

OUR MOTTO: "Suam Cuique."

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("To Every Man His Own.")

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**THE moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word or unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust or vanity, the price has to be paid at last.**  
—J. A. FROUDE.

**LOOKING FORWARD**

WHATEVER may come of the German proposals for Peace, it is evident that she is anxious for some settlement, and that all nations are heartily sick of war, as war, and look towards the day when they can come together and end the terrible war-state. And as it is essential that Germany shall pay for the wrongs she has done, so is it essential that our people shall have learned the lesson of the war, and all that such a time has taught us. If the war were to end now, and things resume their ante bellum condition, we shall have failed to profit by it. The internal relations in our Empire have altered very considerably during the war, and as this has been done for the benefit of the Empire, which means the benefit of its people, it is unthinkable that after the war is over we shall return to the exaggerated individualistic conceptions which obtained before the war. The idea that any one man or group of men shall have power to withhold food or other commodities from the people and exact the highest price that can be obtained has always been condemned by the few, who have taken the trouble to realize exactly what this principle means. It has remained for the war to turn the thought of the whole nation to this state of affairs, and now the few who dared to preach against such injustice see the Empire adopting their demands. This system which has been sheltered under the name of Business, is every day coming nearer its doom. "Buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest" is one of the most pernicious doctrines ever formulated, yet there are many who still believe in it and run their businesses accordingly. The war has brought us to the point where we realize that Co-operation, not competition, is the secret of a nation's greatness, and that nothing which down a man's spirit, or keeps him in such a position that he feels his dependence is any help to keeping that man's love of country fresh and eager. We have read somewhere that Kitchener, speaking to a friend said that as soon as he got an opportunity he was going to see what he could do to make life better for the workers of England. He found when the call was sent out and these men flocked to the standard, what he had never imagined before. He was shocked that they were being turned down by the hundreds, and seeking the cause, he found it in their daily life. Over worked, long hours, insufficient wages and consequently insufficient food had stunted their growth. And this is the call now. What shall we do for England? What shall we do for Newfoundland? Shall we help to make men physically fit, or shall we be content not to notice the fact that so many of our men have been turned down "unfit for service?" Are we organizing these men? Are we endeavouring to make them fit for service? It seems to us so inexpressibly sad that we have so many who cannot pass the doctor's test, and we wonder if any effort is being made, to help them to be "fit" for, fighting or not, the Colony wants its people to be as physically "fit" as possible. For this purpose there can be no stint of money. Conscription of wealth or if not wealth, of profits, is a scheme that will mean less hardship to us than anything else. We cannot see how the Government can escape putting such an Act in force next Session. The point we wish to make is this: that after the war, as during the war, we want men. Men who shall be clear-brained, educated, cultured in the sense of heart-culture, self-reliant, and healthy. There can be no other objective on this earth that we can as Christians, put before this one. We are now at the beginning of Christmas week. We shall soon celebrate the birthday of the One, both human and divine, whose special mission on earth was to show us the Way. Is there not something in the celebration of Christmas that we have missed? Are we not in danger of thinking of it only as an unusually expensive and festive season? If we value the Birth, we shall have to try to follow the Life also, or else it is nothing to us. The Christian teaching is one that seeks for the moral improvement of man, and differs in its scheme from philosophy, in that it hopes to cure the vices of human nature by educating the heart. And so, while it has taken the war to show us the value of our men, let us not forget it in peace. We do not advocate easy times for all men. We think it will be found that the more advantages a man has, and the greater the desire is to lift himself up, the harder will he be worked.

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**DECEMBER 19**  
New Moon—24th.  
Days Past—352. To Come—12.  
**TOULTON** captured by the French 1793. A naval port in the South of France which the English under Hood had captured four months before. It was the skill which Napoleon showed in the Command of the French artillery in this siege that brought him first to the front.  
**ADMIRAL PARRY** born 1790. An Arctic explorer and naval commander of great distinction.  
**J. W. N. TURNER** died 1851, aged 76. The celebrated English painter about whom Ruskin in his "Modern Painters" wrote with great eloquence and critical insight and brought about a fuller appreciation of his genius. The

**MOTHER ENGLAND**

whole of his pictures and drawings were left to the nation.  
Dear England, Mother England,  
We love you! Let them heed,  
Who think we can forsake you,  
In an hour of need;  
For we, though many members,  
Are of the whole a part;  
The blood that warms the body  
Is not closer to its heart.  
Dear England, Mother England,  
We love you! And the sea,  
Though half a world divide us,  
Damps not our loyalty,  
However far we wander,  
However long we roam,  
The current of our being  
Is ever turning home.  
Dear England, Mother England,  
We love you! And for you—

