

# Opening Announcement!



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### "West Indies Could be Persuaded to Join Canada."

This is the Statement of "Newfoundland Imperialist" Who Has Just Returned from These Islands—Says Public There is in Sympathy With Such a Move.

That the West Indian colonies could with very little persuasion be led to cast their lot with the Dominion of Canada, was the rather startling statement made by Harry J. Crowe, known as the "Newfoundland Imperialist," although really a Nova Scotian, who has just returned from a visit to the West Indies.

Mr. Crowe, while absent in the West Indies said that he discussed the proposition while there with many of the leading merchants, the official class and others who count in the moulding of public opinion on the several islands and without exception these men were in favor of union with the Dominion of Canada.

He said they were exacting as regards representation but that the sub-

sidy question could be settled without much difficulty.

That the war is in a large measure responsible for this change in public opinion was another statement he made. If British Honduras and British Guiana should also join Canada it would mean almost two million new customers and a country added to the Dominion as large as the Dominion of New Zealand and having an import trade of \$12,000,000. Jamaica alone pays the United States \$1,250,000 annually for flour, and Canada could get all this trade. Australia and New Zealand, says Mr. Crowe, have won large tropical colonies from Germany and they will remain part of the British Empire. Why should not Canada, even before the war ends, make an effort to secure its sister colonies of the tropics, as so many more provinces, directed from Ottawa, with local legislatures, and contributing to the mutual welfare of the whole Dominion?

Mr. Crowe met imperial officials and he is convinced that Great Britain would put nothing in the way of a union. Instead of Canada purchasing great quantities of fruit from New York, Mr. Crowe asks why the Dominion should not trade direct with the West Indian Islands. He sees no difficulty whatever in sending bananas up the St. Lawrence to Montreal and Toronto in Canadian-owned steamers, but, he says that the existing lines must be improved considerably. Mr. Crowe says that when Jamaica declined Canada's overtures for improved trade relations, it was because the island was afraid that the United States would retaliate as Jamaica sells 17,000,000 bananas to the United States every year. Jamaica now realizes that if the United States was so ready to offer terms to Canada in the reciprocity negotiations, it was because Canada was a dominating factor in the world's trade, hence the desire of other countries to be in at the killing.

**Sugar Industry Resuming.**

Jamaica will not have so many bananas to sell to the United States after the war. Much of the land will be again put under sugar, this industry being stimulated by war prices, and it will be kept up because no one believes that Britain will again feed the enemy by buying his beet sugar. England's policy built up Germany at the expense of her own trade, and especially her working men. At the close of the war, the islanders expect Great Britain will grant them a preference, and the sugar revival will render them more independent of the United States. Mr. Crowe thinks that the great development which would follow a union of Canada and the islands would make profitable a first-class line from the St. Lawrence in summer and the lower provinces in winter. As for an interchange of products, no two countries were ever in a more favorable position to offer terms of union than the Dominion and the British West Indies, as each buys everything the other has to sell.

Mr. Crowe, who has his eyes ever open to the promotion of Newfoundland's interests, said that all that had been said with reference to the entry of the West India Islands into the Confederation would apply with equal force to the Ancient Colony, for, as a part of the Confederation, it would enjoy the advantage of a free entry

into the markets of the British West Indies for her fish, and also a cheap market in which to purchase fruit, instead of paying double prices in New York. Another important feature is the proximity of Jamaica to the Panama Canal, the pathway of future expansion of trade with South America.

—St. John Daily Telegraph.

### Girls Should Propose.

A Contributor Urges Reasons in Support of the Proposition.

The war will make it necessary, for very many girls to propose marriage to the man they love.

Does this startle you? It is true, however—sadly, tragically true—because most of the men to whom girls will offer their love will be those who have been maimed, broken in the war.

It is easily seen that many of these returned heroes—blind, limbless, crippled, broken in health—will be cowards when it comes to asking the girls they love to marry them. Although they will have dared death and stood unflinching in the stress of battle, they will be asking themselves how it can be possible for them, with their maimed bodies or disfigured faces, to ask a beautiful woman to marry them. They will lack the courage to do so, many of them, and women must step forward and substitute their own.

"May I Be Yours?"

Girls should and must propose in such cases. And why should not girls propose—and be proud of the fact that they have taken into their own hands, the direct choosing of their life-partners?

"Surely the most foolish of all the

many foolish conventions that ruin human joy is the decree that women must wait passively to be wooed!" writes Mrs. Maud Charlton Graby, the well-known authoress. "Now, why should they? Why can't they be natural, and show their feelings?"

