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**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND
NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH**

Statement to November 30th, 1915.	
Contributions to	
October 31	\$203,809.03
Receipts during	
November	34,327.24
Total contributions	\$238,136.27
Disbursements to	
October 31	\$172,486.36
Disbursements during	
November	20,500.18
Total Disbursements	\$192,986.54
Cash Balance	
November 30	\$45,149.73
Estimated requirements	
for Dec.	\$21,500.00
Estimated requirements	
for Jan.	\$22,500.00
Total	\$44,000.00
Estimated balance available	
Jan. 31	\$1,149.73
No. of families assisted during	
November	1,436
Average monthly payment per family	\$13.60
H. A. FLEMMING, Honorary Treasurer.	

THE EUROPEAN WAR

Big French Liner Torpedoed

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The French steamer Ville de La Ciotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the Ministry of Marine announced today. Most of the passengers and members of the crew had been rescued. The statement follows:
"The steamer Ville de La Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by a British steamer. Details have not been received." The Ville de La Ciotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 5,378. She was 487 feet long and fifty feet beam. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in 1892, and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, on December 1, on the voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

Turks Make an Attack on British, but are Repulsed

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Turks, in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastions of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out, an official statement issued this evening says. The official statement follows:
"On the 24th General Townshend reported that the enemy had fired heavily throughout the previous night, but had not attacked. Later, he sent a further report as follows:
"From ten a. m. until past midday, the position was heavily shelled. The enemy, having breached the fort, effected an entrance, but were driven out. Two hundred dead were left inside the fort."

WAR BRIEFS

The Germans have refused to give Salvation Army workers permission to enter Belgium.
In response to the call for general economy by Parliament, the saving of the British people increased from \$1,750,000,000 in 1913 to \$3,000,000,000 in 1914. It is expected they will reach \$5,000,000,000 for 1915.
Russia is reported to be training an army of 7,000,000 for service in the Spring campaign. Great quantities of munitions are going into Russia by way of Archangel. Canadian ice-breakers are endeavoring to keep that port open all winter.
German submarines have been quite busy in the Mediterranean of late and have destroyed a number of French and British vessels.
The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has been amalgamated with the Canadian Corps troops in France, under General Mercer. The Princess Pat's were the first Canadian troops in the trenches.
Hundreds of thousands in the Warsaw District are suffering for want of food. Most of them are living in huts, caves and abandoned trenches. They have no work as the Polish industries have been destroyed.
The great question between the two Candidates who are seeking the seat of the late James Keir Hardie, is that of conscription or voluntary service. Both candidates are very determined.

The Imperial German castle of Donaueschingen is being robbed of its copper roof for munitions of war.
By edict of the Royal Prussian Government the sale of cream for any purpose but the making of butter is forbidden. Also the sale of milk for making candies or bread is forbidden.
The League for the Rights of Man conducted an impressive ceremony, Nov. 28th, in memory of Miss Edith Cavell. President and Mme. Poincare and leading Englishmen were present.

Thirteen men and women have been convicted in Britain for espionage since the war began. Ten were condemned to death. The other three men and the women have been sentenced to penal servitude.
All undesirable aliens are being rounded up in Britain, and deported. Among them is Tod Sloane, a former U. S. jockey, lately keeper of a gambling house.
Mr. Oliver Asselin, a prominent Montreal Nationalist has accepted the organization of a French Canadian regiment for overseas, and has been made Major.

German spies who were detected and shot in England spoke with much anger of their Government. They were told, "If you succeed well and good. If they catch you, they will never kill you, and in a few months we will be over to release you."
Many of the recruits in England were turned down by one medical examiner, but tried another and passed. In some cases they were rejected three times, and then passed.
John Redmond, who spent a week visiting the trenches, says, "there is no pessimism at the front."
Mr. Redmond says that for every shell the Germans fire on the western line, the Allies fire five.
France has shot 55 spies, and holds 77 more.
Queen Mary is a great lover of reading. But, in these days she has little time for it. The Victorian rule is restored to some degree. A Maid of Honor reads aloud while the Queen works.

POLAND. "Why do you plough?" I asked the man within sound of the guns. "They may kill you."
ANSWER. "God's will be done. I am doing my duty. If I am killed, there will be corn for my nation."
MARY. "Please mum, I wish to give notice. My cousin has got me a place in a munition factory."
MISTRESS. "Dear me, Mary, well, you know if you drop shells about as you do our crockery, you won't remain long in your situation."

