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"MADE IN CANADA"

One of the resulting features of this iniquitous and wanton war will be the giving to the people of Canada a new policy of patriotism in trade. Self protection is the first law of nature, and the patriotic Canadian who resolves to buy in the future only goods made in Canada, in the Empire or in the countries which are fighting with the Empire, is merely following the law of self protection.

The first direction in which this policy will operate, so far as Canada is concerned, is in regard to the importation of German goods. Whether these come direct from Germany or through the medium of German-American is the more dangerous of the two because he trades under a false flag.

Canada must have none of them. This country has been made the dumping ground for German goods too long already. The impudent manner in which articles of German manufacture, actually bearing German names, are allowed to enter Canada and compete with home manufacturers, is a scandal.

There are two methods of meeting it. The first is in the hands of the Government, whose duty after the war will be to adjust the tariffs so as to eliminate goods coming here from enemy countries, whether consigned direct or through the agency of German-American firms, as a factor in competition. The second remedy must be applied by the people themselves, by resolutely refusing to buy German goods, or what is the same thing, goods with a German name masquerading under false colors. By doing so they will foster Canadian prosperity as a whole, and may confidently expect to derive a practical benefit as well as a patriotic satisfaction from their action.

CHANGES IN THE WEST

An American contemporary notes a kinship existing between the Canadian prairies and the American west as widened by the strides made in the former by the woman suffrage and temperance movements. Premier Scott of Saskatchewan has just come out for the extension of the franchise to adult women. The Norris Government had woman suffrage as one of its planks in its late successful fight in Manitoba. Premier Sifton of Alberta too, announces that his Government will submit a suffrage measure to the Legislature. As for temperance, Alberta will go completely "dry" next July; Saskatchewan has just abolished all its hotel bars and will take a referendum vote on prohibition at the first December elections following the war; and in Manitoba the Government pronounces a referendum after the forthcoming session of the Legislature. The temperance movement in Ontario has secured the early closing of the bars. The forces behind both causes are admitted to be quite independent of those in America, but American example and American immigration are claimed by the writer of the article referred to, to have played their part in bringing about the existing conditions.

A QUICK CHANGE ARTIST

Cables from Europe announce that Mr. Henry Ford, the Apostle of Peace has decided to return home, and has in fact already started. It is not just clear whether Henry's decision is due to ill health, or that his experience in Norway has convinced him already that the rest of the world was right. In any event, public opinion will approve of Mr. Ford's course in returning. It is the wisest thing he has done since his German-American friends conceived the idea of a peace armistice. He did not succeed in getting the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, but he did the next best thing, he got out himself. He at any rate must be credited with a willingness to learn.

Mr. Wilson will doubtless be grateful to Mr. Ford. The President is urging a programme of preparedness for war, and the automobile man has unloaded on Europe a goodly number of the noisiest and most unreasonable critics of the president's programme. The transfer of this element from peaceful America to warlike Europe will also help to restore the balance of things international. At that, as an automobile manufacturer, Mr. Ford has done a strange thing. He has left all his "suits" and "cranks" behind him.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Senior Department—Alice Campbell, Margaret Callahan, Lottie McWilliam, Gertrude Ryan, Cleora McLaughlin, Annie Ryan, May Dolan, Bernetta Keating, Doris Buckley, Florence Gallagher, Helen Neif, Nellie Creamer, Marion McCuskey, Isabelle Long, Agnes Lawlor, Estelle Theriault, May Donovan, Emma Stewart, Sadie Arsenau.

Pupils of Senior Dept. making over 75 per cent in examinations during month are:
Alice Campbell 97.1; Margaret Callahan 84.3; Lottie McWilliam 75.3; Cleora McLaughlin 88.1; May Dolan 87.8; Doris Buckley 87.6; Florence Gallagher 86.3; Bernetta Keating 86.2; Nellie Creamer 81; Marion McCuskey 78.2; May Donovan 77.

Commercial Department—Bessie Murray, Mary Goodfellow, Lorena Goodfellow, Louise Ryan, Jennie Symiest, Annie Bell, Marion Kennedy, Louise Atchison, Rose A. Gauvin, Cecelia Young, Carrie Sullivan, Hilda Robertson, Asa M. Hill, Hazel Clarke.

