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## THE STRUGGLE FOR VERDUN

Various reasons have been assigned for the continued efforts of the Germans to take Verdun. Military men have been quoted as saying that the explanation lay in the fact that sooner or later the Kaiser would again attempt to march on Paris, and that such a course was not possible as long as an enemy army lay at Verdun ready to take them on the flank. However, it seems there are other reasons why the Germans, always looking to the main chance, have been prepared to make such huge sacrifices in their attempts against the Verdun fortresses.

The gain of Verdun and the consolidation of the German lines, would mean the absolute possession of the greatest iron-producing district France possesses. This district lies between Verdun and Metz, and previous to the war of 1870 was in full possession of France. Since that event, Germany has held one end of it and France the other. Some idea of the commercial value of this district may be gathered from the fact that the Germans, previous to the war, produced from their part of it annually twenty-one million tons of iron out of a total production of twenty-three million tons, while France's annual production from her end of the district was fifteen million tons. Since the war began France having lost her part of the district through invasion has been entirely dependent upon England and the United States for her ore.

Nothing could be more natural than that Germany should desire to enlarge her holdings permanently in this particular district of France,

thus giving her the tremendous advantage of having within her grasp one of the richest iron fields in Europe, and at the same time cripple France industrially in a manner that would be irreparable.

Germany by occupying this rich district thus at a stroke doubling her own production and adding almost at the same time the rich coal mines that lie a little further to the north, placed France at an enormous disadvantage, and it is marvellous that under these circumstances France has been able to maintain her war equipment, not to speak of adding to it, for iron and coal is the soul of the war. It was no doubt the dream of the German General Staff that their army would so entrench itself in and around Verdun that when peace came the entire coal district adjoining would fall to them naturally as one part of their share of the loot. However many things have happened since these plans were first formulated, and the outcome of the recent allied drives on the various fronts has by this time probably somewhat crushed the ambitions of the Kaiser's staff.

### "TIS AN ILL WIND," ETC

War is usually looked upon as a very expensive business, leaving a country engaged in it very much poorer at the end than was the case at the beginning. Canada however appears to be prospering on the present war, in view of the fact that her people now have on deposit in the various savings banks nearly \$2000,000,000 more than was to their credit at the end of June 1914. The increase has been consistent since the beginning of the war. These figures denote a prosperity that is satisfactory enough, but a contemporary declares that the prosperity has been even greater than these figures suggest, because a very large sum of money has been raised by general popular subscription for various patriotic purposes.

The conditions resulting from the war brought a feeling of uncertainty as to the future which reminded the people forcibly of the need for thrift. The losses were learned and

apparently acted upon. This country has also had a comparatively large share in that war business, which is held to be directly responsible for the unusual prosperity of the American people. This helped to furnish the money which has reached every line of industry in Canada.

At a time when continual appeals are being made to the public in general for contributions to worthy causes, and when the indications are that such causes must receive public support for some time to come, it is satisfactory to note that the public is in a position to meet the demands upon it and still save money. Indeed, while the response to numerous demands has been striking, the revelation of general prosperity must cause many people to ask themselves if they have done all they could have done at a time when the spirit of sacrifice was abroad.

Canada obviously is prepared for a much longer war. The recovery of the country after the first shock of early depression has been remarkable, all classes having been inspired with a feeling of confidence and optimism. There is every appearance of another good crop, with its stimulating influence on industry and commerce, and it is doubtful whether the high water mark of prosperity under war conditions has even yet been reached. "Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good."

### WHAT WILL NEWCASTLE DO?

In accordance with the request of Lieut-Governor Wood, towns and cities throughout the province will assemble on August 4th, the Second Anniversary of the Declaration of War, for the purpose of passing the resolution as embodied in the proclamation which will be found on another page, but so far as we can learn, Newcastle has not made any definite move towards this end. Last year, it will be remembered, a half holiday was proclaimed, and a meeting held in the opera house, addressed by prominent local and outside speakers. Chatham, we see, intends holding a public meeting in Elm Park, on the evening of the 5th. In all probability a similar meeting will be held by the citizens of Newcastle, either in the park or opera house.

## DOAKTOWN

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Miss Florence Hinton made a business trip to Boiestown last week. She was the guest of Miss Ethel Delaney.

Mrs. Minnie Hovey went to Newcastle one day last week, to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Geo. Brown and Miss May Mitchell, accompanied her to Newcastle.

Mr. F. D. Swim, M. L. A., is making extensive repairs on his residence, which will be a marked improvement.

Misses Beatrice and Flossie Sims are visiting their brother, Mr. Jack Sims, at Gibson.