**REVEILLE**  
BY CALCAR

SOMETIME about the end of last summer, we believe it was in the month of September a treaty was concluded between the United States and Canada under which both those countries agreed to co-operate in extending adequate protection to insectivorous bird life. The treaty applies to useful birds of migratory habits, and includes practically all the Canadian songsters, most of which are invaluable destroyers of insect pests. An absolute close season throughout the year is imposed in respect to all insectivorous migratory birds, which except for scientific or propagating purposes may not be taken at any time, and it is also unlawful according to the new arrangement to take either the eggs or the nests of these birds, except as before, for scientific or propagating purposes. Bird protectionists in general whether actuated chiefly by sentiment or economic motives, have fought a hard battle and achieved a magnificent triumph. The greatness of their cause from a purely material standpoint may be appreciated when it is stated on competent authority that the annual loss in the United States on farm and forest products chargeable to insect pests exceeds \$500,000,000, and while we have no figures to hand it may be said that Canada's losses from the same source are proportionately as great. The terms of this treaty if properly carried out should enable North American bird life to thrive and increase as never before. How long will it be before we in this country reach this stage of civilization, this degree of sound business as evinced by our neighbours. Are we to forever go on in our ruthless, senseless killing of wild birds and animals, and as far as migratory birds are concerned sponge on our good friends to the West and South of us, depend upon them to keep up by their civilized methods a constant supply for us the savages today. We notice that contemporary papers have reproduced articles from their foreign exchanges dealing with this treaty, without making one word of comment on it. We hold editors of local newspapers very remiss in their duty in that they are not urging in and day out this important matter of the conservation of wild life both feathered and furred. We have not copyright, no patent right to handle this subject and will not hold any paper or writer liable for damages if he too were to take up the burden. This is every paper's duty and why there is so much silence on the matter we cannot understand. We have for years elaborated this subject and only in a casual, desultory way has any body else touched upon it. Partridge are reported extremely scarce from one end of the Island to the other and yet public opinion in respect to the conservation of this splendid example of wild bird life is so dead that the sight of hundreds of these birds exposed for sale in the different groceries stores of the city awakens not the least comment. If we want to conserve this splendid wild fowl we must make it an offense to offer them for sale. Why are they for sale; is it because some wanton butcher masquerading as a sportsman

could not restrain himself when he found the coveys? We hear that so-called sportsmen do often supply partridge to city groceries, and that they go out to the barrens provided with suitable paper bags in which to put the birds soon as killed that the plumage may not be ruffled. Ruffled and soiled plumage detracts from the value of the bird in the grocer's eye. It is time that some action be taken with a view to the preservation of our game, bird, fish or animal. Our caribou are even now threatened with extinction. Lately there has been a lot said of the growing scarcity of these animals. It will be a calamity to Newfoundland if our caribou are extinguished, yet in face of this and in face of the many warnings we find the public seemingly indifferent, the press silent and the game board asleep. Mr. Mark Gibbons made some astonishing statements last week respecting the slaughter of the deer, so far as we can learn the Board is not taking any action in the matter. Now according to the law a warden may if he suspects or has reason to suspect that foul play has been committed against any of the game of this country take summary action against the one to whom the suspicion points. He is even obliged to take action according to his oath of office. Surely the Game Board has the authority of a warden, then may we ask them why they are not taking action in this very suspicious circumstance as exposed by Mr. Gibbons? The Board cannot easily wink its duty out of sight in this case, and they had better get busy at once. Are they waiting for Mr.

Gibbons to do police duty for them. Is not this very serious state of affairs as exposed by Mr. Gibbons sufficient to arouse the Board from his indifference? If they think they have no grounds for action it is time the public see to it that such dunder heads be made to move out. We cannot wait to see the end of our caribou herds before we take some step in the matter. The path of duty lies clearly before the Board.

**KHAKI GUILD SALE.**

The sale of cakes puddings, etc., by the Ladies' Khaki Guild, takes place this afternoon at the Presbyterian Hall. The sale will be opened by Lady Davidson at 3.30, and there is a splendid selection of the goods mentioned to be offered to visitors. At night there will be a real genuine Scotch concert, at which some of the best local talent will assist. The proceeds will be devoted to providing a fund for our heroes on their return after victory.

