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A Good Time to Change

If you have been using a mixture of cream of tartar and soda for quick baking you will find it profitable, because of the increasingly high price of cream of tartar, to use Royal Baking Powder instead.

It will pay you to do this because the price of Royal, which is made from highly refined cream of tartar, has not been changed, and because you will find it in every way more satisfactory than the use of home-made mixtures to which you have been accustomed. Royal Baking Powder is famous for its absolute purity and its reliability as a quick raising agent.

Nova Scotia's Leadership in Noble Humanitarian Effort

By H. C. Crowell, Staff Correspondent
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LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Nova Scotia's gifts are real Canadian, colossal and grand," writes a leading member of the Dutch Committee of Relief for the Belgian refugees. Could Nova Scotians see the result of their liberality and sympathy they would realize that the Province has attained a pre-eminent place in the greatest humanitarian effort known in history.

I have returned from a second trip to Holland and can say that our efforts on behalf of the Belgians are a splendid advertisement for the Province and will be of tremendous value. Although the food and clothing sent by Nova Scotia were consumed and distributed in a few days, the fact that Nova Scotia led the relief movement from America has made a lasting impression.

Since the arrival of the first Nova Scotian relief ship the condition of the refugees in Holland has improved by one hundred per cent. This the American Commission, endorsed by the Dutch Committee, emphatically says is directly due to Nova Scotia's interest and enterprise.

Representative Dutchmen who accompanied me on a tour of inspection made a strong protest against the conditions to the Holland Government with the result that efforts were made toward the improvement. The Belgian Ambassador in London said that "Nova Scotia's ship was worth any two that have followed," so timely was the Tremorval's arrival.

This work must be continued and Nova Scotia and Canada have the greatest opportunity in their history to permanently impress Europe with our resources and wealth and the humanity of our people.

Public men of England are stirred to their depths by the plight of Belgium and unhesitatingly say that Germany must be punished by the uttermost debasement for creating the blackest blot on the whole history of the human race.

The relief work is now assuming order and chaos but it is in such a stage that relief efforts must not relax for a day else conditions would become even worse than before. The distribution of clothing in Rotterdam has ceased. Women and children's underclothing are especially needed. Seventeen thousand interned Belgian soldiers are also desperately in need of underclothing and socks and shoes. Twelve hundred requests received in one day from an internment camp increased to twenty-five hundred in a week. There are still six thousand destitute refugees in Rotterdam, despite the fact that the Dutch are making herculean efforts to succor them.

Nine thousand people applied for Nova Scotia clothing but there was not enough. In Belgium the German heel still crushes the people. They forbid the Belgians to leave the country and the people live under terror of the flaming sword, that

may fall upon them anywhere or anytime, for the least offence. The refugees in Holland are almost demoralized by suffering and fright. These victims of a diabolical hatred and greed wander to and from Holland and England, searching for a sanctuary where life will be safe and work can be found.

If a week's delay should occur in forwarding food, famine threatens. Daily the fends of disease and death hover like vultures over the land. As evidence of what confronts the relief workers the German military commander at Brussels was asked to allow milk for starving infants and he replied: "It is absurd. I will not allow it. Every man, woman and child in Belgium is the enemy of Germany."

To provide half a soldier's ration daily to each Belgian, the American Commission need three hundred thousand tons of food until March ninth, and only one hundred thousand tons are in sight. It all depends on Canada and the United States. I am proud to tell them that my country will not fail them.

Letter from a Canadian at Salisbury Plain

The following excerpts from a letter written by a member of the last Canadian Contingent now on Salisbury Plain may be of interest—

"Everything is fine. We were on manoeuvres this a. m. and have a route march, tonight, 5-7 miles. It has been wet for the past two weeks and the mud is a long time drying up as are things in the tents. It is not nice to be damped all the time, but in another two weeks we will be in huts.

Now do not think I am complaining for this is soldiering and when one's country is at war a good soldier should not complain. In fact we are much better off than the English militia. They are drilling all over the country in civilian clothing. We are getting the second issue of boots and the new uniforms will be along in another month or so. Just think, I had a Nova Scotia apple the other day and it was sure good.