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CANADIAN EGG MARKET

For the first time in a number of years eggs have taken a prominent place in Canada's export trade. This is largely due to the unprecedented demand for eggs on the part of the British market and the fact that British dealers have shown a marked preference for Canadian eggs over the United States eggs and a willingness to pay a distinctly higher price for them.
So great in fact has been the demand that Canadian dealers have shipped practically all of the available Canadian storage product to the Old Country. As a result there is not in Canada at the present time, sufficient eggs in storage to supply the home consumption until fresh receipts in appreciable quantities begin to come in.
Quantities of eggs from the United States, however, are being imported into Canada, some in bond for export, but the larger part to take the place

of the Canadian product exported. On account of the keen demand for Canadian eggs above mentioned, United States eggs can be laid down in Canada at the present time, duty paid, at several cents per dozen less than the price at which Canadian eggs are selling for, for export and they should be procurable by the consumers accordingly.
On the other hand the Canadian market at the present time is very firm for Canadian "Specials" (new laid) the production of which is not enough in most instances to supply the demand at local country markets. This means that high prices will have to be paid in consuming centres in order to draw a portion of these supplies from local points. Producers may therefore definitely expect reasonably high prices during the period of low production for fresh gathered eggs that will grade "Specials."
The question has been raised as to whether the phenomenal demand on the part of the British market for

Boston, New York, and other cities in the States were visited with a blizzard on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, hampering travel in all directions, blocking railways, bridges, and streets and causing much damage. Thousands of shovellers were employed to clear the streets, as over two and a half feet of snow fell.

General Sir Sam Hughes in speaking at a public meeting in Toronto, recently, stated that at present there are 850 institutions or concerns in Canada making shells or parts of shells, and 100,000 workmen were employed on that line of work.

The conscription conspiracy has been killed, and by Lord Derby's campaign the British army has been increased to a force of nearly 5,000,000. Over 500,000 enlisted during the week ending December 11th.

Col. Roosevelt has declined the invitation to speak in Toronto, as he is afraid he might say something he should not say under present circumstances.

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- Men's and Boy's Braces, special value
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| Handkerchiefs, Ties | Hoisery |
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| Club Bags, Valises | Handkerchiefs |
| Waistings, etc, etc | Neck Scarfs |
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ARITHMETIC TABLE

Four gills one pint.
Two pints one quart.
Four quarts one gallon.
Two gallons two quarels.
Two quarels one fight.
One fight two policemen.
Two policemen one police court.
One police court, one month in prison.

Minard's Linimen tCures Garget in Cows.

An Irish street car conductor called out shrilly to the passengers standing in the aisle: "Will them in the front plaze to move up, so that them behind can take the places of them in front, and lave room for them who are nayther in front nor behind."
A city girl was taking a course in an agricultural college. After a lecture on "How to increase the Milk Flow," she rose for a question.
"How long," she blushingly inquired, "must one beat a cow before she will give whipped cream?"

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"Welcome the Coming, Speed the
Parting Guest."

Very angry and threatening clouds
darkened our national sky when the
present year began its course, nor
are they as yet all dispersed. But,
as often happens in nature, some of
them have passed without leaving the
wreck and destruction which they
presaged.

In the early months of the year,
one fear frequently expressed was
that the turning of so many Euro-
pean grain fields into battle fields
and the drain made upon the young
manhood of the country by the call
to war would lessen the harvests and
introduce poverty and famine. Wise
men who dreaded this result called
upon the farmers to use every effort
to enlarge their acreage and endeavor
to make sure a larger crop.

Farmers heeded the call, and a kind
providence blessed their labors and
gave us a harvest double that of the
previous year, and forty-five per cent
greater than the highest yield of any
preceding year. This great increase
extends to all the products of the
soil which enter into the usual bill of
fare for man and beast, and to the
United States as well as Canada. The
only drawback has been the moderate
yield of apples in the Maritime Pro-
vinces.

The harvest of the sea has also
been very successful, the catch being
larger than that of any previous year
and the prices higher; and the coal
mines have had larger demands made
upon their output of black diamonds,
chiefly because of the increased busi-
ness of the steel plants.

The General Manager of the Bank
of Montreal in his recent annual ad-
dress, reports that the total Canadian
bank deposits for the year have ad-
vanced \$38,000,000 over those of the
preceding year.

All these are matters for which
the Canadian people may well be
grateful. But, they are not neces-
sarily the highest and best things.
We cannot live by bread alone, though
we must have bread in order to live.
And in this brief review of the year,
it will be well for us to turn our
thoughts to some of the higher and
better things which are essential to
a nation's stability and permanence.

The Higher and Better Things

On a very memorable occasion, a
saying of the Great Teacher, not found
in the four Gospels, but treasured in
the memory of His disciples, was in-
troduced by His greatest Apostle in a
farewell address:—The saying, "It is
more blessed to give than to receive."

We are persuaded that during the cur-
rent year, many of the Canadian
people,—may we not say the most
of them—have proved in their own
experience the truth of this saying.

