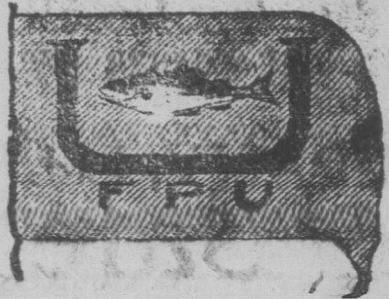


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Hill.

J. J. ROSSITER

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OUR POINT OF VIEW**Our New Contributor**

WE have much pleasure in intro-
ducing to the readers of this
paper Veritas, and who, as
his correspondence will prove, is a
valiant and prolific writer. We pub-
lish his first article to us, in this is-
sue, and this will be followed by other
apropos to the time, question and
matters.

Picnics

THE Dummy Minister Squires
went on a tour to foreign
climes a month ago. He got
away without letting even his most
intimate friends know of his going—
not twenty persons in the city knew
of the Dummy Minister's absence un-
til announced by us a few days ago.

The whole city is asking what those
secret trips to America and Canada
mean?

The Minister of Finance followed
the Dummy Minister and proceeded to
Canada and the United States some
two weeks ago, and now the Premier
himself pays a flying visit to Canada
and the United States.

Can it be that those three Ministers
of the Crown and members of the
Executive are gone on a secret visit
to Canada to discuss the terms of Con-
federation?

They could of course be a delega-
tion from the Government. Any way
if Morris wished to send a delegation
to the Canadian Government, it would
be just such men as are gone picn-
ing during the last four weeks, that
would comprise such a deputation.

It does appear a little strange that
those three men should have got away
at this time without any announce-
ment from the Grabbal papers and al-
most without letting their intimate
friends know.

Things that are done in darkness
and secrecy never prosper and always
lay a heavy load of misery upon the
perpetrators.

Sir Edward, when he saw things
looking serious over matters of des-
tination, got out and left Mr. Bennett
to shoulder whatever blame must be
shouldered at this critical time.

Our pages are daily containing ap-
peals from various portions of the
Colony for Government action to re-
lieve destitution. The Government's
reply is the departure of the Premier
on a mission to Canada and the United
States.

Now then Mr. Bennett, you being
Acting Premier, we trust you will
take immediate action to aid the large
number of destitute throughout the
Colony. The chest is empty it is true,
but the Government's credit is good,
if not at the Bank of Montreal, then
apparently it is alright at the Royal
Bank, judging from cheques sent out
for salaries due for January.

The chest is empty, although big
duties have been collected on flour,
tea, beef, pork, hay, and sugar, and
in spite of the \$750,000 increase put on
at last winter's session of the Legis-
lature, report says that since July 1st
—or about seven months—the revenue
is \$250,000 behind and but for duties
put on in September the shortage
would be \$500,000. For January and
February alone the shortage will
amount to \$200,000. But why worry
over such flea bites.

Last winter the Premier considered
a million dollars as only a flea bite.
We fear he has changed his mind
since. He has gone away that is sure,
He has left the chest empty, that is
sure. He has run from the appeals of the
destitute that is sure. He left Mr.
Bennett to carry on the codding and
fooling that hitherto has been swal-
lowed by the people, that is sure. He
refused to open the People's House
even two months later than he opened
it last year, that is sure. He acted so,
because he wished to deny the North-
ern Union men in connection with the
sealing disaster and to save Kean's
dirty face, that is sure. His day is
done, that is sure.

No House to be opened until April.
No amended sealing laws to be passed
this year to safeguard the lives of
4000 sealers. No effort has been made
to relieve serious cases of destitution.
He is gone, they say to adjust a
claim of only \$100,000 that the Ameri-
can Government has brought against
Newfoundland owing to interfering
with their bankers and herring catch-
ers. But what of that? Two Morris
\$100,000 is less than a flea bite.

Poor Terra Nova. When were you
held in such a grip before. Well may
the people be crying: down with them,
away with them; give us an Union
Government.

TO THE EDITOR**Current Events Club
—Its Rank Nonsense**

SEVERAL months ago, a company
of women in this unfortunate
city, having nothing better to
do, banded themselves together, and
formed what they were pleased to
call "A Current Events Club."

