp steel shells. Three shots were fired at it, the projectiles in each case weighing 2,200 pounds and requiring a powder charge of nearly 800 pounds. The only damage to it was four or five small cracks from two to four inches in length. The steel shells were splintered into hundreds of bits. Mr. de Beaufort was told that shortly after Turkey entered the war Germany saw that the batteries of the Narrows forts were protected by Gruson armor-plates. These plates must be of very wonderful metal if they are all that Mr. de Beaufort was led to believe they are.—Moncton, N.B., Daily Times.

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