The destitution and suffering occasioned
by this greatest and most destruc-
tive of all wars have evoked tan-
gible expressions of sympathy, not
only from Canadians, but also from
our neighbours in the United States
and other peoples, which in their var-
iety and profusion the world has never
before witnessed. Men, women and
children, the poor and the rich, have
vied with each other, in proportion
to their ability, in endeavors to miti-
gate distress and otherwise act the
part of the Good Samaritan. These
spontaneous and benevolent efforts
cannot fail to produce some beneficial
influence upon the character of the
persons who have taken part in them
and consequently upon the nation to
which they belong. "The poor al-
ways ye have with you," and many
who have, perhaps for the first time
felt the blessedness of giving, when
the present objects of their benevo-
lence no longer need their gifts, will
enquire for others who do need them.

Believing, also, as we do, that the
gigantic struggle in which we are
engaged is not one of our nation's
seeking, but, has been forced upon
us for the purpose of defending the
weak, fulfilling solemn promises, and
regard for international truth and
maintaining our nation's honor and
righteousness, the result must be ben-
eficial to the nation, by bringing to
the forefront and impressing upon
the minds of all our fellow citizens,
the supreme importance to the welfare,
and indeed to the very existence of
a nation, of building upon the eternal
verities which are the subject of Divine
revelation.

That some in our own nation and
some among the people of France,
our faithful Ally, and some we hope
in other nations, are taking these
things to heart is beautifully express-
ed in the following paragraph taken

from an article by Viscount Bryce,
one of our most distinguished states-
men, who has been in close touch with
events transpiring at home and on the
Continent.

"The circumstances attending this
war, and the challenge to Christian
principles which it makes, have
stirred the depths of men's souls as
nothing has done for the last three
centuries. Among the soldiers of
France defending their country with a
gallantry that moves our admiration,
we hear of revived sense of the
unseen world, and an earnest quest
for some moral and spiritual basis
for life. Among our own soldiers,
we are told of many who say their
belief in God has given serenity and
calmness in danger which they would
otherwise have thought it impossible
to possess. Here at home, also, there
has been a feeling of the triviality of
the common objects of desire and
pursuit, compared with the solemn
calls of duty and brotherhood, and
our young men have made a response
to these calls such as had not been
known of in times of ease, such as
had indeed, never before been seen in
Britain on so grand a scale. Must
we not try while this impulse is fresh
and strong upon us, to turn it to the
fullest account? Must we not make
another effort to bring the individual
life and the social life nearer to
those Christian ideals, in following
which, as we believe, the best hopes
for peace and welfare of humanity are
to be found.

It is with such hopes and anti-
cipations, that we repeat, "Welcome
the coming, speed the parting guest,"
and desire for every patron and every
reader of the "Monitor" a "Happy
New Year."

Juliette Dodu

The Canadian Pictorial for Novem-
ber contains a copy of a painting by
a French artist, of a scene connected
with the Franco-German war of forty-
four years ago.

The incident which the painting
portrays, is, in marked contrast with
the recent murder of Miss Cavell, of
which Mr. Sarolea, in Everyman, says
"No other crime throws such a sinister
light on the depravity of the German
soul, and on the methods of German
justice," and that it "means more to
the German cause than the loss of a
great battle."

Juliette Dodu, a French tele-
grapher, on an important occasion, of
the former war, outwitted the German
invaders. Her action was discovered
by the Germans. She was taken pris-
oner, threatened with death, and was
treated chivalrously by the "Red
Prince," Frederick Karl, father of the
present Duchess of Connaught, wife
of our Governor General, and released
on the proclamation of peace. Her
nation decorated her with the Cross
of the Legion of Honor. She retired
to a little farm in Switzerland, and
has recently died.

The painting represents her as be-
ing brought by two officers before the
"Red Prince," who reaches out
his hand to her, and says, "It is an
honor to meet so brave a woman."

Poverty in Germany

The "Vorwarts", the German Social-
istic paper in Germany, which has
several times been suspended, con-
tinues to speak plainly of the increas-
ing destitution among the poorer
classes in Germany. In a recent ar-
ticle on the "Miseries of War," it de-
picts crowds of women and children
waiting for hours with pots and pans
at the barracks where the soldiers are
fed, that they may gather for their
own needs the remains of the soldiers'
dinners. It describes also scenes at
the municipal shops where meat and
lard were sold. The sales commenced
at 7 a. m. and continued until 10 a.
m., but comparatively few were sup-
plied. Women complained that they
had stood with the crowds at the
doors of these shops for three or four
nights, hoping to enter but were ob-
liged to go away unsupplied. At one
shop when time came to close, there
were 100 in it yet unsupplied, and
1000 outside who had not been able to
enter.

