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LANDS FOR SOLDIERS.

The general development of the non-producing lands of the Dominion and the placing of such areas at the disposal of the right kind of post-war settler, formed the subject of a recent conference between the B.C. Cabinet and Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Colonization and Immigration. Mr. Calder explained to the executive that his visit was primarily concerned in gauging the feeling of the various Provincial Governments relating to the inauguration of a Canadian policy similar to that already instituted in that Province for the bringing of vacant lands under occupation and production. The plan is directed toward co-operative enterprise between the Federal and Provincial Governments, with the suggestion that the Dominion place its credit behind that of the Province to make possible the securing of the lands held out of production.

PUZZLES FOR THE POILU.

The English soldier I esteem, *mais oui*,
Yet he is strange I many times have found;
He tell me once that he was "up a tree,"
Yes, "*dans un arbre*," when he stood on
the ground.

He added, laughing, as the English do,
"I'm in a hole"; I did not this believe,
For I translate his sentence "*dans un trou*,"
And not one little hole could I perceive.

And when a comrade come, to my amaze,
"Old man, I'm fairly in the soup," he say;
"*Le potage*," figure to yourself this phrase!
Does he believe I am a child at play?

HOME VIA PANAMA.

Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian Overseas Minister, has issued a statement that Canadian Troops from British Columbia belonging to various branches of the service from which they can now be spared by reason of the signing of the armistice, will be transported home via the Panama Canal on one of the large C.P.R. liners which is being returned for service on the Pacific Ocean.

Some thousands of troops will thus make the voyage direct to their home Provinces without involving travel by rail across Canada, and it is safe to conclude that the enterprise will be very popularly approved.

ADDRESSING LETTERS.

It is notified by Canadian Headquarters that after demobilisation has begun, letters addressed to officers and other ranks of the Canadian Forces, should have the name and address of the sender clearly written on the outside of the envelope, so that in case of non-delivery they may be returned without delay. All ranks are advised to inform their correspondents accordingly as soon as possible.

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DON'T.

In Saskatchewan they're talking of establishing a chair of journalism in the Provincial University. And from every newspaper office comes an emphatic "Don't!" The universities have enough to answer for.

TO THE EDITOR.

ARGYLL HOUSE, REGENT ST.,
LONDON, W. 1.

At our office to-day I was much interested in the strange use, or misuse, of adjectives by the ladies working around here, and, on my commenting on the matter, a very exciting argument ensued. I contended that the English people were wasteful with their adjectives and used them so freely on small matters that they were at a loss to adequately express their feeling when brought up against something really great.

Being in the majority (one against three) of course I was utterly routed in the discussion, and so withdrew to my own corner and wrote the following lines on "Frightfulness."

Walking down Oxford Street the other day with a lady friend I was greatly amused, and interested, in her peculiar misuse of adjectives—a habit which seems peculiar to English people.

We passed an old man selling bootlaces and matches. He was undoubtedly a peculiar looking individual and would have provoked a smile from the most solemn of folk. "What a frightfully funny old man," said my friend.

During our walk I entertained my friend with stories of the West. "How frightfully interesting," she exclaimed.

A newsboy was shouting something regarding fresh German atrocities. "How frightfully shocking," said the lady.

We spoke of a mutual friend who was then entering the Royal Air Force. "He's frightfully keen on flying," was my friend's comment.

She was telling me of General Foch's reception in London a few days ago—"It would have been splendid had not the weather been so frightfully wet and dismal," she exclaimed.

We went into a well-known restaurant for tea and her first remark on entering the place was—"How frightfully crowded it is!"

I have looked at my dictionary and find the word "frightful" given as meaning "Exciting alarm, impressing terror."

P.S.—Have shown this to the ladies in the office. One says it is frightfully-clever of me and another that I am frightfully stupid.

Please, Mr. Editor, can you help me out? It seems to me that this subject is worthy of a place in your paper as we Canadians are so often accused of using "frightfully bad English."

Speaking of THE BEAVER (the paper, not the hut) may I congratulate you on your first copy—it is good; as an erstwhile western editor I appreciate your efforts and the success which attended them. Am looking for number two now.

Trusting I am not wasting your time too much and hoping to see some remarks on the above subject,

F. W. PHIPPS, Sgt.

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Many thanks for copies of the BEAVER, Volume 1, No. 1.

It is being enjoyed by the staff and students, and copies have been placed to attract those who have not yet enrolled.

A. JOAM BOSHAM,
Major.

Officer i/c Educational Work, M.C.H., Epsom.