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WHAT SIR ROBERT BORDEN HAS DONE

With that spirit of national depreciation which is getting to be characteristic of Opposition journalism, the Toronto Star concludes an editorial disparagement of Canada's war effort by asking:

"What Has Sir Robert Done?"

Party politics have reached a low level in Canada when a decent newspaper is unashamed to ask such a stupid, un-Canadian question. Nevertheless, we are going to try to forget the spirit that prompted it and to answer to the best of our knowledge and ability. Here are a few things that Canada has achieved under Sir Robert Borden:

- 1—Raised, trained, equipped and contributed to the Allied cause 435,000 men.
- 2—Voted \$900,000,000 for war purposes.
- 3—Established a munitions industry that employs 350,000 persons, engages 650 factories, has sent \$500,000,000 worth of munitions to Britain and has contracted for \$700,000,000 more.
- 4—Loaned the British Government \$250,000,000 to finance munition purchases.
- 5—Supplied Australia, New Zealand and Allied Governments with war orders totalling more than \$150,000,000.
- 6—Supplied Great Britain's armies with \$60,000,000 of hay, oats and flour.
- 7—Successfully raised three loans, and is preparing to raise a fourth in Canada, thus relieving the financial strain upon the Motherland and, in addition, placing \$75,000,000 of the money obtained at Britain's disposal.
- 8—Transformed herself from a country that was borrowing abroad before the war at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day, to a country that is financing her own war expenditure to extent of \$1,000,000 a day, and extend-

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Austria is Puffing Off Submarine Reply

Vienna, Feb. 23.—It was stated at the foreign office today that the inquiry of the American government respecting Austria's submarine warfare policy was receiving all possible attention, but that the date on which the reply might be expected was still unknown. It was said that authorities on international law and navel affairs are investigating the question raised in the aide memoire presented by Ambassador Penfield and their bearing on the notes exchanged in the cases of the steamship Ancona and Persia. The reply will be made as soon as the officials entrusted with this matter have reported. There is no indication at this time of what recommendations will be raised by the investigating authorities. The Austrian

and Hungarian press has entirely discontinued discussion of the American inquiry.

Snow Slide in West Kills 15

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25.—Fifteen men were instantly killed, fifteen injured, some seriously, and three are missing, as a result of a snow slide last night at the North Star mine, near Hailey, Idaho.

Judge—"How far did the thief carry your pig?"

Complainant—"Fully two miles away from my house."  
Judge (to prisoner)—"What have you to say to this charge?"  
Prisoner—"It was only a joke, yer worship."  
Judge—"Well, six months because you carried the joke too far."—Farm and Home (British.)

Mansonville, June 27, '13. Minard's Liniment Co., Limited. Yarmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen,—It affords me great pleasure and must be gratifying to you to know that after using 36 bottles of your liniment on a case of paralysis which my father was afflicted with, I was able to restore him to normal condition. Hoping other sufferers may be benefited by the use of your liniment, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
GEO. H. HOLMES

During the impasse of a jury in Philadelphia the following colloquy ensued between the judge and a talesman:  
"You are a property holder?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Married or single?"  
"Married three years' last March."  
"Have you formed or expressed any opinion?"  
"Not for three years, your honor."

THE COUNTRY SCHOOL AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE



NATIONS are built in the public schools. The ideals set up by the school teacher remain very largely the ideals of the pupil throughout life, and his conception of patriotism will be what he has been taught during his school years. It is not too much to say that the present world war is due to a difference of ideals fostered by different systems of education.

Great as is the importance of the public school in old and well established countries, this importance is even greater in the new lands which are being called upon to assimilate populations from the more congested countries. It is worthy of note that in Western Canada, which may be cited as a case in point of a country which is called upon to assimilate a population of many races. Some of the most strenuous political and constitutional fights have hinged upon the systems of public education. These fights, however, were not without their purpose, and it is out of them has arisen a public school policy well calculated to meet the needs of a new and rapidly growing country. In such a country the public school has to take on functions not usually associated with it in the older and more densely settled communities. The prairie schoolhouse is not merely a centre of education; it is also the religious and social centre of the district. During the week days the school teacher furnishes education to

the children of the neighborhood, but on Sunday the missionary holds his services, which all attend regardless of creed or nationality, and on week nights the building is used for meetings of farmers, for the various community societies; for the Red Cross or Patriotic Club, and for purely social events such as debates, concerts and dances. To facilitate the latter, it may be noted that many country schoolhouses use removable desks which the willing hands of the farmers' boys quickly dispose of whenever there is a dance in prospect.

Another phase of community work associated with the rural school which has been coming into prominence during the last few years is the supply of books to settlers in the district. This work is encouraged and assisted by the central Department of Education, which provides catalogues of books suitable for such purposes, the actual selection being left to the teacher. The number of books allotted to a school district is based on

the report of the inspector of schools. In the Province of Alberta, although this school library movement is only in its infancy, no less than 110,000 books were supplied for this purpose last year, at a cost of some \$30,000.00. Educationists of the province look forward to the time when every school district will be a library centre, giving to the settlers the facilities now afforded to residents of cities and towns through their public libraries. The prosperity which has almost overwhelmed rural Alberta in the last two years, when farmers have been reaping enormous crops and selling them at the highest figures in history, promises to contribute still further to the importance of the rural school as a social centre. With every farmer driving his own automobile the opportunities for social gatherings are greatly increased, and the country school is the "natural meeting place."

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