It furnishes an incident which hap-
pened in Cologne. A local paper of-
fered a bed and wardrobe as a gift
to any needy person who applied.
The applicants were "overwhelming."
One applicant said, "I am a poor
soldier's wife, with two children, and
have no bed—sleep on the ground."
Another said, "Have no wardrobe, and
as I am far gone in consumption, I
need a bed to sleep alone. We had
five children and four are dead."
Another replied that her husband had
returned from the fighting line, and
was in a sanatorium, incurable. The
war allowance is insufficient to buy
food for the children and she cannot
buy a bed.

After further remarks showing that
such scenes are not isolated, but gen-
eral, and that they occur at the be-
ginning of another cold winter, the
"Vorwarts" remarks that the idle life
of the soldiers' families is very dif-
ferent from the ideas of many per-
sons who see only the surface, and
being deceived themselves, wish to
deceive others.

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suffered from Rheumatism, especially
in my hands. I spent a lot of money
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"Fruit-a-tives" for 18 months now and
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ture College, Truro, promises this year
to be the best held since their inaugura-
tion. In the past the ladies have had
no definite place of abode but between
the dates Jan. 4th and Jan. 14th, they
will have for the first time their own
particular rooms which are situated in
the New Science Building. All the
second floor is devoted to their work and
includes a splendid Assembly Hall, a
cooking class room with laundry equip-
ment as well as attractive little reading
room, cloak room and lavatories.

The Course planned for the ladies this
year is along the same lines as those
held in the past with this exception,
that in the cooking classes, the ladies
have an opportunity for individual
work, each student having her own par-
ticular table at which to work. Those
intending to avail themselves of the
Course this year are requested to pro-
vide themselves with aprons and sleeve
protectors or wear short-sleeved blouses
while attending the cooking classes.

Cooking, Horticulture, Poultry and
Dairy work with some special lectures
makes an interesting program and all
the work will be presented by people
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mation, apply to M. Cumming, Agricul-
ture College, Truro, N. S. or Miss Jennie
A. Fraser, New Glasgow, N. S.

OBITUARY

JOHN EDWARD HUNT

Death visited the community of Gran-
ville Centre again on the evening of Dec
16th, and this time claimed as its victim
John Edward Hunt, after a lingering
illness from tuberculosis. Deceased was
born in Smith's Cove, Digby County in
1857. Coming to Granville some thirty
years ago, he has since his marriage re-
sided here. He is survived by a widow,
daughter of Mr George T Bent, and two
sons, Edgar of Queens University,
Kingston, Ont., and Abram B of Lunenburg,
in the employ of the H & S W
Co. He also leaves three brothers,
Alonzo, Charles and Burkett, and one
sister, Beatrice, in the United States,
and two brothers, Lorenzo and Edgar,
and one sister, Georgia, in Smith's
Cove. Funeral service was held Sunday
afternoon, and was conducted by Rev
C W Neish of the Episcopal Church,
and the remains were interred in Wade-
ville Cemetery.

HYMENEAL

BENT—ARMSTRONG

A quiet wedding took place at the
home of Mrs Fred Armstrong, Round
Hill, on Dec 16th, when her daughter,
Rhoda May, was united in marriage to
John S Bent of Tupperville, in the
presence of only the immediate relatives.

The ceremony was performed by the
Rev W H Langille of St George's Meth-
odist Church, Annapolis Royal. The
bride wore a tailored suit of elephant
grey, trimmed with beaver fur, with a
green hat also trimmed with beaver fur,
and carried a muff to match, the gift of
the groom.

On the evening of Dec 3rd, the girl
friends of the bride made her a pleasant
surprise and presented her with a shower
of fancy work and other useful gifts.
The bride received many useful and
valuable presents; also a couple of sub-
stantial cheques. Mr and Mrs Bent will
reside at Tupperville.

The third number of "The Thistle,"
the organ of the 85th Overseas Battalion,
Nova Scotia Highlanders, has reached
us. It opens with an article in Gaelic.
This is followed by one in French. The
remainder of the columns are in English.
The paper is well printed, is well patron-
ized by advertisers, and contains a good
variety of news especially interesting to
members of the C E F and their friends.

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price to suit the pockets.

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pire Mixture, Moir's Choc-
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**Tenders for Collection of
County Rates**

Tenders will be received by the
undersigned for collection of the
County Rates for the ensuing year till
December 31st inst.

1. All tenders must be accom-
panied by the names of two reliable
Bondsmen to be approved by the
Committee.

2. The full amount of the Roll
must be guaranteed in each case, sub-
ject only to such reduction for illegal
rates as may be allowed by Council.

3. All tenders must be sealed and
marked, "Tenders for Rates."

FREEMAN FITZG.
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Committee on Tenders and
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December 1st, 1915. 34-41

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and to thank you for a good
year in 1915

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The St James Church Adult Bible Class will resume its sessions on Friday evening next at the usual hour.

