

THE CALL COMES PREPARE FOR PEACE

Sir George Foster, at Empire Club,
Sounds Awakening Note for
Canada.

OPPORTUNITY PASSES

Rest of the World Getting Ready
—Canada Must Hold Her
Place in Line.

"There is no other great country in the world so sound asleep in this respect as Canada," said Sir George E. Foster, speaking on preparedness for peace before the Empire Club in the St. Charles Hotel yesterday.

If Canada did not prepare for the fierce trade competition which he expected to follow the war, said Sir George, his merchants would be in the same positions as were the Russians on the eastern front in the earlier days of the war, when they went up against their foes with their bare fists, as it were, and fell by hundreds of thousands before German equipment and efficiency.

If anyone doubted that Canada was asleep let him ask anyone who had gone to England recently. There, in spite of the almost inconceivable activity which England was using for war, tremendous powers were being exerted in all walks of life night and day to prepare for peace. The United States was preparing from the southern border to the north. France was getting ready and so was Italy, and Japan was preparing. What was Canada doing? What was it going to do? They might be thinking, "There was not much to be seen."

If they did not take thought for conditions after the war they would be so handicapped that they would not catch up for years, perhaps for a generation. Suspicion and internal strife must go, and they must learn mobilization, standardization, co-operation and concentration.

Sir George would answer the man who protested that there was no need now to prepare for peace, since the coffers of the country were never so full nor business so good, by pointing out that it was exactly this position in the reverse that left England unprepared when the cataclysm of war fell upon her.

"Had we been as prepared for war when war broke out as we are now this war would have been over months ago, and rivers of blood and oceans of treasure would have been saved," he declared, drawing a parallel to what would happen if in time of war Canada failed to prepare for peace.

"I fear that we are losing some of the soulfulness of the earlier part of the war, that it is being blurred by prosperity," said Sir George. "Let us guard ourselves against this. War is making us over. We have come closer to the verities of life than we have ever come before. Out of the interminable loss of it will come a better manhood and womanhood, more unselfish. Apply this to your business. Feel that you are but the trustee of Providence for the good and the uplift of humankind."

In commencing his address, Sir George pointed out forcibly that the abstraction of 800,000 men from the industrial and agricultural life of the country could not fail to have a very marked effect, especially when it was considered that every man in the fighting line necessitated the work of at least one at the base preparing munitions and equipment. Then there was the trail of the war in the "honored burden" of the millions. Again there was the tremendous deficit of the vast daily expenditures, which would bear heavily upon the shoulders of this generation and the next.

Two things were absolutely certain. One was that when peace came the doors of the munition factories would close and that vast industry cease, and the other was that those who had depended on war orders for the last two or three years had in so doing neglected and lost their old custom of peace and their peace customers. To get these back they would have to hustle in keen competition. It was in view of these things that he proclaimed that Canada was fast asleep.

HIS CONDITION CRITICAL

One of the Party Poisoned by Eating
Celery Recently May Not Recover.

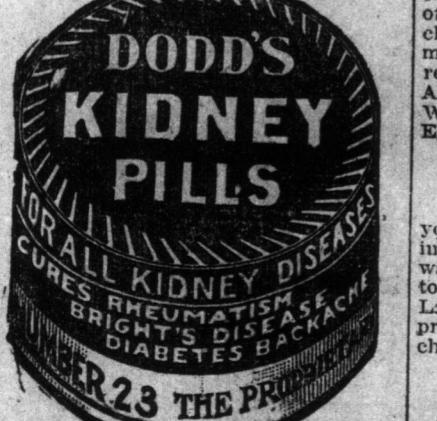
In an effort to save the life of Leon E. Maguire, 248 Heath street, who was one of a party of six who contracted typhoid fever three days ago by eating celery, an operation was performed upon him at the Wellesley Hospital last night. His condition is still regarded as critical. John Maguire, 102 Dunvegan road, and Miss Irene Maguire, father and sister of the young man, W. Temple, Parkdale; Mrs. A. Collins, 71 Foxborough avenue, two friends, were also affected by the celery.

LIQUOR CASES IN COURT

Two Offenders Against the Liquor
Law are Fined in Police Court.

Charged with keeping liquor in other than a private dwelling house, Michael Clancy, proprietor of the Hotel Cecil, 1180 West Queen street, came up in the police court yesterday and was fined \$200 and costs.

Arraigned on a similar charge, Joseph Gladovitch was fined a like amount.



WESTERN HIGHLANDERS RECEIVE CIVIC WELCOME

Replying to Speeches, Their
Colonel Says Westerners Are
Not Too Proud to Fight.

Crowds thronged the city hall steps yesterday morning to hear Premier Hearst for the Ontario Government and Mayor Church and Controller Cameron for the city welcome Col. Craig and his men of the 194th Western Canadian Highlanders. All the addresses were short but sincere. The whole affair finished in half an hour, and at the conclusion the whole battalion gave three rousing cheers for the premier and the mayor.

