

OUR FAVORED PROVINCE

Descriptive Writers, Poets and Lecturers Innumerable Have Given It Incalculable Advertising.

(Written for the MONITOR)

In one part of his fine history and description of Nova Scotia, "Markland" (a copy of which should be in every Nova Scotian home), Robert R. McLeod urges those that today dwell in the Province Beautiful not to forget those hard-working and self-sacrificing pioneers that "won the land and cast in the seed," and he suggests that frequent commemorations of some kind might do much to perpetuate the sturdy virtues they implanted.

A splendid thought; and would it not be an equally appropriate idea for the people of Nova Scotia to sometime express in some formal way their appreciation of the many writers, lecturers and public-spirited propagandists, both native and alien, who over a long period of years have given the Province an amount of publicity never before enjoyed by a similar extent of territory in the New World?

This observation was suggested through the reading of an item in a recent issue of the MONITOR announcing the passing of the "poet-preacher," Pastor J. Clark, after a long life of usefulness. That item meant much to me; for although to the best of my recollection, I never had met Mr. Clark, he somehow seemed to be a personal and greatly esteemed friend.

Many years ago, it came to his notice that I was giving a stereopticon lecture about Evangeline's Land in New England, and writing transportation company literature about the vacation attractions of the Province, and he wrote and sent me a special verse which he thought might be helpful. I believe he was living in Antigonish then, and I think the little poem was something about the beauty of the Annapolis Valley as seen from the North Mountain. Anyway I was glad to use his thoughtful and patriotic contribution, and gratified to know that I had discovered another Nova Scotia enthusiast. His modest little verse was recited before many an audience in different parts of New England; and so hundreds heard his poetic message who never would have done so otherwise. An occasional note or post-card or clipping came from him as the years wore on, but I never was to have the pleasure of meeting the writer in the flesh. I shall always feel, however, that while Pastor Clark was but one of the "minor" poets of Acadia, he was one of the most loyal and loving friends of the land of his adoption.

And to what an illustrious company of writers interested in the history, the natural beauties and the life of Nova Scotia he belonged! From Thomas Chandler Halliburton to Longfellow (to go further back); and from Charles Dudley Warner to Burton Holmes, what a remarkable galaxy of men and women writers, correspondents, artists, poets, lecturers, scientists and "press agents" it is whose pen and voices and brushes have constantly been at work through two or three generations turning out books, newspapers and magazine articles, paintings, photographs, histories and scientific treatises having Nova Scotia for their motif! Surely no other terrestrial area of twenty-thousand square miles ever has been so signally recognized.

Of poets alone, besides Henry W. Longfellow, there have been Charles G. D. Roberts, Bliss Carmen, J. F. Herbin, Moses H. Nickerson, Pastor Clark, and others; of historians Robert R. McLeod, Beamish Mudrock, Judge A. W. Savary, Judge J. Wilberforce Longley, I. A. H. Wilson, Sir Adams G. Archibald, F. Blake Crofton and number of others. The list of writers of miscellaneous books include Thomas C. Halliburton, Joseph Howe, Sir Charles Tupper, Charles Dudley Warner, Prof. DeMille, Grace Dean McLeod, Frederick S. Cozzens, Marshall Saunders, Albert Bigelow Paine, Mrs. E. B. Chase, Dr. Silas T.

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Rand, Charles Hallock, Rev. L. L. Noble, M. F. Sweetser and Prof. J. W. Dawson. The "miscellaneous" list of those who have written, lectured about or otherwise manifested their interest in the Land Evangeline would include Richard Huntington, Percy St. Clair Hamilton, Prof. F. C. deSurch-rast, Robert J. Long, Dr. Edward Breck, Rev. A. T. Kempton, Hon. W. S. Fielding, John F. Masters, Betty D. Thornley, Prof. Frank Bolles of Harvard, and M. J. Keating; while as for the list of visiting newspaper editors and correspondents from "the States" and elsewhere, who has given their impressions in cold type to tens of thousands of readers, "their name is legion."

I have only mentioned here the names that come to mind readily amid the stress of unceasing war work and Liberty Loan "drives," and the list, could, and should be, extended indefinitely.