The annual meeting of the N. S. Fruit Growers' Association will be held in Windsor on January 25th, 26th, 27th.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 3 p.m., at the home of Mrs J E Lloyd.

Mrs Charles Merry of Lawrencetown, will be at home to her friends on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6th, from three to five o'clock.

Mr and Mrs Elwin Banks will be at home to their friends on Wednesday and Thursday, January 5th and 6th, afternoon and evening.

The principle stores in Bridgetown will be closed every evening, with the exception of Saturday, beginning next week, and continuing until further notice.

Sunday, January 2, has been set apart as a day of special prayer and intercession throughout Canada for the success of Great Britain and her Allies in the war.

Next Sunday evening in the Lawrencetown Methodist Church a special Patriotic Intercessory Service will be held. Rev S J Boyce will preach on the theme 'The Inner Meaning of the War.' The Lawrencetown Baid is expected to be in attendance.

Owing to the Christmas holidays and other unavoidable circumstances, the Monitor appears to-day in four-page form instead of eight pages. Consequently we are unable to publish our usual budget of district correspondence and other contributions.

The annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment for the benefit of the inmates of the County Institutions was held in the Recreation Hall on Monday evening. A well rendered program by Bridgetown talent was given, after which two well filled trees were stripped, and many useful articles were distributed to all the inmates of both institutions.

The Kings County third Annual Poultry Show will be held at Kentville on Jan. 19, 20 and 21, 1916, and will be open to Annapolis, Hants and Kings Counties. Prize Lists will be ready the first of January. If interested, drop a card for one to the Secretary, W. Picat, Kentville.

Christmas Day 1915 dawned bright and clear, with the ground covered with "the beautiful." A fall of several inches of snow the day previous, made fairly good sleighing. But during Christmas night a heavy rain storm set in which continued throughout Sunday. The attendance at the churches services was consequently very small; but exercises befitting the Christmas season were carried out.

The annual "Acadia Night" will be held in the Baptist Church on Friday evening at 7.30. The speakers will be Dr DeWolfe, Principal of Acadia Seminary, and Hon A L Davidson, M.P. Dr. DeWolfe will speak on "Ideals in Education." After the addresses a social hour, with readings, music, college songs and refreshments, will be spent in the vestry. The public are cordially invited. Silver collection.

A Christmas Tree under the auspices of the Bridgetown Baptist Sunday School was held in the vestry of the Church last Thursday evening. Mr and Mrs Santa Claus were present and distributed gifts to the children from the well-laden tree. Previous to the unloading of the tree a short program of recitations and songs was exceedingly well rendered by the younger members of the school under the direction of Mrs J Harry Hicks and Miss Marguerite Hicks.

A barn belonging to Mr Frank Longley, on the South side of the river near Lawrencetown, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night, together with farm implements, waggons, sleighs, 35 bushels of grain, and a quantity of hay. A horse and two cows were got out of the barn, but one of the cows afterwards died from suffocation. Mr Longley places his loss at \$700, with no insurance. The cause of the fire is not known. The neighbors assembled in response to the alarm, and set about to save the house, which was near by, and were successful in their efforts.

Last Sunday evening in Providence Methodist Church the young people of the Sunday School, assisted by the choir, provided an interesting and wholesome program with the cantata "The Heart of the Bells," which they gave in a highly creditable manner. The music of the cantata was bright and inspiring, and every number was well rendered; the story as presented by the different actors interesting and elevating. In addition to the cantata the program included recitations, songs, etc., by the youngest members of the school. The opening number, a welcome song by Master Robert Bath, is deserving of special mention. It was well sung, and was heard with delight by all present. Although the evening was somewhat wet and unfavorable, a fairly large congregation was present.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mrs J W Beck with is visiting relatives in Dartmouth.

Mr and Mrs J S Moses spent Christmas in Ohio, Yarmouth County.

Myor Longmire and son Charlie were passengers to Boston last Saturday.

Mrs Newhall of East Saugus, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs J H Healy.

Louis G Perry of Beaver River, is visiting his grandmother Mrs E C Young.

Mr and R D Stevengon of Brickton, were guests quite recently of Mr. and Mrs S C Turner.

Mrs. W A Craig and Miss Mary Z Craig spent Christmas with relatives in Waterville and Cambridge.

Miss Jean Sheppard, stenographer in the office of Mr H C Morse, spent Christmas at her home in Halifax.

Mr and Mrs L A Miles of Halifax were guests of Mr and Mrs Karl Freeman over the Yuletide season.

Mr and Mrs S C Turner spent Christmas at Annapolis, at the home of the letter's father, Mr W H Weldon.

Gerald Merritt of the 8th battalion, was a guest of Mr and Mrs W A Warren over the Christmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs D G Harlow and family are occupying their residence here during the Christmas vacation season.