Miss Mary Attridge, who has been teaching school for the past two years in the west, has returned home.

Miss Lillian Parker has returned home from Napan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been spending most of the summer in Upper Hayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Morehouse are receiving congratulations. "It's a boy."

Pte. Tom Mersereau spent Sunday at home.

Sergeant Dickison, Chatham, spent a few days with friends here.

Lieut. Wilson spent Sunday at Doaktown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan and Miss Clara Quigley, spent the day here.

Mr. Abel Clowater, who has been working in Jacques River for the past year, returned home last week.

Miss Elsie Murray, who has been visiting friends in Fredericton, returned home on Saturday's express.

Miss Minnie Betts spent Saturday in Fredericton.

Mr. Chas. Mitchell and his son-in-law, Mr. William Bamford, spent last Wednesday in Newcastle.

Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. Ross made a business trip to Doaktown one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Porter have moved to their new home in Doaktown.

Mr. Porter, who has been quite miserable, is much better.

Mrs. Elsie Russell and Mrs. Samuel Freeze, attended the funeral of Mrs. Saunders of Boiestown, one day last week.

Miss Violet Russell returned to her home last week.

Miss Amy Russell has accepted the position of telephone girl at Newcas-

to. Mr. Steele is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cumming.

Master Joe Wathen has returned from Bay du Vin.

Mrs. Wm. Oglivie returned last week from her old home in Glasville.

Mr. Cleveland Price and his sister, Miss Ruby, enjoyed a trip to Boston not long ago.

Mrs. H. Doak left last week to visit friends at Black River.

Miss Violet Sturgeon has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Manly Parker of Gibson.

Miss Rena Russell who has been teaching music in Cross Creek, has returned home for a few days.

At the Miramichi Hospital

Mr. Cecil White of Stanley was operated on in the Miramichi Hospital, Friday, by Dr. Moore, assisted by Drs. Nicholson and Desmond. In the same hospital recently these have been three operations for appendicitis—Geo. Salome, Newcastle; Mrs. Bert Hovey, Ludlow; and Joannie Young, aged 6, of Renous. All were performed and successfully by Drs. Moore, Nicholson and Desmond.

132nd Batt. Makes Good Showing

Valcartier Camp, P. Q., July 28—No doubt the public of New Brunswick will be pleased to hear of the splendid showing made by the 132nd Battalion at the review by the Governor of Quebec at Valcartier Camp on the 27th July. The 132nd held the place of honor of the Infantry Battalions, being in the first brigade, commanded by Colonel H. McLean, M. P. The 132nd boys were the first that marched past at the saluting point. As the North Shore boys approached the saluting point there was great clapping and cheering. The marching of the boys was splendid.

The battalion expects to be moving for overseas in a few weeks.

Today the boys are completing their range practice with the excep-

tion of those who are away on leave. There are very few absentees and it is trusted that these will return before the battalion starts overseas. Nightly lectures are given by Staff Officers for the benefit of the officers of this battalion.

The health of the troops is good.

Genuine Stock

The Advocate Job Department has just received a new lot of genuine butter parchment paper, guaranteed pure quality. One and two pound wrappers printed in blue ink that will not soil the butter.

Genuine butter parchment paper at The Advocate Job Dept.

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Place to buy Men's, Women's and Children's  
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## "PALMERS" Summer Packs



With a 6 inch Top and sole leather sole and heel, made of waterproof leather, are light and comfortable, yet strong and durable, and can be easily repaired when sole wears through.

The Biggest Value in foot wear on the market.

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THE HARNES AND SHOE PACK MAN

# CREAGHAN'S MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

SALE STARTS

Sat. Aug. 5

Two whole weeks of Extraordinary Bargain Giving

Now for a quick and hurried selling of all Summer Piece Goods and Ready-to-Wear Garments. It's clearance time with us. All goods are marked at prices lower than you would "bid on" at a public auction. We are determined to force a quick reduction of all summer stocks. Thrifty women will quickly recognize this sale as a money saving opportunity of great importance. The prices demand your serious consideration. Shop Early.

SALE ENDS ON

Sat. Aug. 19

A lot of Odd Dresses for Ladies, reg. \$4.00 to \$8.00. Clearance \$1.98

## Dress Goods

Dress Goods in the big sale are cut deep in price.