LATER.
You don't know how anxious we are to strike for Old England and how very hard we work to become fit for the day when it comes. We did six miles in the dark last night in 1 hour and 40 minutes. You would never know there were 1500 men in the column. Everything was so quiet. My work (signalling) takes me out on long trips almost every day and it is most interesting. It is all done with map and compass. We had King George, Queen Mary, Lord Roberts and Earl Kitchener, here one day last week and I managed to get a good look at them all. Good-bye for this time.

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Halifax. ANDREW KING.

I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ, Sussex.

I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Marham, Ont. C. S. BILLING, Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

Advance of Allies in France and Belgium is Slow Owing to the Enemy Being Strongly Entrenched.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The great difficulties under which military operations in France and Belgium are being conducted are described in a narrative of recent developments written by an official observer attached to the British Headquarters and made public today by the Official Information Bureau. The recital brings the story of the war, as covered in these eye-witness reports, up to December 17.

"The opposition now being encountered resembles to some extent that met with by us at the beginning of October, when we first reached the Franco-Belgian frontier, and before the Germans brought up their full force and assumed the offensive," says the report. "It has one great difference however, and that is that the enemy is in much greater force and his position is much stronger and better organized than they were two months ago."

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In Poland, Galicia, battles are being fought between the Russian and the German and Austrian allies amid deep snow in bitter cold. In Belgium and Northern France the Germans, and the French, British and Belgian allies are contesting the thick mud fields foot by foot.

No news of any decisive gain comes from either arena today. The Russian and German claims continue to be directly contradictory.

WAR BRIEFS

Sir Edward Grey is looking careworn. But, if you want a tonic, the thing to do is to go and look at Premier Asquith.

A CAT'S APPEAL: "I have one of the best homes a puss cat could have. I often think of the dear horses that are suffering in the war. I am writing to ask every Puss cat and Pug dog please to send me one shilling each for the Blue Cross Fund. Please send contributions to Tom Puss, Terrilands, Pinner, Middlesex."—THE EVENING STANDARD.

Tommy Atkins to Napoleon. "Battles, what do you know about battles? You with your little three and four day skirmishes!"

I am convinced that our boys in the trenches would welcome a good, wholesome gingerbread loaf. It seems to warm the whole system.

In some cases the troops in the trenches have so banked themselves in, and are kept so warm by oil stoves, that they are warmer and stuffer than hygienists would wish.

Some say that the stalwart young men who used to be clerks in the London glove shops are now in Lord Kitchener's new army, and their places are taken by women.

In the late session of Parliament every party contention was suspended if not forgotten and abandoned. Mr Austin Chamberlain and Mr Lloyd George unite to make the Budget proposals as workmanlike as possible.

Cholera, the awful scourge which has frequently followed war and been more destructive to life than war itself, is assuming a threatening aspect. During November there were 36 cases in Germany, 840 in Austria and Galicia, and 542 in Hungary.

A number of the Royal Northwest Police, numbering 1,272 officers and men, wanted to enlist for the war. But, no enlistment was permitted as it is regarded as necessary that the frontier country and Western prairies be carefully guarded at the present time.

Demand was made for the dismissal of all the German professors at Toronto University. But, after examination, it was resolved to release only three.

Francis Joseph of Austria Hungary is again reported to be very sick.

The Echo Belge says that Germans in Belgium are taxing flour sent for Belgian relief. Shame! Shame!

Two Dublin papers which opposed enlistment and expressed German sympathies have been suppressed.

The pay of British army officers has been increased from ten to twenty five percent.

The only daughter of the Kaiser, Victoria Louise, is personally searching for her husband on the battlefields and in the hospitals. The last heard from him is that while leading a company of Hussars on the French frontier, he was separated from the German lines.

A report is current in Paris that an officer of the German Staff while being upbraided by the Kaiser for a tactical error, became insane and rushed upon the Kaiser with drawn sword but was forcibly removed, hurling abusive language at him.

Sweden is very angry with Germany for declaring wood as a contraband of war. Germany has demanded that the Swedish government prevent the unfriendly utterances.

The Premier of Belgium denies that an epidemic of typhoid has existed in the army.

The proposal of Pope Benedict for a truce during Christmas is refused, because it would tend to help Germany and prolong the war.

Columbia has ordered the removal of a wireless station, because the Germans were making use of it.