Mr Howard S Barnaby, of the firm of H C Barnaby & Son, was a guest at the home of Mrs J H Healy at Christmas.

Dr Charles Miller of Boston, spent Christmas with his parents and other relatives in Clarence, returning to-day.

"Sandy" Cochran left for St. John on Monday, where he has secured a clerical position with McAvity & Sons.

Master Roland Lewis, son of Rev. A S Lewis of Windsor is a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs J Harry Hicks.

Miss Frances G Healy of Bridgeport, Conn., is paying a visit to her mother, Mrs J H Healy, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr and Mrs Freeman Carter return to St. John, today, after spending the Yuletide at the home of their relatives, Mr and John L. Carter.

Pte. Hansel Hyson of the 64th battalion and Pte. Kempton Hyson of the 112th battalion spent Christmas with their parents Mr and Mrs Gasper Hyson.

Pte. Clarence C Purdy of Middleton and Lance Corporal R Allen Purdy of Halifax spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr and Mrs R W Purdy.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Whiteway left for New York on Monday. From thence Mr Whiteway will take a steamer on the 31st for England, and Mrs Whiteway will spend the winter in the South.

Mr Jack Freeman of Needham, Mass brought the remains of his aunt, Mrs Abigail Nelly here last Wednesday for interment in the Riverside Cemetery, and is now the guest of relatives in town.

We regret to learn that Mr J S Lewis, the popular manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is to be transferred to Chatham, N B and leaves for his new duties this week. His family will follow later.

Among the teachers and students who are spending Christmas at their homes in Bridgetown are: Miss Nettie Bishop, teacher at Bridgewater; Miss Ena Graves, teacher at Canning; Miss Vola Fulmer, teacher at Nietaux; Owen Graves, student at Harvard University; Miss Hortense Griffin, student at Truro Academy; Clarence Kinney, student at Mt Allison; Jack Ruggles, student at King's

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St. James Parish Church Notes

In accordance with Pastoral Letters received from the Primate of All Canada, and the Archbishop of Nova Scotia, next Sunday will be observed as a day of Solemn Intercession on behalf of the War. This will be general throughout the Anglican Communion. It is also suggested that, wherever possible, Friday and Saturday will be observed as days of preparation.

In this connection the following service will be held in St. James Church. FRIDAY,—4.30 p. m. Intercession and preparatory Service.

SATURDAY, (New Year's Day)—10 a. m. (Holy Communion.)

SUNDAY—8 a. m. Holy Communion and Intercession. 7 p. m., a Special Service of Intercession.

The other Services on Sunday will be: BELLEISLE—10.30, Holy Communion, Sermon and Intercession. ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, Young's Cove 2.30 p. m.

BORN

CONNELL—At Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd to Mr and Mrs Hastings Connell, a daughter.

ABBOTT—At Bridgetown, Dec. 23rd to Mr and Mrs Harry H Abbott, a son.

YOUNG—At Young's Cove, Dec. 24th, to Mr and Mrs John Young, a son.

DIED

BENT—At Granville Ferry, N. S., Dec. 5th Caroline S. Widow of the late Jacob Bent. For over fifty years a member the Methodist Church.

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37-38 December 21

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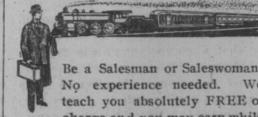
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GREETINGS

MAY the New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one, is our sincere wish to our many friends and customers who have done so much to make the past year a banner one in our business history. We desire to heartily thank our customers for their valued patronage and trust by renewed efforts and up-to-date business methods to merit a continuance of your confidence during 1916.

Sincerely yours,

CLARKE BROS.

We also beg to announce that stock-taking commences at our store January 1st, 1916. Immediately at the close of this, our first work of the New Year,

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Following this sale we will hold our Annual Whitewear Sale.

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Yours very truly,

CLARKE BROS.

BEAR RIVER, Dec. 28th, 1915.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

(Journal of Commerce)

The Chairman of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has found it necessary to make an urgent appeal to the public for additional aid for the important part of the war service. He intimates that no less a sum than seven and a half million dollars will be required to meet the needs of the organization for the next twelve months. There is no question as to the good purpose for which the money is asked. The making of adequate provision for the families of the soldiers who have gone to the front is one of the most necessary services, and one that must be fully met. But how is this large sum to be raised? Private subscription is expected to provide the money. This means that those who have already contributed liberally must again open their hearts and their purses. They will do so if this is found necessary. But a question arises whether this service is one that should be left to private liberality.

