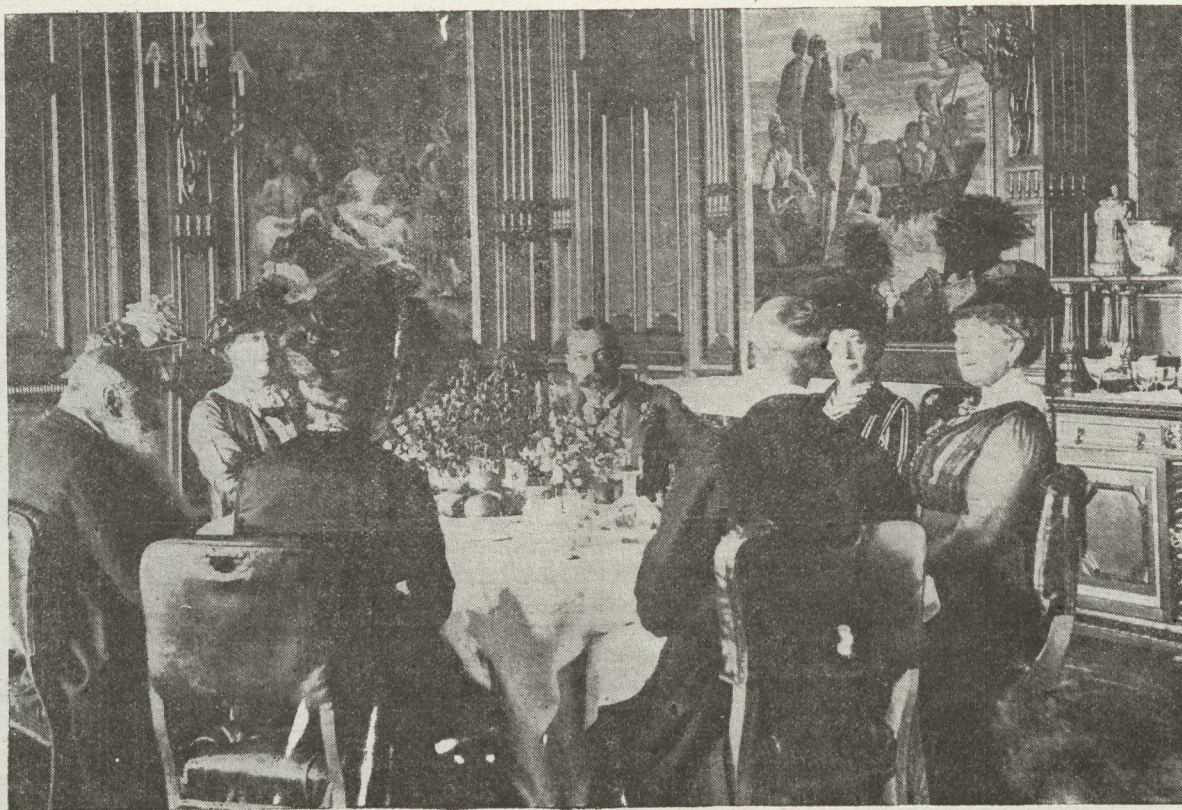


HERE is a photograph of King George, Queen Mary and members of their household in Buckingham Palace—at luncheon. We surmise that it is luncheon because the ladies wear their hats. We are told that the King and Queen are setting the nation an example in frugality by dispensing altogether with the costly luxuries—flunkies and desserts. But bear in mind, this is luncheon. It is not dinner. At dinner we should expect a far different scene. Nobody expects the King of England to do without desserts at dinner. Nobody expects the Queen of England to rise and help herself at a sideboard as is quite customary and proper at a good luncheon. From left to right we are told in this picture are Gen. Sir Dighton Probyn, extra equerry to the King; Princess Mary, Princess Victoria, Hon. Charlotte Knollys, bedchamber lady in wait-

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ing to the Queen, King George, Col. Sir H. Davidson, Queen Mother Alexandra and Queen Mary.

The picture is charmingly simple. We do not wish it more so. The historian does not tell us exactly what the Royal Household had for luncheon on this particular day; whether it was a wheatless or a meatless day. But we know from long acquaintance with the character of the Royal Household that whatever economies are going forward in England among the people, are being enacted in the menage of His Majesty.

But we must not be misled by a photograph into imagining that the Royal Household of England are living more frugally than the average middle-class citizen of Canada. Few of us in this country have learned to dispense with desserts; whatever we may have to do about maids in waiting.

WHO SHALL BE EXTRAVAGANT?



WE are never permitted to forget that British aristocracy in this war has risen to the needs of the case—superbly. Every week comes a budget of photographs showing how titled ladies have gone into war work while their men are at the front. Here are five, all in one mail; beautiful women, if we are any judge, all busy doing their bit.

MADAME DE SLOECKL, a famous beauty, comes first to the left; she is nurse in charge of the Grand Duchess George of Russia's Hospital at Harrogate. She has also headed many campaigns to raise funds for soldiers' benefits.

COUNTESS PERCY, next, is the supervising nurse for soldiers in the London Hospital. Her husband has been mentioned in despatches for his services early in the war. He served in South Africa and the Soudan. Countess Percy is the youngest daughter of the seventh



Duke of Richmond. She was born to the peerage, and is worthy of it.

LADY ELCHO began to be a war servant by losing her husband on the field of battle. Lord Elcho, the eleventh Earl of Wemyss, was on the casualty list of May 2, 1916. Lady Elcho was Lady Violet Manners, second daughter of the eighth Duke of Rutland. She is now serving as a nurse in Rutland Hospital. Beautiful? They say so; and so she seems to be.

COUNTESS OF ANNESLEY is engaged in war work as nurse, not in England, but somewhere behind the lines.

COUNTESS OF LISBURNE, undoubted beauty as she is, Spanish in type, almost a Carmen, was a daughter of Don Julio de Bittancourt. She is already a war veteran in charity and relief work, raising money in bazaars for the families of wounded men.

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