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## THE IMPERIAL PARTNERSHIP.

If Premier Borden's expectations regarding the outcome of the imperial conference which is to be held to consider the future relationship of the nations of the Empire are realized the result will be epoch-making in its bearing on the future of Canada and the other overseas dominions. It will constitute an official and practical recognition of the dominions as nations among nations.

Canada grew up during the great war and emerged definitely into full grown manhood. The Dominion played a man's part in the conflict and has earned the right to a larger place in the councils of the empire.

Even prior to the war we enjoyed the fullest autonomy in internal affairs and it was only occasionally that the limitations imposed by our place in the Empire were even noticed, and on such rare occasions we had little grounds for complaint for the protection which had made our peaceful development possible was of vastly greater value than a fuller measure of independence in world affairs could have been.

The proposal to give the overseas dominions a voice in the external relations which involve peace and war is but the logical recognition of their growth in stature and of the rights, earned by sacrifice of blood and treasure, to a position in an Imperial partnership proportionate to the share of the Imperial burdens which they are able and willing to bear.

## VIMY MEMORIAL.

The people of the commune of Vimy, the little town that nestles at the foot of the ridge which will ever remain prominent in the history of the Canadian expeditionary force, have offered to Canada a portion of the Vimy ridge for the erection of a memorial to the men who in 1917 routed the enemy from one of its greatest strongholds. A choice of two locations is offered, both overlooking the Vimy-Lens plain, one near the Arras-Lens road and the other some distance away. While the exact location of the memorial is not given it is expected that it will be in the vicinity of Les Tilieus, the road junction where now stands a memorial erected by the Canadian artillerymen to the gunners, both Canadian and British, who fell during the Vimy battle.

This memorial consists of a huge stone pyramid, surmounted by a cross and on the side of which is affixed a plate commemorating the artillery units which participated in this great feat of arms. In whatever position on the ridge the memorial is placed, it will stand a silent sentinel over ground which is sacred to the memory of those whose white crosses dot both sides of the hill. Far in the western background can be seen the shattered towers of the church at Mount St. Eloi, in ruins since the Prussian war in 1870, and in the view that lies between are the slopes that lead from Arras-Bethune road up which the Canadians followed the barrage on that memorable April morning. To the south lie Arras, scarred and battered but with her church spires still triumphantly pointing to Heaven. On the other side of the ridge stretches the Vimy-Lens plain, dotted here and there with what is left of once quiet and peaceful country towns—Vimy, Petit Vimy, Mericourt, Avion, La Chaudière and, lying in the northern end of the hollow, the chaos which was once Lens, the twisted and torn remains of her nine shafts speaking evidence of the crippling of her great industry.

Every foot of the ground which is within the view of Vimy ridge holds a wealth of memories for Canada and her sons and it is fitting that this, the scene of one of our greatest triumphs, should be marked well. The poor people of the commune of Vimy, their homes gone and their lands scourged with a scourge which can follow only in the wake of war, are unable to erect, as they would like to do, a monument worthy of so great a memory, but have offered out of the fullness of their hearts a piece of the land which was so dear to them and on which they placed a reminder of the men who wrested their town and their soil from the hands of their enemies.

## THE NEED FOR NURSES.

The new home for nurses in connection with the general public hospital, the construction of which has been authorized by the county council, will provide much more attractive surroundings for the nurses on the hospital staff and should make it easier for the institution to secure and train a larger number of nurses to meet the demand which exists. At no time is the supply of trained nurses greater than the calls which are made upon that noble profession and in times of epidemic such as that which occurred last fall the shortage constituted a grave menace to the lives of many of the sick. The excellence of the training given in the local hospital is recognized and anything which will tend to increase the number of graduates should be welcomed. While on this subject, it might not be out of the way to suggest that the allowance of nurses in training which is supposed to cover their incidental expenses, still remains at the figure fixed many years ago when the purchasing power of even that small amount was much greater than it is today.

## LIBERALS WANT INFORMATION

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—That the time has come when the cards must be laid on the table by the government as to just what national status Canada now has and what her obligations are with regard to maintaining the peace of the world was the general opinion expressed at a full caucus of Liberal senators and members this afternoon. Although emphasis was laid on the point that the work of the session should be expedited as much as possible, it was stated that members should be given ample time to read and digest the treaty before giving approval of the ratification. At the end of the caucus which lasted three hours, the following brief statement was given out:

There was general unanimity of opinion that the work of the session should be expedited so as to save expenses as much as possible. The general opinion was that the country was entitled to more explicit information from the prime minister upon the obligations contracted by Canada in the League of Nations and that sufficient time should be allowed members to become acquainted with the provisions of the treaty before proceeding with its ratification by parliament.

Three separate invitations are usually sent to guests in China. The first is dispatched several days before the banquet, the second on the day itself, as a reminder, and the third about an hour before the sitting down to the table.



## Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

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### TURBULENT TIMES.

