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POEM BY MR. A. G. VENIOT BEING PUBLISHED IN SONG FORM

New York Firm Has Closed Contract With Mr. Veniot for Putting His Composition on the Market

(From the Gloucester Northern Light) Mr. A. G. Veniot of Bathurst, who has produced several poems during the past few years, and who recently added one to his list entitled "Our Brave Canadian Men", has just closed a contract with a large New York firm for the publication and sale of his production in song form. The letter from the New York people praises Mr. Veniot's work highly, and under the terms of agreement, Mr. Veniot will receive large returns providing the song sells well. The publication of the production will be made at once, and copies will be on sale throughout the country in about a month.

Following is a portion of the letter received by Mr. Veniot from the John T. Hall Music Publishing Co. of New York, who have taken the work in hand:—

New York City, Aug. 6th, 1915.
Mr. A. G. Veniot,
Bathurst, N. B.

Dear Sir: This letter is to advise you that I have examined your song entitled "Our Brave Canadian Men", which you sent me for approval, and that I was so well pleased with your work that I took it under consideration and advisement with my associates, who agree with me in my opinion that the same is original, catchy and clever, and that the theme is one of unquestioned merit. I consider the idea of your lyric excellent and the melody attractive. I have therefore accepted it for publication by this house under the contracts you will find enclosed herewith in duplicate.

I am willing to spend both time and money in the publication and promotion of "Our Brave Canadian Men" only because of my firm belief that it contains sufficient merit to warrant its being published.

With best wishes, I am,
Very truly yours,
JOHN T. HALL,
President.

The lyric referred to is the one read at the recent patriotic meeting at the Court House by Mr. Veniot, and of which many copies have already been sold about town. All the local poet's friend are hoping that his latest venture will not prove a financial disappointment.

The St. John Times says: "Shameful fraud" is the term used by Sir Charles Davidson to describe the Nova Scotia horse sales, at which the Borden Government collected a stock of ring-bone, spavins, heaves, pin-swellings, jack-spavins and boneyard specimens. If the whole of the expenditure for war materials of all kinds were carefully scrutinized, what a revelation it would make.

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The War is over; battle flags are furled;
The Great Betrayer from his throne is hurled;
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And we were there;
Yes, we were there!
But you (Go hang yourself!), you were not there!
R. STANLEY WEIR.

CANADA NOW ON THE EVE OF A GREAT BUSINESS REVIVAL

Sir William MacKenzie Says Last Vestige of Depression Will Be Swept Away Once Cutting Begins in the West— Confirms Report of C. N. R. Flotation.

Sir William MacKenzie recently confirmed the New York report of a successful C.N.R. flotation in Wall Street. The report was that the issue was for \$9,600,000, but the amount really was \$11,500,000. "Canada is on the eve of a wonderful business revival," said Sir William. "The West will have a crop worth \$250,000,000 more than that of any previous year. The Eastern crop is also magnificent. Once cutting begins in the West, there will be a revival of trade that will sweep away the last vestige of depression. Economy for the past year has caused a vast accumulation of wealth, and with the returns from the great crop will give a confidence and impetus to business that will be felt in every industry. Sir William stated that the Canadian Northern was fully prepared to handle its share of the big crop. After the close of navigation the C.N.R. will carry grain to Montreal and Quebec over its own lines, the Port Arthur-Ottawa section now being ready for traffic. From Montreal and Quebec grain shipments for the Atlantic ports will be taken over the Intercolonial under the arrangement made with the Government in 1914. About one hundred miles of steel has been laid by the C.N.R. this year, and much of the road had been ballasted and otherwise improved.