Our Toronto contemporary, "Saturday Night," in recent issues, has set forth strong reasons why the fund should become a charge upon the public treasury. We quote from one of its articles:

"To our way of thinking it would be well if the taxation principle were applied to the whole fund either by the Federal or Provincial Governments. The care of soldiers' dependents is a national obligation which should be a present time generous men and women who can perhaps at times ill afford it, are bearing burdens which charge on the whole community. A selfish person of greater means of times refuse to share. Then it must be remembered that the giving powers of even the well-disposed are limited, and that most of those who give to the Patriotic Fund must curtail their subscriptions to the Red Cross and other important objects. A general tax for the support of soldiers' dependents is one that any government could easily defend and that no Opposition critic could successfully oppose. Since the war is likely to continue for a considerable time to come, it is necessary that Canada as a whole should systematize its giving on public and equitable lines."

A question somewhat similar in character has arisen in England and is the subject of an article entitled, "Supplementary Pensions and Grants," in the last number of the "Empire Review." That the ordinary pensions allowed to soldiers and sailors were likely to prove quite inadequate was recognized by a Select Committee of the House of Commons who were appointed to consider the matter. This Committee recommended and the House agreed to the appointment of a Statutory Committee with full powers "out of the funds at their disposal" to supplement pensions and grants and separation allowances out of the public funds, and to make grants of allowances in cases where no separation allowances or pensions are made out of public funds for the provision for the care of disabled officers and men after they have left the service, including provision for their health, training and employment, and in special cases to make grants for the purpose of enabling widows, children and other dependents of deceased officers and men to obtain training and employment and to perform other duties in connection with these and kindred objects. The Select Committee seem to have made excellent provision for the objects in view except in one important particular, viz., that of the funds by means of which all this good work was to be done. It appears to have been assumed that the Committee would obtain its money from the National Relief Fund, an organization similar to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and that the War Office would refund certain funds which were properly chargeable to it, but had for the time been provided out of voluntary funds. But, said the Chancellor of the Exchequer in explaining the measure, "if when all is said and done we have not enough money we shall have to come to Parliament and say that our hopes have not been realized." The authorities of the National Relief Fund have taken the ground that they are not at liberty to contribute any part of their money to the Statutory Committee. It is evident, therefore, that if the work is to be carried on along the broad lines recommended by the House of Commons, the money will have to be provided by direct vote of Parliament.

There is much to be said in favor of the proposal of our Toronto contemporary that the additional money required for the purposes of the Canadian Patriotic Fund should be made a charge upon the Canadian treasury. It is, of course, desirable that there should still be channels into which may flow the generous gifts of private citizens. But there are many other funds to provide opportunity for such liberality. As a rule, it is essential that public moneys be expended by officials responsible through the Government to Parliament, but probably a sufficient con-

nection could be established between the Government and the present managers of the fund to permit the retention of the services of the organization which, from its experience during the past year, should be the best qualified to carry on the work.

PEACE! PEACE!

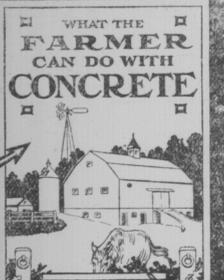
(Montreal Witness)

As a pleasant interlude amid the overstrain of the war tragedy, Mr. Ford the admirable but fantastic auto-millionaire, is going to lead a sort of Coxey army to Europe to exert moral suasion on the warring powers. The movement seems to have been long in the clouds. It has made its overture in a smothering pyrotechnic shower of telegrams upon the devoted head of the president. Poor man, between the barytone, Arm! Arm! of the Jingos balled into one ear, and the shrill peace cries of the pacifists at the other, it will bother him to enjoy his honeymoon. Mr. Ford has a ship going to Christiania in Norway—may, to The Hague in Holland, which is it? He has sounded all the powers and found them all favorable. He has invited all the neutral powers to be represented and got approval but no consent. He has invited all the governors of states, the great Edison, the great Wanamaker, who wanted the United States to pay Germany a thousand million dollars for Belgium as a reward for crushing it, also honorable women not a few, Miss Jane Adams, Miss Ida Tarbell, and Miss Helen Keller. He has invited Mr. Bryan, who will surely preside and supply Mr. Ford's lack of speech-power, and, it is said also, that proud wearer of the "Nobel" peace trophy, Mr. Roosevelt. With these two on board, there would be fine practice at peace-keeping on the way over. He has invited all the student bodies of the colleges to nominate in each case their most pacifist student. The outstanding pacemakers in the United States are the Germans. They are doing what they can with bombs and brands to put an end to belligerency. Every pro-German there is a pacifist. What they want is to bring the war to an end forthwith, and leave Jupiter-Hohenzollern on the throne, in possession of all he has taken, and, as general dictator to Europe, enriched by indemnities and other extras. Mr. Ford says, this is the psychological moment and so thinks the German chorus. The Ford pilgrimage will propose as a settlement in conference. The pacemakers had better go to work on the chief criminal. He could end the war tomorrow and save several million lives and much else by confessing the greatest crime on record and retiring to Elba, to St. Helena or to Devil's Island, no matter, so long as he eked out his days away from the abhorrence of mankind. The German people, once told what they have been fighting for, namely, to increase the brute power of a self-worshipping sovereign, to the advantage of none else upon earth, would then be a sadder and a wiser people, and would be amenable to good will.