Uncle Sam is feebly swearing, as he never did before, and his wintry locks he's tearing, and we see him walk the floor; for the country's all excited, and our old time peace is blighted, and the wrongs that should be righted come a-rapping at his door. Every man has got a hammer, and we all rear up and knock, and we yawn around and yammer, and we have the back and rock, and we strike and quit our labors, and go rioting with neighbors, till the soldiers with their sabres drive us homeward in a flock. We are full of pep and mettle, and we stamp old syndicates flat, for the country is unsettled, and we don't know where we're at; tempters are driving shoppers to the refuge of the paupers, and we whip profiteers are driving shoppers to the refuge of the paupers, and we whip law and order we have lost and care no hoot, and we're drifting to the border of black chaos and its loot; but we'll stop before arriving, and our Uncle, still surviving, will behold us nobly striving to overwhelm that chaos brute. For a time we've lost our senses, after all the wartime strain, and we're tearing down the fences—but we'll put them up again; for we all are too blamed clever to keep up this lark forever, and we soon will make endeavor to convince you that we're sane.

### To a Caged Skylark.

O! what a hapless fate is thine,  
Sweet minstrel of the azure sky:  
That rose to meet the sun's decline,  
And trilled from heaven a song divine,  
Invisible to human eye.

The field on which thou joyous ran,  
Is now one sod within a cage;  
Alas! how can such thoughtless man  
Whose days on earth are but a span  
Thus turn thy rapture into rage?

And who can hear the skylark sing,  
Trilling beyond the range of sight,  
A light, unearthly, airy thing—  
Delight incarnate on the wing—  
And thus confine its song and flight?

The action may be deemed malign,  
I'll take the risk, this shall not be!  
Thou art not his, thou art not mine,  
I vow I will not see thee pine.  
The gate is open! thou art free!

HOPE A. THOMSON.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

Talkative Passenger (trying to get into conversation with discharged soldier)—  
See—see—you've lost an arm!  
Discharged Soldier (wearily)—So I have. How careless of me.

Beggar—Mister, I'm in trouble and—  
Pedestrian—Don't bother me. I've got a second-hand automobile too.

Employer—For this job you've got to know French and Spanish, and the pay is \$18 a week.  
"Lord, mister! I ain't got no education; I'm after a job in the yards."  
"See the yard boss. We'll start you in at \$40."

"You don't appear to take much interest in this investigation."  
"No," answered the ultimate consumer, "I'm busy hunting to meet bills. I can't stop to referee disputes as to whether the situation is due to higher cost of production or lower purchasing power of a dollar. It hits me either way."

### Urban Population.

(Kingston Standard.)

Dr. Creelman, the president of the Ontario Agricultural College, has exploded the popular idea as to the origin of the growth of cities. Several months of study of information on the subject of the growth of cities has led him to the conclusion that the influx of people from the country, Dr. Creelman states that this is not so, but that only 15 per cent of the increase can be traced in this direction. That is certainly satisfactory and gets rid of the idea that deterioration of country life, rural depopulation, loss of information or education, or any other causes are driving country people into the cities. It is found that 65 per cent of the increase in the populations of these cities is due to emigration, and 20 per cent to natural increase.

### Archbishop on Strikes.

In Montreal on Labor Day eve a strong but fatherly warning against strikes and the strike habit was given to the labor people of Montreal by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, speaking in Notre Dame church.

"A strike is a fight," said His Grace, "and as a result of strikes, labor, industry and commerce are disorganized. It is another aspect of war; war between employer and employee. All wars must end in peace. Peace is brought by negotiations and sometimes arbitration. Why not negotiate and arbitrate before the war, instead of after? War should not be the only way through which peace may be attained."

### May Get Armada Treasure.

(London Chronicle.)

After seven months' preparation Colonel Fox, the director of the operation, and his staff have placed the diving and dredging plant permanently on the "Iron Horse" of the old Spanish Armada galleon lies in the bay. The diver has already reached some lead and copper sheathing, which may have belonged to the sunken treasure ship, and divers report that the coating of silt over the excavations of 1912 when the operations were suspended, does not exceed an inch for each year which has elapsed.

### SAW CRUCIFIED MAN

Canadian Still Bleeding When Comrades Returned.

St. Catharines, Sept. 3.—Among the first St. Catharines men to leave for the front, and one of the last to get back, Lieut. F. Edward Jones of this city arrived home last week.

"I saw the first Canadian they crucified," said he. "He was a sergeant of the 10th Machine-gun Battalion, and it was in April, 1915. There was no support and they drove us back a mile and a half. The Hun captured this poor fellow and pinned him up to a barn door. They ran one of their saw-bayonets through his stomach, and then they hauled him up with legs with Rose rifle Canadian bayonets."

### DRASTIC ULTIMATUM FROM ALLIES TO ROUMANIA

Paris, Sept. 3.—The supreme council today decided to send an ultimatum to the Roumanian government regarding her course in Hungary. The ultimatum, couched in drastic terms and with a time limit, will be delivered by an envoy of the council. Roumanian refusal to comply with the terms within the given time diplomatic relations will cease and the Allied army will bring away with him from Bucharest the Allied diplomatic representatives there.

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