Reg. 50c Dress Materials	43c
Reg. 65c " "	49c
Reg. 75c " "	65c
Reg. 85c " "	73c
Reg. \$1.00 " "	88c
Reg. \$1.25 " "	\$1.10
Reg. \$1.50 " "	\$1.25
Reg. 16c Flannellette for	13c
Reg. 12c Flannellette for	10c
Reg. 12c Muslins for	10c
Reg. 15c " "	12c
Reg. 20c " "	15c
Reg. 25c " "	19c
Reg. 40c " "	29c
Reg. 60c " "	47c
Reg. 20c Scotch Ginghams	15c
Reg. 15c Prints for	12c

## Silks

An opportunity to buy silks that will not be offered again.

Reg. 50c silks for	39c
Reg. 75c " "	65c
Reg. 90c " "	75c
Reg. \$1.25 " "	98c

These silks are all quoted at the old prices

## Ladies' Underwear

Ladies underwear	23c
30c underwear for	33c
50c underwear for	43c

Men's 25c Soft Collars and Ties to match for..... 19c

## Whitewear

White goods at prices that are below the present cost of manufacture.

25c Corset Covers for	20c
30c Corset Covers for	23c
40c whitewear for	29c
50c whitewear for	39c
60c whitewear for	49c
75c whitewear for	59c

## Ladies' Waists

\$1.25 Ladies' Waists for	98c
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\$3.50 Wash Skirts for	\$2.75
\$2.75 Wash Skirts for	\$1.98

Also an odd lot of wash skirts, reg. \$2.00 to \$4.00 each

Clearance price ..... 75c each

## Ladies' Raincoats

\$6.50 Raincoats for	\$4.95
\$10.00 " "	8.25
\$12.00 " "	10.00

10% off all Men's Raincoats.

10% off all Ladies' Skirts

75c and 85c Velvet Cords in all colors, wide quality and extra value

Sale price ..... 65c

A lot of Boys' Shirts, reg. 50 to 75c each, all sizes are included in the lot

Clearance ..... 39c

## Straw Hats

Note these low prices on Men's Straw Hats:

Reg. 75c Straw Hats for	59c
Reg. \$1.25 Straw Hats for	75c
Reg. \$1.50 Straw Hats for	\$1.00
Reg. \$2.00 Straw Hats for	\$1.35
50c Children's Hats for	39c
75c Children's Hats for	59c
25c Children's Hats for	19c

## Men's Underwear

35c Balbriggan Underwear	22c
45c Balbriggan Underwear	39c
65c Balbriggan Underwear	49c
\$1.00 Combination for	79c
\$1.25 Combinations for	98c

## Men's Shirts

\$1.00 Men's Shirts for	75c
\$1.25 Men's Shirts for	98c
\$1.50 Men's Shirts for	\$1.25

All our 50 to 75c Men's Belts, in the newest styles for men

Clearance ..... 39c

## Curtaining

Curtaining, scrim and fancy cretonnes and satens. The prices will sell them with a rush.

18c quality for	14c
25c " "	19c
35c " "	29c
40c " "	33c
55c " "	45c

## Cottons

30c sheeting 8-4 width, unbleached and extra quality

Clearance price	25c
12c white and grey cotton for	10c
15c white and grey cotton for	12c
30c pillow cottons for	25c
25c pillow cases for	19c

## Window Shades

Reg. 50c window shades	43c
Reg. 65c window shades	49c

A lot of odd shades worth from 50 to 65c each, for

15c Brass and White Rods for

Reg. 18 to 25c children's fancy short socks

Clearance 14 and 18c pair

Laces, Braids, Trimmings, Allovers, Bandings, Fancy Collars and Belts. All less 15%.

## Towel Dept.

Reg. 50c crash and huck towels	43c
Reg. 40c crash and huck towels	33c
Reg. 35c crash and huck towels for	29c
Reg. 25c crash and huck towels	22c
Reg. 18c towels for	14c
Reg. 15c towels for	12c
Reg. 12c towels for	9c

## Table Linen

Do you need Table Linen? Here's your chance to save money.

25c napkins for	20c
15c napkins for	12c
30c napkins for	25c

50 pieces of extra wide white table oilcloth, worth 45c yard

Clearance price ..... 24c yd

## Carpets

10% off all carpet prices  
10% off all curtain prices  
20% off all wall paper.

## Suit Cases

10% reduction off all suit cases, bags and trunks during this big clearance.

## Umbrellas

Reg. \$1.25 umbrellas for	98c
Reg. \$1.50 Umbrellas for	\$1.25
Reg. \$1.00 Umbrellas for	85c
Reg. \$2.00 Umbrellas for	\$1.65
Reg. \$2.50 Umbrellas for	\$2.00

15% off all Children's Wash Dresses.

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