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EFFECTS OF INDIGESTION

Imperfect digestion lies at the foundation of a greater variety of diseases than any other one cause. The various vital processes, the sum of which makes up the life of every individual, depend most largely upon the digestive organs for their character and continuance. All the energy manifested in the vital processes is latent in the food we take. In order that the different organs of the body may appropriate this energy for the performance of their functions, the food taken must be properly digested. When the digestive organs do not perform their work naturally the whole system suffers from lack of nourishment. Nor is this all. When indigestion supervenes fermentation or decomposition of food always takes place. Food material thus affected becomes poisonous to the system and this poison absorbed into the circulation and carried to every part of the body, poisons and consequently weakens every organ and every cell.

An acute attack of indigestion temporarily weakens the system and may give opportunity for the contraction of many forms of disease, but when such a condition becomes chronic it

greatly favors the inception of many serious forms of disease. There are doubtless many cases of tuberculosis which would never have been contracted had not the system been weakened by chronic indigestion. Many disorders of the liver, kidneys, and intestines, and a great variety of nervous affections, can easily be traced to the poisoning of the system resulting from the imperfect digestion.

It is reported that in order to fill the depleted Nova Scotia Bank staff ranks the corporation has decided to employ women. The Empire's call for men has met ready response from the young men of that great financial institution.

Posters are placed in all railway trains and omnibuses, with these words, "Do not talk, be careful, enemy ears are listening." This is by order of the Minister of War, and is a significant retort to Germany's system of espionage.

The London Daily Mail and fifteen other British Journals have refused to publish the Ford Company's Motor ads, because of Henry Ford's offensive remarks about Britain and her Allies.

SHELLS FROM OUR INLAND WATERS

One of Canada's Little Known Resources Being Utilized in the Manufacture of Buttons

Canada has natural resources of which little is known. One of these, which is of but recent development, is the clam-shell fishery. In many of the inland streams, large quantities of shells may be found. From the Grand river, in south-western Ontario, alone no less than 165 tons of the clam or washboard shell have been taken. Other species found in the Grand River are the mucket shell and sand shell.

A use has been found for these shells in the manufacture of fresh water pearl buttons. For this purpose, from two to three hundred tons are used annually, a considerable portion of which comes from the United States. These shells have a market value of from \$14 to \$25 per ton. The fishing for the shells is done under license from the Ontario Fisheries and Game Department, under a royalty of one dollar per ton.

The button discs are cut from all parts of the shell, some of the discs being 11-16 of an inch in thickness. They are afterwards split to the required thickness for buttons.

After the discs are cut from the shell, there is still a use found for what might be considered a factory

waste. The perforated shell is ground up and sold for chicken grit, for which it is admirably adapted.

There is no doubt that, were it generally known that the shells have a market value, a much larger supply could be secured from the inland streams in other parts of the country.—Conservation.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING DIPHTHERIA

Special attention is called to the fact that a very mild form of diphtheria is now prevalent in our province. In many cases, the symptoms are merely those of a trifling sore throat, and the diagnosis is established only by a bacteriological examination of a swab taken from the throat. It should be borne in mind that these mild cases are just as infectious as severe ones, and that young children infected from them frequently develop the disease in very virulent form. Everyone who is suffering from sore throat should, therefore, consult a physician, in order that a correct diagnosis may be established. This is a matter of the utmost importance. Neglect of this precaution may result in a very serious epidemic. Bacteriological examinations of swabs taken from suspicious throats are examined free of charge at the Public Health Laboratory, Halifax.

SHIPPING FISH TO ENGLAND

Hope of Establishing a Market for Canadian Fish

Although the United Kingdom is the greatest fish-producing country of the world, Canada is at the present time exporting fish to the Old Country. This, of course, is owing to the war. So many trawlers have been taken by the Admiralty that the normal catch of fish has been greatly reduced—it is said as much as 60 per cent. Fish forms such a staple product of diet in Great Britain that this unwonted shortage is very serious. Under these circumstances, Mr. Bonar Law, the Colonial Secretary, appealed to Canada to come to the rescue, and a sample shipment has been sent over in the hope of developing a market for Canadian fish in London, at least for the duration of the present war. Part of the shipment was fresh, frozen fish, but the greater proportion was smoked and prepared. If the experiment proves a success, this consignment will no doubt be the forerunner of many more and larger cargoes. It is even possible that a market may be thus established for certain kinds of high grade fish which will remain after peace is concluded and become a permanent item in Canada's commerce with the Motherland.—Conservation.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria