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An English Poet on Canada and War



R. H. VERBEKE AT FRENCH RIVER, ONT.

SIX years ago an English writer, R. H. Verbeke by name, spent a summer in Canada and wrote under the title of "The Fair Dominion" one of the most interesting descriptions of this country, from the Old Country point of view, that has yet been the light. Verbeke had married a Canadian girl and had a sympathy for things Canadian, which led him to appreciate rather than criticize the New World which he found stretching between Atlantic and Pacific.

Although by no means of lightning temperament, he enlisted in the Public School Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers on the outbreak of the war, gaining a commission in the 12th Brigade early in 1915. A number of poems from his pen attracted much attention in the columns of the "London Times" and other publications—one of which, entitled "To Canada," was widely quoted on this side.

"Canada, Canada, is not thy face most fair? In Clave a land men know fairer than thee? Where is heaven half so vast? Where blows a lovelier air? What are thy sons doing here o'er the sea?"

So runs the first of six beautiful verses. Wounded in 1916 he went back to the trenches only to fall mortally wounded in an attack on Havrincourt Wood in April, 1917. Like Rupert Brooke and Alan Seeger, and the young Canadian poet, Bernard Freeman Trotter, R. H. Verbeke reached his highest powers of expression under the intense emotion of "The Great Adventure," and his verses were eagerly read by lovers of fine poetry. Edmund Gosse, the great English critic, volunteered to edit a collection of these "War Poems," a Canadian edition of which has been issued in Toronto. They contain some truly inspired lines, notably the opening description in his wife:

"What shall I bring to you, wife of mine, When I come back from the war? A ribbon your dear brown hair to twine? A shawl from a Sicilian store? Say, shall I choose you some Prussian sack Where the Umbra we o'erwhelm? Shall I bring you a Potsdam goblet back And the crest from a Prince's helm? Little you'd care what I laid at your feet, Ribbon or crest or shawl— What if I bring you nothing, sweet, Nor words come home at all? Ah, but you'll know, Brave Heart, you'll know, Two things I'll have kept to sell: Mine honour for which you bade me go And my love—my love to the end."

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BOARD OF TRADE.

was probably one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the Kentville Board of Trade, held in the Pastime Hall on Tuesday evening, April 9th, opening at 8 o'clock with the singing of "God Save the King," President Graham in chair.

The question of accommodation for the members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. at consensus of opinion that Kentville this summer, was brought up and it was apparently the adequate accommodation for the body of people, numbering in the vicinity of 700.

The most interesting feature of the meeting, especially to the large number of school children in attendance, was next dealt with, consisting of the awarding of the prizes to the successful competitors who wrote essays on "Care of our Trees".

Mr. Trask when speaking on this matter, stated that the giving of the three prizes by Mr. Graham, Mrs. Barclay Webster and Mrs. H. H. Wickwire was one of the best things that could have been done for the children and has given the pupils a stimulus to gather information in connection with a subject which would be of great advantage to them.

There were fifty three essays submitted in all, showing that unusual interest was displayed. Miss Lillian Turner of Grade X won the first prize of \$15.00 for an essay of 1500 words.

The next prize of \$5.00 for the best essay of 1500 words in grades 6, 7 and 8 was given to Blanchard Thompson, and the prize of \$5.00 for the best essay of 750 words, in grades 3, 4 and 5 went to Miss Lena Ackman.

The final report of the Agricultural Committee who have the matter of increased production in hand was submitted by Prof. W. S. Blair, Chairman of the Committee, particulars of which will be given in these columns at an early date.

In connection with the increased Production Competition; \$100.00 in prizes has been offered this year to the pupils of the King's County Academy and the citizens of the Town, the details of which are being printed and will be distributed shortly.

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BRITISH PREMIER STILL FULL OF CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, April 16—Referring to the situation at the front in the House of Commons today, Premier Lloyd George said:

"The situation between hope and despondency must continue for some time yet but I am still full of confidence."

"General Plumer (in command at Messines Ridge) is quite confident. We have lost territory, but we have lost nothing vital."

Mr. Kenneth O. Parker of Welsford met with a most painful accident a week ago while unloading a gasoline engine the machinery fell on him breaking his right leg. He was taken to the Victoria General Hospital for treatment.

BANISH PIMPLES AND ERUPTIONS.

In the Spring Most People Need a Tonic Medicine.

One of the surest signs that the blood is out of order is the pimples, unsightly eruptions and eczema that come frequently with the change from winter to spring. These prove that the long indoor life of winter has had its effect upon the blood, and that a tonic medicine is needed to put it right. Indeed there are few people who do not need a tonic at this season. Bad blood does not merely show itself in disfiguring eruptions. To this same condition is due attacks of rheumatism and lumbago; the sharp stabbing pains of sciatica and neuralgia, poor appetite and a desire to avoid exertion. You cannot cure these troubles by the use of purgative medicines. You need a tonic only, and among all medicines there is none can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for their tonic, life-giving, nerve-restoring powers. Every dose of this medicine makes new, rich blood which drives out impurities, stimulates every organ and brings a feeling of new health and energy to weak, tired, ailing men, women and children. If you are out of sorts give this medicine a trial and see how quickly it will restore the appetite, revive drooping spirits, and fill your veins with new, health-giving blood.

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ANALYSIS OF DEBTS OF NATIONS AT WAR.

Total Has Risen From 25 to 137 Billions Since Summer of 1914.

Montreal, April 15—A new compilation of the public debts of twelve countries now engaged in the war, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Washington this week, shows an increase of 111.7 billions since the opening of the conflict. Of this sum 72.4 billions represents the growth of the debt of the Allied nations, and 39.3 billions the growth in the debts of Germany and Austria.

Great Britain has increased her debt by nearly twenty-five billions, of which, however, seven billions have been loaned to her Allies. The Russian public debt increased twenty billion dollars between January 1, 1914, and September 1, 1917. Not only the debts of the belligerent countries, but also those of neutral nations are on the increase. Switzerland, for example, has been obliged to add to her indebtedness more than one hundred and sixty million dollars in order to maintain her army in a condition of efficiency for the protection of the frontier.

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