Another famous authoress—Mrs. Alec Tweedie—writes:

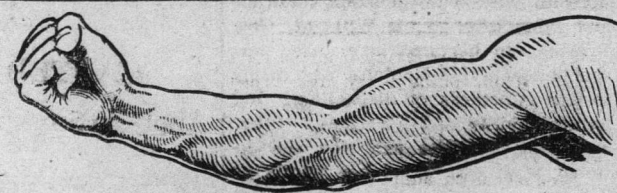
"It seems to me the most preposterous thing that women should not propose. Of course they should! They ride the hobby-horse of dreams to the winning-post. Love to some people is an incident, to others an accident, to most women a life. . . . It is women who change their entire lives by matrimony. It is women who take on colossal responsibilities by matrimony. Every detail falls to the lot of the woman, and therefore woman should surely be allowed to choose the man for whom she feels herself able to work and give."

**Woman's Right.**

An eminent woman doctor expresses herself in the following trenchant views:

"Let women have the right to propose, and the sooner the better. It would be a way with much of the unhappiness that exists in the world today. Many are the cases in which a woman knows that a man is in love with her, but the man hesitates to propose for various reasons—perhaps because he is too nervous, perhaps because he does not know whether his suit would be acceptable and is afraid of a rebuff, perhaps because he has a fear that his position might not be attractive to the girl."

"I myself know of two cases where a man and woman have been in love, and the man has failed to propose for



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## STEER Brothers.

one or other of those reasons, or because the woman had not given him what he thought to be sufficient encouragement. In both cases the men and women are now married to others; but probably, if the truth is known, they still love each other."

Of course, the cynic will say: "Have not women always proposed?" Certainly many women would not have spoken the words that gained them wives if it had not been for the gentle encouragement given to them by the girls. But that is not proposing.

**Why Shouldn't She?**

Leap Year or no Leap Year, there are signs abroad that woman, in her new-found freedom of thought and action, will add to her other conquests the right to say to the man she loves: "Will you marry me?" There are very few people indeed, be they ever so rigidly conventional or benighted old-fashioned, who dare say that this is not proving to be for the good of man, of woman, of childhood, and therefore of the nation.

With her newly-won independence, which enables her to earn her living in trades and professions hitherto closed to her, woman is no longer "up against" the question of getting mar-

ried in order to obtain a home, food, clothes, and shelter—in short, as "a trade." So she can now afford to look round, and choose as husband only the man she is positive she loves and wants.

In these circumstances, therefore, why should it still not be "the thing" or "nice" for her to go to that man and say, unashamed: "I love you! Will you be my husband?"

What do you think about it?—Answers.

### What Are You Doing for that Eczema?

"Nothing; I've about given up trying to cure it."

"That is not wise. Do as I did and you will probably be cured in a short time. I used Zylex and Zylex Soap with it and my Eczema began to improve at once. A couple of boxes cured. You can get Zylex at your druggists."

Zylex, 50c. a box; Zylex Soap, 25c. a cake.

Zylex, London. eod:it

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### Our Volunteers.

Recruiting has been brisk within the past couple of days and nineteen young men offered their services for King and Empire. Their names are:—

Geo. Morgan, Upper Gullies  
Fred. Payne, Pilley's Island  
Thos. Gillam, Hr. Deep  
Bert. Renouf, Robinson's Head  
Walter Legge, Robinson's Head  
Walt. A. Sheppard, Lark Hr.  
Raymond C. Wells, Bay Roberts  
Patrick O'Driscoll, Glenerville  
Andrew Woodfine, Northern Bay  
Wm. James, Lewisporte  
Thos. Garrett, Port Blandford  
Chas. Oldford, Bunyan's Cove, B.B.  
Peter Coleridge, Trinity  
Samuel Tobin, Main River  
Ronald L. Pike, Grand Falls  
Geo. M. Moore, Gull Island Cove  
Samuel Mitchelmore, Gull Island Cove

John R. Farrell, Point's Cove  
Bernard McDonald, Bishop's Falls

**SAILED AGAIN.**—The Sable I sailed again last night for Charlottetown, having landed a cargo of produce here.



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### "They Have Won, They Don't Know"

(By James Douglas, in the Pictorial, London).

James Douglas, in an interview with the Kaiser, has set out the real facts which justify the Kaiser in saying in his own secret heart, "The Allies have won."

Let it be understood that in conversation with the Kaiser was not on without a single eye-witness, ear-witness. It is possible that the Kaiser will deny that he ever said me. In that case it is his word against mine. Further, I wish to explain I used a false name. The Kaiser alone knows it. I venture to say that he will never reveal it.

I was naturally forced to say my love for the Kaiser and his life. A single rash word might have cost me my life. Oddly enough, at the out the interview I did not feel or of fear. Looking back upon the scene, I can scarcely believe I possessed the hardihood to carry my imposture. It was only a safe return that I trembled at my audacity.

**What Victories?**

After a few conventional remarks about the weather, I congratulated the Kaiser upon his dazzling success. He frowned.

"Victories," he granted, "are many."

"What victories?"

"Russia," said I, "is down."

"I wish Hindenburg thought so."

**Phil Forgot About The**

IN A RUSH TO GET INTO THE OLD GARDEN, PHIL FORGOT ABOUT THE DOOR.

GEE! I'M DAFN TO GET INTO THE OLD GARDEN, BUT—

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