Alas and alack, "Great was Diana of
the Ephesians," but greater still are
those amazons, who having raised
their voices in Assie chorus, have dis-
gusted all true men, and noble and
good women.

Pools rush in where angels fear to
tread—we know, but blunt Old Dr.
Johnstone make a more direct stigma
on the ridiculous index, when he says,
"that a woman preaching is like a dog
standing on its hind legs; it is not
done well, but one is surprised to see
it done at all."

Ah, Dr. verily thou must have been
thinking in perspective of the Current
Events Club and its fool membership.
A little learning is indeed a danger-
ous thing, and even that "little" we
cannot grant to those silly women who
form that Current Events Club, for
when readers come to understand that
those articles which are written and
read for members of the club, and one
afterwards published for the benefit
of a weary public, have been copied
and plagiarized from learned arti-
cles, it only remains for us to enter-
tain a disgust at the audacity of such
Literary Adventurers.

We can imagine the broad smile, and
the tongue contortion of the contem-
porary who publishes those readings,
when the "sweet, pretty lady" trips
up to him and says, "This is mine, real-
ly and truly," and with an effrontery
that would startle the Gods (the Hea-
ven Gods) hands the poor man AMSS.

Do those women think that the
maids and matrons of the country
read this silly scribbling? Do they
fancy that the honest working classes
—the women who have duties to at-
tend to—bother themselves with such
plagiarized trash? Do they deceive
themselves, and in their blind con-
ceit think they are fitted to teach the
wives and mothers and daughters of
Newfoundland anything?

Does this foolish coterie of female
fanatics fail to understand that they
are rather placing themselves in a
most laughable position, or at least
laughable if we were not so sad.
But yesterday I picked up a "read-
ing" delivered by one of the members
of the Club, and I knew—I positively
knew that the member in question never
wrote it—I knew this because I am
personally acquainted with that mem-
ber, and know that she cannot write a
single Literary paragraph.

It is sad to think that women who
might do so much good in many
sensible walks and careers of life, are
holding themselves up in this way to
public ridicule.

What a pity it is that they will not
use their valuable time to projects of
worth and service.

A literary woman is bad enough—
but one who pretends to a literary
sphere is unthinkable.
Truly as Byron has it—
"Of all tales 'tis the saddest
—And more sad,
Because it makes us smile."

C. M. B. C.

The annual Tea and Entertainment
will be held in the British Hall on
Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Tea on tables
at 7 p.m. An excellent programme of
music at 8 o'clock. Tickets 40c., to
be had from Gray & Goodland's or any
of the Committee. Candy for sale,
Feb. 21.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

AT THE NICKEL MONDAY and TUESDAY**"THE CRICKET AND THE HEARTH," in 2 Parts-2.**

A visualization of the great novel by the late Charles Dickens.

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The world before you.

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A Keystone comedy.

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Educational novelty.

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2 Other All Feature Reels-2. Every Afternoon at 2—Always a Good Show—Every Night at 7.**BRITISH OFFICER SAT ON TOWER
AMIDST RAIN OF GERMAN SHELLS
CALMLY TAKING OBSERVATIONS**

The Church Itself Had Been Devastated by Shells and His
Perch Was Very Insecure But He Calmly Finished
His Work, Escaping With His Life—River That
Ran Red With Blood—Turned Tables on
The Germans

FEW CHARGED SHOUTING "ENGLAND FOREVER"

STORIES not intended for publica-
tion of the heroism of officers
and men in the European war
are reaching the public through the
efforts of the British newspapers to
secure and print letters from soldiers
to their families and friends. One of
these, told below, is of a Lieutenant
who for seven hours kept vigil in a
church tower, to observe the move-
ments of the enemy, amid a terrific
fire. Other letters from the front
relate incidents of unusual interest.

SEVEN HOURS ON A TOWER.

From Rev. Owen S. Watkins, a
chaplain, to friends in Farnham:
Early one day our gunners found
it impossible to locate certain Ger-
man guns which were fast rendering
our trenches untenable.

The country was so flat that there
was no possible point from which
the gunners could see the enemy ex-
cept the steeple of the church at
Lourges. The Germans knew that
as well as we did and 12 Lyddite
shells had been pitched into it.

It was the duty of Lieut. David-
son of the 119th Field Artillery to
observe, so he calmly went to the
church, climbed the already totter-
ing tower and, seated on the top,
proceeded to send information to his
battery.