The Doctor and Betsy Jane.

She. This a terrible war, doctor.

He. It is, indeed.

She. It's a pity some one don't catch that old Kruger.

He. Ah, you mean the Kaiser.

She. Aw, change his name, has 'e?—deceitful old varmint.

The verdict of the New York Times. Germany is "Bankrupt in statesmanship, over matched in arms, and under the moral condemnation of the world."

The Monitor Belgian Relief Fund

This week in Nova Scotia will be one of good cheer, festivity and family reunions. Friend will remember friend with tangible tokens of good will and affection. Smiling joy will take its seat at our fireside and around our festive board, and the glad Christmas chimes will peal out, not the dread alarm of war to send us fleeing in white faced terror from our homes, but the sweet music of peace and good will. But if there is in us any of the true spirit of Christmas, the spirit of the Prince of Peace whose birth we celebrate, we shall surely see in the very midst of our festivities the empty hands of the suffering Belgians outstretched in their mute appeal for bread. High above the music of our Christmas chimes will be heard the cry, "For God's sake send us food; thousands of women and children are starving."

W. H. Page, the American Ambassador at London, cables: "There has never been such dire want in any land in our time. Three million women and children are starving in Belgium. Five million dollars' worth of food a month for the winter is needed."

Elisabeth, Queen of the Belgians, in her appeal to the women of America, says: "We mothers of Belgium, no less than the mothers of America, have for generations instilled in our children the instincts and the love of peace. We ask no greater boon than to live in peace and friendship with all the world. We have provoked no war. Yet in defense of our hearthstones our country has been laid waste from end to end; the flood of commerce has ceased, and my people are faced with famine. The terrors of starvation, with its consequences of disease and violence, menace the inoffending civilian population; the aged; the infirm; the women and children." Surely her appeal, which is no less the cry of a woman and mother than of a Queen, will not go unheeded in Bridgetown. Whatever we have done already, we shall want to do something more, especially for her.

Sir Gilbert Parker, in a recent visit to Belgium, saw conditions for himself, and pictures them vividly in a newspaper article. He says: "I have seen in a room without a fire, the walls damp, the floor without covering, not even straw, a family of nine women and eight children, one on an improvised bunk seriously ill. Their home in Belgium level with the ground, their father killed in battle, their food, coffee and bread for breakfast, potatoes for dinner, (in having salt they were lucky) and bread and coffee for supper. Insufficiently clad, there by the North Sea they watched the bleak hours pass, with nothing to do except cling together in the vain attempt to keep warm. Multiply this by hundreds of thousands and you will have some idea of the people's sufferings."

This week we shall be especially concerned about making our children happy, and that is right. Let us give the kiddies a good time. But let each one of us in Bridgetown and vicinity undertake to save a starving Belgian child. We can do that and never feel it. But let us be prompt in sending in our subscriptions. Starvation is something that will not wait.

Previously acknowledged and sent to Treasurer Relief Fund Halifax	\$200.75
P. Bridgetown	5.00
Mrs. August Morgan, Lawrencetown	1.00
Dr. Armstrong, Bridgetown	5.00
H. F. Williams, Clarence, Lawrencetown School	5.00
Per Miss L. M. Leck	4.15
Mrs. H. A. Goodwin, Granville	5.00
Clarence West School	5.00
Harry G. Parker, Granville	1.00
G. K. Dodge, Bridgetown	6.00
Proceeds of Puncturing Board	1.00
H. O. Whitman, Inglesville	1.00
W. Foster, Lawrencetown	1.00
Additional Collection, Lawrencetown	5.00
Baptist Sunday School	5.00
	\$245.90

Christmas in Inglewood

The people of Inglewood were very agreeably surprised by some of the leading citizens of Bridgetown on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

The school house was artistically decorated with evergreen, and a Christmas tree was provided by the trustees of the school, which was very prettily decorated by Mrs. O. T. Daniels, Mrs. L. B. Freeman, and Miss Annie Longley.

Among the contributions were donations from Rev. E. Underwood, Mrs. O. T. Daniels, Mrs. L. B. Freeman, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. J. Harry Hicks, Mr. Lowe, Mr. McCormick, Mr. LeMoine Ruggles, the Misses Fellows, Mr. J. W. Beckwith, Miss Sarah Murray, Mr. W. A. Warren, Mrs. J. W. Beckwith, and Miss Annie Longley.