There is neither time nor space to dwell on the personality of these widely differing types of writers, though the temptation is strong; but it must be acclaimed once more, for the thousandth time, that no single writer has given Nova Scotia such world-wide advertising as Longfellow the only one among the list I have given whose eyes never rested on the Province. How many admirers of his "Evangeline," I wonder, know that the poem has been translated into at least ten different languages, German, Dutch, Swedish, Italian, Danish, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Bohemian and Polish? How many in these countries there must be who never would have heard of Acadia had it not been for this opportunity of reading the immortal poem!

It should be a source of pride to the inhabitants of Annapolis County that it is their portion of the Province, together with the adjoining county of Kings, that has received the larger share of attention from these writers; for, after all, Annapolis Royal and Grand Pre are the two places that to the outsider mean the most in the history and romance of Nova Scotia. As R. R. McLeod has written: "For a long time the history of Annapolis is the history of Nova Scotia, for the most part, and there is no proper understanding to be had of the founding of Anglo-Saxon rule in America without careful study of the annals of this province."

Yarmouth, Digby, Halifax these places are but incidental to the main theme of Nova Scotia's story and the "Valley Beautiful" is a bond that links them all together.

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A LETTER FROM FRANCE

More Particulars Concerning the Death of Corp. F. C. Merritt

In the Field (France), Aug. 2, 1918 Mrs. Jennie Merritt, 107 North 21st St., Portland, Oregon, U. S. A.

DEAR MRS. MERRITT: You will have, no doubt, long before this letter reaches you, received official notification that your son 222823 Corp. F. G. Merritt, has been killed in action.

Your son was an original 85th boy, having enlisted in the Battalion shortly after its authorization; and, during all his service, he contributed his full share to the great cause for which he made the supreme sacrifice, and he always lived up to that excellent standard, in and out of the line, which has won for the Canadian Corps its present admirable position among the forces fighting for the world's freedom.

His Company or his Platoon Officer has no doubt, written you regarding the circumstances surrounding his death. Briefly they are as follows: On the night of the 30th July, 1918, the Battalion put on a raid into the enemy's line, for the purpose of obtaining much needed information. The area of the raid contained strong enemy defences, and in obtaining their objective, some casualties were sustained, including your son. His loss is deeply regretted in a military sense, as well as otherwise, for he was an excellent Lewis gunner and could always be depended on under all conditions.

The sympathy of all the officers, N. C. O. S., and men of the Battalion is extended to you in your great loss, which I hope will be somewhat lightened by the knowledge of his commendable life and his heroic death.

Sincerely Yours, J. L. RALSTON, Lt. Colonel, Commanding 85th Canadian Infantry Battalion, (N. S. Highlanders.) No. 8 General Hospital, France, Aug. 27, 1918.

Since the above letter was dictated, I have had the misfortune to have had to leave the Battalion on account of a slight wound, and this letter has been sent to me here to sign.

I am sorry to say that your son's Company Commander has also since made the supreme sacrifice, and I do not know whether he had an opportunity of writing to you or not.

There was a very gallant incident of your son's conduct at Passchendaele which I would like to tell you of. He, with a comrade, was holding an extremely important position on our flank with a Lewis Gun. The relieving battalion on account of a terrific artillery bombardment which was put on the night of relief failed to locate his post. He was so conscientious in the performance of his duty that he would not leave his position until relieved, and consequently he and his comrade remained in their position 3 whole days after the rest of the battalion were relieved, harassing the enemy with fire from their gun and maintaining the flank secure until the relieving garrison found them. They were very much exposed all the time. The story of their courage and endurance on this occasion is one of the traditions of the battalion, and the memory of it will live as long as the history of the war.

You may indeed be proud of such a son. May I add my sincere sympathy. It is hard to lose men like him.

Sincerely yours, J. L. RALSTON.

GIRLS! ITS YOUR STEP THAT ATTRACTS!

Says Women Pay too Much Heed to Their Face Instead of Their Corns

Watch your step! A brisk, lively step is what charms more than a lovely skin, but your high heels have caused corns and you limp a little. That's bad, girls, and you know it. Corns destroy beauty and grace, besides corns are very easy to remove. Rid your feet of every corn by using at any drug store for a quarter of an ounce of freezone. This will cost little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet.

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Women must keep in mind that cornless feet create a youthful step, which enhances her attractiveness.

Five Million Died of Starvation.

It is estimated that nearly five million people have died of starvation or malnutrition during the war. This total is more than half the population of Canada.

Women of British Farms.

There are now about 270,000 women working on farms in Great Britain.

An Irish philosopher says that everything comes to the man who gets up and hustles while he sits down and waits.

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