Intermediate Department—Bessie Creamer, Mona Robinson, Margaret Dolan, Mary Doyle, Mona McWilliam, Anna Keys, Helen Lawlor, Florine Wright, Emilienne LeBlanc, Marie Cauchlin, Jean Black, Yvonne Dagle, May McEvoy, Mary McArron, Marion Cahoon, Florence Sullivan, Dorothy Lawlor, Cecelia McGrath, Irene Foran, Lila Sullivan, Carmel McArron, Beatrice Dolan, Jeanne Dore, Lenore Ryan, Maudie Keating, Mabel Scott, Kathleen Melanson, Beatrice LeBlanc, Mary Turner, Maggie Campbell, Katie Gabriel, Helena Gallagher, Dora Holmes, Lennie Stewart, Bessie Donovan, Gladys Rushton.

Pupils of Grade VIII, Intermediate Dept. making over 75 per cent in Christmas examinations are:

Bessie Creamer 97, Mona Robinson 92.6, Margaret Dolan 81.3, Mary Doyle 79, Mona McWilliam 78, Anna Keys 77.7, Helen Lawlor 77.1, Florine Wright 75.9.

Junior Department—Georgina Dolan, May Dunn, Clare Murray, Annie Savage, Bertha McGowan, Bertha Dutcher, Hannah Fogin, Maria Raskin, Laura Black, Bella Dunn, Ella Bernard, Adile Farrah, Bessie Thibodeau, Florence McEvoy, Helen Dunn, Mary Gahan, Josie Regan, Loretta Gabriel, Veronica Fogin, Jean Craig, Annie McDonald, Bridget McLean, Jessie Keating, Mary Hall, Irene Stewart, Agatha Thibodeau.

Primary Department—Dorothy Ryan, Annie Thibodeau, Edna Ryan, Hannah Lebreton, May Mullins, Eileen Dutcher, Kathleen Richard, Margaret Buckley, Gladys Donovan, Alma Paulin, Helen Fraser, Margaret Fallon, Kathleen McCone, Alice McEvoy, Annie Gallah, Martha Black, Florence Lebreton, Edie Ryan, Frances Ryan, Nora Dunn, Hilda McLean, Eileen Dunn.

Music Department—Helen Neif, Margaret Callahan, May McEvoy, Florine Wright, Anna Keys, Doris Buckley, Jeanne Dore, Irene Foran, May Donovan, Isabelle Long, Estelle Theriault, Florence Gallagher, Mona Robinson, Jean Black, Marion Cahoon, Nellie Creamer, Marion McCuskey, Dorothy Lawlor, Helen Lawlor, Florence McEvoy, Maria Raskin, Cecelia McGrath, Alma Paulin, Kathleen McCone.

DOUGLASTOWN
Following is the result of the December examinations in Douglastown Superior School:

Grade IX—Wm. Jessamin 76, Marguerite Craig 74, Florence Breen 58; Hazel Wood, Stella Brandfield and Maggie Menzies 57; Annie DeWolfe 56, Kathleen Cameron 55, Burton Anderson 54. Perfect attendance—W. Jessamin.

Grade VIII—Clarissa Firth 76, Annie Benn 75, Marnie Mullin 72, Clyde Gulliver 69, Arthur Roy and Albert Dinan 63, Norman Dickens 61, Robt. Wood 58, Bertha Atkinson 53, Arthur Wood 50.

Grade VII—Burton Walsh and Margaret Kirkpatrick 60, Amos Vye 53, Barbara Craig and Johnston Gelkie 50. Perfect attendance for term—B. Walsh.

Grade VI—Weldon Jardine 76, Joseph Breen 74, Willie Sickle and Rudyard Henderson 72, Jean Gulliver 71, Annie Wood 68, Annie Nolan 67, Geo. Jessamin 66, Eloise Anderson 65, Marion Gray 63, Margaret Simpson 62, Ernest Lee 57, Rachael Anderson 54, Yvonne Benn 53, Clara Atkinson 51. Perfect attendance—R. Anderson, J. Gulliver, G. Sleeth, E. Anderson, C. Atkinson, R. Henderson, G. Jessamin, W. Sickle.

Grade V—Max Russell 76, Linda Wood 65, Marion Sleeth 64, Jessie Cameron 62, Dorothy Atkinson 59, Marion Cameron 58, Andrew Lee 55. Perfect attendance—M. Cameron, M. Sleeth, M. Russell, L. Wood, D. Atkinson, M. Williston, J. McCosh.

Grade IV—May Sickle 85, Jack Craig 87, Audrey Bule 84, Harry Simpson 81, Bert Wood 81, Florence Mullin 69, Helen Dickens 68, Emily Daigle 68, Patrick Lloyd 60, May Dinan 59. Perfect attendance for month—H. Simpson; for term—May Sickle.

Grade III—Elsie Anderson 91, Mary Sullivan 90, Frank Russell 85, Kathleen Young 76, Helen Kirkpatrick 70, Geheviene Gelkie 64, Harvey Boudreau 58, Fred Vye 53, Mona Wood 52. Perfect attendance for Dec.—E. Anderson, F. Russell, E. Cowie, F. Vye. For term—E. Anderson.

Grade II—Harvie Jessamin 84, Ray Simpson, Pearl Sleeth 83, Edythe Gulliver 82, Richard Anderson 81, Fred Simpson 80, Marjorie Henderson 75, Harvey Gray 74, Bertha Russell, Osborne Sickle 71, Hazel Mullin 66, Frank Wood 61, Berendetta Dinan, Roy Gray 57, Rudolph Craig 55, James Williston, Ernest Nolan 50. Never absent during term—P. Sleeth, P. Anderson, R. Gray, E. Gulliver, R. Simpson.

Grade I—Frances Sullivan, Stella Nolan 97, Alf Simpson, Florence Gray 95, Leslie Anderson 90, Richard

Civic Improvement League for Canada

Objects of Proposed League to Advance Best Principles and Methods of Civic Improvement

There was held in Ottawa on November 19th, under the auspices of the Commission of Conservation, a preliminary conference having in view the organization of a Civic Improvement League for Canada. There were represented at the meeting a large number of Town Planning Associations, Healthy Associations, Improvement Leagues, Boards of Trade, Children's Aid Societies, and other bodies. The objects of the proposed league, which were endorsed at the meeting, are defined as follows:

To assist in promoting the highest interests of the city, and the welfare of its citizens, by the study and advancement of the best principles and methods of civic improvement and development, and by securing a general and effective public interest in all municipal affairs, with special regard to such questions as the following:

(1) The form and character of local government and the application of sound economic principles in regard to the administration of municipal business.

(2) The preparation of town planning schemes for the purpose of securing proper sanitary conditions, convenience and amenity in connection with the development of land within and surrounding the area of the city.

(3) The replanning of old districts, the removal of slum areas, the widening of public thoroughfares, and other reconstruction schemes.

(4) The conservation of the industrial and physical resources of the city, with special regard to the housing conditions and health of its citizens and the adequacy and efficiency of its public services.

(5) The preservation and increase of natural and structural beauty, the character and position of public monuments, the laying out of parks and open spaces, the planting and preservation of trees, their regulation of public advertising, and the abatement of smoke and other nuisances.

(6) The preparation of civic surveys and maps, and the carrying out of investigations into housing, transportation and industrial conditions, methods of land valuation and assessment, etc.

(7) The promotion of school and college courses in civics and civic design, of exhibitions of works of art and of architectural engineering and other designs relating to civic improvements, and of public performances of music, and the provision of facilities for the recreation and physical development of the young.

(8) The means of securing increased production from the soil within and in the neighbourhood of the city by encouraging the cultivation of idle suburban land, and a more wide-spread interest in gardening.

It was decided at this meeting to form a city improvement league to be called "The City Improvement League of Canada." Also that a National Council of the League be formed representative of the nine provinces of Canada and that steps be taken by such council to secure the formation of branches of the League in each city, town and municipality in the Dominion, or the affiliation with the League of existing local civic improvement leagues, boards of trade committees or other bodies interested in civic affairs.

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Some few weeks ago The Advocate made mention of this proposed league, and suggested that the Newcastle Town Improvement League become affiliated and open up a new work for the advancement of our town. It is just possible that the mention of this important matter from time to time through the columns of The Advocate will be taken notice of by those at the head of the movement, and that when the National Council of the League is being organized they will have learned that we have a well organized Town Improvement League here, and united action will result.

From the eight questions as above, many valuable hints can be taken by our League, and if taken hold of in the right way, would prove most beneficial to this town. The League has, we are pleased to be able to say, taken hold of the first question as regards civic business and the strict enforcement of the Scott Act, but it should enlarge its scope of usefulness by taking up the question of the conservation of the industrial and physical resources of the town, giving special attention to housing conditions, as set forth in question number four.

Housing conditions in Newcastle at the present time is a very serious problem, if it is intended that the town must grow. There is no question at all but that there is room for great improvement along this line. Question No. 6 also offers food for thought. The matter of a civic survey has been under discussion at different times by our Town Council, but just how far them after has been gone into we are unprepared to say. There is however an opportunity offered here for Town Improvement League and Board of Trade to work jointly in housing, transportation and industrial conditions matters, and then bring the question of the best methods of land valuation and assessment before the Council for general discussion.

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