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## Our Weekly Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, Jan. 27, 1923.

The Metropolis of Canada stands to-day in a very unenviable position and her standard of morality is greatly lowered, owing to certain charges made by Major Haywood, General Superintendent of the Montreal General Hospital, in a lengthy address given recently before the members of the Canadian Club. He charges some of those in authority with encouraging vice rather than trying to suppress it, with the result that the city is fast becoming overrun with it.

The Aldermen, the Police and Detective Departments are wroth over his scathing exposures. The press and the pulpit have expressed themselves in no uncertain sound against the evils and have highly praised the fearless Doctor in having the courage of his convictions in trying to make Montreal a place of good repute. It's an open secret, that certain places are under protection because money is behind the scene. A few years ago, his Grace Archbishop Bruchési, marked to me that Montreal was fast becoming a second Chicago in crime and vice. To-day I realize the truthfulness of that remark. All kinds of things are promised to try and see what can be done to stem the present evils. A Royal Commission is promised. Royal Commissions can't accomplish very much, when two great potent factors stand in the way—the might dollar and Perjury. At least 50 per cent. of women and girls living immoral lives are mental defectives, according to Dr. Camille Laviolette, expert alienist of St. Jean de Dieu Hospital, Longue Pointe, who suggests that all such women arrested in vice raids should be mentally examined by city doctors and those found mentally weak sent to the asylum or to an institution where they would be held indefinitely as "delinquent defectives." Protection not punishment, the Doctor said, is the treatment for many of them. Send to prison the procurers, the women who keep houses of ill-fame, but something more must be done for the victim herself. The proper atmosphere and surroundings might possibly rehabilitate them and allow them to start a decent life. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd here have a large institution for such unfortunates and have cured hundreds of their evil habits. Speaking of "The Vice Charges," the Montreal Daily Star had the following editorial:—

"One week has passed since Major Haywood handled the vice situation in Montreal without gloves. The very nature of the facts which he presented gave the exposure a dramatic interest. The rocket was fired to the astonishment of the citizens; we are satisfied to be left with nothing but the charred stick."

The apathy of the authorities must not be duplicated by the citizens. There is a danger that driven to take action the city may inaugurate a commission of enquiry with a great flourish of trumpets and with such limitations and restrictions that those responsible for the continuance of commercialized vice will be exonerated.

The citizens of Montreal will not and must not be satisfied with any whitewashing commission. The enquiry must be broad enough and open enough to fix the guilt for patent infractions of the law on those responsible for an appalling condition of things. No man must be shielded no matter how high his position, how powerful his influence.

If an honest enquiry is to be held, action must be taken speedily and fearlessly. Yet if no enquiry is ordered the civic authorities will not be absolved of their responsibility. Conditions in the Red Light district are too flagrantly wide-open for the most mole-like policeman or the most doctored recorder to be ignorant of them. If the patrolmen are not carrying out their duties under orders, if they are allowing bawdy houses to operate because of instructions from their higher officers, the people of Montreal want to know it, and if the higher authorities are permitting commercialized vice in this city, the citizens will want to know from whom they, in their turn, receive their orders.

Commercialized vice is a cancer on the fair name of our city, and you can't cure a cancer with poultices or words, or with fomentations of the strongest resolutions, or condemnation. It must be cut out root and core. Dr. Haywood has courageously started something. It is up to every decent minded, clean thinking man and woman in the community to back up his stand to the utmost limit of their powers."

The drug habit, another great evil here, is spreading throughout the length and breadth of the city. Cocaine, morphine, heroin, are procured in large and small quantities, and every day one witnesses sad scenes in the streets and in the court-house, as the victims stand pale and with shaking limbs before the Recorder to answer "guilty" or "not guilty." Fines from \$25 to \$200 are imposed, and in some cases six months in jail. It's pitiful to see young boys and girls of 16 and 19 years addicted to the habit. Add to this, "doped" or poisoned liquor, and many an unsuspecting stranger is robbed of

many hundreds of dollars and then enters the blank horizon—death. True is the saying: "Some weigh their pleasures by their just." Montreal has certainly entered into a whirlpool of iniquity, which will take the authorities some time to cleanse and purify.

Admissions to Bordeaux Jail during 1922 totalled 6,218 on 7,054 warrants, as compared with 8,153 warrants in 1921. Governor Napoleon Seguin has reported to the Provincial Secretary. Male prisoners numbered 5,519, female prisoners 808. Of the male inmates, 4,767 were Canadians, 2,883 French, and 1,174 English-speaking.

The "dangerous age" for men appears to be between 30 and 40 years, 1,442 prisoners in that category entering the institution. Twenty-two of the men were over 60 years old.

"Holdups" and robberies of large and small stores are becoming very numerous of late. Butcher shops on Saturday nights seem to be a favorite resort for holdups. Robberies are committed in the early hours of the morning and in broad daylight, even a short distance from policemen on their beat. \$7,000 was taken from the paymaster of the Montreal Abattoir Company at ten o'clock last Saturday morning on McCord Street by two men, who jumped from an automobile after the paymaster had just left a street car.

Snore coming from a pile of oil-cloth is a very funny occurrence. But the night watchman at Almy's Departmental Store, corner of St. Catherine and Bleury Streets was startled when he heard the noise coming from a large pile of oilcloth. He investigated and found a man, a former employee of the Almy Company, sound asleep under the oilcloth. His feet were bare and he had left his shoes hidden in the second floor. Being familiar with the store, he would enter the place shortly before closing time and hide himself under the oilcloth. When arrested he was charged with during the past six months stealing jewelry, fountain pens, Everhard pencils and other goods to the value of \$248. He'll probably do his snoring for the next few months at Bordeaux Jail.

Heavy snow falls during the past week have cost the city \$10,000 a day. Nearly 2,000 laborers and carters were employed. The former were paid \$3.75 per day, single sleigh carters \$5 per day, and double sleigh carters \$8.50.

Fire to the extent of \$400,000-damaged the automobile showrooms of the Durant Motor Company, St. Catherine Street West, and spread to the Venetian Gardens and the Club Rooms of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association last Sunday evening.

The new Mount Royal Hotel, situated at the corner of Burnside Place and Metcalfe Street, and fronting in Peel Street, though not completely finished, is opened and is proving quite popular. The building is ten stories, contains 1008 rooms, and is capable of accommodating from 1500 to 1800 guests. The banquet and concert hall situated on the 10th story can seat 2,200 people. In addition to this, they have three small banquet halls. The hotel is the largest in Canada and is one of the chain of "United Hotels," including the King Edward at Toronto. The hotel at present has 1,080 guests. The work yet to be finished, consists of the rooms on the ninth and tenth stories and the basement. The exterior of the building is nearly all marble, and the interior wood work is of oak. The rounds are a very spacious place and is beautifully fitted up with palms and expensive furniture. The rates are from \$3 up. The cost of the building was \$9,000,000.

The Windsor Hotel, under the new management of Donat Raymond, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, has been completely renovated at a cost of \$600,000. The new concert hall, situated on the ground floor, is up to date in every particular.

In the report of the City Treasurer just issued Montreal ranks as the fifth largest city in North America in population and the wealthiest city in Canada. The population is about 900,000, while the assessed value of property is close to \$900,000,000. Nearly \$24,000,000 will be the revenue for the current year. The mileage of streets to-day is close on six hundred. Montreal is certainly going ahead in leaps and bounds in certain spheres of greatness, but not in others. With its fine location, its great port of commerce, its many and important industries, the greatness of its railroads, its educational establishments, Montreal has everything at her hand to make it a city of even greater possibilities than at present.

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## Shipping.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax at 3 p. m. yesterday after a 40 hour passage. S.S. Rosalind left New York at 7 a. m. Sunday for Halifax.  
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## A Famous Welsh Buccaneer.

REMARKABLE CAREER OF SIR HENRY MORGAN.

(By the late W. Llewellyn Williams, K.C.)

The following is an epitome of a lecture delivered by the late W. Llewellyn Williams to the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion.

Of the Welshmen who played a part in the stirring drama of Empire-building, there is none so generally known as Sir Henry Morgan, the Buccaneer. His name has become a household word; his exploits in the Spanish Main rival in song and story the heroic adventure of Drake and Frobbisher and Hawkins.

### An Outstanding Figure.

He was born at Pencarn, near Newport, in the county of Monmouth, in 1635; he ran away to sea about 1653; he shipped at Bristol, and served his seven years' apprenticeship in the plantations at Barbados. About 1660 he obtained his liberty and proceeded to Jamaica, where he joined the buccannery, early in 1665 was in command of a vessel, and in January, 1665, with John Morris and Jachman as colleagues, he entered upon a larger fame by his successful expedition against the Spaniards in the Bay of Campeachy. (Mr. Williams explained that these conclusions about Morgan's early life are based on facts which may well be displayed by the discovery of new facts unknown to the writer.)

### In Jamaica.

After Cromwell's capture of Jamaica in 1654, if naturally became the rendezvous of the English buccannery, who, up to that time, were not recognized, although their designs were winked at. They did not carry the King's Commission, and if captured they were dealt with as pirates. They fought for their own gains and not for patriotism, and it is a small wonder if men brought up in the adventurous and daring life of the Spanish Main should be accused of cruelty and wildness. In 1664 Morgan's kinsman, Sir Edward Morgan, was sent out as Lieutenant-Governor of Jamaica (with Sir Thomas Modyford as Governor), and certainly would have done much for his relative, had he not himself been killed the very next year, but by this time Henry Morgan had found his own feet. He had gained great fame for his success in Campeachy; he had married a daughter of the late Lieutenant-Governor, his kinsman, and was in touch with the authorities, and was appointed to Chief Command.

In 1668, with his ten sail of ship and five hundred men, he attacked, took, and sacked Porto Principe and Porto Bello, the next year he had various expeditions against Gibraltar and Maracabo, and destroyed the "Spanish Armada," which had been sent out to cope with the English privateers, and he completely baffled the Spaniards by his mixture of shrewdness and daring. When he divided the booty amongst his comrades, we read: "The accounts being exact, they found to the value of two hundred and fifty thousand pieces of eight in money and jewels, besides

huge quantities of merchandise and slaves." In June, 1670 he was granted a commission as Admiral— "To be Commander-in-Chief of all ships of war belonging to this harbour (Jamaica), and to seize, attack, and destroy the enemy's vessels."

Meanwhile, great changes were taking place in England. In the West Indies the Spaniards were still the enemy, but at home opinion had veered, and in 1670 a treaty of peace was concluded between England and Spain, and Sir Thomas Lynch was sent out to Jamaica as Lieutenant-Governor to inaugurate the friendship with Spain, and to break with the buccannery. A great game began. Modyford kept sending instructions to Morgan as to the treaty of peace with Spain—requiring him to return to Jamaica, and desist from hostility. Whether Modyford was not anxious to disperse an expedition which had cost so much money and trouble before it had achieved brilliant victories, or whether Morgan, flushed with first successes, deliberately evaded communication, will never be known. The fact remains that the instructions always miraculously missed him, and he proceeded gallantly on his way. His victorious advance on Panama was the wildest of all his adventures; at times the buccannery were in evil plight—they had to march for ten days through primeval forest, their provisions gave out, and they were reduced to eating leather. But Morgan's courage carried everything through; after much hard fighting Panama was at last captured, and the city was fired by the Spanish themselves. The tired troops rested for four weeks, taking three thousand prisoners and plunder amounting to thirty thousand pounds.

### "Conqueror of Panama."

In March they were back in Jamaica, where they were received with great rejoicing, and Henry Morgan publicly thanked the Governor himself thinking that Morgan's brilliant success would justify the expedition, for there was no doubt he had absolutely pricked the bubble of Spanish prestige in the New World. But they reckoned without their host, as within sixteen months both the Governor and Henry Morgan, the "Conqueror of Panama," as he was called, were prisoners on their way to London to answer "for offences against the King, his Crown, and dignity."

Powerful friends, however, prevailed, he became a favorite at Court, and His Majesty presented him with a snuff box with the Royal portrait set in diamonds. The King knighted him before his return to Jamaica as Deputy Governor, but his calculations eventually succeeded in depriving him from office. He was not restored to favor until the year of his death—1689.

Henry Morgan was no plaster saint. But he was a good hater and a firm friend. The fame of the buccanier is reckoned the chief glory and pride of Jamaica.

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