At 3.30 p. m. the Christmas entertainment commenced with the singing of "God Save the King," after which followed the distributing of gifts to the children. The tree was loaded with candy and fruit together with many useful articles. After the clearing of the tree refreshments were served. The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of "Tipperary" together with a few brief remarks by LeMoine Ruggles, after which followed "God Save the King."

Belgian Relief Fund

The Treasurer of the Local Committee (Rev. E. Underwood) hands us the following:—

Previously acknowledged	\$219.5
Half proceeds of a "play" given by the Tupperville young people for Mrs. Emma W. Chipman	16.15
"For the Belgians" from Upper Granville School	1.00
Christmas tree	1.00
"R. H."	2.00
Mr. W. R. Troop	5.00
	\$244.75

Extract of Letter Received from Ralph Parker, Salisbury Plain

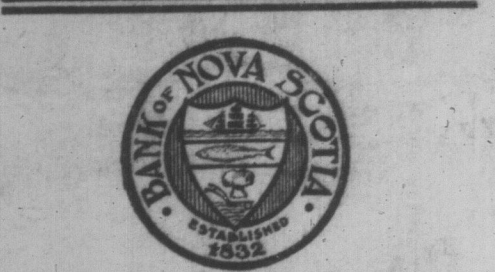
Just a line in reply to yours of the 8th, to let you know that I received it O. K., and to say good-bye, because I expect to be on another long trip before this week's issue. I was very glad to get your letter. Was exceedingly glad, I might say, because it is the first line I have had from across the Pond, since I came over to Merry Old England. I certainly saw the King. He walked down the line, and was not more than four feet away from me. It was a day that I shall not forget very soon either. I have been to London, Brighton, besides having made numerous trips to Lavington, just a small town, and to Devizes, a town of about ten thousand inhabitants. But all of this is outside the subject for inside of three weeks, I expect to be en route to Egypt.

Signed,
Edith M. Lobley
Marion E. Bishop
Muriel E. Elliott
Hazel M. Gillis
Eleanor A. Longley
Evelyn A. Longley
Charlotte W. Bowly
Helen C. Pearson
Leone A. Banks.

P. S.—We almost forgot to tell you we sent a box containing a pretty red and white quilt, picture books, mounted picture post cards etc., to the "Children's Hospital" and "Infants' Home," Halifax, and that we intend to visit the sick and "sunshine" of our village on Christmas Eve, and cheer them up by singing a sweet Christmas carol. We hope the little girls of Bridgetown will plan to do the same and bring joy and sunshine to their friends—Our motto for the year is "Others."

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J. S. Lewis, Manager

"Sunshine Band" of Paradise Con- tribute to Belgian Relief

Paradise, N.S., Dec. 15, 1914.

Dear Monitor-Sentinel:—We little girls, members of a "Sunshine Band," assisted by our dear mothers, and other kind friends, sent forward to the Belgian Relief Committee, Halifax, yesterday, a box containing:

- 3 feather pillows
- 2 pillow cases
- 3 Towels
- 48 infants' napkins
- 24 pairs of woolen mittens
- 16 woolen scarves for the head
- 1 pair stockings
- 6 flannel shirts and waists

trusting these useful articles will bring a bit of comfort and relief to some dear little boys and girls of Belgium, who are suffering and sad, and whom we pity so much at this glad Christmas season. We also contributed five dollars to our local Red Cross Society, to help them in their work for the soldiers and sailors. Although a little late, yet, we wish to publicly thank Rev. A. E. Wheeler, Melvern Square; Rev. Mr. Armitage, Lawrencetown; Rev. Mr. Underwood, Mayor Freeman, Mr. F. V. Young, Bridgetown; Rev. Mr. MacLeod, Mr. H. W. Longley and all the other friends, who so cheerfully came, and delightfully contributed the splendid programme of our patriotic entertainment on November 23rd. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$17.30. This is our united Christmas wish for each one of them.

"May all the good beneath the skies, Turkey, puddings and mince pies, Be laid upon your pantry shelves, And partly laid within yourselves, On Christmas Day."

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