

NOTE 2.

First Impressions of Victoria.

My wife and I were living in France for five years before our arrival here in August, 1916, and our first impressions of this City are probably more vivid and exhaustive than they would have been had we come direct from England.

There is a tone of sadness—but of grim determination—in the condition of French cities during this terrible war. France having been sadly invaded and ravaged, the people silently nurse their wounded pride and hold in check their righteous wrath at the indignities and desecration that the nation has been forced to temporarily endure, whilst they bravely sustain the losses of husbands, sons and brothers, but they shrink from and condemn any frivolous amusements, and even music grates upon their ears. Theatres and Cinema shows are tolerated, but