German battery after German bat-
tery was silenced, infantry which at

WATER RED WITH BLOOD.

From Private A. Watts, Cheshire
Regiment, to a friend at Brixton.

I saw one bit I shall never forget,
about 600 mixed German infantry,
cavalry and transport rushing a river
in retreat. Our artillery was peep-
ing them at half a mile, and four

guns got them at exact range, drop-
ping shells into the mass every
five minutes. An ammunition motor—a pri-
vate affair as we have in England—
had blocked the passage, and scores
of the poor devils were trying to
get on to the bridge for shelter.

In the struggle they pulled each
other down, and the yell and the
shrieks were awful to hear when
two shells dropped right into the
heap. The river was about twenty
yards wide, with a deep channel of
about 20 feet, while the rest was
mud. They stuck in this up to their
armpits. At one point the dead and
wounded formed a solid mass that
the water rose at in a wave as
against a dam. This may sound tall
but it is a fact.

The struggle of the horses was
fearful. I had no idea they could
put up such a fight for life. They
tried again and again to mount on
the bodies of the men, and two or
three did get across, alternately
sinking and rising when they could
get a foothold on dead bodies.

The water was absolutely red with
blood, and of the 600 who tried to
cross, not more than a quarter suc-
ceeded. The marvel is that many
of them were apparently quite un-
hurt, but I did not see one reach
the bank with his rifle. But before
we could finish them reinforcements
arrived.

TABLES TURNED ON GERMAN.

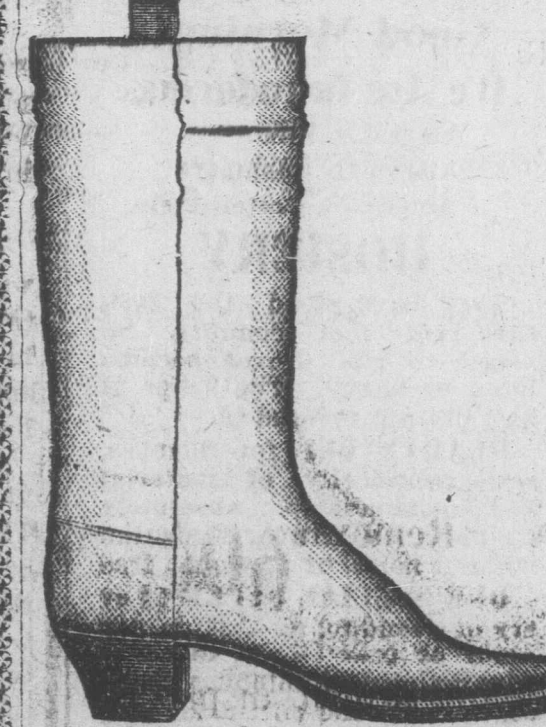
From Sergeant Russell to a friend
at Wood Green:

"We have a captain of the Kal-
ser's Guard here. He says it must
soon be over because we are such
stubborn donkeys; we don't know
when to leave off, our blood is too
cold.

Thirty of the Camerons were taken
prisoners, bound, and laid in a big
house with a cellar below. The Ger-
mans, having left them secure, re-
turned to the cellar to rest.

Two of the Jocks broke loose, col-
lared the German sentry, slit his
throat with his jackknife without a
sound. Then they let their chains
free and made the other Germans
file out of the cellar and hand up
arms.

They marched them in—50 live pris-
oners. The Germans laughed at the
way they had been done, but seem-
ed pleased to be in our lines.

Wellington Boot!

The Wellington or side
seamed Boot is custom made.
Hand Made and Hand-
Regged Best Waterproof
Leather.

Fishermen! When buying
these Boots, beware of Imita-
tions. See that the name
FRED SMALLWOOD is on
the Heel plate.

P.S.—All our custom made
Boots has this plate with our
name on it.

F. Smallwood,
The Home of Good Shoes.

RETURNED TO HIS TRENCH.

From a French soldier to a friend
at North Finchley:

Life in the trenches has its amus-
ing episodes. Sometimes a German
officer will stop out of his trench
and make gestures. One of our offi-
cers will respond, and then they con-
tinue again and again, but not a
word is said.

The other day two Germans held
up the white flag, and when we
spoke to them they said they want-
ed to tell us that the British had
formed, and the next day Sir Doug-
lass Haig issued an order thanking
but to make sure that these should
not forsake us we kept them, and
they did not like it.

One night one of our soldiers made
a mistake and went straight into a
German trench. When the sentry
challenged him he explained that he
was searching for his trench. The
German told him it was not there,
but showed him where it was.

"OLD ENGLAND FOR EVER"

From Private S. A. Geary, R.A.M.C.,
to a friend:

One of our young officers did a
magnificent bit of work. Nothing
could stop him; he jumped out of his
trench and yelled, "Old England for-
ever! Follow me, lads!" With half
a company he dashed forward for
quite fifty yards and he and his men
simply performed miracles. As

watched them I was spellbound.
They seemed to possess superhuman
strength and went raving mad with
passion. They were caked from head
to foot, in mud and presented the
most fearful picture I have ever seen.

Five minutes later the Germans
came again and again, but not a
word was said. The incident of one was hand-
ful of men who showed what "our
contemptible little army" can do. Ah
along the line many such acts were
performed, and the next day Sir Doug-
lass Haig issued an order thanking
the men for the splendid way in
which they had resisted the German
swank guards, and said their fight-
ing was one of the finest records in
the annals of the British army.

S.S. Tabasco leaves Halifax this
evening for St. John's.

S.S. Durango arrived at Liverpool
Saturday and leaves again on the 17th.

BOARDERS WANTED

—Three or four Gentlemen Boarders
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FOR SALE—One Dwel-

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For further particulars apply to W.
J. J. DOVE, Chance Hr. East.—dec5,11

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Capital Paid-Up, \$6,500,000 Reserve Fund, \$12,000,000

PROFIT AND LOSS
Balance December 31st, 1913, \$41,124 27
Net profits for current year, losses by bad debts estimated,
and provided for, 1,106,126 90
\$1,237,241 17

Dividends for year at 14% 884,750 00
Contributions to Canadian, Newfoundland and Jamaica
(L500) Patriotic Funds 32,433 33
Contribution to Newfoundland Sealers Disaster Fund 5,000 00
Contribution to Officers Pension Fund 50,000 00
Transferred to Reserve Fund 100,000 00
Balance Carried Forward December 31st, 1914, 1,237,241 17

RESERVE FUND
Balance December 31st, 1913, \$11,000,000 00
The Metropolitan Bank Reserve Fund 600,000 00
Transferred from Profit and Loss 100,000 00
Total December 31st, 1914, \$12,000,000 00

**CONDENSED GENERAL STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1914**

LIABILITIES
Notes in circulation \$7,428,813 49
Deposits by the public 68,955,350 55
Balances due to other Banks 547,413 51
Other liabilities 161,126 24
Total liabilities to the public 76,812,703 79
Capital 6,500,000 00
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits 12,201,057 84
Dividends Declared and Unpaid 219,999 99
\$95,733,670 63

ASSETS
Specie and legal tenders \$14,333,641 34
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks 4,772,750 39
Balances due from other Banks 4,623,321 82
Deposit in Central Bank Reserves 1,500,000 00
Government and other bonds and stocks 7,359,830 76
Call and demand loans 16,642,862 43
Total Quick Assets 49,232,413 74
Commercial and other loans 43,330,364 62
Bank Premises 2,388,153 25
Other Assets 882,838 02
\$95,733,670 63

JOHN Y. FAYZANT, President. H. A. RICHARDSON, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

In accordance with the provisions of sub-section 196 of the Bank Act
1912, we report as follows:
We have examined the books and accounts of the General Manager of the Bank and
the certified returns received from the branches and the above statement, which in ac-
cordance therewith, is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct
view of the state of the affairs of the Bank as at the end of the year, and the expansion of the
and the expansion of the Bank.

We have checked the bank and verified the accuracy of the Bank's statement as at
December 31st, 1914, as well as at another time during the year, and found they agreed
with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We have also during the year checked
the cash and verified the accuracy of the Bank's statement as at the end of the year.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and
we are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our
notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

JAMES MARWICK, C. A., Auditors.
S. ROBERT MITCHELL, C. A., Auditors.
Toronto, 14th January 1915. Members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Canada.