The annual presentation of prizes to the pupils of the S. A. schools will take place at the Citadel, New Government Street at 8 o'clock this evening and a good time is in store for the little ones.

**CHRISTMAS CHEER.**

Colonel Otway desires to further acknowledge the following subscriptions, towards the Christmas cheer to the poor, and winter relief.  
—\$32—Anonymous.  
\$10 each—James Baird, Ltd.; A. E. Hickman.  
\$5 each—Rt. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris, S. B., Hon. G. Knowling, Hon. R. K. Bishop, Hon. R. Watson, T. J. Duley, Martin Hardware Co, Ltd, Sir R. Bond, T. W. Withers, T. A. McNab, Geo. W. Ayre, Esq., H. Gear, Esq., A. J. Harvey, Bowering Bros Ltd., W. J. Herder, G. M. Barr Esq.; Friend.  
—\$3—Alex Rumsey.  
\$2 each—Lady Bowering, Hon. P. T. McGrath, R. H. Trapnell, J. A. R. Jas. R. Ewing, J. A. MacKenzie, M. and E. Kenedy, Wm Frew, Hon. J. D. Ryan, J. B. Mitchell, W. A. Ellis, Jno Leamon, Hon. Jas. Angel, James J. Tobin, Mr. Wm. Cook, Miss Pennock, Alex W. Mews, W. A. Rennie, Dr. Scully Robinson Export Co., Jas. P. Cash, Dr. M. S. Power, R. Callahan, \$1 each—H. J. Brownriggs, Douglas Munn, Hugh Bastow, Chesley Woods, Jas. Clancey, R. Hopkins, E. M. McLean, A. S. Worrall, E. English, Miss Coulton, E. P. Pinsent, T. Malone, groceries.

The first case of diphtheria for some days past was reported yesterday afternoon. The patient, a young man of 21, was taken to hospital in the ambulance.

**WEATHER REPORT**

Toronto (noon)—Strong winds and gales from Eastward with snow and rain to-night and on Wednesday.  
A special meeting of the City Council was held last night, to deal with an important matter which has lately been engaging much of their attention. Let us hope that the result of their deliberations, when made public, will meet with general approval.

**--JUST IN--**  
**No. 1 King APPLES**  
**Florida Sweet ORANGES**  
**J. J. ROSSITER.**

**Reid-Newfoundland Co.**  
**SOUTH COAST SERVICE.**  
**S. S. "GLENCOE"**  
will leave Placentia on Thursday, December 21st, After Arrival of Morning Train from St. John's, Calling at the usual ports between Placentia and Port-aux-Basque.  
**Reid-Newfoundland Co.**

**GOOD THINGS for CHRISTMAS**  
Toys and Fancy Goods Specially Suited for Xmas Gifts.

<b>DOLLS RATTLES</b>	<b>KITCHEN RANGERS</b>	<b>PAINTS</b>	<b>WRITING CASES</b>
	<b>RUBBER BALLS</b>	<b>BLOCKS</b>	<b>HAIR PIN CABINETS</b>
<b>TEA-SETS</b>	<b>LEATHER REINS</b>	<b>COMPANIONS</b>	<b>HAT PIN HOLDERS</b>
<b>XMAS STOCKINGS</b>	<b>RIFLES</b>	<b>NEEDLE BOOKS</b>	<b>HAND BAGS</b>
<b>PICTURE BOOKS</b>	<b>MOTOR VANS</b>	<b>HANKERCHIEF SACHETS</b>	<b>PERFUMES</b>
<b>LADIES' Fur Sets, latest style.</b>	<b>TAXI CABS</b>	<b>TIDIES, hand painted</b>	
<b>Silk Coat Sweaters</b>	<b>ARMOURD CARS</b>	<b>PIN CUSHIONS</b>	<b>Handkerchiefs</b>
<b>Tea Aprons</b>	<b>AERIAL GUNS</b>	<b>PEN &amp; PENCIL SETS</b>	<b>A big assortment from 4c. up</b>
<b>Fancy Belts</b>	<b>TOOL SETS</b>		
<b>Knitted Scarves</b>			
<b>Muslin and Lace Collars</b>			
<b>Felt Slippers and Spats.</b>			

**House Furnishing**  
Cosey Covers, Cushion Covers, Tray Cloths, S. B. Cloths, Pillow Cases, Table Napkins.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ALL**

**STEER BROTHERS.**