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WHAT IS PATRIOTISM ?

To the Editor of The Transcript:

May you allow me space in your valuable paper for the following article. "What is Patriotism?"

To possess true patriotism we must be enthused with a keen desire to serve our country to the best of our ability. In every walk of life, it matters not whether king or peasant, if we possess this patriotism we are truly British. Viewing this great war that the Allies fought and won, and the brilliant and outstanding part the Canadian soldiers played in defence of the Empire, can anyone doubt the the brilliant and outstanding part the Canadian soldiers played in defence of the Empire, can anyone doubt the patriotism of the Canadian people as a whole? No, indeed; but strange, yet nevertheless a fact, Canada has within her borders a certain class of people who are producing an element destructive to the welfare of Canada as a democratic nation. The above mentioned class claim to possess patriotism, but it is simply a veneer to camouflage their selfish motives. Their aim is to be in the limelight and receive all the applaase, while the work for which they are given credit is being done by some loyal and true Canadians not possessed with such a craving for distinction. Now this class are called slickers, and I may also say there are two classes of slickers—the civilian slicker and the soldier slicker. Space will not permit me to dwell on both so I will call your attention to the latter (the soldier slicker). It is indeed a regrettable fact that Canada has men that can fill all the requirements that label them slickers. Such should not be called soldiers: they are not worthy of the name and should not be classed or mentioned in the same day as our brave soldier lads. These slicker soldiers are principally officers possessed with an insatiable desire to distinguish themselves in some SAFE way. During the war there were several officers sent back to Canada because they would not revert to the ranks. They were allowed to do so, as an officer has that privilege and advantage over a private. I have also known officers sent back to Canada because they were allowed to do so, as an officer has that privilege and advantage over a private. I have also known officers sent back to Canada because they were allowed to do so, as an officer has that privilege and advantage over a private. I have also known officers sent back to Canada because they would not revert to the ranks. They were allowed to do so, as an officer has that privilege and advantage over a private. I have also known officers do get as far as France, and t of the Empire, can anyone doubt the

peace in a country that should be attrely democratic.

What we want here in Canada is

patriotism not an assumed air of superiority which if allowed to exist and be encouraged as it is by some will eventually put Canada on the same level as Prussia. As true Canadaians are we going to allow this kind adians are we going to allow this kind of thing to go on without raising a hand in protest. This war was won by a complete and harmonious collaboration of men of all ranks (officers, privates, etc.) who were willing and did their bit. If the fighting was left to the slickers I have referred to, we would undoubtedly be under German rule now. This fact should be realized

When those who are inclined to boast when speaking in a superior air of an officer friend are able to add. He has been on active service, then they have a right to boast and we should all show our appreciation by giving the returned heroes a hearty welcome. But we are not going to let the slickers put it over on us. We want patriotism, and if we possess it and encourage it, Canada will have a future far beyond our expectations.

Ode to Canadians: Ode to Canadians:

sceptre of honor I hold in my hand For those who have done their bit, Whether serving as private or in com

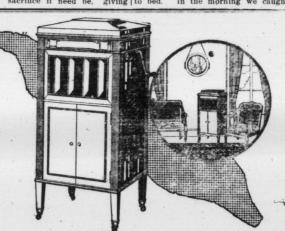
it matters not if you've got the grit. A LOYAL CANADIAN.

CORPORAL DAN MCARTHUR WRITES FROM BELGIUM

Bomal, Brabant.

Bomal, Brabant,
Belgium, Jan. 31, 1919.
Dear Mother,—As you see, we are
now back in Belgium again; our first
step on the way to Canada, we hope.
The battery left Seigburg on the 27th,
entraining at Wash, and after do. The battery left Seigburg on the 27th, entraining at Wahn, and after detraining at Wahn, and after detraining at Namur on the morning of the 28th trekked to this place. We occupy two villages here, but they aresmall peasant villages for not more than a few hundred people each and the houses very scattered. I was lucky on the trip down, travelling by civilian train with Lieut. Benallick, who was sick, instead of with the battery in the usual cattle cars. The weather has been cold and frosty, with snow on the ground, for a week or so. We reached Cologne at 9.30, had some bread and corn coffee and a last look at the cathedral. At noon we caught our train and were mighty lucky in doing so for it was the armistice special, running from Berlin to Spa, the armistice headquarters. To get on this train one is supposed to carry a pass stamped by three governments, and it carries a guard of South African Highlanders, the biggest men. I think, that I've seen in uniform. But they gave us the wink—perhaps because we were colonials, too—and we walked in. It was a fine, comfortable train and clipped along at a good speed, very pleasant after the usual train-craw. German trains entraining at Wahn, and after de

stances receive a greater ovation than those who served at the front, and what is more, I have known the said selecters friends to say my brother, uncle, cousin, etc., whatever the case on my abe, is an officer, while yours is only a private. (Observe the word such utterances patriotic? I should say they are not. They are simply they are not and praise should be given to the brave lads who followed the path of duty and went forth with hearts full of patriotism, willing to pay the supreme sacrifice if need be, giving to bed. In the morning we caught



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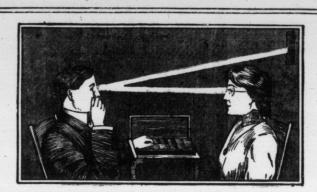
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the train to Namur. Most of the way the train followed the Meuse valley, beside the river. This was the path the Germans followed in 1914. The Belgians put up quite a scrap at Namur, which is a fortified town. We spent the afternoon there, catching a train at 5.30 to Ramilly, a couple of kilos from this place. It was very dark when we got here and I had quite a time locating a place for the night. Since coming here I have been in three billets but now I am settled in a good one, "Ham" and I sharing a room and bed. All the people around here are amiable enough and seem to have a good opinion of the Canadians. We are the third lot to be billeted here. Weekly dances seem to be the big thing in the eyes of the villagers. All the "janes" dress up in the latest Parisian styles and, there being no Lord's Day Al-

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