CHRISTIAN PATRIOTISM AND THE WAR

(From the Gloucester Northern Light) Rev. D. Henderson, Chatham, who is on a visit to Bathurst, preached last Sunday evening in the Presbyterian pulpit, on Christian Patriotism, to the evident delight of a large congregation, taking for his text, 1 Peter 2:7—"Honour the King". He said in part: If there were one thing we ought to be thankful for at present, it was that we knew where the King and the church stood on the question of the war. He liked to think that throughout our land those who belong to the church of which they were members, and those who belong to other churches, believe that our cause was just. It was true that the leading Christian nations of the world were engaged in a death grapple, which had lasted now for more than a year, and unless something speedily occurred to terminate the conflict, it looked as if civilization and religion were alike to be exterminated entirely, before a vast Pagan force in the name of God. In every great crisis he believed, with Abraham Lincoln, the wisest of Statesmen and the best of men, that it was not so much to make sure that God was on our side as to endeavor earnestly to ascertain whether we were on the side of God. We are out for the sake of the principles that hold civilization together and we believe that we are fighting on the side of God. It was the rights of the world and the freedom of men that were involved. It was war for the holiest ideals. If the enemy won, which God forbid, it would mean our destruction as a people, the annihilation of the Empire, the wiping out of France and Belgium, Italy flung into a state of anarchy, the extermination of the smaller nations, confusion in the East, the tearing up of the story of humanity's most enriching struggles, and the loss of everything that these mean for the good of the world. God pity the young man then, free from domestic ties, in New Brunswick, yes, in Canada, today, who will not answer promptly the call to the colors, cheerfully saying—"Here am I, Lord, and I will fight the good fight with all my might". All the world knows how well our Canadians have fought in this struggle. If the children of other lands have made history, Canadians have borne their share, and that no man can take from them. Wherever the battle has been, there they have been among the foremost and the best. When the war was over—those who have given their

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A PRAYER FOR THE WAR
O, God, we pray Thee to shield, protect, and bless our soldiers, sailors, territorials, and aviators, and keep them in good health. We praise and thank Thee for their continued success and cheerful contentment. Make us brave each day to bear whatever Thou hast in store for us. May it please Thee to thrust back our enemies, frustrate their schemes, protect our shores from their designs, assuage their malice, and give us decisive victory and peace. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A MAN OF HONOR.
Let your word be your bond—and always run "straight."
"I don't think he's what you would call brilliant, but he's as straight as a die!"
The man who was "straight" got the job. Being "straight" is a prize—and prized—quality. There may be those who sneer, but straightness, through good report, through evil report, through trial through temptation, is a rare and precious possession. Precious to the owner; more precious to the community.

Lift your word "straightness" to a higher plane, and call it "honor." What does it mean? The promise kept; the word unbroken; something, just something, born, bred, or developed in the man which makes his word his bond; which makes his name his credit; which makes of any sort, utterly alien to him. He's a man of honor—a "straight man"—and his word is his bond. He may exhaust himself. Trickery may gain a passing advantage, but honor wins the game. Better to plod, with honor intact, than to rush ahead—for a time—unburdened with scruples. The end does not justify the means if the means were dishonorable. Had Britain stood out of this war her honor would have gone. She gave her word to Belgium. She is keeping her word, and therefore her honor. "At a sacrifice" Yes. Death before dishonor!

The Best and Only Policy
Keep straight. Crooked paths may seem to be short cuts to success. But success bought at the cost of self-respect is dear. Go straight!

Be a man of honor and keep your honor unsullied. No lie will then pass your lips, for a lie is dishonorable. You will be loyal to your King, your country, your wife, your employer, your friend, for disloyalty is dishonorable. The world is a strange and contradictory place. Judgments are often harsh, and sometimes wrong. But it has never failed to pay its tribute to a "straight" man—never withheld its admiration from a man, who, even in adversity, kept his honor.

MY ALLIES
Faith, Hope and Love—let these my allies be
All fitted with the woof of Charity.
These at my side I'll win my way through all—
It matters not what trials may befall.
Let foes come on, we'll put the heat to rout,
And face with courage Fear, Despair and Doubt!

It is said that a French soldier in hospital at Neuilly is the living image of Napoleon I. Other instances, says The London Chronicle, have been found of persons born many years apart bearing striking likeness to one another. Mr. Winston Churchill is the double of the Emperor Titus, at least according to the bust of the latter at the British Museum. It looks like a general fall delivery for money in New Zealand. The houses remaining after the military purchases must be of good average quality, as the recreant and maimed were cleared away.

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