"On behalf of my colleagues and the city," said Mayor Church, "I extend to you a hearty welcome. The people of the east are not forgetful of the share the men of the west have played in the war. They have written a glorious page in history." He introduced Premier Hearst as "Ontario's premier who has two sons fighting at the front."

Premier Hearst told Col. Craig and his men that it afforded him great pleasure to welcome them to Toronto and the province. On behalf of the Province of Ontario he extended a most hearty greeting. "Your battalions have not only made the western provinces famous," he said, "but they have added a lustre to Canadian history that will grow for all time. We extend to you a hearty greeting now, and we hope our greeting will be still warmer when you return."

"I have no fear of the outcome of this war," said Controller Cameron, "when I stand before such men as yours, Col. Craig. We are indeed proud of you and proud to have you in Toronto."

In reply, Lieut.-Col. Craig briefly thanked the speakers on behalf of himself and his men. All had been very generous in their praise. The western provinces, he said, had not dropped at the quota asked of them by the government. They had contributed four or five thousand over and above what was asked of them. "Whatever our shortcomings," he said, "we have a patriotic fervor that will stand us in good stead. We are neither too proud nor afraid to fight."

Will Likely Be Ordered to Pay Advertising Expenses

The city auditor has refused to pay the accounts of the Citizens' Express Campaigning Committee for advertising. The Council refused to grant them the money, but finally decided to pay their bills up to \$500. When presented they totaled \$500, but were O.K'd by the board of control and the mayor. At today's meeting of the board of control, the auditor will probably be ordered to pay the bill.

WILLS PROBATED

William I. Noble, who died September 20th last, left an estate valued at \$7711. By his will dated May 29, 1914, his widow, Mrs. Eliza Noble, receives a life interest in the estate. On her death seven children are mentioned to share in the residue.

Probate of the will of her husband, Alexander Smith, has been applied for at the surrogate court. The estate comprises \$2091, and will be divided equally between Mrs. Smith and her four daughters.

MAIL PARCELS EARLY.

That the soldier boys in the trenches of France and the training camps of Britain are not forgotten by relatives and friends, is evident by the fact that between 1800 and 1700 pounds of letters and papers, and 25,000 to 30,000 parcels, are being forwarded thru the Toronto postoffice. According to Postmaster Rogers, it is the biggest mail that has ever left the city. Mr. Rogers advises those who intend sending parcels to either France or England, to mail them as soon as possible.

AN ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT.

With the opening of the hunting season, Nov. 1st, the Grand Trunk Railway System installed in one of the windows of their city ticket office, corner King and Yonge streets, a very attractive exhibit of trophies of the hunt. The display consists of mounted heads of moose, deer, elk, bear, caribou and mountain sheep, procured in territory served by the Grand Trunk. This display, however, is of particular interest to hunters of deer and moose who annually visit the "Highlands of Ontario," where they abound, including "Muskegon Lakes," "Lake of Bays District," "Maganetawan River," "Lake Nipissing," "Kawartha Lakes," "Timagami," and districts contiguous to Algonquin Park. Information regarding open seasons in different districts, railway fares, etc. may be had on application to Mr. W. J. Moffatt, city passenger agent.

WATCHING COAL WEIGHTS.

City inspectors are closely watching local coal merchants to see that they give proper weight in coal to their customers. Last week one dealer was haled into court by the vigilant inspectors and fined \$20. Two inspectors are on the job continually, and where there is the slightest suspicion, the driver of the wagon is ordered to reweigh his load at a public weigh scale. So far few cases of short weight have been discovered. The property commissioner threatens prosecution to everyone caught fleecing the public in this way.

GEORGE H. WARBURTON RETURNS.

After an absence of four months on a round-the-world tour, in the interests of the international committee of the Y.M.C.A., George H. Warburton, chairman of the executive of the committee of One Hundred, is expected to return to Toronto within a week. Among the countries visited by Mr. Warburton are England, France, Egypt, India, China and Japan.

CRECHE ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the creche yesterday, Canon Greene eulogized the institution for the splendid work it was doing for the children of Toronto. In the absence of the president, Lady Moss, Mrs. George B. Marks, presided. During the past year 18,295 children were received into the place.

NEXT BRITISH MAIL.

The next British parcel post mail will close at the general postoffice at 9 p.m. tomorrow (advance mail).

TO COAL CONSUMERS OF TORONTO

ECONOMIZE ON COAL

Decreased production at the mines, owing to scarcity of labor and lack of transportation facilities, has caused a decided scarcity of Coal. To prevent the situation becoming acute, we advise the public to practise the most rigid economy in the consumption of coal.

Do not expect immediate delivery of large quantities.

Co-operation between dealer and consumers will materially relieve situation.

- The Elias Rogers Co., Limited
- Conger-Lehigh Coal Co., Limited
- P. Burns & Co., Limited
- Wm. McGill & Co.
- The Standard Fuel Co., Limited
- The Milnes Coal Co., Limited